

Prepare to Meet thy God II

(Recap Part I)

I. What Must Man Do to be Prepared?

- A. 2 Cor. 5:14-6:2 - Be reconciled to God.
- B. Isa. 59:1-3 - Knowing that sin has separated us from God
- C. 2 Cor. 7:10 - If you have sorrow for having wronged God
- D. Deut. 30:10 - As Jehovah told Israel, "obey the voice if Jehovah."
- E. Acts 20:21- Through true repentance toward God, and true faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ
- F. Rom. 5:6-11 - We can receive reconciliation and be saved by his life.

II. If That is Your Desire:

- A. Rom. 10:9-10 – Confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord.
- B. Gal. 3:26-27 – Be baptized into Christ.
- C. Acts 22:16 – Washing away thy sins
- D. Rom. 6:1-7 – Raised to walk in newness of life

Do You Have Respect for the Statutes of God?

The Psalmist was attuned to his need to respect God's will, as he said, "Thou art my hiding-place and my shield: I hope in thy word. Depart from me, ye evil-doers, That I may keep the commandments of my God. Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live; And let me not be ashamed of my hope. Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe, And shall have respect unto thy statutes continually" (Psalm 119:114-117). When a proper respect is maintained, then, and only then, can the man of God say, "Then shall I not be put to shame, When I have respect unto all thy commandments" (119:6). ret

Exercise Extreme Diligence

The Psalmist speaks of God's precepts that have been commanded, precepts being, "an authoritative rule for action, injunction where man's obligations are set forth." Concerning precepts, the Psalmist said, "Thou hast commanded [us] thy precepts, That we should observe them diligently" (119:4). The apostle Paul instructed Timothy, saying, "Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, handling aright the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). The term "handling aright" is literally, "cut it straight." In short, "Blessed is the man that trusteth in Jehovah, and whose trust Jehovah is" (Jeremiah 17:7)."

Rejecting Human Wisdom

Following human wisdom is a blight upon the man of God's character. If we are truly seeking God's will, then man's "think so's," "it seems to me," or, "I don't see anything wrong with it" will have no bearing on the word. The Psalmist affirmed his confidence in God, saying, "Oh how love I thy law! It is my meditation all the day. Thy commandments make me wiser than mine enemies; For they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers; For thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the aged, Because I have kept thy precepts. I have refrained my feet from every evil way, That I might observe thy word. I have not turned aside from thine ordinances; For thou hast taught me. How sweet are thy words unto my taste! Yea, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Through thy precepts I get understanding: Therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, And light unto my path. I have sworn, and have confirmed it, That I will observe thy righteous ordinances" (119:97-106). ret

Baptists believe that the Bible teaches that (1) baptism is important but not necessary for salvation. For example, the (5) thief on the cross (Luke 23:39-43), (3) Saul on the Damascus road (Acts 9:1-18) and the people gathered in (2) Cornelius' house (Acts 10:24-48) all experienced salvation without the necessity of baptism. In his sermon at Pentecost, (4) Peter urged those who had repented and believed in Christ to be baptized, not that baptism was necessary for salvation but as a testimony that they had been saved. (Acts 2:1-41)

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If baptism is "not necessary for salvation..."

1. Then Jesus was mistaken for commanding the apostles to teach and practice what was to be observed by those who they taught: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." (Matt. 28:19-20)
2. Then Peter was mistaken when he said, "Can any man forbid the water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit as well as we? And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ" (The text does not say "Cornelius' house all experienced salvation without the necessity of baptism." No where in the scriptures is Holy Spirit baptism equated with salvation, but that "to the Gentiles also hath God granted repentance unto life" (Acts 11:18).

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3. Then Ananias (speaking as God commanded) was mistaken when he commanded Saul of Tarsus, “arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on his name” (Acts 22:16).
4. What Peter said (Acts 2:38): not “repent and believe” but “Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit,” but nowhere in the text, or any other text, indicates that baptism was “a testimony that they had been saved.”
5. Thief on the cross? “John came, who baptized in the wilderness and preached the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins. And there went out unto him all the country of Judaea, and all they of Jerusalem; and they were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins” (Mk. 1:4-5). Who’s to say the thief had not been baptized by John, “unto remission of sins”? ret



When the Word of God was delivered unto the king: “And it came to pass, when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, that *the king* cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was in the brazier, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier. And they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words” (Jer. 36:23-24). ret

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With Him is

Plenteous Redemption

Psalms 130:7

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Weekly Reading

Jeremiah 36:1-32; 44:1-30

Numbers 16:1-50; Micah 7:1-20



Luke 16:19-31

Your Choice
Choose Wisely



Revelation 4:4

Meekness

Jesus said, “Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth” (Matt. 5:6).

Do You have this “meekness” as it applies to those who do not argue with God?

Thus, the Psalmist says, “Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, And not to covetousness. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity, And quicken me in thy ways. Confirm unto thy servant thy word, Which *is in order* unto the fear of thee.” (Psa. 119:36-38).

This is a man who bows his heart unto the instructions of God. ret