

ACQUAINTANCE WITH GOD.

Job. 22:21

I. What it means to get aeq. with God.

- A. Not mere personal knowledge
- B. Intimate, familiarity between friends.
- C. Ps. 55:13; ~~10:14~~
- C. Lost thru sin in Garden of Eden

II. How to Get Aeq. with God.

- A. Enlightenment by H.S.
- B. Faith in sacrifice of X^t.
- C. Believing Prayer
- D. Study of God's Word
- E. Worship in His house
- F. Fellowship with other X^{ts}.

III. When to get aeq. with God.

- A. "NOW" is the best time
- B. "TODAY" if ye will hear His voice
- C. The present is the only time you are certain of.
- D. Hosea 10:12, "It is time to seek the Lord"

IV. Results of Acq. with God.

A. Peace -

1. God is the God of peace
2. Peace follows an experience of grace.

B. Good

1. Temporal good
2. Providential goodness
3. Spiritual good.
4. the gifts & graces of H.S.
5. Divine support in every trial
6. Heavenly good
7. Eternal good.

Conclusion: The peril of not being acq. with God:
Mt. 25:12, "Verily I say unto you,
I KNOW YOU NOT."

II. What are the Desires of the Spirit?
(Known by the fruit ("Harvest" - Moffatt)
of the Spirit, vs. 22-23)

1. Love
2. Joy
3. Peace
4. Patience (Long-suffering)
5. Kindness (gentleness)
6. Goodness, generosity
7. Faithfulness
8. Gentleness (meekness)
9. Self-control (temperance).

III. The Warfare Between These Two Forces.
They are contrary one to the other,
are lined up in conflict,
face to face,
in a spiritual duel

1. The Nature of this warfare
2. The Bondage of this warfare
"so that you cannot do
anything you please." v. 17

IV. The way of Victory.

1. Crucify the Flesh. v. 24

A. A completed action,
a definite event

B. A Transforming experience of
regeneration.

C. "Together with its passions & desires"
(emphasizing the completeness of the
extermination of this evil force,
and the guarantee of victory over
our evil passions & dispositions
toward evil).

2. Walk or live in the Spirit

A. a continuous, progressive
manner of life.

B. By the help & guidance
of the Spirit.

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