

Object Of God's Teaching

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The object of God teaching us is that we learn spiritual lessons from Him—it is the most important information and lesson we will ever receive. God wants to teach us spiritual lessons—that is His responsibility, but we must be willing to learn them—that is our responsibility. Everyone has to learn what divine power will do for them when a trusting faith is placed on God.

The Christian life begins with a willingness on our part to believe that God will do what He promises when we trust Him in faith to do it. Everyone begins life with a sinful nature that does not want to trust God for anything, so it can take considerable training and numerous lessons to change our old attitude to a new one that will trust God for everything.

The situation is the same today as it was then. Adam disobeyed God and listened to Satan because he thought he could obtain what he wanted by himself.

The world today strives for things, and struggles to find happiness, contentment, or financial freedom or independence—but seeking these things apart from trusting God in faith.

Every plan the world depends on—like medical insurance, auto insurance, and insurance for many other reasons, health care plans, retirement funds, social security checks, real estate investments, state lotteries, and other such plans are human things to trust—in the hope of finding financial security or financial independence—but at the high spiritual cost of omitting trust on God—something that cannot be omitted.

We have to know what God has promised in His word, so we can claim those promises on the merit of the Blood that He shed for us.

The believer should not go into debt for anything, because the world is in debt for everything. God's plan is to rent a house, as the apostle Paul rented a room to teach the true gospel of Christ. Renting things such as a house to live in and a vehicle to drive keeps us in a position of trusting God in faith for the money to pay the rental costs and in a position of trusting God to bless us with nice suitable homes and vehicles--they are issues of major importance.

All insurance is based on unscriptural money—large sums are kept in reserve to eliminate trust on God—Who alone is to be our Insurer, Supplier, Protector, Healer, Counsellor, Guide and Teacher. The world does not believe that Truth and will not accept that doctrine. The root of all sin is eliminating trust on God. The apostle says Ephesians 4:22 YLT *"ye are to put off concerning the former behavior the old man, that is corrupt according to the desires of the deceit."*

Every need, every insult, and any type of discrimination are to be placed in God's hands in prayer and in faith—and left there. Psalm 103:6 NLT *"The Lord gives righteousness and justice to all who are treated unfairly [oppressed AV]."* God will take care of any injustice—but letting Him do that is our decision. The world wants to get back, but the believer turns back to God in faith and trust.

Psalm 146:8 AV *"The Lord openeth the eyes of the blind"*—which means spiritually and physically. We are to ask God for spiritual wisdom and to restore or improve our eyesight. We should not use eyeglasses, contacts, or have laser surgery to improve our vision. God gave us sight in the first place, so Satan has no right to take that from us.

If we are oppressed, depressed, or discouraged we should be encouraged that *"the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down"*—it is an opportunity

for us to trust Him in faith. Freedom from depression and what the world calls "anxiety" is a choice on our part to trust God in faith. *"The Lord loves the righteous,"* but we are righteous only by a trusting faith on the shed Blood of Christ.

A believer is not to borrow money for any reason, but to trust God in faith to supply all needs—being content in the meantime with what He has already given us. We are not to avenge ourselves concerning any wrong or injustice, but to get out of the way and let the Lord work. Romans 12:19 *"Do not take revenge, my friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: 'It is mine to avenge; I will repay,' says the Lord"* Deuteronomy 32:35.

Meeting wrongs in a scriptural way, by trusting God in faith, is producing spiritual fruit—something our life must produce. When lessons of trust on God are learned, it will not matter how we are treated, who insulted us, or what wrong was done to us—we just keep trusting God in faith and letting Him correct all wrongs. It is the Spirit of God Who enables us to meet things according to the Word of God.

Injustices are encountered to test our faith in God—we may be misquoted, misrepresented, misunderstood, wrongly blamed, or we may have had someone betray our trust---some personal information shared that we did not want shared with anyone. Whatever took place, and whoever was involved, God says we are to place the matter into His hands and not complain to anyone. It is a spiritual lesson on trust.

Jesus said self must die before fruit can grow—Jesus said John 12:24 WEY *"Unless the grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains what it was—a single grain; but that if it dies, it yields a rich harvest."* Praying instead of complaining produces spiritual fruit—resulting in a harvest of Christlike attitudes, because we were willing to learn that spiritual lesson of trust on God.

