God is Waiting for Us!

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We always do the most for those we love the most! It is just natural to always be favorable toward them and doing good things for them. We are always waiting and ready to do things for those we love—from a minor chore to a major project for them. Whatever we can do or however we can help to make that person happy—we are just waiting for the opportunity to do it. This is human love—which, at best, is selfish and self-centered—although we may not often admit that.

Now we consider what *God* would do for *us*—with the perfect, flawless, and divine love He has for us. Never has there been such love shown to humans as when God sent His Son Jesus to die on the cross in our place to pay the cost of our debt of sins.

He was willing to give His life when we were still sinning and still enemies of God. Love that would die for someone like that—a life of no value of itself, is most certainly a perfect, flawless, and divine love—far different from human love.

We can only imagine what that love would do for us when we ask for it in faith and welcome His love in confidence! Ephesians 3:20 "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."

God expresses this divine love toward us—not because of any *merit* within us; not because of any good *deed* we have done; not because of any honorable act we could *plan* to do, but He expresses His *love* to us on the value of the Blood that was *shed* for us. It was an amazing expression of His divine love—not *sparing* His own Son—but *giving* of His Son for the world.

It is the very reason we have this option: Hebrews 10:19 "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh." God is waiting for us—so 22 "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith." He is simply waiting for us to take advantage of that new and always available access to Him. We ask Him because He is waiting to give things to those He loves.

Hebrews 4:15 "For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin." He knows exactly what we are going through; He knows all about the problem we face—that enables Him to empathize with us—[empathize is to sympathize along with understanding].

This mercy, grace, and kindness toward us has been paid for with the Blood of Jesus—all of God's blessings are Free! We may experience one battle after another with the devil—and he takes advantage of that—suggesting we are up against an impassible barrier—there's no way out. If this situation is encountered, God is the One who can show the cause, and how we can have the mercy and grace He is waiting to give us.

We should approach God's throne of grace in confidence—not hesitance—because the Blood has *provided* access—that perfect sacrifice has

paid the cost for that right of entry. There is nothing we could need that God is not already waiting to provide. And this has nothing to do with how weak we are; how much or little we know—God is waiting to provide the solution; the supply; the healing; the peace; or the deliverance we have asked of Him—the Blood of His Son is the path to victory.

It fulfills 1 Peter 1:3 "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

When Jesus said "It is finished!" John 19:30, every barrier between God and man was removed—the wall between us and God is gone for good! Hebrews 10:20 "Which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh."

Hebrews 10:21 "And having an high priest over the house of God; 22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." That is our invitation— God is waiting for our response.

This *true* heart does not mean we must have a *pure* heart before we can pray, but it is the place where we *get* a pure heart. "In full assurance of faith"—is being *sure* that we will be received and *confident* that we will be given a favorable reply.

If going to the store with *ten* dollars, we are confident that we can purchase any item of *five* dollars or below. There should be no question about our not receiving the things we need when we go to God in prayer. The price has been paid by the value of the Blood, so the answer must be given.

We approach God with a sincere heart and knowing we will be successful because Hebrews 10:23

"He is faithful that promised." We "Hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering." It is the same attitude we have with ten dollars and going to buy something for five dollars. God is compelled to answer, supply, heal, and deliver. God is obligated to do that because He loves us like that.

Totally depending on *God* is required—because Satan will try to have us depend on something *other* than God. The devil offers many plans to get us away from trusting God. [Example] Naaman, the Syrian, was suffering with leprosy—a serious skin disease. The Hebrew maid said to her mistress ² Kings ^{5:3} "Would God my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! for he would recover him of his leprosy."

This message was given to Naaman, but instead of going to the *prophet*, he was sent to the *king* in Samaria. He was to go to the *prophet*, but the devil changed the message with one word—he inserted *king* for *prophet*. That is how the devil works—changing one thing—having us depend on another person instead of God. Satan tries to block our deliverance by changing one *thing*; one *word*; or one *source* of deliverance.

Elisha sent the king a message in twenty words. ² Kings ^{5:10} "Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean." This plan, however, was not according to Naaman's plan, so he became angry. He thought the prophet would visit him in person and perform the healing—Naaman didn't want just words.

2 Kings 5:11 "Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage."

Satan again tried to change Elisha's message by substituting the words, *Abana and Pharpar*, for the word *Jordan*. If Naaman would just accept the *Word* of God, he would healed *by* God—and be fully delivered from the disease.

God was patient with Naaman—like God is with us—He wanted to get him back to where he would accept His plan; and to where he could trust Him alone. God was waiting for Naaman and had his servants to say—2 Kings 5:13 "My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?"

Naaman was not asked to do something that could be harmful; he was only asked to obey the Word *of* God, so he could receive healing *from* God. Naaman had everything to gain and nothing to lose. The Holy Spirit enabled the words of the servants to bring spiritual conviction to Naaman's heart—so he acted on the Word of God.

2 Kings 5:14 "Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean." When Naaman rejected every human plan, and accepted God's divine plan, he did not even have to ask for healing—he just received it.

The plan was to obey the Word which was to wash seven times in the Jordan River. He had not asked for spirituality, nor for the healing of his body; he just obeyed the *Word* and became a new person spiritually as well as physically. The healing was free, because Jesus was "Slain from the—foundation of the world" Revelation 13:8.

² Kings 5:15 "And [Naaman] returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him: and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel." A God who loves us and definitely wants to help us!

When we get to the place where our *eyes*; our *faith*; and our *trust* are on God alone, we will not even have to pray before the deliverance flows in. The Blood of Jesus has reconciled us to God—He is completely favorable toward us—always *has* been and always *will* be.

Whenever we ask for anything—His hand is extended to deliver us. He is at our side in the Person of His Holy Spirit to use that power on our behalf. The Blood has placed *Yes* to every promise God has made to us.

When we know that God is *obligated* and waiting to do anything we have asked of Him, we will receive what God has promised—2 Corinthians 1:20 "For as many as are promises of God, in him are the Yes, and in him the Amen, for glory to God through us."

Now we have this invitation Hebrews 10:19 "Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20 By a new and living way."

This new way is never closed, no matter how often we have failed to get in; no matter how many mistakes we have made; no matter how the devil has tried to discourage.

The way to God's throne of mercy is always open—it can never be closed. God is waiting for us—to believe and respond!

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