

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 Three

What Do You See When You Look At God

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

Jeremiah 9:23-24 Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches;

Jeremiah 9:24 **but let him who boasts** boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD.

Exercises – means to execute and perform

God is continually exercising these three actions on earth:

Lovingkindness, Justice, Righteousness; and exactly in that order

Issaac Newtons third Law of motion states that every action produces a reaction

- **Each of these three actions of God both produce and demand a reaction from man**

The first thing anyone will see when looking at God is His Lovingkindness:

Romans 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 2:4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?

- **So, the way one reacts to Gods action of Lovingkindness will determine whether they see His Justice or His Justification**

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Romans 5:16 The gift is not like [that which came] through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment [arose] from one [transgression] resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift [arose] from many transgressions resulting in justification.

- **God's justice demands that sin must be punished and the sinner be condemned**
- **But His lovingkindness made a way for justice to be changed into Justification for the one who responds rightly to His Lovingkindness**

However, once one is justified, they must not allow themselves to see God as one dimensional:

- **This is the issue with many who do not rightly divide the word of truth and who lean too heavily on the side of grace**
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 - **They see God as if they were seeing Him one dimensionally as through a mirror rather than face to face**
 - **That is, they only see one dimension of God, His lovingkindness, and as a result they forget that He is still a God of Justice**
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 - **And they fail to understand that God is still exercising His justice here on earth.**
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 - **Justification does not do away with Gods Justice**
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 - **It only justifies the one who otherwise would have been condemned by it**
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After one has been justified by faith in Jesus they now come face to face with His righteousness:

2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

- **It is not and never was about our righteousness, we do not on our own apart from Christ have any**

That is why God prophesies through Jeremiah and says,

Jeremiah 9:23-24 Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches;

2 Corinthians 4:5 For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake.

- **Righteousness is living in a harmonious relationship with almighty God**
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- **If God is moving this way you are ,moving this way**
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- **If God is moving that way, you are moving that way.**

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- **Whatever way God is moving at this moment if you are righteous, you are moving that way too**
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- **That is why it is so important to never put God in a box**

Amos 5:23-24 "Take away from Me the noise of your songs; I will not even listen to the sound of your harps. **24** ***"But let justice roll down like waters And righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."***

- **Jesus made it abundantly clear, He is coming back for those who are looking for Him**

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- **When we respond by faith to the lovingkindness of God we are now justified and brought face to face with His righteousness**
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- **That is not only is His righteousness imputed unto us**
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- **We are by both our surrender to, and dependence upon the Holy Spirit working within us**
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- **To be conformed to His righteousness and become more and more like Jesus**

2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

Listen to this:

2 Corinthians 3:13 and [we are] not like Moses, [who] used to put a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel would not look intently at the end of what was fading away. **Expound**

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. **Expound**

1 Corinthians 13:12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face;... **Expound**