

Mt Lebanon Church/ Big Isaac Community Church

Teaching Ministry

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses. Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Below please find my sharable thoughts, so please allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that which he would have you to see through the study of God's word that we share.

Desiring Gods Glory

Exodus 33: 12 – 14, 20 - 23

What does it mean to desire the glory of the Lord. It means striving for more than just a superficial understanding of our relationship with him. It means having a willingness to be an example of his wisdom, his knowledge, his mercy, his grace, and his love, which comes from a spirit driven recognition of our faith and our trust in the truth of his word, which is Christ and him crucified. Therefore, as believers, we are to have a sincere yearning to understand everything that God is, to display his glory, and to lead people to believe in his Son, Christ Jesus. So, why are we encouraged to seek after such a sincere decision to understand God, it is because often time, in our life in Christ we abandon him, and we stray away from our obedience to his word. Therefore, he must once again show unto us our need to return unto him. So, we are encouraged to seek his face continually.

Psalm 105: 3 – 4,....let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord....seek the Lord, and his strength, seek his face evermore....

So, as believers, do we look to God in every aspect of our life, for when we do it shows our desire to have a close personal relationship with him, making him the center of our life.

James 4: 8,....draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you....

So, this is a commandment given unto us by God which requires a personal reaction on our part, so that we might become sincere in our faith, and in doing so, God will respond to our efforts by drawing near unto us, making his presence felt in our life by strengthening our relationship in him. Drawing near to God requires putting aside worldly pride and becoming willing to be made a humble servant unto him.

Therefore, our life as a believer is to devote ourselves to seeking Gods presence. Now, we do not pursue him for worldly want or need but we pursue him because we desire his presence in our life, for we have an earnest desire to experience the glory of the Lord.

Exodus 33: 12 – 14,....Moses said....thou sayest unto me, bring up this people....thou hast not let me know who, thou wilt send with me....yet thou hast said....thou have found grace in my sight....if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now the way, that I may know thee....he said, my presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest....

Now, the presence of the Lord in a person's life distinguishes between those who are truly faithful from those who just pretend. Therefore, a believer who is seeking after the divine wisdom of God will request clarity from him concerning his guidance, when it comes to progressing through the challenges that lie ahead of us, and therefore it is our responsibility to come to this understanding in him so that we might then glorify him in all that we do. So, we pray, that we might move beyond this false appearance of wisdom and knowledge, because we know that every journey in our life without the presence of God is a journey that is doomed to fail from the start. So, as believers, our successful access to God is based upon his grace toward us, and not by our own efforts, for it is his grace that helps us to align our life with his will, which will give unto us the ability to have a deeper, loving relationship with him. In doing so, we will now recognize our dependence upon God for direction in our life, which comes through the leadership and guidance of his indwelling Holy Spirit, who convicts us, so that we might become more obedient to the wisdom and knowledge of his word, which in turn motivates us in our service unto him.

1 Corinthians 1: 4 - 9,....I thank my God always on your behalf, for the grace of God which is given you by Christ Jesus, that in everything you are enriched by him....even as the testimony of Christ was conformed in you....waiting for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ....who shall also consider you....blameless....God is faithful, by which ye are called unto the fellowship of his Son....

So, as believers, we have Gods promise that it is his constant fellowship in our life that brings unto us peace of mind, with the assurance that his presence provides unto us security from the sinful emotions of the world, comforting us so that we know that we do not have to face the struggles in our life alone. Therefore, we should prioritize Gods presence in our life above all else, for he alone is the true purpose of our journey, for the accomplishments that we experience in our life are meaningless without Gods presence, and it is his presence that sets us apart as believers and makes the experience of our journey not only bearable, but meaningful in our life in Christ. It is the depth of our relationship with God that shows his grace unto us despite our continued sinfulness, for it is because of his mercy and his grace that he still has a willingness to respond to our prayers, when we request that his glory might continue to be with us. Therefore, when we are in a state of spiritual weakness, we can expect God to respond, through the manifestation of his power in our life, which we might not always feel is pleasing unto us, but rest assured it will always be beneficial for us to grow in our faith and in our spiritual maturity. It is our God given uniqueness as believers that distinguishes us from those who falsely represent him and those who are obedient to the truth of his word.

2 Corinthians 4: 5 - 6,....for we preach not ourselves, but Christ....and ourselves....servants....for God....hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God....

So, as believers, we must make Christ the absolute center of our lives, acknowledging his divine authority, keeping our focus entirely upon him, allowing the true light of his salvation to shine forth, pointing others exclusively to him. Therefore, our ultimate act of faith as a believer is to ask God to show unto us his glory, which we will begin to experience as we seek after him for who he truly is. For it is this yearning desire that allows us to experience the fulness of the understanding of his divine characteristics and nature.

Psalms 20: 5 - 7,....we will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of the Lord we will set up our banners....now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed, he will hear him....with the saving strength of his right hand....some trust in chariots, and some in horses, but we will remember the name of the Lord our God....

As believers, each challenge that we go through in our life gives unto us a greater understanding that Gods mercy, his grace, and his compassion of love is not earned, but it is freely given accordingly by his own will. This provides unto us a basis for our hope and our trust in him. God's grace is not according to a debt owed, for it is a gift given, a characteristic of his divine glory. Now, even though it is his desire to reveal the fullness of his glory unto us, he cannot, for his glory is too powerful for us to experience directly, so he offers unto us a glimpse of his goodness, and he offers it unto us in a way that we can uphold it, while still being protected and secured by his divine purpose, plan, and will for our life.

Exodus 33: 20 – 23,....he said, thou canst not see my face, for there shall no man see me and live....behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon a rock....and I will cover thee with my hand while I pass by....and I will take away my hand, and thou shalt see my back parts, and my face shall not be seen....

So, God provides unto us, as believers, a secure place of refuge in his presence, all the while assuring us that his presence is a source of stability and strength for us in our life, for he is the rock of the foundation of our faith, which comes unto us through the saving grace of his Son, Christ Jesus. A place near to God is where we want to be, especially when facing life's challenges. So, in order to experience the closeness of our place in God, we are commanded to stand in readiness, and in attentiveness, and in reverence, so that we might receive from him, by his hand, and in his chosen location of time and place, a glimpse of his goodness and glory in our life.

So, we know as believers, we cannot, in our mortality, experience the fulness of God glory completely. Therefore, God provides unto us a limited experience of his glory, which is sufficient enough for us to continue in our journey here on earth. This limited experience signifies Gods willingness to be known unto us, all the while considering our limitations, those things which we are our not capable to comprehend or understand. Therefore, at our request, God will reveal himself unto us, by his chosen means, ensuring us that we will be secure, when it comes to our desire to experience the fullness of the glory of the Lord. Let us therefore always desire the glory of the Lord in our lives.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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