

Winning the Favor of God

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Scripture Reading Psalms 37:1-9 *annual meeting*
Text: V. 4 Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he
shall give thee the desires of thine heart. *Worship 66* 71

Intro: If you will be a close friend of God, Gods choisest blessings will be yours. Draw nigh to God and he will draw nigh to you. Give of your best to the Lord and He will give of His best to you. If you love God with all your heart you will not be disapointed.

Let us see some of the things that come from walking close to God.

Devine guidance and protection:

Example - Noah , Joseph

Peace of heart and mind.

Jesus said "Great peace have they that love thy law and nothing shall offend them".

We will have the Joy of service to mankind.

Example Daniel, Paul.

Devine revelation:

Example John, Daniel

It will bring the blessing of God upon our children and grandchildren.

John Wesley's mother honored God. John became a great preacher, Charles wrote 6000 hymns.

Eternal security

Romans 8:28 For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God.

Re. 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.

Re. 22:4,5 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in ~~their~~ foreheads. And there shall be

no night there; and they need no candle, neither
light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light
and they shall reign for ever and ever.

And if you will be a close friend of God, God's
greatest blessings will be yours. Draw near to
God and he will draw near to you. Give of your
heart to the Lord and he will give of his best to
you. If you love God with all your heart you will
not be dissatisfied.
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any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the
throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto
living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away
all tears from their eyes.
Rev. 21:4 And God shall wipe away all
tears from their eyes. And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor grief, nor
any more: for the Lamb which is in the midst of the
throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto
living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away
all tears from their eyes.

Jesus, The Light of the World

Scriptures: Isaiah 9: 2, 6-7 ^{M.T. 73}

Text: Jn 8: 12 Then spake
Jesus again unto them saying
I am the light of the world.
he that followeth me shall
not walk in darkness, but
shall have the light of life."

Intro: Today we want
to think about the one
of the greatest events
in history. The coming
to earth of Jesus Christ.
No other man ever born
was like Him. John, the Baptist,
none like him. He was God
in a human body.

Why did He come to
Earth if the people in darkness
A. God said the soul
that sinneth, it must
die. all have sinned.

- no hope without the birch
- I. Wise men saw His star
- II. Shepherds saw the angels
- III. Mary and Joseph
- IV. Simeon and Anna
- V. Prince of Peace.
- VI. Come unto me and
I will give you rest
Which are like the troubled
Sea.

God with us.

Script. Isaiah 7:14 Mt. 73
Matthi: 1:18-25.

Intro. God has always used
human instrumentality to
help in his work among
the people of this earth.

Women from Eve on down
believed Christ would be
born of a woman.

I Why did God choose
Mary?

1. Obedient to the whole
will of God.

2. humble.

3. Holy. pure. Modest

4. A sword should pierce through
her heart. Jesus to be killed.

II Joseph.

1. Just. God-moral.

Conclusion:

God is always looking
for people who will do
the work among people
on earth. You and I should
be ready to follow His
Plan.

The seeking Wise Men Tracey
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Scripture Math 2: 1, 2 Text V 2

Intro. Astrologers foretell events by means of the stars.

Men today are trying to reach the stars their purpose is vague.

I. The distance they traveled.

A From "the east", supposedly Arabia.

B. They were not the adventurous type of men, what led them on this venture.

C. We ought to act on God-given impressions, revelations, inspirations. Don't count the cost as the sacrifice. Distance is not measured when blessings are anticipated.

II The Christ they sought.

A "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" They were prompted by the spirit.

B They made inquiries.

C. They were informed by the church leaders but none went with them.

III The Star the Followed.

A. It meant nothing to thousands, but to the wise men it spoke volumes.

B. They moved on "inward" inspiration and "outward" revelation.

C. It is just as easy to make a star move as it was to make the sun stop.

IV The Effort They put forth was Crowned.

A. Their trip was not in vain. Jesus was more than usual.

B. One glimpse of Jesus would make any sacrifice or suffering seem trivial.

C. Their experience and venture startled the world.

D. Few today would venture out on God's promises.

E. Their lives were changed as a result they went to their own country to tell about it.

The message of the Son.

Hebrews 1

M.T. 72 74
Song 303

TEXT V 2 Hath spoken unto
us by His Son.

Intra. In many ways God
spoke in times past.

By a voice as to Adam on
Eve. In mighty ^{in dreams} miracles ^{visions} ^{pages}
crossing the Red sea.
Feeding millions with
food from heaven.

But now in these last
days By His Son Jesus.

1. Heir of all things
made worlds.

2. The brightness of His
glory the express image
of His person.

III 13 By Himself purged
ourselves.

He said that sinneth it murder.

1. God spoke to us of
love through Jesus. God
so loved that he gave
Jesus so loved that he
gave Himself. That
we should not perish.

How was His love manifested.
~~Made Himself for reputation~~

1. No respect of persons.
rich and poor were alike
to Him. His disciples.

Scribes, Pharisees, Doctors.
Jew of Gentile

"Him that cometh to
me I will in no wise
cast out!"

"Come unto me all ye that
labor and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest."

If He had compassion.

To the multitude

Healing of the Sick ^{Blind}
~~Bortus~~

He was not willing that
any should perish.

Rev.

The Spirit and the bride
saith come.

Whosoever will let him
come and take of the
water of life freely.

11 Tim 3:12

All that love Godly shall
suffer persecution!!