

Receiving from God

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It is a difficult thing to be a functioning part of a Kingdom and receive the benefits of that Kingdom, when you do not submit to and honor the King of that Kingdom.

Receiving from God, is difficult for those who try to separate the gift desired, from the gift giver. That is to say, I want what I can receive from you, without receiving your Lordship in my life.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NASB)

¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, ²⁰ by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."

Life is a choice, and death is a choice. Each have things they reward the person making the choice.

A person can seek the Blessing of the Lord, while refusing to submit to the Blessor Himself. To truly seek the Lord will ensure the blessings come also. But to seek to receive from Him, without conformity to Him can ensure defeat.

2 Chronicles 26:5

He continued to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding through the vision of God; and as long as he sought the LORD, God prospered him.

Seeking God, brought him prosperity!

The passage does not promise that seeking prosperity will bring the seeker to God. It does teach that pursuit of the Blessor brings His blessings.

Perhaps, a look at one item people desire from God, will bring clarity to the proper process.

Many people seek healing, not realizing they are not seeking the healer.

When the Lord gave promise of His healing power, He identified Himself by a specific name of promise. He said I AM, Jehovah Rapha, the Lord your healer.

Exodus 15:26 (NASB)

²⁶ And He said, "If you will give earnest heed to the voice of the LORD your God, and do what is right in His sight, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes, I will put none of the diseases on you which I have put on the Egyptians; for I, the LORD, am your healer."

He states, I am your healer, it does not say I am your healing giver. Could it be, that when the desire for healing is greater than, or separated from the desire for the healer, that the seeker of healing becomes, as it were, a "gold digger?" Wanting the product, but not necessarily the producer.

A hard thing to ponder, but what is a person called who desires what you have, but not, who you are?

A very familiar story of faith and healing addresses an identity that was established with the healer, in pursuit of a healing.

Luke 8

⁴³ And a woman who had a hemorrhage for twelve years, and could not be healed by anyone, ⁴⁴ came up behind Him and touched the fringe of His cloak, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. ⁴⁵ And Jesus said, "Who is the one who touched Me?" And while they were all denying it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing in on You." ⁴⁶ But Jesus said, "Someone did touch Me, for I was aware that power had gone out of Me." ⁴⁷ When the woman saw that she had not escaped notice, she came trembling and fell down before Him, and declared in the presence of all the people the reason why she had touched Him, and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸ And He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace."

Her life was seeping out of her, but she identified with the source of life, and wanted to "touch Him," not just get from Him. She saw Him as the healer.

She said if I can make contact with Him, not if only I can get from Him. To touch Him as source is an act of faith.

David learned to pursue God. Because he sought God in relationship, God rewarded him in abundance.

King Saul sought his own pleasure and purpose. God was not pleased with being left out, so He made a change.

1 Samuel 13:14 (NASB)

¹⁴ But now your kingdom shall not endure. The LORD has sought out for Himself a man after His own heart, and the LORD has appointed him as ruler over His people, because you have not kept what the LORD commanded you."

David was Israel's greatest King. He enjoyed a place before God that few others did. He reaped great power, great wealth, great victories, great presence with God, because he placed God at the center of his desires.

Acts 13:22 (NASB)

²² After He had removed him, He raised up David to be their king, concerning whom He also testified and said, 'I HAVE FOUND DAVID the son of Jesse, A MAN AFTER MY HEART, who will do all My will.'

So long as David did the will of God, he walked in the abundance, protection and provision of God.

Messiah addressed the mindset of "I need", "I want", "I wish", "I desire", in Matthew when He taught the proper approach to the giver of all good things.

Matthew 6:33

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

The instruction is, hook up with what the King is doing, and Kingdom supply will overtake you. Doing Kingdom work produces Kingdom compensation.

He taught, get your mind off of the things your natural mind desires, food, clothes, housing etc., and focus instead on the King and His Kingdom rule. When you "seek Him diligently," (Hebrews 11:6) rewards come to the seeker of Him.

Perhaps some fail to grasp the truth, that it is not the pursuit of things that produces for us, but it is the pursuit of Him, that opens His fullness to us.

When we trust Him, His supply will become our provision. Celebrate who He is, celebrate what He has promised. Believe His Prophets and become one with His promises. Exalt His nature above your desires and rest in His faithfulness and truth.

Matthew 11:28 (AMP)

²⁸Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy-laden and overburdened, and I will cause you to rest. [I will ease and relieve and refresh your souls.]

Contrary to the KJV that says "come to me.... And I will give you rest," the literal Greek says, "I will rest you."

We sing, "in His presence, in His presence, there is..." but do we practice pursuit of Him rather than pursuit of what we can obtain from Him?

One scheme, trap, trick of the devil, is to get you so busy, you do not have the time or energy to separate yourself to God, or to truly seek your God.

With no rest, you become weary. Weary, you are incapable of representing Him, and His fullness.

Possessing the Promise and Demonstrating satan's defeat, is best fulfilled in those who have entered His Rest!