
THE GAME CHANGER – JESUS

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU KNOW – IT'S WHO YOU KNOW

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PRAYER DECLARATION OVER OFFERING

Our Father in Heaven,

You established a new covenant by the blood of Jesus and through faith in Christ you have made us joint heirs with Him, providing everything we need for an abundant life.

We desire to know You, Jehovah Jireh our Provider, and experience all of the covenant blessings You freely give to us.

You multiply the seed as we sow it and abundantly enrich us as we give generously, so that the harvest of our generosity will increase.

Now Lord we give You a love offering and receive the blessings You have prepared for us.

We thank you for continuing to remind us that your ways are higher than ours and that your words will never return void.

In Jesus name, Amen. Hallelujah!

REVIEW

The Lord has been taking us through a time of PREPARING HEARTS & WORSHIPPERS!

We have been in *Proverbs 3, Psalm 127, Matthew 7* and *Matthew 11*

- ✓ “Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In ALL YOUR WAYS, acknowledge (KNOW) Him and he will direct your paths.”
- ✓ Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.
- ✓ Ask and it will be given, Seek (wholehearted devotion) and you will find, Knock and the door will be opened.
- ✓ Jesus says “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

"THE DIFFERENCE" AUTHOR UNKNOWN

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day. I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray. Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task. "Why doesn't God help me?" I wondered. He answered, "You didn't ask."

I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak. I wondered why God didn't show me. He said, "But you didn't seek."

I tried to come into God's presence. I used all my keys at the lock. God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock."

I woke up early this morning and paused before entering the day. I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

THIS IS ALL ABOUT KNOWING HIM!

- ✓ From the very beginning, in Genesis, this is what we were created for! Relationship with God! That He would be our God and we would be His people and DWELL with Him!
- ✓ That we would KNOW (YADA) HIM!
- ✓ Know Him as our Refuge, Strength, Healer, Provider, Comforter, Strong Tower, Father, Protector, Salvation, Mediator, Friend, Master, King, Peace, Hope, Love
- ✓ I don't know that this message is going to be revelational...but I do believe this is something that we need to be reminded of! **I know I do!!**
- ✓ **Matthew 7:22** "*Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, "I NEVER KNEW YOU. Away from me you evildoers."*"
- ✓ This is what life comes down to: To know Jesus and worship Him! The Purpose of Life (WAY); The Reason for Living (TRUTH); The Fulfillment of our Being (LIFE) is. Jesus says in **John 14:9** "*Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father.*"

WISDOM

- ✓ **Proverbs 3** says "*Don't lean on your own understanding...Don't be wise in your own eyes.*" Verse 12 says "*Blessed is the man who finds wisdom, the man who gains understanding...*"
- ✓ **Proverbs 3:19** says "*By WISDOM the Lord laid the earth's foundation, by UNDERSTANDING He set the heavens in place.*"
- ✓ **John 1:3** "*Through Him (Jesus) all things were made, without Him nothing was made that has been made.*"
- ✓ **1 Cor 1:24** says "*Christ is the power of God and the wisdom of God.*"
- ✓ **1 Cor 1:30** says "*It is because of Him (God) that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our Righteousness (Truth), Holiness (Way), and Redemption (Life)!*"
- ✓ **1 Cor 2:7-8** "*We speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.*"

THIS IS THE GAME CHANGER! WISDOM REVEALED! JESUS COMES ON THE SCENE!

Only hours before going to the cross – Jesus, speaking the Words of the Heavenly Father- says something to His disciples that shakes eternity! **John 14:6** “I am The Way, The Truth, and The Life. NO ONE comes to the Father except through me.”

WORD OF GOD – IN ITS FULLNESS

- ✓ **Col 1:25-27** Paul says, “I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the Word of God in its fullness (JESUS!) – the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is NOW disclosed to the saints. To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you the hope of Glory.”

So what are the glorious riches of this mystery? “**Christ in us the hope of glory!**”

WISDOM OF GOD VERSUS THE WISDOM OF THIS WORLD

If He is truly the Word of God in its fullness (The Way, Truth and Life), and we really believe this, why do we pursue anything else?

SEARATE THE WISDOM OF GOD FROM THE WISDOM OF THE WORLD

I think we have a hard time separating the Wisdom from God and the Wisdom of This World!

