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Seek You First

by George Slover

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33)

The original idea for “Moment With The Master” started when I was in college. A Bible verse was printed daily in the Houston Chronicle. Each day I would cut out the verse and paste them in a small spiral notebook. Below each verse I would write my thoughts for the day. After I filled the book I gave it to Nancy as a gift. A section of scripture that was constantly on my heart were the verses that precede the above quotation.

These verses express God’s providential care. These comforting words tell us not to worry for God will provide. “Now if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, Oh you of little faith?” (Vs. 30) Here is a call to faith – to believe and acknowledge God’s providence.

Having raised a family, which started in December of 1976, Nancy and I can truly say we have experienced the blessings God has offered. I can remember when the bank account was low and times when we “shuffled the bills”. But, it seems at just the right time a brother would hand me a \$20.00 or that unexpected check would arrive. He helped us, after the death of Nancy’s

father, to move Nancy’s mother from California to Texas. I’m sure God had a hand in those sisters who delivered hot rolls to our doorstep just in time for lunch when we lived in Tucumcari, New Mexico. We have been graced with so many wonderful, godly lives, both young and old, since we began our work in San Marcos in 1989. God has blessed us with two wonderful children and gave them four godly grandparents. God has been so good!

In younger days I looked at the above passage in a selfish manner focusing more on the God gives, God blesses, God cares. But, as I grow older I am more impressed with my responsibilities here. God calls upon me to put him first. I owe him so much and will never be able to repay the debt. He has abundantly provided the lesser “things” that I might pursue the greater joys of having him as my spiritual ruler and knowing that I am in a right relationship with him.

Knowledge, Confidence & A Prohibition

by Warren Berkley

(1 John 5:13-20) I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life. 14 And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask

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When you visit our assemblies, you will be received friendly, kindly and courteously. We believe this to be the natural attitude of those who truly love God and mankind. Though you may at first be among strangers, we hope that you will come to know us well and count us as your friends.

We offer Bible studies as well as correspondence courses for those interested in learning more about what God expects of us.

Important Dates

No dates to announce at this time.

If you know of upcoming events, please inform Darrell so they can be included here.

anything according to his will he hears us. 15 And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

16 If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that. 17 All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.

18 We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him.

19 We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

20 And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

Since full faith in Christ had been challenged by deceivers, John uses considerable ink to instill confidence in his readers. Here is that phrase, “that you may know that you have eternal life.” Note the previous paragraph is loaded with “testimony,” which links directly to their knowledge and confidence they were able to have toward God.

Part of this confidence is, “He hears us.” However we are warned not to ask God to forgive the impenitent (those who keep on sinning). We can and should pray for the penitent (those who commit sins not leading to death).

God’s people do “not keep on sinning.” If we sin, John has already instructed us how to react (1 Jno. 1:7-2:2). The confidence theme continues: “..we know that the Son of God has come

and has given us understanding.” One understanding we have is to “keep ourselves from idols.”

Prayer Requests

Jack Wilson had recent surgery for his back pain.

Doug Adair is struggling with back pain and is seeking a second opinion before deciding on treatment.

Jerry Richardson is still undergoing cancer treatments.

Nancy Richardson is doing better but still dealing with breathing problems.

Sue Stanberry is moving into assisted living.

Karen Hallmark has improved but is still struggling with her health and her eyes.

Morgan O’Hair is waiting to see another doctor to treat an infection.

Dinah Williams continues to be homebound due to mobility issues.

Bobbie Gibbons continues to be limited by balance and breathing issues. She could use encouragement.

Tyler Hairston has cancer.

Don and Alene Simmons are both suffering from pain and mobility limitations. Don had surgery recently.

Dorthy Steadman is continuing to recover from her recent stroke. She is staying with Pam.

Faye Estes has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Please arrange visits through Elaine.

If you know of someone that needs to be on this list, please tell Darrell (email preferred) and provide updates so names stay on the list as long as needed.

“praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,”
(Ephesians 6:18 ESV)

The Oaks West church of Christ is a group of individual Christians who have been added to the Lord’s body through baptism (Acts 2:38, 47; Gal 3:26, 27), and have joined themselves together (Acts 2:42ff) in an effort to do the Lord’s will.

We are not a part of any larger organization - we do not follow any man-made creeds and we do not answer to anyone other than the Lord.

Our standard of faith and practice is the Word of God. We believe in the God of revelation (Eph 3:1-7; 2 Tim 3:16-17) and follow his instructions in an effort to have an ongoing relationship with him (1 John 4:7-11; 5:3).

Our times of study and worship are open to all, and our members are happy to meet with interested individuals or families for study.

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