

WHAT ARE THE FATHER'S EXPECTATIONS?

4/9/20

- * Today -- I have the opportunity to give a Bible study on the 1st Day of Unleavened Bread
- * Title of the study -- "What Are the Father's Expectations?"
- * BEFORE the commemoration of the suffering and death of the Son of God -- I believe that disciples should focus upon God's grace
- * AFTER the commemoration of the suffering and death of the Son of God -- I believe that disciples should focus upon the Father's expectations -- as we observe these Days of Unleavened Bread

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- * At this time, let's ask a few related question
- * Does the God of grace have expectations? Yes
- * Doesn't grace eliminate expectations? No
- * Doesn't grace negate the concept of expectations? No

1 Cor. 5:7 purge out the old leaven (that you may be a new lump)
 -- since you are truly unleavened -- for
 indeed, Christ our Passover, was sacrificed
 for us

Romans 6:1 8 not malice & wickedness -- sincerity & truth
 2 shall we continue to sin that grace may abound?
 3 certainly not
 4 baptized into Christ's death
 5 buried with Him in baptism -- raised from the dead
 6 by the glory of God
 5 likeness of death -- likeness of resurrection
 6 no longer slaves of sin

- * Let's notice two sections of scripture

Eph. 2:8-9 saved by His grace
 10 since saved -- good works
Titus 3:4-7 justified by His grace
 8 since justified -- good works

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- * I have a little project for you
- * Obviously, this project is not a requirement of you -- But please consider doing the project
- * Question -- "What do you think are the top 10 expectations that your heavenly Father has for you?"
- * Following is my list of top 10 Biblical expectations -- as of April 9, 2020

- * By the way, I am NOT asking you to agree with me
- * In fact -- if you want to, feel free to critique my list

*Before I give you my list, I want to give you a few of the items that did NOT make my present top-10 list

Deut. 19:18-19	penalty for a false witness
Matthew 4:1-11	Christ's temptation
Matthew 25:31-46	separation of sheep and goats
John 8:1-11	no condemnation -- go & sin no more
Romans 12:6-8	7 gifts
Romans 12:17-21	no revenge -- overcome evil with good
2 Cor. 12:7-10	strength is made perfect in weakness
Galatians 5:22-23	fruit of the Spirit
Ephesians 4:26-27	not let the sun go down on your wrath
Ephesians 6:10-18	the armor of God

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*Not organized in any order of importance

1. The 10 Commandments

Exod. 20:1-17	since delivered, 10 Commandments
Matt. 19:17-19	keep the Commandments -- to love your neighbor as yourself
Matt. 22:36-40	two great Commandments -- to love your neighbor as yourself -- love God with all your heart, soul and mind
2. Proverbs 6:16-19 -- qualities that God hates and loves
3. Matthew 20:25-28 -- to be a servant
4. Matthew 26:36-42 -- Gethsemane prayer
5. Luke 18:9-14 -- Pharisee and publican
6. Luke 23:34 -- "forgive them for they do not know what they do"
7. Luke 23:39-43 -- deathbed repentance
8. 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 -- comfort from God -- comfort people
9. James 1:26 -- bridling the tongue -- (James 3:1-12)
10. James 1:27 -- fatherless and widows

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- * God is a Father of tremendous grace and mercy
- * God is a Father who has expectations of His children -- for the benefit of His children -- and for the benefit of mankind
- * The Bible is filled with many of those expectations
- * Please use these Days of Unleavened Bread to consider the

expectations of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

* Please remember to show your sincere appreciation to our God

* And remember this.....your Heavenly Father loves you