- ✓ **1 Cor 3:18-19a** “Do not deceive yourselves. If any of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become “fools” so that you may become wise. ¹⁹ For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight...”
- ✓ James 3 talks of two types of wisdom (interestingly both of them are called wisdom). **James 3:13-18** “Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. 14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such “wisdom” does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. 16 For where you have envy (JEALOUSY) and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. 17 But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18 Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

PURSUE LORDSHIP AND KNOW HIM

We think we have found Jesus, and we just stop the pursuit all together. We accept Him as Savior, but the PURSUIT of LORDSHIP stops!

- ✓ Seek Him: Keep seeking to know Him more. Encounters with Him make me more like Him. Encounters (experiences) come through seeking. He says “Seek me with all your heart and you will find Me”. You will find my ways! Behold Him (**2 Cor. 3**)
- ✓ Live by Faith: The righteous live by faith: we walk by faith and not by sight, our reality is the supernatural!

- ✓ **Hunger and Thirst:** As we get to know Jesus, we get to know the Father! Jesus came to make known the Father to us! DON'T EVER BE SATISFIED! Hunger and Thirst and we will be filled!
- ✓ **2 Cor 3:18** Being transformed into HIS (God's) likeness with EVER INCREASING Glory (Glory to Glory!).
- ✓ **A. W. Tozer** said "It is simply not enough to know about God. We must know God (JESUS) in increasing levels of intimacy that lift us up above all reason and into the world of adoration, praise, and worship."
- ✓ **Know Him:** know Him in the Multi-Dimensional (multi facets). It is infinite/inexhaustible!
- ✓ Prayer of Jesus to the Father: **John 17:26** Jesus PRAYS "*I have made you (Father) known to them (Saints), and will CONTINUE to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.*"
 - Jesus makes it very clear that Knowing God is a continual process...never ending!
- ✓ We are to live in lifelong pursuit of Knowing God through Jesus! JESUS is the ONLY Way to the Father! And so we Worship Jesus!

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS TO KNOW JESUS

- ✓ **Hebrews 9-12a**
- ✓ The Writer of Hebrews is unknown, but this Book or Letter is truly inspired by the Holy Spirit! Written between 50&64 AD as a letter and almost as a message or sermon.
- ✓ **William Paul Young (writer of The Shack)** said this about the book of Hebrews: "The letter to the Hebrews could've had this tagline: 'The letter to overly religious Christians who have an itty-bitty Jesus.' This is the Revelation of Jesus for religious people. Every page of this letter could be headlined by this question: "Are you kidding me?" The book of Hebrews is all about Jesus, not about angels or sacrifices or temples or cities or religious observations or political power or religious magic or economic security or religious institutions. And this is not the itty-bitty Jesus I grew up with, but the Creator of the entire cosmos – a reality that was created "in" Him and is held together, sustained, and continues "in" Him. He is the Father's Son, the one anointed in the Holy Spirit, and the one who has removed everything that has kept us from a face-to-face relationship with God."
- ✓ I believe this book (Hebrews) does an amazing job of giving us the "inside" look at who Jesus is!
- ✓ It takes us from the Shadow/Copy/Replica (Old Testament) to the Reality/Fullness of the Scriptures (New Testament) which is the Glory of God revealed through JESUS!
- ✓ **Hebrews 1:1-3 TPT** "*Throughout our history God has spoken to our ancestors by his prophets in many different ways. The revelation He gave them was only a fragment at a time, building one truth upon another. 2 But to us living in these last days, God now speaks to us openly in the language of a Son (JESUS!), the appointed Heir of everything, for through Him (JESUS), God created the panorama of all things and all time. 3 The Son is the dazzling radiance of God's glory-splendor, the exact expression of God's true nature—his mirror image! He holds the universe together and expands it by the mighty power of His spoken word. He accomplished for us the complete cleansing of sins, and then took His seat on the highest throne at the right hand of the majestic One.*"
- ✓ High King and High Priest of a new covenant – Jesus
 - **Hebrews 8:1 TPT** "Now this is the crowning point of what we are saying: We have a magnificent King-Priest who ministers for us at the right hand of God. He is enthroned with honor next to the thrown of the Majesty on high (Jesus AS KING). He serves in the holy sanctuary in the true heavenly tabernacle set up by God, and not by men." (Jesus AS HIGH PRIEST)

