## **BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

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Good morning it is a blessing to see you here today. Keep on keeping on.

Hosea 6:3 Then shall we know, *if* we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter *and* former rain unto the earth.

The context and doctrinal teaching of that verse is when the Lord comes back to restore Israel to their place of preeminence over the nations. The devotional application is that when a person follows on to know the Lord – God gives them knowledge not only about Himself but in matters of daily life. "Gee, I just don't know what to do?" Follow on to know the Lord – He will give thee understanding and guidance.

"If this, then that," there are a few places in the scriptures where we find a rewarding "then" conditioned by "if."

Genesis 18:26 And the LORD said, **If** I find in \_\_\_\_\_ fifty \_\_\_\_\_ within the city, **then** I will \_\_\_\_ all the place for their sakes.

I think the verse with the *missing words* filled in is self-explanatory.

Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, **if** ye will \_\_\_\_ my voice indeed, and \_\_\_\_ my covenant, **then** ye shall be a peculiar \_\_\_\_ unto me above all people: for all the earth *is* mine:

God selected a nation (Israel) to be a depository for truth and His provision and protection would be abundant to them when they held up their end of the covenant (agreement). The Old Testament is the history of God dealing with His people (Israel) and the nations surrounding. Included are prophecies pertaining to nations, individuals, and the Messiah – the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 11:21 Then said Martha unto Jesus, Lord,  $\underline{if}$  thou hadst been here, my brother had not died.

I think it's implied. Lord,  $\underline{if}$  you had been here  $\underline{then}$  this wouldn't have happened. In the context of Mary, Martha and Lazarus, Jesus waited to show up; because He had something greater in plan. That is a hard situation, we know of His power, His goodness and love and YET this happens. Back to the opening text, if we follow on to know the LORD; we'll "know" in time why. (John 11:25)

 $1^{st}$  John 3:21 Beloved,  $\underline{\textbf{if}}$  our heart condemn us not,  $\underline{\textbf{then}}$  have we confidence toward God.

The context and doctrinal teaching is: do you show love for God? We assure our hearts before Him when we love in deed and in truth – not simply in word or with our tongue.

## **\$UPPORT YOUR LOCAL CHURCH**

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not to thine own understanding.

## "PETER'S FALL & RESTORATION"

Intro. This is s 2 part message – *this morning* his fall and tonight his restoration. Lk 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired *to have* you, that he may sift *you* as wheat:

Lk 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Lk 22:33 And he said unto him, Lord, I am ready to go with thee, both into prison, and to death.

Lk 22:34 And he said, I tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, before that thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

- D\_\_\_\_\_
- B\_\_\_\_
- S\_\_\_\_
- Follows afar off.
- Sits with the ungodly
- Denies the Lord

## Tonight at 5:00 "PETER'S RESTORATION"

Monday at 4:45 Hiawatha Care Center

Wed. at 7:00 Bible Study (Mark 1) gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ Good way to follow on to know the Lord better

Wed. at 7:00 Prayer – bear ye one another's burdens – pray for the growth of this local church.

Next Sunday the 25th Fellowship Dinner

Missionary of the week: Sarah Shadrick - Uganda

There are John & Romans booklets available.

**If** you can use any to reach someone with the gospel of the grace of God **THEN** Isa 55:12 For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: ...

Great for mailing, and when we get some more bags – great for door hanging. Please pray God will bless our efforts to reach more people.

Isa 55:10 For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper *in the thing* whereto I sent it.