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“Let us Hunger For Truth”

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Jehovah God

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The following study is part of the new edition of the Advanced Bible Studies Series course *Give Attendance to Doctrine* that we plan to publish later this year.

“These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens”(Gen. 2:4).

Jehovah is the personal name by which God is revealed in the Old Testament. In the King James Bible, *Jehovah* is translated by LORD in all caps and it appears more than 6,500 times.

Jehovah is both Saviour and Judge. He is the covenant-keeping Redeemer to the believer as well as the holy God of judgment to the unbeliever (Deut. 7:9-10).

The book of Psalms is a book of praise to Jehovah God. Forty-one times the Psalmist says, "Praise the LORD" or "Praise ye the LORD."

Jehovah is to be praised because of His goodness and mercy (Psa. 106:1; 103:8-14). Sixteen times we are told that Jehovah is good (1 Ch. 16:34; 2 Ch. 5:3; 7:3; Ezr. 3:11; Psa. 34:8; 100:5; 106:1; 107:1; 118:1, 29; 135:3; 136:1; 145:9; Jer. 33:11; Lam. 3:25; Nah. 1:7).

Jehovah's mercies are great (1 Ch. 21:13), manifold (Ne. 9:19), tender (Psa. 25:6), plentiful (Psa. 86:15), multitudinous (Psa. 5:7; 51:1; 69:16; 106:7, 45; lam. 3:32), everlasting (Psa. 100:5; 118:1, 2, 3, 4, 29; 136; 138:8). The believer is compassed with Jehovah's mercy (Psa. 32:10). His mercies are as high as the heaven is above the earth (Psa. 103:11). He is full of compassion (Psa. 145:8).

Jehovah is the Redeemer. Jehovah sought Adam after the fall and clothed him in coats, which signified the salvation provided by Jesus (Genesis 3:8-9, 21). The believer is clothed in Christ's righteousness (Rom. 3:21-22; 2 Cor. 5:21).

The greatness of Jehovah's mercy and salvation can only be understand in light of His terrible holiness (Lev. 11:45; 19:1-2; Psa. 11:4-5; Isa. 6:3; Hag. 1:12-13). Jehovah is the lawgiver and the punisher of lawbreakers (Ex. 20:1-18).

The reason that Jehovah can be merciful to sinners is because He Himself has satisfied the requirements of His own holy law. Jehovah is the God of the Passover (Ex. 12:1-7). Yea, Jehovah is the Passover Lamb. He is the only Saviour (Isa. 43:11). He is "Jesus" (Mat. 1:21; John 1:29).

Exodus 6:3 says God did not make his name Jehovah known to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, but the name appears 141 times in the book of Genesis. How can we solve this seeming contradiction? Exodus 6:3 does not mean that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob did not know the name Jehovah in any sense. In Genesis 12:8 Abraham built an altar unto Jehovah and called upon the name of Jehovah. What Exodus 6:3 possibly means is that the fathers did not see the fulfillment of the promises and therefore did not know the meaning of that name, which is that God is the faithful promise keeper who will perform His Word. Beginning in Exodus, Israel would see the fulfillment of the promises that were made to the fathers and will know by experience the meaning of the name Jehovah. Further, the statement in Exodus 6:3 could mean that it was left for Moses to proclaim the name Jehovah to Israel. The expression "I am the LORD" is repeated four times in God's commandment to Moses (Exodus 6:2, 3, 6, 8).

Note the following comments:

"What Exodus 6:3 possibly means is that the fathers did not see the fulfillment of the promises and therefore did not know the meaning of that name, which is that God is the faithful promise keeper who will perform His Word" (Matthew Henry).

