

Be Aware of God

God is always there no matter where we are.

Psalm 139:8:

If I ascend up into heaven, thou *art* there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou *art there*.

Jeremiah 23:23,24:

Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off?

Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD.

God explained by these rhetorical questions, that He was a God that was near at hand and not one that was afar off. He fills heaven and earth to the end that people can not hide from Him in secret places.

II Chronicles 16:9:

For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him...

I Peter 3:11,12:

Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

For the eyes of the Lord *are* over the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord *is* against them that do evil.

The true God is accessible everywhere not so He can condemn, but so He can be of help.

Psalm 121:1,2:

I will [Shall I] lift up mine eyes unto the hills, [?] from whence cometh my help.

My help *cometh* from the LORD, which made heaven and earth.

The pagan temples were built on hills. The Psalmist is saying, "Shall I look to the pagan gods who reside in the pagan temples on the hills for my help?" Instead of looking there, he reports where his help really comes from; the true God who lives not on a hill in a temple, but rather from the God who made the heavens and the earth.

Verses 3,4:

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

The purpose for ringing bells before going into a temple was to wake the gods if they were asleep. The true God says He will never slumber nor sleep. He is always awake wanting to hear and answer when His people call on Him. God wants to be involved in our lives. He wants us to ask Him for help. We are encouraged to talk to God our Father about even the tiniest aspects of our lives.

I Peter 5:7:

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

Philippians 4:6:

Be careful [anxious] for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

Jesus Christ also taught that God is interested in even the smallest details of our lives.

Matthew 10:28-31:

And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father.

But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.

Fear ye not therefore, ye are of more value than many sparrows.

We can go to God openly and honestly with our questions and petitions and expect that He will not only hear us, but answer us as well.

I John 5:14,15:

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Matthew 7:7,8:

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Today, because of the spirit from God within us, we have direct access to Him. We do not even need a priest to intercede on our behalf because Christ himself does it for us. When we enter into

God's throne room to get advice or information to help in the time of need, we receive God's solution to our petition.

Hebrews 4:14-16:

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast *our* profession.

For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are, yet* without sin.

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

God put His spirit into each of us so He could communicate directly with us. This puts the emphasis on us to go to Him. He is there waiting for us to act. We have been given the access, so it is up to us to utilize it by going to Him. He will always be there for us, but we have been given free will to come to Him at all times like Jesus Christ did.

Matthew 8:23-25:

And when he was entered into a ship, his disciples followed him.

And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep.

And his disciples came to *him*, and awoke him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish.

Jesus Christ is sleeping. He is obviously very tired because he is not letting a great tempest disturb his rest. How sharp are most people the moment they are awakened from a deep slumber?

Verse 26:

And he saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.

Jesus Christ went from a deep sleep to operating God's power for the deliverance of all, and he did it rather quickly. What was Jesus Christ's mind-set? He operated the power God had given him by calming the storm. Then he taught the disciples to not let fear interrupt their believing.

Did Jesus Christ manifest the panic that was going on around him in the boat? No. He did not buy into the defeatist attitude of his disciples. He remained calm, and utilized the authority that God had given him knowing that God would back up his words.

Jesus Christ manifested control, confidence, clarity, assurance. He exercised his authority. He did what was necessary in that situation to deliver the disciples. He did not buy into the panic, chaos, doubt, fear, confusion, lack of direction that the others around him were manifesting.

We too when God calls on us to perform for Him spiritual matters, need to have no fear, but act in a positive manner to do what is requested of us by God.

Proverbs 3:5,6:

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

How people handle adversities in life is critical to manifesting a more abundant life, to getting deliverance from the power of Satan, or to get answers to prayers.

Psalm 34:4:

I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Do we trust God entirely or do we have a “backup plan” just in case? Is God only an emergency God, or is His input a daily part of our decision making? Do we allow fear to stop us from acting on the promises of God or when fear strikes, do we know how to control it and expect God to work in the fearful situation?

Proverbs 29:25:

The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

Controlling our thinking to put our trust in God is a quality that we need to exhibit like Jesus Christ did by calming the storm. We expect God to have an active part in our lives because we are in constant communication with Him seeking His input like King David did.

I Samuel 23:1, 2:

Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines fight against Keilah, and they rob the threshingfloors.

Therefore David enquired of the LORD, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And the LORD said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah.