- **Hebrews 8:5** The “earthly” Priests served in a sanctuary that was a copy and shadow of what is in heaven!
- **Hebrews 8:6** The Ministry of JESUS is superior to the high priests of the earthly sanctuary. New Covenant is founded on BETTER PROMISES!
- Jesus ministers in the Heavenly Sanctuary as the true High Priest! Jesus goes into the Holy of Holies (the Most Holy Place!) and puts His blood on the HEAVENLY mercy seat, once and for all!
- ✓ **Hebrews 8:7-13** Talks about the New Covenant! (Jeremiah 31)
- ✓ **Hebrews 9:1** Talks about the OLD Order (“first covenant”) with rules & regulations for worship.
- ✓ THE Purpose of Worship is to make us Holy → Transform us into His Image (**Rom 12:1-2; 2 Cor 3:18**) so we can commune with God and He can dwell with us. We are Holy...and we are being made Holy!
- ✓ **Hebrews 9:11-14, 24, 27-28** GAME CHANGER – The Beauty and Power of JESUS!
- ✓ When Jesus returns, He is going to come for His Bride...The Body of Christ! He will bring salvation to those waiting for Him!
- ✓ **Hebrews 10:8-14** The writer quotes part of Psalm 40 ...and then says... “*8 First he said, “Sacrifices and offerings, burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not desire, nor were you pleased with them”—though they were offered in accordance with the law. 9 Then he said, “Here I am, I have come to do your will (OBEDIENCE – Ultimate Worship).” He sets aside the first (Covenant/Order) to establish the second (Covenant/Order). 10 And by that will (Obedience to GOD’s Will!!!), we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 Day after day every priest stands and performs his religious duties; again and again he offers the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But when this priest (JESUS) had offered for all time ONE sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, 13 and since that time He (JESUS) waits for His enemies to be made His footstool. 14 For by one sacrifice He has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.*”
- There was no place for a High Priest to sit down in the Earthly Sanctuary! They always did their work standing as a symbol that the work was never finished. BUT JESUS SAT DOWN...Having Finished the Work of the High Priest!!
- Tie to **1 Cor 15:22-26** “*For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.²³ But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when He comes, those who belong to him.²⁴ Then the end will come, when He (Jesus) hands over the kingdom to God the Father after He has destroyed all dominion, authority and power.²⁵ For He must reign until He has put all his enemies under his feet.²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.*”
- Jesus has given us the Keys to the Kingdom...It is now our time to take back what is rightfully ours! We are going to do this for Jesus (Giving Jesus the Glory)...and Jesus is going to give God the glory!

2 Cor 10:4 “*The weapons we fight with are not weapons of this world. On the contrary, they have the divine power to demolish strongholds...*”

Eph 6:12 “*We do not fight against flesh and blood, but against rulers, authorities, and powers of this dark world and against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*”

Matt 16:19 “*I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven...*

- ✓ **Hebrews 10:19-22** “Therefore, brothers, since we have Confidence (Freedom/Boldness) to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,²⁰ by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, His body,²¹ and since we have a great Priest over the house of God,²² let us draw near (“COME TO ME”) to God with a sincere (true) heart and with the full assurance (confidence) that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.”

PERSEVERANCE AND TESTING OF FAITH

- ✓ **Hebrews 10:35-36** “So do not throw away your confidence (FAITH IN JESUS!); it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised.”
- ✓ **James 1:2** “Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials of many kinds, because the testing of your faith...
- ✓ When the going gets tough, turn to JESUS (not “the tough get going” render your heart to the Lord) Hebrews 11 – Faith Chapter **Hebrews 11:6** “Without faith (trust in JESUS!) it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe the He (Christ) exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.
- ✓ **2 Cor 5:7** “We walk by FAITH, not by sight!
- ✓ **Rom 1:7** “The Righteous live by Faith!”
- ✓ **Hebrews 12:1-2** – The Calling to Persevere! “Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.”
- ✓ Very often, before promotion (maturity) comes, there is a testing of our faith! Is it in Jesus or the things of this world?
- ✓ Trials and Temptations before every promise/promotion
 - Moses: Faced a Red Sea in front of him and an Egyptian army of chariots and horses behind him.
 - Joseph: Faithfully faces prison for 11 years! Became Prime Minister of Egypt at 30 years old!
 - David: Faced death from his own men after Amelikites attack – before becoming king at age 30!
 - Shadrach Meshach and Abednego: faced the fiery furnace (**Daniel 3:30**)
 - Daniel: Faces a decision – will he bow down to the king (Darius) or to God – The lion’s den.
 - Paul and Silas: facing prison and death – and worship God!
 - Jesus: Wilderness and Tempting of the enemy before Ministry.
- ✓ And rarely is it the outcome we expect!

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