"I believe the simple meaning is this, that though from the beginning the name JEHOVAH was known as one of the names of the Supreme Being, yet what it really implied they did not

know. El-Shaddai, God All-sufficient, they knew well by the continual provision he made for them, and the constant protection he afforded them: but the name JEHOVAH is particularly to be referred to the accomplishment of promises already made; to the giving them a being, and thus bringing them into existence, which could not have been done in the order of his providence sooner than here specified: this name therefore in its power and significancy was not known unto them; nor fully known unto their descendants till the deliverance from Egypt and the settlement in the promised land. It is surely possible for a man to bear the name of a certain office or dignity before he fulfills any of its functions. King, mayor, alderman, magistrate, constable, may be borne by the several persons to whom they legally belong, before any of the acts peculiar to those offices are performed. The KING, acknowledged as such on his coronation, is known to be such by his legislative acts; the civil magistrate, by his distribution of justice, and issuing warrants for the apprehending of culprits; and the constable, by executing those warrants. All these were known to have their respective names, but the exercise of their powers alone shows what is implied in being king, magistrate, and constable. God who was known as JEHOVAH, the being who makes and gives effect to promises, was known to the descendants of the twelve tribes to be THAT JEHOVAH, by giving effect and being to the promises which he had made to their fathers” (Adam Clarke).

“He speaks not of the letters or syllables, but of the thing signified by that name. For that denotes all his perfections, and, amongst others, the eternity, constancy, and immutability of his nature and will, and the infallible certainty of his word and promises. And this, saith he, though it was believed by Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, yet it was not experimentally known to them; for they only saw the promises afar off, Heb. 11:13” (Matthew Poole).

There is a Jewish practice that considers the name Jehovah too sacred to be spoken, but it was a ridiculous, superstitious thing that comes from their vain tradition. Since God revealed Himself by the name of *Jehovah* and put it in Scripture, it is obvious that it is not wrong for man to write or speak the name.

What the Old Testament says about Jehovah, the New Testament says about Jesus.

Phrase -- Jehovah God -- Jesus Christ

King of kings -- Psa. 95:3 -- 1 Tim. 6:14-15

Lord of lords -- Psa. 136:3 -- Rev. 19:16

Stone of stumbling -- Isa. 8:13-15 -- 1 Pe. 2:6-8

Judge -- Isa. 24:20-21 -- Heb. 12:23 Col. 1:17; Jn. 5:22

Reigning -- Isa. 24:23 -- Mat. 25:31

Good Shepherd -- Isa. 40:10-11 -- Jn. 10:11

Only Saviour -- Isa. 43:11 -- 2 Tim. 1:10

Alpha and Omega -- Isa. 44:6 -- Rev. 1:7-18

Creator -- Isa. 44:24 -- Col. 1:16

Every knee bow -- Isa. 45:23 -- Ph. 2:10-11

Abram's Call (By: Bro. Lacroix)

Text: Genesis 11:26-12:5

To start, Let's review Abram's upbringing. He was born in Ur (v.28) at the time of its greatest prosperity. His father, Terah, was seventy when he gave birth to Abram (v.26). Abram had two brothers, Nahor and Haran. Haran died young, and left behind a son, Lot, as well as Milcah, who'd later marry Nahor and bear two sons. Abram married Sarai, a daughter of a previous wife of his father, Terah. Close inter-family relationships were still the honorable thing to do at this time. Usually these families desired to marry within so they could keep a pure faith and not let the paganism of the cultures around them affect them. Close marriages were allowed until the giving of the law.

Stephen will help us by mentioning Abram's first encounter with the "God of glory" (Acts 7:2). Abram was in Mesopotamia with his wife and his father. When God met with them, He told them to go to Canaan. Canaan was west-northwest of Mesopotamia, across a desert. The desert would force the pilgrimage to go up and around. They packed all their goods and took those called up to Haran, which was located in Syria. The town was named after Haran, Abram's brother, and was a pagan city, situated roughly 500 miles from Ur. Since Haran had died young, his son Lot grew rather attached to his uncle Abram. The first call God gave to Abram (v.31) involved Sarai and Abram, Lot, and Terah. When they reached Haran, Terah evidently decided to settle there, and not continue onto Canaan. This is presumably where Terah "spiritually died". Terah got comfortable in the culture and utter paganism of Haran and went no further concerning the will of God.

God then turned to Abram, now 75 years of age, as chapter 12 opens and we get to our keynote verse. God issues Abram a threefold challenge.

