

Let God Navigate Your Life



The Bible states that since the success of Jesus' sacrifice all of mankind has introduction not only to God's Spirit but His private thoughts as well. It likewise says that when we take the time to listen to and follow His directions we can converse with Him in our renewed spirits as Jesus of Nazareth did. In the same manner, the more we have opportunities to hear and accept God's Word the more responsible we become for our reactions to this information. (*James 3:1*)

"Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but My Father Who is in Heaven. And, I also say to you that ... on this rock I will build My Church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 7-18)

"To you has been given to know the mystery of the Kingdom of God...." (Luke 4:11)

"I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion...." (Romans 11:25)

God always will advise us if we ask Him and when we follow His dictates precisely ultimately we will be successful. (*John 21:6*) Nevertheless, our speed to reach any goal always will depend on our individual efforts (*Galatians 6:7-9*), as well as how precarious the situation is in which we find ourselves. Our thoughts, words, and actions are like a train on a track that when we deviate from it, although just a bit it becomes derailed, so to speak. The worse the derailling, the more effort it will take for God to fix. (*Joshua 1:7*)

We are born "again" the instant our hearts believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the Christ and accept Him as our Savior. He will become the Lord of our lives as soon as we receive Him as such. However, this spiritual transfer does not take place in a vacuum. We all have histories that have to be dealt with and sorted out also. (*II Samuel 11:2-17 and 12:7-15*) God still holds us answerable for whatever we need to rectify from our pasts. Being forgiven does not mean that we become irresponsible. In fact, He expects quite the opposite.

The Bible declares to all human beings who are capable of understanding and heeding God's Gospel that there is no excuse for turning away from Him once we hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (*John 15:22 and Romans 1:20-2:11*) Additionally, the more

we hear it, the more He holds us responsible for what we ourselves ever have permitted to transpire in our lives. If we had been consistent in obeying His voice we would not have put ourselves in a place where something regretful was going to happen. We have to become even more accountable for ourselves than ever before. Nevertheless, God always can and will start over from where we are from the moment we repent and run back to Him. He may not have much faith in us to work with at the beginning; however, He will keep trying to keep us within His protection. We are wrong whenever we blame Him for our own previous ignorance or its consequences. (*James 1:13-16*)

Think of it like this. You are the driver of a car traveling from one part of the country to another with God as the navigator. You can get to your destination directly or choose to detour to see something totally unrelated to your journey. Every deviation alters the route you will need to take in order to reach your initial goal. Whatever happens to you during the detours will not line up exactly with your navigator's original course. He will have to change His itinerary every time you choose to turn, all the while adjusting to whatever takes place along route. He will have to compensate for every one of your impetuous decisions. As the person in control of the vehicle the power is yours as to what road you choose to follow. What do you do? Keep following your impulses and maybe get lost forever, or listen to the person who has the "map" and is able to see more than your immediate surroundings?

Human beings use only a small fraction of our brain capacity. Without utilizing God's resources, our limited minds cannot fathom the complete extent of our, and certainly not His, potential. God wants us to be mindful of the scope of our limitations and realize that we must come to Him so that we can accomplish more every day. He desires that we learn about, as well as imitate our role model, Jesus of Nazareth--the Christ--God's Firstborn Child.

"Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith (and) that you, being rooted and grounded in love may be able to comprehend with all believers what is the width and length and depth and height--to know the love of Christ which surpasses (human) knowledge that you be filled with all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:17-19)

Our hearts can be filled with Christ's love--the capability to treat all other people precisely as He loved us--only by the aid of the Holy Spirit. As we peel away the pain of past wrongs that have happened to us, we also will learn to forgive totally. Only then will we be able to access the unlimited boundaries of His knowledge, as well as the wisdom to employ it.

"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever--that we may do all the words of the Law." (Deuteronomy 29:29)

There is a saying; "I'll believe it when I see it." Normally we are moved into action more by what we are able to view than by what we hope will happen. However, God's approach is the opposite: He believes in what He wants to create before He sees it. Then, He maintains His faith that what He hopes happen will indeed come to pass. It will unless we somehow choke it for ourselves. Jesus taught about this phenomenon in the Parable of the Sower, which He called the most important one, because not comprehending it meant that His audience could not truly ever understand the others.

