

Please Remember To Pray For The Sick!

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The Consequences of Ignoring Your Relationship With God

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In the Old Testament book of Hosea as chapter 8 begins, Hosea describes the Assyrians as swooping down like an eagle against the house of Israel. The call to set the trumpet to their mouths signified inevitability—it was not about being ready if it happened but being prepared to sound the alarm when it happened. Why? Because they had gone beyond the boundaries of GOD's covenant and rebelled against His law.

Notice their claim, Hosea 8:2 "Israel will cry, my GOD we know you!!!!"

What is ironic about their statement?

"For **she did not know** that I gave her corn, and wine, and oil, and multiplied her silver and gold, which they prepared for Baal." **Hosea 2:8**

"Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because **there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.**" **Hosea 4:1**

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children." **Hosea 4:6**

"They will not frame their doings; to turn unto their God: for the spirit of whoredoms is in the midst of them, and they have not known the LORD." Hosea 5:4

"For **I desired mercy** and not sacrifice; and **the knowledge of God** more than burnt offerings." Hosea 6:6

"They have cast off the thing that is good..." Hosea 8:3

Israel had rejected a relationship with GOD and all the blessings that would proceed from that relationship. Israel may have claimed to know GOD, but their actions suggested otherwise. To know GOD is to have a relationship with Him which is evidenced by the life that we live.

Gods Plan Of Salvation

Hear, Romans 10:17, Believe, John-8:24, Repent, Luke 13:3, Confess, Romans-10:9-10, Baptism, Acts 2:38, Remain Faithful, Revelation 2:10

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Show the World Who Owns You

Professional race car drivers wear clothing covered with the logos of their sponsors. Their cars are likewise decked out with the same logos. When they speak, they talk about their sponsors and team owners. They leave no doubt about who pays the bills for them.

For those of us who are Christians, are we that transparent about who pays for us? Shouldn't we make it obvious that we are owned by Jesus Christ?

The Lord Jesus deserves that much from us. The immeasurably high price of our redemption was His own blood (Eph. 1:7; 1Pet. 1:18-19). Shouldn't we therefore glorify His name before others? "For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body" (1Cor. 6:20).

This doesn't mean that we should wear clothes covered with the name of Jesus, but we should project His image to everyone who encounters us. To this end, we do wear a kind of virtual clothing that bears His name. "For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ" (Gal. 3:27). When we are baptized into Jesus, we put on His image like a garment for the world to see.

We do this by conduct that imitates the example of Jesus. That is what it means to be His disciple, for we have learned to be like our Master. When others see us behaving in the ways we have learned from Him, His image is projected to them. If they investigate, then they will discover that it is Jesus whom we follow, and His name will be glorified.

The clearest way to promote the name of Jesus is by the words we speak. We should tell others about our Lord who redeemed us, which is our responsibility in evangelism. The Great Commission is our commission, for everyone needs to hear the gospel of salvation (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-16). Jesus is "the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world" (1John 2:2).

In addition to preaching the gospel, all our words should be glorifying to Jesus. Nothing unwholesome should come from our mouths, but we should speak only words that are edifying and good for imparting grace to those who hear us (Eph. 4:29). Such speech will be distinct from the world and will often lead unbelievers down a path that leads to the Lord.

So then, how are we doing when it comes to glorifying the name of our Savior? Race car drivers, businessmen, politicians, and celebrities are very good at promoting their sponsors, supporters, and whoever in essence pays for them and owns them. The purveyors of sin are also successful in pressing the cause of their master, who is Satan. As followers of the Son of God, shouldn't we be better than any of them at glorifying the Lord who redeemed us with His blood? Let's make sure that we show the world who owns us.

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