David did not rush in to play superhero, but rather he checked with God first. He took the time necessary to find out what God had to say about what he should do in this situation. He did not panic. He did not act impulsively. He wanted to know what God’s will was, so he could perform it. David expected an answer from God. So should we.

Verse 3:

And David’s men said unto him, Behold, we be afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we come to Keilah against the armies of the Philistines?

David’s men weren’t quite sure about his decision. They had enough problems just staying alive as it was where they were.

Verse 4:

Then David enquired of the LORD yet again. And the LORD answered him and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thine hand.

He went to God a second time just to be sure. There is nothing wrong with that. Sometimes you have to check with God again to make sure that it was Him not our own senses reasoning.

Verse 5:

So David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and smote them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah.

David did not panic, have internal turmoil, allow chaos to rule his life. Instead he exercised sound judgment by inquiring of God what he should do. Then he carried out what God told him. At times, we need to have patience when inquiring of the Lord. If we don't get an answer in five minutes, too many times we want to give up on God and do it our way.

Jeremiah 42:1-7:

Then all the captains of the forces, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Jezaniah the son of Hoshaiah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, came near,

And said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the LORD thy God, *even* for all this remnant; (for we are left *but* a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us:)

That the LORD thy God may shew us the way wherein we may walk, and the thing that we may do.

Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard you; behold, I will pray unto the LORD your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass, *that* whatsoever thing the LORD shall answer you, I will declare *it* unto you; I will keep nothing back from you.

Then they said to Jeremiah, The LORD be a true and faithful witness between us, if we do not even according to all things for the which the LORD thy God shall send thee to us.

Whether *it be* good, or whether *it be* evil, we will obey the voice of the LORD our God, to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of the LORD our God.

And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of the LORD came unto Jeremiah.

After 10 days God finally gives Jeremiah an answer to his question. Patience may be needed to avoid a major mistake. Unfortunately, if you keep reading this record, these people did not heed

God's answer from Jeremiah even though they said they would. Instead they ended up being slaughtered in Egypt like God said would happen.

James 1:5-8:

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.

For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord.

A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

We have to ask according to His will and we need to not doubt Him. We can't give up on God. He will answer our petitions, but we have to do the acting.

Matthew 14:25-32:

And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea.

And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.

But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.

And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water.

And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus.

But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me.

And immediately Jesus stretched forth *his* hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?

And when they were come into the ship, the wind ceased.

Peter was fine, doing the impossible, which he had received permission to do, until he took his eyes off of Jesus. Are we keeping our eyes on Jesus? Are we doing the will of God? Do we panic when things don't go the way we think they should? Do we trust God with our whole heart, mind, and soul? What about with our finances?

Philippians 4:15-19:

Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only.

For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity.

Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things *which were sent* from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God.

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

God is willing to supply all our need if we let Him by doing His will. Too many times we would rather do it ourselves, thus suffering the consequences of not keeping God first. God will take care of us our entire lives through times the world has plenty and through times the world has lack.

Psalms 37:25:

I have been young, and *now* am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.

God will take care of us, but we need to train ourselves to not let the negatives of the world permeate our hearts and minds to stop us from doing what God wants us to do.

Proverbs 4:23:

Keep [guard] thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

One of the real issues of life is to be like Jesus Christ and always do the will of God.

John 5:30:

I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.

John 8:50:

And I seek not mine own glory...

We are to put on the mind of Christ to seek those things that are from above.

Philippians 2:5:

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus.

Colossians 3:1,2:

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Since we are God's children, our service to our Father is to do the things that please Him.

Galatians 1:10:

For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

Philippians 2:21:

For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ's.

I Corinthians 10:24:

Let no man seek his own, but every man another's *wealth*.

Even when it comes to spiritual matters we need to operate the spirit in the way that God has established it; to build up the Church.

I Corinthians 14:12:

Even so ye, forasmuch as ye are zealous of spiritual *gifts*, seek that ye may excel to the edifying of the church.

Be aware of God. Not in a negative sense, but with a sense of knowing that your heavenly Father is watching in order to help. Go to Him regularly with all your cares, your prayers, your requests, your supplications and receive back from Him what He has made available to His children in this day and time.

Matthew 6:31-33:

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Go to your Father out of love and kindness wanting to do the will of the Lord starting with believing who His son really was.

John 6:26-29:

Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled.

Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

God will reward those who diligently seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6:

But without faith it is impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

So be aware, not afraid, of God, your heavenly Father and enjoy the benefits that being His child brings.