

In All Thy Ways Acknowledge Him - Part 1

Scripture reading: Psalms 19:1

In seeking the Lord about certain hard, unfortunate or painful experiences we encountered over a period of time, the LORD brought vividly a sense of awareness that is indelibly impressed on my mind. A few words of Scripture, which have been read over and over, all of a sudden come forth with a great enlightenment and a new perspective, *"In all thy ways acknowledge Him."*

God expects His creatures to love, honor, respect and recognize Him as the Creator. After all, *"The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth His handywork,"* Psalm 19:1. These are abundant evidences of His presence, power and authority. He is infinitely greater than anything on earth, and, undoubtedly, well able to supply all man's needs, far beyond our wildest dreams. It takes, however, a knowledge of the nature of God and the revelation of the scripture, together with the supernatural working of the Spirit, to awaken, confirm and enlarge our knowledge of God's friendship and communion, seeing that our love to Him has been greatly obscured since the fall.

One of the most important points of revelation which the Lord brought to us, was that He desires that we love, honor, obey, respect, esteem and recognize Him as Creator. This is not for any benefit to Himself, but that these attributes, when given to God, create in us a VIRTUE, which we could not obtain otherwise. *"And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent."* John 17:3.

Knowing God, in all His attributes furnished by nature and scripture, will result in trust and confidence, that through love, man's free will becomes one with Him - this is the Victory.

MAN'S FREE WILL - GOD'S CHANNEL: God can accomplish His purpose on earth for man only through man's free will (the choice is ours). In so doing, God makes available to man an immense and limitless realm of power, but we limit God and retard our progress by not appropriating God's goodness. See Psalm 78:41.

God's plan is that man be the channel through which heaven is released and expressed on earth. When our will is totally submitted to the will of God, then we will be in tune with Him and whatsoever we ask will be according to His will and He will direct our path.

The saints must possess the Kingdom, but this can only be accomplished as the people of God put the world behind them, and set their faces upon the eternal values. The world, the flesh and the devil are against the reign of Christ in the earth - thus, *"the heathen rage"* to destroy God's richest graces and (the) true value of humanity. To love, to honor, to respect and obey are endowments of God which place man above the beast.

REDEEMED, BEING REDEEMED, SHALL BE REDEEMED: God is in the process of redeeming man - spirit, soul and body, through Christ, *"who is made not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life,"* Hebrews 7:16. Therefore, those who seek Him will find Him, through the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in His knowledge.

There is a place in consecration, as one progresses in God, where the unfolding of God's plan and purpose demands a further and deeper offering of one's self; the willingness to make such an offering is the law and principle by which God takes us from victory to victory. This willingness, which is the free-will offering of the soul, gives God the authority to manifest His purposes in our lives. The impartation of Christ's Spirit of obedience to the believer, which brings him in communion with this work, must be ratified in the believer's life and experience. This obedience removes fear, but embraces trust and confidence. When exercised, these experiences become easy and joyful; thus, OBEDIENCE is God's plan to deliver man from the corruption and enslavement of the FALL.

Self-confidence and self-reliance are often used as tools of the enemy to cause us to forfeit our blessings. God-confidence and God-reliance are better. There is a subtle working of the enemy of which we must always beware. The enemy will oppress a believer to make him or her feel "I am nothing," "poor me," and surely the counselors will try to get such a one to believe in himself, only to find that he makes a 180-degree turn and is the greatest Christian in town. The enemy keeps an eye out for weaknesses, for they are dark spots, and he does everything to get us in our weak place. We are encouraged, therefore, to *"lay aside every weight and the SIN (that weakness) that doth so easily beset us,"* so he will have no power over us.

This word "SELF" seems to be the greatest mountain between us and God. So many stories in the Bible show us the danger of the lurking monster.

1. David numbered the people.
2. Saul offered his own sacrifice.
3. Joshua and the elders sought not of the Lord regarding the Gibeonites, etc.

It is evident that God's people must always be conscious of the fact that He is the AUTHORITY - He is in supreme control, and that is the victory. Therefore, when one fails to acknowledge Him in all things, the concealed pitfalls and the snares of the enemy (known only to him) will catch us unawares.

Sometimes, praise God, we escape the hidden dangers by divine intervention, while another time, we might experience the consequences of not seeking the mind of Christ in a matter; pain, regret, remorse, loss of goods and credibility follows.

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