

What Does God Expect Out of Us?

Our Verse for the day: Isaiah 9:2 (KJV) ² The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined.

Our devotion today is an outline of the message at Belfield Baptist Church for January 10, 2021.

What does God expect out of us according to the Bible?

Acts 20:18-22

¹⁸ And when they were come to him, he said unto them, Ye know, from the first day that I came into Asia, after what manner I have been with you at all seasons, ¹⁹ Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews: ²⁰ And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

²¹ Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. ²² And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there:

When I reported for basic training in the service the first thing the sergeant told us that he would be our mama, daddy, brother, sister, and girlfriend, this was a rude awakening. We would do what he said, when he said and as he said. That lasted for many weeks and we found out he was telling the truth.

The Bible tells us we are to be good soldiers in the Lord's Army, if we are to be his servants or soldiers what He expects out of us.

1. He expects us to be obedient. Isaiah 1:18-20 ¹⁸ Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. ¹⁹ If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: ²⁰ But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

- a. How obedient are we in doing the Lord's work?
- b. How obedient are we in training our children and grandchildren?
- c. How obedient are we in our relationship with God's word?

2. He expects us to give Him credit for the blessings we have received. Deuteronomy 28:1-3 **¹ And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: ² And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. ³ Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.**

- a. How many times do we really realize that the blessings we receive really come from God? Children, jobs, material matter, etc.
- b. The greatest blessing of all is our salvation.
- c. The choice is our, whether we want to be blessed or not.

3. He expects us to be caught up in our prayer life so we can follow Him. Psalms 64:1-3 **¹Hear my voice, O God, in my prayer: preserve my life from fear of the enemy.²Hide me from the secret counsel of the wicked; from the insurrection of the workers of iniquity:³ Who whet their tongue like a sword, and bend their bows to shoot their arrows, even bitter words:**

- a. Hear my voice in my prayers
- b. Keep my life from fear of the enemy
- c. Hide me from the wicked
- d. From the workers of evil
- e. The ones that want to do away with me.

Always pray to Him, especially when we are putting on the armour of God. Ephesians 6:13-20.

How much do we pray and how often do we pray?

4. He expects us to love Him and everyone else: Mark 12:29-31
²⁹ And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments

is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord: ³⁰ And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. ³¹ And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

- a. We are to love God. But we do not, at least not like we should.
- b. We are to love our Neighbor.
- c. We are to love our self.

The question is who do we love and how do we love? Do we really know how to love one another?

5. He expects us to serve Him in all things. Luke 1:70-75:

Let's look at what Zacharias said about his son and what he says to us: **⁶⁷ And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying, ⁶⁸ Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people ⁶⁹ And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ⁷⁰ As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began ⁷¹ That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; ⁷² To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; ⁷³ The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, ⁷⁴ That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.**

- A. Serve Him without fear.
- B. In Holiness
- C. In Righteousness

THE CHOICE IS OURS, AND THESE ARE ONLY A FEW OF THE THINGS THAT God EXPECTS OF US.

As we continue to deal with Covid-19, we cannot expect God to take care of us if we do not obey His expectations that He has for us.

Today, January 9 as you pray, pray the we will honor the achievements that God is expecting of us.

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