"Now he who received the Seed among thorns is he who hears the word and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires of other things entering in choke the word and it becomes unfruitful." (Matthew 13:22 & Mark 4:19)

Every single time that God or Jesus did anything mentioned in the Scriptures They sustained their faith that in the "fullness of time" it would indeed come to pass. If we truly want to learn how the Trinity thinks and feels, understanding this idea gives us vital access as to how They always produced what They wished. This is one of the mysteries of the Kingdom of God, one of the secrets that They really want us to discover.

"Therefore, do not be unwise but understand what the will of the Lord is." (Ephesians 5:17)

"Brethren, do not be children in understanding;... in understanding be mature." (I Corinthians 14:20)

Jesus instructed that initially we must approach God as small children do to their earthly parents: trusting, innocent, and knowing that the more mature person will protect and take care of them as they learn, grow, and develop. A child is supposed to be accepted, loved, guided, and disciplined while he/she learns how to do more of his/her own care day by day. This does not happen overnight; rather, it is a slow physical, mental, and emotional process. Nevertheless, even when said child has grown into adulthood the parents should play an active part, although not in the same manner as when the child was less mature. By then they should have become more supportive than nurturing. But they still should remain inclined to give love, guidance, and help when needed. Our human parents are nearby while we are infants and they have to do absolutely everything physical for us in order to sustain our lives. Although this takes a lot of their time and energy, they should watch out for whatever we may require. As we grow, they should be expecting that the responsibility for our personal management increasingly shifts to us, until one day we finally move out of their home and learn to maintain an independent household.

God is a parent, too--our Father, although a Spiritual Heavenly One. He expects increasing accountability from us every day and expects us to learn and follow more and more of His Word. In the meantime, He is ever present to guide our course and cushion any falls. God always encourages our endeavors, but little by little He refuses to keep doing things for us. He behaves exactly like parents who eliminates helping their own children eat or brush their teeth at a certain time in their lives. Why? To continue doing these actions not only will retard maturity but after a while may cause regression. Thus, the Bible teaches that it is our individual responsibility to practice God's Word, not His to just zap it into for us.

"Hear, my children, the instruction of a Father, and give attention to know understanding.... Do not forsake my law. Let your heart retain my words. Keep My commandments and live. Get wisdom. Get understanding. Do not forget nor turn away from the words of my mouth. Do not forsake her and she will preserve you. Love her and she will keep you. Wisdom is the principle thing; therefore get wisdom.... Get understanding. Exalt her and she will promote you. Hear, my son, and receive My sayings and the years of your life will be many."

Take firm hold of instruction, and do not let go, for she is your life. Do not enter the path of the wicked.... Do not walk in the way of evil. Avoid it. Do not travel on it. Turn away from it and pass on.... Give attention to My words. Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes. Keep them in the midst of your heart; for, they are life to those who find them and health to all their flesh.... Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life. Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you. Let your eyes look straight ahead.... Ponder the path of your feet. Let your ways be established. Do not turn to the right or to the left. Remove your foot from evil." (Proverbs 4:1-27, commands only)

During the time of the Old Covenant, which was based solely on the Law, God and His Scriptures were almost a complete enigma to the vast majority of people. Only certain specified religious leaders had free access to study them. Before Jesus of Nazareth was born, the early believers' concept of God was that He was unapproachable, except in very special and specific instances and by only a limited number of individuals. Also, they were merely able to grasp certain aspects of His nature as a situation dictated.

We can appreciate this by studying about how only Moses received God's basic Ten Commandments then gave these rules to the rest of the people. Only one person out of several million was instructed to speak with God privately. That man consequently delivered God's message to all of the others; none of the rest of them was privy to the actual communications as it took place. Despite this, they were expected to believe and follow God's Word.