First, Abram has to *leave his old region* ("Get thee out of thy country..."). Even though Abram had already traveled 500 miles or so to Haran from Ur, he needed to finish the trip to Canaan, a journey of 300 or so additional miles. This was a new journey to a new land for him. Abram isn't the only one who was asked to leave his old region. In doing the will of God, many men and women will leave their old regions to serve God. Perhaps you too have left the place you grew up in to move somewhere else doing the will of God. For me, I grew up in Allentown, Pennsylvania, and don't read into this, because it is about 300 miles from there to where I reside now. At 24 years of age, God called me to get out of my country and move to a new area, where I knew hardly anyone, and move from a comfortable room to a recreational vehicle. This required a step of faith, which the Lord showed me the grace to do. With the exception of a few rare vacations, I had never been away from my region for a long time. Yet I had to trust the Lord, pack all my belongings into seven trash bags (don't look into that either) and an old vehicle. Abram didn't have his life piled into seven trash bags. He didn't have a car either. He had a wife and a nephew. In fact, Lot technically wasn't on the list of those to come on this journey with Abram. Abram was to go from Haran to Canaan. Now, not everyone has to leave his or her old region to do the will of God. Your mission field is right outside the doors of your local church. It is up to God to place each and every believer in a good, solid, local NT church that will help them grow as Christians and equip them to serve God and seek the lost souls of their community. Sometimes that church is in your backyard. Sometimes that church is 300 miles away, and for some, even 3,000 miles away. Whatever your case may be, sometimes a believer is asked of God to leave their old region.

Second, Abram had to *leave his old relationships* ("and from thy kindred"). For the first portion of his life, all Abram had known was family. He had two brothers. He had parents, and he had a

nephew. He may have had other close relatives not listed in Scripture. Yet he was only told to go, and forsake them all, save his wife. You may have your family close to you. You may be close to your family, whether they are saved or lost, and you could also be far away from your family, whether by physical distance, or spiritual distance. Your family may want nothing to do with you. Leaving family may be hard for some people, and it can be the will of God for you to leave family. Jesus said in Luke 14:26, “If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple”. Note that this passage does not teach hate as in what we would think of as hate. Rather, it teaches that following and worshipping God is paramount, that He comes first. A love for Him, His people, and His things should come first in a believer’s life. Having that love will then turn into a love for our families, both the ones we have with us now and our extended family. By the same token, we must also “hate” our lives. This again is not the “hate” that leads to evil thoughts and devastating deeds, but a need to hate our sinful flesh and the need to die to ourselves, our will, and our desires. We need to do everything as unto the Lord. If you’re married, the will of God will include your wife and any children you may have. However, you may have to say farewell to your parents. Not every child of God has to leave behind their family to do the will of God, and also not every believer has to leave behind a job to do God’s will. However, it is not out of the realm of possibility, and it is up to the believer to pray and seek God’s face and godly counsel in making the choice, the right choice, to perhaps leave old relationships.

Thirdly, Abram was to *leave his old religion* (“and from thy father’s house”). Not everyone who is a born again child of God grew up in a Christian home. Many have grown up in non-religious homes or in homes where they were given a religious placebo, and not a real relationship with the God of the Bible. I grew up in a Lutheran church that had been clod for decades before my arrival in the early 90’s. Very little Bible was actually taught there. The hymns were sung half-heartedly. No one seemed to reflect an actual spiritual change that one should evidence upon a true conversion. I highly doubt there were many actual born again believers who attended that Lutheran church I grew up in. By the fourth or fifth year of my attendance of that church, there were women who were ordained “pastors” there at that church. When I was 23, I was taken aside by an old-fashioned pastor with an old-fashioned Bible who showed me my old-fashioned sin and I was gloriously saved the old-fashioned way. I have not turned back completely since, praise the Lord, and that’s the way it ought to be, Amen. Abram would have known about the true God, but he would have also known about the idol worship long established in Haran. That is why Terah, his father, never desired to go onto Canaan. Like his forefathers, Terah knew both Jehovah and the idol worship of the region. These idols steal hearts from our God, who then is grieved. God doesn’t want parts of us. He wants and deserves all of us. What right do we have to give a part of our worship to something or someone other than the Lord? Didn’t He create mankind for a purpose, to love, honor, and serve Him? In Joshua 24:2, the great farewell oration of this great man of God, says, “Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nahor, and they served other gods”. What are we to do? Even Christians stumble at this, and can make other things, right to a point, an idol. What is our remedy? Joshua 24:14-15 gives us the answer: “Therefore fear the Lord, and serve Him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve...” We can choose who we serve. Our answer ought to be: “but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” Let us all make the conscious, daily choice to put away ritualistic worship of God and make Him real in our lives.

