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THROUGH GOD'S INSPIRED WORDS OF THE HOLY BIBLE

Lamentations 3:25 **The Lord is good to those whose hope is in Him, to the one who seeks him.**

SEEKING GOD FIRST

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Again Father, thank's for another spiritual opportunity for all of us, to learn and understand Your Will. May we take this time to go to a quiet place, and meditate on Your words of wisdom Lord. May all our hearts be softened by Your words of peace, hope, love, and eternal salvation. Father again, thank's for being our everything! When I talk about seeking God first, it's got to be one of the hardest things to do, in a world that is filled up with so much spiritual uncertainty.

So much spiritual uncertainty, is do to the many ways that people view God? It is not only all the ways that people look at God, but all the ways that God has been portrayed throughout the years. The real God that is always there for those who believe,, has been desecrated and mocked, by all the false prophets in the world. I can fully understand, why so many people are totally turned off to the Lord. For more than half of my lifetime, I felt this same way due to the way that I observed so many false prophets and teachers, misrepresenting the word of the Lord.

When I am out in the streets preaching God's word, I have found out through the years, that most people that I have come in contact with, seem to be either too busy to spend any real time with the Lord, or just do not believe in any of it.

When I say too busy, I mean too busy to stop and realize what our real purpose is? The majority of this country at this time, seem to be working under some kind of financial crises. This financial crises, has got the majority of our society preoccupied with trying to make money, trying to get ahead, and trying to survive financially.

When I take a good look at it through God's eyes and not mine, I see Satan back up to his old self again. He's working another angle, to distract us from the word of the Lord. He not only clutters our brains with fears from financial responsibilities, but for most of us, its also worrying about our families survival too. It's a great plan that Satan has put together, a masterpiece of deception to say the least. All he has to do to keep us spinning, is to crowd our heads with fears of financial devastation and all the what ifs. What if I loose my job? How am I going to support my family? What if I get sick and can't work? What am I going to do when I get too old and can't take care of myself no more? These are just a few of the many fears that the devil tries to instill in our brains. The devil now, has so many more weapons of mass spiritual destruction to work with. He now even has the world of technology on his side, to finally finish off as many souls as possible. This gives him more of an unlimited arsenal of destructive weaponry.

Lets start with all these new video games that our children are growing up with today. You want to talk about having no chance of spiritual survival, take a good look at some of those video games our kids are into. Most of these games depict and encourage, hatred, violence, sexual improprieties, and mass destruction of our moral fiber.

I believe with all my heart, that our children have got to be our future, and if the majority of all our children are subject to is this kind of insanity to look forward to, then this world will have no other place to go, but to the pits of hell in time!

Lets talk about another tool of mass spiritual destruction, the Internet!

The Internet is an amazing piece of technology that has helped advance our world to many new heights of modern discoveries. It has helped make our life much more simple in so many ways. It can save us time and money, it can be a great way to communicate whatever we need to do. It is also is a collective collection of accumulated data, that has transformed our world into the future age of time and space.

You would think that something so useful to our world, could be so morally devastating. It has become a place where sin and deception has infected the majority of all the good it has done. Things like pornography, fornication, rape, kidnapping, murder, hatred, strife, violence, fraud, financial devastation, you name it when it comes to sin. Sin is and always will be, Satins greatest victory over the majority of this world.

*There is nothing wrong with the world, it's the sins of the world that are destroying it. For years and years people have been wandering what's wrong with the world and why is there so much pain and suffering in it. When we come to understand the word of the Lord, it becomes real clear what the real problem is, again it is **sin!***

The reason why sin is the real problem with the world, is the fact that it can be traced all the way back to the beginning of time when man was first created by God.

*The real reason why sin is so rampant around the world is, the fact that people are not **Seeking God First.** You see the reason why we are suppose to seek God first, is the fact that He is the only thing that is 100 % Pure and Holy. While sin is just the opposite, it is 100 % impure and unholy. If we seek God first, His total Pure and Holy ways, will sanctify any and all impurities that may exist in our lives. It is totally impossible to have the kind of hateful world we live in, by living our lives under God's way.*

When it comes to seeking God first when sin presents itself, the Lord waits patiently for us to call upon His strength, in times of trouble before sin manifest itself.

*In Deuteronomy 4:29 the Lord says: **If... You seek the Lord your God, you will find Him if you look for Him with all your heart and your soul.***

*In Psalms God says: **The Lord looks down from heaven on the sons of men to see if there are any who understand, and who seek God.** Also in Psalms 9:10 the Lord says: **Those who know Your name will trust in You, for You, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek You.** Whenever you feel that sin has overcome you, and there is no way back from the sin that has you trapped, God says in Isaiah 55:6-7 **Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake His way and the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.***

Well my friends in the Lord, try and always remember, when sin presents it's ugly self and the devil is lurking, seek the Lord first before falling prey to it's spiritual destruction! So, until next months inspired message, may God be with us all.

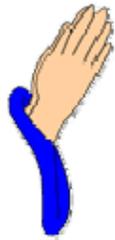
June's Edition of Hope for Living
Ask and Receive By Billy Graham

Mark 11:24 *Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*

Someone has said that before our prayers can mean anything to God, they must first mean something to us. Mindlessly repeating a prayer we memorized in childhood, or vaguely asking God to bless everyone, everywhere_ that is not authentic prayer. Prayer is speaking to God about the deepest concerns of our hearts.

What is the source of real prayer? It is a heart attuned to God. It is a life lived in loving obedience to the Father. The Bible says, " And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight " (1 John 3:22)

God delights in the prayers of His children- prayers that express our love for Him, prayers that share our deepest burdens with Him. Don't pray casually or thoughtlessly, but " come boldly to the throne of grace, that [you] may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need " (Heb. 4:16)



Let s pray, Dear Abba Father, again we come to Your throne of love, grace and mercy at this time and each day forward, to pray for our brothers and sisters in need. May we all open our hearts and minds to You, and pray for all the sick, the poor and the needy, the homeless, the hungry, the persecuted, the helpless, the hopeless, the broken hearted, the lost souls, the deceased, the hatred & the violence throughout the world., May we also pray for our troops in harms way and peace throughout the world. Also special prayers for Marianne Wilson, Laura Barron, Anne Marie Kalogridis, Denise Lathrop, Jeff Rafter, Mike Baker Sr., Janet Litiski, Miriam Johnson, Jonathan Baker, Keith Ruggerio, Rene De Matteo, Carl Napolliello, Robin Weiss, Joe Hinley, Tony Scarangelli, Candice Kiana, Jeff Haines, Janet Neil, Penny Howe, Vince Phillipelli, Jerry Owens, Sherry Arzillo, Felicia Rumbow, Dianne Nancy Flecker, Peg Ballerino, Lucy Cartogeno, Marian Ortez, Anne Granata, Greg Mc Glade, Rose Robinson, John Mc Gibbon, Robert Sommers, Robert Lambert, The Longo family.

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Until next months journal, may the Lord Jesus Christ, bless and watch over us always.

