

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

Do You Want to See God

Part One

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Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Pure: free from every mixture of what is false. To be sincerely genuine Chew on that for a moment:

- **The pure in heart will see God because they know what they are looking for**
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- **We are living in perilous times**
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- **Jesus warned us before His return there would be great deception**
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- **Lo, He is here, Lo, He is there**
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- **Multitudes looking for God but not knowing what to look for**
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- **All their lives they have heard of God but have never seen Him**
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- **All the times of going to church and hearing about God from pastors who never saw Him**
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- **Or who attend churches that once moved in the glory and power of God but no longer seek Him**
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- **They exchanged the glory and power of His presence with comfortable religious tradition...**
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- **Countless churches that no longer yearn for the presence of God that used to fill their services**

Psalm 24:3 AMP - Who may ascend onto the mountain of the LORD? And who may stand in His holy place? **4** He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to what is false, ...

- **Ascending to the mountain of the Lord is referring to Mount Sinai where God appeared on the mount in smoke and thunder before Moses and all Israel.**

Exodus 24:9 Then Moses went up with Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, **10** and they saw the God of Israel; and under His feet there appeared to be a pavement of sapphire, as clear as the sky itself. **11** Yet He did not stretch out His hand against the nobles of the sons of Israel; **and they saw God**, and they ate and drank. **12** Now the LORD said to Moses, **"Come up to Me on the mountain and remain there,..."**

- **I believe the Lord is saying this to everyone of His leaders, everyone of His shepherds**
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- **Moses spent 40 days in the presence of the Lord receiving all kinds of revelations and instructions on the Tabernacle, the Ark , and the priestly services**

Exodus 32:1 Now when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people assembled about Aaron and said to him, "Come, make us a god who will go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up from the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."

Exodus 32:4 He (*Aaron*) took [this (*the gold*)] from their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool and made it into a molten calf; and they said, "This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt."

- **The people did this because they didn't see God**
- **Only Moses and the elders saw God**
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- **You see, the Old testament church told Moses to go up to the mountain and speak with God while they stayed behind, and then relay to them what God had spoken.**
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- **They passed the responsibility of seeking God for themselves on to another to do it for them**
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- **Does that sound familiar?**
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- **And, Since they never saw God, they created a god out of their own imagination...**
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- **they said, "This is your god, O Israel, who brought you up from the land of Egypt."**

Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, *for they shall see God.*"

- **I am all for stretching out my hand to pick up a fellow pastor, or anyone else for that matter if they were to fall**
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- **I am all for showing mercy, and hope others would do the same for me**
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- **Paul's instructions, and the requirements, which he addressed to Timothy for raising up leaders in the church was all about character.**
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- **The power was supposed to be a given.**
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- **Believers need to see God in and through their leaders in both power and in character.**
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- **In other words, when the saints gather as the church, they should see the Father.**
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- **Jesus, the Good Shepherd, said to Philip, "*do you not know that he who seen Me has seen the Father?*"**
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- **As leaders the believers should see God in what we preach, what we teach, and in how we live. Both in and out of the pulpit**
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- I am not talking about being perfect, no one is. But we should all strive for perfection and stand for excellence.
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- **When we gather we should all see God in His power and in His Character in one another**
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- And if we would all be honest there is a lot of room for improvement in this
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- In our leaders and in the congregation of believers
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- Listen: Titles are not a replacement for character
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- And lack of title is not an excuse for being powerless

James 1:5 TPT And if anyone longs to be wise, ask God for wisdom and he will give it! He won't see your lack of wisdom as an opportunity to scold you over your failures but he will overwhelm your failures with his generous grace.

We have in the church an interesting paradox:

- On one hand we have church leaders excelling in the power of the Holy Ghost, yet lacking in character
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- While on the other hand we have others who lack the power of the Holy Ghost yet excel in character
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- How awesome it would be to have the Lord our God represented by men and women of God who excel in the power of the Holy Ghost, the character of the Father, and the service and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus.
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- How awesome it would be if the congregation of believers would do the same

We need to welcome the Holy Spirit into our services and into our lives:

John 16:7 "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. **8** "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;

- Only the Holy Spirit can convict the sinner and turn their hearts to God
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- When our services are filled with the Holy Spirit then the people will see God
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- Without the Holy Spirit church is lifeless and tradition takes the place of experience
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- Formality takes the place of intimacy, and the fire is quenched by the hose of man's good ideas

All the while darkness is trying to expand its reach all over the world in preparation for the antichrist:

2 Thessalonians 2:7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only he who now restrains [will do so] until he is taken out of the way.

- This is the power and influence of the remnant believer
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- **God has always had a remnant!**
- **Canada has just outlawed the Bible as hate speech**
- **England arrests people for preaching the Bible, but not the Quran**
- **UFO's are manifesting all over the world**
- **Earthquakes and volcanic eruptions are on the increase**
- **The loud blast of trumpets coming from the sky are being heard all over the world**
- **Multitudes are being set up for deception, the likes of which the church has never faced before**
- **Multitudes of Christians who have never seen God will fall for a god of their own making**

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- **We need to ascend onto the mountain of the Lord so that we may see God!**
- **We need to ascend to the mountain of the Lord so that we do not make a god from our own image**

Listen to this prophetic warning from the Apostle Paul:

Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, **19** because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them.

Romans 1:20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.

Romans 1:21 For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Romans 1:22 Professing to be wise, they became fools, **23** and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man...

History repeating itself

Romans 1:24 Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, so that their bodies would be dishonored among them. **25** For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie,...

Romans 1:26 For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, **27** and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman and burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error.

- **It is because of this exact prophecy made 2000 years ago that Canada has outlawed the Bible**
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- It is for this reason that forces of darkness, through the complacency of the church, and through the influence of evil politicians are trying to do the same thing here in America
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- Do you still think the greatest need in the church is prosperity?

While so many are busy building their castles and preaching that money is the answer for all things

But, *"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."*

2 Chronicles 16:9 "For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His...."

Psalms 63:1... O God, You are my God; I shall seek You earnestly; My soul thirsts for You, my flesh yearns for You, In a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Psalms 63:2 KJV - 2 To see thy power and thy glory, so [as] I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

- There are multitudes today who remember what it was to see God's power in operation when they would assemble together with the saints in service
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- Multitudes who long for to see that again
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- There are also multitudes of believers who have never seen God's power become manifest
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- Worse, they don't even long to see it, they have no appetite or craving for that which they have never seen
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- And far worse than that, there are those who once operated in, and experienced the power of God in their lives, and in their services, who no longer desire that anymore