When Abram met all three of these conditions, God would bestow upon him three blessings. God promised to make a great nation from him. From Abram and Sarai God would set the stage from which the nation of Israel would come. Many generations later, the Messianic line from which Abram

inherited would culminate in the Redeemer of mankind and the Saviour for this great nation and all people who would ever live. God also promised to prosper Abram. God richly blessed this obedience on the part of Abram. Abram would become the wealthiest man at this point of time, in both physical attributes as well as spiritually. Sure, Abram would have his doubts a few times, but he had exuberated a great deal of faith that became an example for us to study and view in Hebrews 11. God also promised to make his name great. Abram was viewed as a great man of integrity throughout his life. He refused the reward from the king of Sodom. He trusted God late in life to bare seed to continue this great nation which would one day rise and return to the land Abram was stepping into for the first time. He intervened for a whole city and ultimately spared his nephew from death.

Let's look at verse four. When Abram departed, the Bible says "Lot went with him." Wasn't Abram supposed to go with just his wife? What happened? Lot probably quietly organized his property and perhaps followed at a distance, like an unwanted sibling or friend does to you. When the other questions, you back off and wait for them to turn around and continue before doing so yourself. After a while, Abram must have acknowledged that Lot wasn't going to go away and let him come along. This didn't last, as strife would arise, causing a split a mere chapter later, and Lot was never the same again. Yet Abram stayed close to God, and he was never the same again.

The challenge for us is to do God's will everyday, keeping in mind the threefold challenge that God gave to Abram. Could we too one day get the call to leave old regions, relationships, and religion to follow the plan God has for us? Let us all be willing to say, yes, I will trust you and obey.

The Faith That Pleases God (By: Pastor Cas Reeves)

TEXT: Hebrews 11:6

All of us have tried to please someone at different times in our life. The Bible makes it clear that to please God we must have a personal faith. What kind of faith do we need to please God?

- I. The faith that believes God alone (vs. 1-3)
 - A. that believes without sight (vs. 1)
 - B. that believes with godly approval (vs. 2)
 - C. that believes without human rationale (vs. 3)

- II. The faith that accesses forgiveness (vs. 4)
 - A. by a God approved sacrifice
 - B. by a God appropriated righteousness

- III. The faith that pleases God (vs. 5-6)
 - A. through testimony, "*he walked with God*"
 - B. through teaching - (Jude 14-15)
 - C. through translation, "*he was not*"

- IV. The faith that saves (vs. 7)
- A. that accepts having never seen
 - B. that accepts not fully understanding
 - C. that accepts God's way alone

- V. The faith that serves God (vs. 8-10)
- A. obedience that confidently (blindly) trusts God
 - B. obedience that sojourns a lifetime for the Lord (vs. 9)
 - C. obedience that looks to the promises (vs. 10)

We are told that God-honoring faith comes from the Word of God; therefore, to have a faith that is pleasing before God, we must spend time in the Bible, learning what it is that pleases God. then we must accept it, believe it, and turn to doing it.

(Source: Heritage Herald 3/30/14)

Only Jesus Saves! (John 14:6)

Blood Bought Salvation

(Based on devotional by Dr. Tim Green – Sept./Oct. 2011 Baptist Bread)

“...and she bound the scarlet line in the window.” – Joshua 2:21b

“...it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.” – Leviticus 17:11b

“...without shedding of blood is no remission.” – Hebrews 9:22b

J.H. Jowett said that the only authorized rope for climbing in the Alps had a red worsted strand running from one end to the other. The illustration conveyed the truth that the true followers of Christ are known by the blood-red line of sacrifice that purchased their redemption.

