

Who Loves God?



OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

Have you ever been watching a program on TV or listening to your favorite radio station & then all of a sudden you hear:



**WE
INTERRUPT**

this program to bring you some
IMPORTANT NEWS!

Well, last week we began a new topic for our lessons
WHAT WILL YOU LEARN ABOUT GOD THIS YEAR?

But for this week

**WE
INTERRUPT**

this topic to bring you some
IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

This **IMPORTANT INFORMATION** comes right from our King James Bible. It is the

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

which answers an

IMPORTANT QUESTION!

What is that question?

WHO LOVES GOD?

The reason we are going to search for the answer to this question, is because some people say that in

order to love God, you must know LOTS & LOTS about Him. They say that in order to love God, you must know LOTS & LOTS of His Word! Now of course the MORE you know & understand God, your love for Him will grow deeper & deeper. And just as important, your FAITH & TRUST in Him will grow stronger & stronger! But now lets NOT listen to people unless

WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY
AGREES WITH WHAT
GOD SAYS

in

HIS WRITTEN WORD TO US!

"It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man.

It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes." Psalm 118:8 -9KJB

And even if the people who tell you about God are OLDER than you, even if the people who tell you about God have read more of the bible than you have,

ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS
SEARCH IN THE BIBLE YOURSELF,
& ask God to help you find out
the TRUTH! You may have to
spend LOTS OF TIME SEARCH-
ING, but God PROMISES that
when you SEARCH FOR HIS
ANSWERS, YOU'LL FIND HIS AN-
SWERS!



Here are 2 promises from God about that:

“And ye shall seek me, and find *me* when ye shall search for me with all your heart.

And I will be found of you, saith the LORD:...”

Jeremiah 29:13-14a KJB

“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

But let him ask in faith; nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.”

James 1:5-6 KJB

So if you want to KNOW God’s truth on any matter, these verses tell us 2 of the most important things you need to do. You need to ASK GOD! You need to SEARCH for Him with ALL YOUR HEART!



There are some things written in God’s Word that are so simple to understand that a young child can understand & believe. Things like

GOD LOVES US!

And especially the Gospel message!

“...how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:”

1Corinthians 15::3-4 KJB

And then there are other things which God wants to tell us that we must **STUDY** to understand. 2Tim 2:15 KJB We must **SEARCH FOR** these things **WITH ALL OUR HEARTS**. In fact, God tells us to **SEARCH** for these truths & this knowledge about Him as if we were **SEARCHING FOR** hidden **SILVER & TREASURE!** And boy, that sure takes **LOTS OF WORK!** But look what the result will be:

Proverbs 2:3-6 KJB

"Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, *and* liftest up thy voice for understanding;
If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for as for hid treasures;
Then shalt understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God.



For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth *cometh* knowledge and understanding." And **GUESS WHAT!**

That **SEARCHING** for His truth & wisdom **WITH ALL YOUR HEART** because you want to **KNOW** Him more, **SHOWS THAT YOU**



Let's read some scriptures that tell us this is so:

Let's start with something that The Lord told Moses to tell the people of Israel a long time ago:



“And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thy soul, and with all thy might.” Deuteronomy 6:5 KJB

This was the **GREATEST COMMANDMENT** that God gave us. **JESUS SAID SO** when a certain lawyer asked him a question to try to trick him. Here was the question that lawyer asked:

“Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law?

Carefully read what **JESUS** answered him:

“Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

This is the first and great commandment.”

Jesus said something very interesting here. Jesus said that this was the **FIRST** and great commandment. Before any of the other commandments were given, the **FIRST** was **THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND WITH ALL THE SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY MIND.”**

So what does that tell us about the people who say

that the only people who love God are those who have & know LOTS & LOTS of God's Word? That **LOVING GOD COMES BEFORE KNOWING LOTS & LOTS OF HIS WORD!**

In fact, when Moses told the people this **FIRST & GREAT COMMAND** (before he told them God's other commands), the Lord told Moses to tell the people **THIS** too:

"And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:

And thou shalt teach thy children, and shalt talk of them, when

thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. Deuteronomy 6:6-7 KJB



Does a little child know LOTS & LOTS of God's Word? Of course not! But that little child can **LOVE GOD**

with that little bit of God's Word that he or she does have! Yes, **KNOWING GOD'S WORD IS PART OF LOVING GOD!** Jesus says that is so:

"He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me:"

John 14:21a KJB

Jesus says that when we have His commandments & **KEEP THEM - GUARD THEM & TREASURE THEM IN OUR HEART BELIEVING THEM &**

WANTING TO OBEY THEM - whether it is ONE or THREE HUNDRED ONE that we may have at any point in our life, then WE LOVE GOD!

The AMOUNT of God's Word that you might know right now is NOT the issue. There were men in Jesus' time who knew LOTS of God's Word. These men were called PHARISEES! But most of these men did NOT LOVE GOD! In fact, most of them HATED JESUS, who is God! Most of them learned God's Word so they could LOOK REAL SMART! Most of them did NOT learn God's Word because they LOVED HIM! (Later on, those that did really have a "heart of love" for God did end up believing in Jesus. The apostle Paul was one of them who ended up believing in Jesus! Acts 9; Acts 15:5; John 19:38-40) Our HEARTS are VERY IMPORTANT TO GOD! God wants us to LOVE HIM with ALL OF IT! SO

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No matter how old or young you are, no matter how much of His Word you know right now in your life, no matter how many times you sin & fail & make bad mistakes, if you are searching for God in His Word with all your heart, guarding & treasuring the parts of His Word that you DO know at this time, then YOU LOVE GOD!

Now, keep searching His beautiful written Word with all your heart each day & your love will for Him will grow deeper & deeper!

BIBLE STUDY

Study the following scriptures about how important our hearts & His Word are to God in showing that we love Him: 1 Sam-

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10:00 A.M.

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Wednesday & Friday Evenings, 7:00-7:20 P.M.

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- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1 mi.
- **G.C.F.** is on the *Left*.

From Rt. 146

- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
- From **146 N** turn *Left* off Exit; from **146 S** turn *Right*.
- Take Mineral Spring to end and stay *Left* around the rotary (pass North Providence Town Hall).
- Take next *Right* onto Woonasquatucket Ave.
- Go about 1½ mi.
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