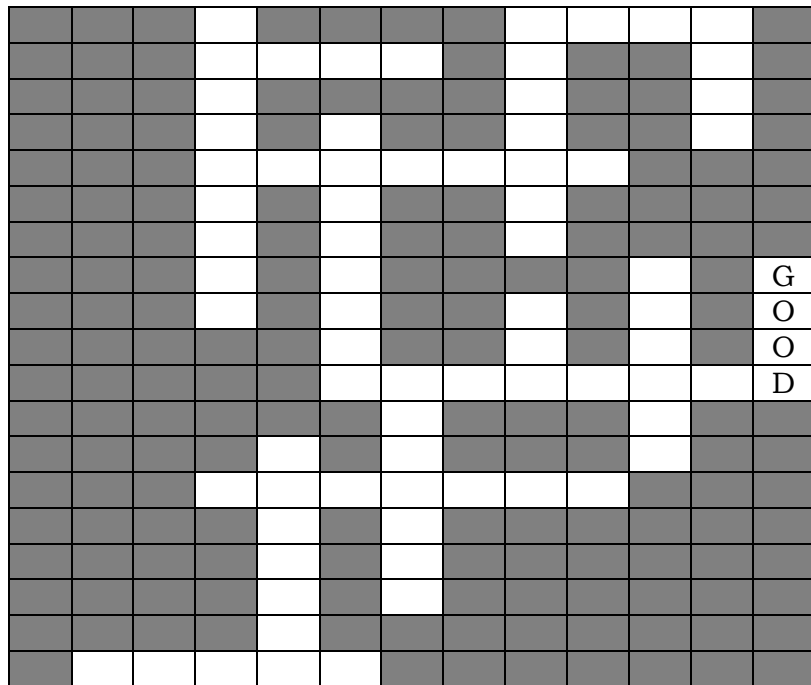


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Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

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Finding Favor with God

There are numerous men and women named in the scriptures who found favor with God, among which are Enoch, Noah, Job and Elijah.

Enoch: (Genesis 5:22), the scriptures tell us that “Enoch walked with God.” The Hebrew writer stated, “By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God translated him: for he hath had witness borne to him that before his translation he had been well-pleasing unto God” (11:5)

Noah: (Genesis 6:9), “Noah was a righteous man, and perfect in his generations: Noah walked with God.” The Hebrew writer stated, “By faith Noah, being warned of God concerning things not seen as yet, moved with godly fear, prepared the ark to the saving of his house; through which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith” (11:7). (Cont. Pg. 2)

Job: (1:1, 8) “that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and turned away from evil.” Concerning Job, James said, “Behold, we call them blessed that endured: ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord, how that the Lord is full of pity, and merciful” (5:11).

Elijah: (2 Kings 2:11), “And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and the horses of fire, which parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.” In like manner, James spoke of him, and said, “The supplication of a righteous man availeth much in its working. Elijah was a man of like passion with us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth for three years and six months. And he prayed again; and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.” (5:16-18).

Here’s the question: Do you have the faith of Enoch and Noah, the patience of Job, or the righteous fervent prayers of Elijah? What exactly does God mean to you? Do you desire to find favor with God? “Love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength,” which Jesus said, is the first commandment of all (Mark 12:28-30). Ross Triplett, Sr.

Solomon Says

Whoso despiseth the word bringeth destruction on himself; But he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded. The law of the wise is a fountain of life, that one may depart from the snares of death. Good understanding giveth favor; But the way of the transgressor is hard.

Proverbs 13:13-15

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- A. Heb. 4:12 – “For the word of God is living, and active...”
- B. Rev. 2:23 – “I am he that searcheth the reins and hearts...”
- C. 1 Chron. 28:9 – Jehovah searcheth all hearts

I. Conflict Between Good and Evil:

- A. Isa. 5:20-23 – “Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil “
- B. Reality of the world within which we live:
 - 1. Individuals who devise evil:
 - a. Micah 2:1-2 - “Woe to them that devise iniquity and work evil upon their beds!
 - b. Isa. 59:7 - their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity
 - 2. Individuals who do good:
 - a. Psa. 34:14 – “Depart from evil, and do good...”
 - b. Prov. 12:20 – “But to the counsellors of peace is joy.”
 - 3. 1 Chron. 28:9 - The choice is yours

II. Reality:

- A. Those who deny reality:
 - 1. Amos 6:3-8 – Denying judgment
 - 2. Isa. 5:18-19 – Deride the counsel of God
 - 3. 2 Pet. 3:1-7 – Mockers shall come.
 - 4. 2 Tim. 3:1-7 – “But know this...”
- B. Those who accept reality:
 - 1. Heb. 9:27 – Appointed unto man once to die.
 - 2. 2 Cor. 5:6-10 – Made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ.
 - 3. 2 Cor. 5:11, 14-15 – “live...unto him”
 - 4. 1 Pet. 3:8-11 – Therefore, “refrain his tongue from evil.
- C. Denying reality will not change it.