One can readily see in the type, shadow, tabernacle, offering, figure, and bold statement throughout the whole Word of God the scarlet cord of redemption's atoning blood; from the blood shed in the garden to clothe Adam and Eve, down through the Book of God to the Lord's vesture dipped in blood in the Glory. As efficacious as the blood shed in the Old Testament was, it only atoned for a man's sin for one year. However, the blood shed on Calvary was and is powerful enough to save to the uttermost all that come to Him in faith. Our wondrous High Priest, through the eternal Spirit, “...by his own blood...entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us” (Hebrews 9:12). “The blood, the sinless, spotless blood of the Lamb of God has power to cleanse and preserve all who bathe in its bountiful flow. O beloved, from the highest star in heaven to the depths of the sea, IT'S STILL THE BLOOD OF JESUS THAT BRINGS VICTORY TO YOU AND TO ME!

“Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing pow'r?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour?
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?” (E. Hoffman)

:) Children For Christ :)

Psalm 23 Fill-in-The-Blank

Memory Verse: Psalm 23:1 – “The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.”

Please read Psalm 23 and then fill in the missing words from memory in the blanks provided.

Verse

1 The _____ is my shepherd; I shall not _____.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green _____: he leadeth me beside the still _____.

3 He restoreth my _____: he leadeth me in the paths of _____ for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the _____ of the shadow of _____, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they _____ me.

5 Thou preparast a _____ before me in the presence of mine _____: thou anointest my head with _____; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and _____ shall follow me all the days of my _____: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord _____.

<p>“Regardless of your plans, God has others for you!”</p>	<p>“Science is subjected to Scripture!”</p>
<p>“Scripture is either absolute or obsolete”</p>	<p>Praises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise God for powerful 10th Anniversary services (4/3/-4/6) at Heritage Baptist Church with Pastor David Smith of Community Baptist Church (Quakertown, PA). We were blessed with great preaching, singing songs of praise, food and fellowship and the body was greatly convicted, edified and encouraged by the preaching. • Praise God for two souls saved at a nursing home service in Walpole, MA on 4/6. Please pray for Tim and Mary <p>Prayer Requests</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Job and living situation needs for Bro. Craig and Andrew • Abby Lafreniere (ALS) (Wife of Pastor John Lafreniere, church planter to Fairfield, CT) • Dr. Michael Thompson (Member of Heritage Baptist Church of Norwood, MA) (Brain cancer) • Pastor Gary Freeman (Race Street Baptist Church in Catasauqua, PA) who is battling colon cancer. • Needs of New Hope Baptist Church of Lynn, MA • Needs of Chester Baptist Church of Chester, MA • Missionary Tim Hawes (To Papua New Guinea) (Church
<p>“We must NEVER edit God” <i>--A.W. Tozer</i></p>	
<p>“Has God really gotten what He has purchased with His own blood?”</p>	
<p>“Salvation is FREE but Christian is earned!”</p>	
<p>“The Word of God and living it is worth more than life!”</p>	

Prayer Requests Continued:

- Planting, Bible Translation, Agricultural Development)
- Brother Bill Moore of Heritage Baptist Church (Health needs)
- Those affected by the Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines
- The condition of this nation following the abomination that has occurred with the DOMA decision.
- Needs of the body of Heritage Baptist Church
- Salvation and needs of those affected by the tragedy in Boston, MA on April 15th.
- Salvation of Brother Andrew Lacroix's family
- Salvation of Wendy and friend Ben, Jacob, Kaitlyn,
- Sybil and Bernice (Family of Craig Glickman)

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Thank you for reading this. We praise God for all our dear brothers and sisters in Christ and we greatly appreciate your prayers. May each and every one of you be richly blessed as we serve our precious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

His Servants,

Craig Glickman

Andrew Lacroix

Prov. 3:5-6

1 Thes. 5:18