Meeting wrongs as Jesus says to meet them is staying connected to Him. 1 Peter 2:21 *"To this*

you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in His steps."

If we try to hold on to worldly ways and plans—striving for a high-paying position; saving money for the future; buying a house; taking a loan on the mortgage; and then purchasing an insurance policy to protect everything we are holding on to in a worldly way—will eventually end in our losing everything, and eternal life also, due to not trusting God. Hebrews 10:38 AV *"The just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him."*

Jesus gave His life on the Cross so that we could live a life of trust on God. John 12:25 WEY *"He who holds his life dear, is destroying it; and he who makes his life of no account in this world shall keep it [for eternal life NIV]."* A huge price was paid for our life—it belongs to God. 1 Corinthians 6:20 AV *"For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."* (1 Corinthians 6:20)

We should not expect praise or accept praise for anything—God receives all the honor and glory for any success we have. 1 Corinthians 10:31 NIV *"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."* (1 Corinthians 10:31) There can be no self in our heart, because some self means some pride.

Some self can be some resentment—holding on to a bitter and unforgiving attitude will land us in the Lake of Fire. Jesus said Matthew 6:15 *"If you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."* To forgive from our heart, is to erase from our mind.

If there is any resentment, anger, malice, or bad feelings in our heart against anyone, for any reason, that bitterness will defile us Hebrews 12:15, and eventually send us to the flames—if there is no repentance before God and no forgiveness toward that person. Matthew 18:35 WEY *"In the same way my Heavenly Father wilt deal*

with you, if you do not all of you forgive one another from your hearts." (Matthew 18:35) Resentment is spiritual poison—it is fatal!

Getting rid of resentment is such a major issue that drastic measures are often needed for God to reveal it and remove it. The *"pure in heart will see God"* Matthew 5:8, but we are not pure in heart, if we are resenting someone. When an unjust remark is said to us, or an untrue story told about us, resentment in our heart will definitely be revealed—if there is any resentment. Resenting means not forgiving. We must know it, so that we can confess it.

If there is any unbelief in our heart, a serious oppression will reveal it. When we are attacked physically, it will show who we trust for healing. The world will immediately seek medical help, because it does not trust God, but Bible Christians trusted Him concerning everything—whether being oppressed in body, persecuted by unbelievers, or lacking material needs. There are more human plans and more of Satan's substitutes for help today than ever, but the principle of trust on God remains the same. Psalm 146:5-6 NKJV *"Happy [blessed NIV] is he who has the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in the LORD his God, Which made heaven, and earth, the sea, and all that therein is: which keepeth truth for ever."* (Psalm 146:5-6)

It is wrong to use a little self, because a little of the devil will corrupt our whole trust on God. Galatians 5:9 WEY *"A little yeast corrupts the whole of the dough."* Satan relentlessly tries to have us use a little self, but a little self is a big mistake in the Christian's life of trust on God. The Scriptures clearly explain God's will on any matter we meet.

Owning a home is a major desire for people in the world, and in today's world, many who are following the world's ways and plans, are upset because they believe that because of the high cost of buying a home, they will not be able to

obtain that part of what Satan would call the "American Dream."

However, God's Word does not allow laid-up treasure on earth. this principle of trust remains the same ever since God's Truth was established. Anyone who holds on to laid-up finances in real estate, a savings account, a pension plan, government assistance money, or any such treasure to trust on, would have no hope of receiving eternal life—unless that idolatry is repented of and their trust transferred to the living God.

We would not get as far as the next doorstep toward Heaven, but we would go straight to the Lake of Fire as the rich man did Luke 16, if we do not repent of that idolatry, and put a believing faith in the living God and based on the Atonement of Christ. Today is the day to learn spiritual lessons of trust—that is the object of God's teaching.

Spiritual lessons are more valuable than any treasure on earth. Eternity is way too long; Heaven is far too wonderful, and Hell is horrible beyond describing, to miss God's gift by being stubborn and rebellious. Everyone must know God, and what He wants to do for those who trust Him in faith. John 17:3 NKJV *"This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."*

When we truly know God, we will really trust on His power—to heal, deliver, protect, provide, avenge, and save—that is the spiritual lesson of trusting God in faith everyone must learn. If God made the universe; and if He is by our side waiting and willing to do anything for us; then it is our great and huge spiritual advantage to trust Him in faith—and receive all His promises.

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