

To Know Jesus-The Real Goal

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Main Scriptures:

Supportive Scriptures: Matthew 6: 19-20; Colossians 3: 1-3; 1 Peter 1: 3-5; Matthew 16: 26; Matthew 7:13-14; John 14:18;

Notes:

Happy for the victory that we can give God thanks for ahead of time. I hope to encourage each of us. Sometimes the Lord gives us desires for earthly blessings but knows that these blessings are only meant to compliment his will for our life. It will never be a blessing for our own selfish desire it will always be /// the earthly realm is meant to reflect the heavenly realm. Thy Kindom comes thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. This is an important principle to understand because outside of this principle it will frustrate us. We read about this kind of life in Ecclesiasties and he pointed to this futile and vain kind of living throughout the book. It was a life of attaining wealth but there was no purpose. The best he said that a person can do in a fleshly life is to eat drink and die. God did not intend to value these things above people. Earthly pleasures don't last. Jesus warned us about storing up our treasures on this earth (Matthew 6: 19-20)

Peter is saying that the treasure we yearned for is for the saving of our souls. We are now facing a lot of temptations in so many places and our faith is being tested and Peter acknowledges that though they have not seen Jesus yet that they put their trust in him and we will be rewarded. Peter lets us know that this reward is Jesus.

What are we placing more worth on than our own soul?

Personal testimony - I was in a job for 2 years and it was fine but it began to suck from my soul. there was a weight and dissatisfaction that this job brings and so one day I was faced with this question in Matthew 16:26. So I had to make a decision Like Abram to take courage to quit this job and my stability to something I have never done before. The word of God tells us to seek after the kingdom of God and everything else will come after. In doing his will God promises he will provide for me. The intimacy and time that I wasn't able to spend with the Lord I am able to do now. The road to salvation is a hard road (Matthew 7:13-14) but it is the only road that leads to life. The life of Pleasure is an easy one but it leads to destruction. But Jesus walks with us on the road to salvation. The one who causes us to overcome. We are never alone (John 14: 18) He told us that he would never leave us or forsake us.

It is important to ingest and feast on the word of God. We end up doing is seeking after the earthly blessing and place a value on them that really only Jesus provides that value. Sometimes we have a tendency to think that resurrection will only happen when he comes again, but he is the resurrection and he is able to resurrect us from our dead state.

To know Jesus is really all that matters.

We have to be determined to see Jesus no matter what we need to cross through. That Calls for us to love him and want him more than anything. It is possible as we grow in love. The real goal is not those things and desires (those are only compliments and support) but to know Him is to have eternal life. So the earthly blessings may be part of our journey we should not set our hearts toward these things. The true treasure is to know Jesus Christ.

God's timing is perfect he will give us what we need. Trust in the Lord and realize he is the truest treasure. We may know him - that's the satisfaction of our soul

Pastor O James

Keep praying for Sis. Shian, God is raising her up for this city. We are here to win souls and God is empowering people to win souls. If God empowers the people he has invested in then. The gifting is in the house. When God sent me here God said when you reach here I will bless you and don't borrow money from anyone. Lord Jesus if you call me and set me up to do work then I am not borrowing giftings put them in the house. We never fundraise for what is happening at 7179 Kipling avenue. Abraham didn't know what he wanted he just wanted what God wants. Tell Lot to take what he wants but I want what God wants for me.