

“EXPECT MIRACLES TO BE SEEN IN 2016”

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**Discipleship:  Knowing God To Turn His Promises Into My Possession**

Deuteronomy 6:1-12

**KNOWING GOD** is simply knowing His will. **Knowing God’s will** come from knowing His word.

The text today is a rehearsal by Moses of the will of God to His people. The text says:

* **You must learn who God is before you can do what He instructs you to do**; v.1
* One must establish a reverence for God in each generation of your Children; v.2
* When one who knows God practices the will of God, then, God will bless them to prosper; v.3
  + …**makes it well** with thee
* Everyone that is a believer must believe the same things about God; v.4
* Everyone that knows God is required to give all of themselves to God; vv.5,6

(cp. II Corinthians 8:5)

* Everyone is expected to make certain each generation of their household is taught the will of God, that a sign of the presence of God is in the home and God’s evidence is in one’s daily living; vv.7-9
* Everyone that obeys the knowledge they have about God shall prosper; vv.10,11
* Do not live like you do not have knowledge of God after He has blessed and prospered you; v.12

The discipleship of knowing God is important to be blessed by God:

I. Discipleship of knowing God helps believing people **GROW** their faith in God; Romans 10:17; Hebrews 11:6

A. When faith in God grows within the soul God’s **promises turn into possessions**.

B. When faith in God grows within the soul, spiritual awareness becomes keenly aware of God's directions and instructions. Psalm 23:2,3; 37:23

* Isaiah 58:11 And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.

C. When faith in God GROWS power to speak to problems advance to a supernatural level; Mark 11:23,24

II. Discipleship of knowing God **GUARDS** the believer from the attacks of Satan; Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 11:21,22

1. God’s word is the believer’s **only and best defense** to defeat Satan.

III. Discipleship of knowing God helps people to receive God’s **GRACE** to experience relief from sin.

1. By Grace the blood of Jesus paid for all sins **for all people** in three ways:  the sin of the past, the sin of the present and the sin of future.
2. God’s grace includes: (Titus 2:11-14)
3. Salvation from the penalty of sin; v.11
4. Salvation from the power of sin; v.12
5. Salvation from the presence of sin; v.13
6. Salvation form the possession by sin; v.14
7. Disciples **continue to do well** when they know and understand that God’s grace is always there for them, even in weak times (cp. II Corinthians 12:9)

IV. **Closing**

**What if you were found guilty of a serious crime, like embezzlement or murder? How would you feel? How would your family react? How could you face your mother and father after doing such a shameful thing?**

**James Montgomery Boice, in his commentary on Romans, tells the story of a young Russian—the son of a close friend of Czar Nicholas—who was caught stealing from the czar. As treasurer of a border fortress of the Russian army, the young man was to manage the czar’s money and dispense wages to the troops. But he began gambling and trying to cover his losses by borrowing from the army treasury.**

**One day he heard that a government auditor was coming to examine the books. He sat down and added up what he had taken. It was a huge amount. He emptied out his own resources, subtracted it from what should have been in the account and noted the great discrepancy. Under the amount due, he wrote: “A great debt; who can pay?” He couldn’t, and he knew no one who could help him. So, he drew his revolver and decided to kill himself at midnight.**

**But as he waited for the clock to strike, he fell asleep, and while he slept, Czar Nicholas paid a surprise inspection visit. He saw the books, the despairing note and the revolver, and he realized that the young man had betrayed his trust. But rather than arrest the young man, he had mercy on him. He stooped and wrote something next to the man’s note and quietly left.**

**When the young man awoke, he again picked up the gun and was about to pull the trigger when he noticed something. Next to his note, “A great debt; who can pay?” was a single word: Nicholas. And the next morning, a bag of coins arrived from Nicholas that covered the exact amount owed.**