"Your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.... We speak the wisdom of God in a mystery--the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory.... But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit for the Spirit searches all things, yes, even the deep things of God. No one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.... The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God for they are foolishness to him, nor can he know them because they are spiritually discerned.... but, (after Jesus) we have the mind of Christ." (I Corinthians 2:5b-16)

However, God has declared that He has no favorite people to whom He ever has given special faith, privileges, or power. Nor does He ever lie. The Bible states repeatedly that after Jesus' resurrection, God now can and will reveal Himself and help every single person who yearns to know Him. This can be accomplished by hearing from His Scriptures about what He has demonstrated about Himself throughout many centuries. All we have to do is make a move towards a relationship and believe that what He has promised to us in His Bible really is the absolute truth about our lives.

"If any of you lacks wisdom let him ask of God, Who gives liberally and without reproach but let him ask in faith with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For, let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord. He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." (James 1:5-8)

"Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.... Purify your hearts, you

double-minded." (James 4:8a)

The old Covenants were God to people based. Therefore, their foundations had only one side that was perfect and able to sustain its statutes absolutely. However, the New Covenant is God (Father) to God (Son) rooted and ratified by Jesus' Own blood offering. This agreement cannot be broken, nor modified, and will last forever. Since the Holy Spirit now literally resides within us who have accepted Jesus as our Savior, we no longer have to be near His physical presence in order to have a relationship with the Trinity. Furthermore, the depth of intimacy of that fellowship between us is under our control, not Theirs. Once Jesus fulfilled His part of the contract between His Father and Himself none of our sincere overtures to reach Them can be rejected. Under the terms of Their agreement They are not permitted even to consider doing so, no matter what heinous acts we might ever have committed. They are bound by a sworn blood oath that encompass all of humanity.

"The Helper--the Holy Spirit--Whom the Father will send in My Name, He will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you." (John 14:9)

The Word states that not only does all of humanity recognize the existence and majesty of God in their subconscious, so does His entire creation. After being crucified and resurrected from Satan's domain, Jesus successfully recaptured the authority over everyone and everything away from God's enemy; so, now we and it can become the way God originally intended. When we agree and comply with His wisdom in place of anyone else's information, a change starts in our revived spirits. With faith and obedience His word will also begin to renew our minds and bodies. However, as mentioned previously, God determined that mankind still has the right to disobey His will even after all that His Son Jesus went through. Whenever we do not decide to seek God's desires and obey them, we ourselves start chain reactions that disrupt our own and others' lives as well as the environment, often reeking havoc.

God the Father, through Jesus of Nazareth, once again has given the earth to mankind to be our responsibility. Yet, after Jesus' resurrection God did so with more accountability on our part for whatever happened to it, and us. Although God refuses not to force anyone to comply with His wishes for ourselves and this planet, He does keep track of what we are doing. He is not an absentee landlord. Although we cannot see Him with our physical eyes He can see us, and everything that we ever do.

"Known to God from eternity are all His works." (Acts 15:18)

"The eyes of the Lord are in every place, keeping watch over the good and the evil." (Proverbs 15:3)

"And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to Whom we must give account." (Proverbs 15:3)

Notice the vast knowledge in the following simple verse and the revealing clue concerning God's abilities.

"The very hairs of your head are numbered." (Matthew 10:30b)

The number of hairs that every person has on his/her head changes frequently. Even just styling it causes some to break or come out. To claim that anyone, even God, is able to keep constant track of the number is staggering, particularly if the implications toward the potential of the rest of His knowledge towards humanity and the universe also are considered. Unless they are totally bald, how many people know or even could count the exact number of hairs they have on their own heads, let alone another person's? And, when we comb or brush our hair do we always subtract those that fall out periodically, so as to maintain a running total? Likewise, we have no idea when one simply breaks or falls out, changing the sum. Yet, apparently God always does.

We can exist without hair and might consider this information to be rather trivial to our lives. Nevertheless, the Scriptures assert that God even knows this single tiny piece of insignificant information, every second, for every person, alive or dead. If He indeed is able to keep track of this seemingly useless data, what else must He know? Everything maybe? If you want to have some fun, try this: pick any tangible object and broaden your viewpoint so that you can imagine being able to view more of them, as if you were flying. You can see much, much more the higher you go because your vision keeps expanding. You will even notice things that you had no idea existed. (But God did.)