

## VISITS FROM GOD

Hebrews 2:6

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** It is unimaginable, unthinkable that almighty God who is so great, glorious, infinite, holy, majestic should even think about insignificant, worthless, sinful mankind, yet God visits people and visits them in mercy, love and grace. It is one thing for God to visit mankind in anger and judgment for it is deserved, but who deserves His visits of grace? "Visit" is more than just passing by or dropping in, it means to stay for a bit, for a while, to be there for a purpose and with God it is to show mercy, to refresh, to deliver, to bless, to comfort, to instruct and to direct. (*Job 7:17-18; Acts 15:36; James 1:27*) God has visited in times past and He still visits today.

### I. GOD VISITED WHEN HE SENT HIS SON WITH REDEMPTION

1. Luke 1:68; Hebrews 2:6-9
2. God's Son assumed the nature of man. (Hebrews 1:1-3)
3. God's Son, Jesus, came to become man's substitute and to save those who would believe in Him.
  - Matthew 1:21
  - To give man righteousness (Romans 5:19)
  - To redeem man (Romans 3:24-26)
  - To regenerate man (John 5:21, 25)
4. God's Son, Jesus, has returned to heaven yet He continually visits man spiritually and with grace.

### II. JESUS CHRIST VISITS A PERSON AT THE TIME OF OF HIS/HER BELIEF

1. Ephesians 2:1-5; Ezekiel 16:6-14
2. Jesus Christ gives life to those who believe in Him. (John 5:20)
3. Jesus Christ gives life as a matter of pure, free, sovereign grace. (Romans 9:16)
4. The life giving grace Jesus gives is irresistible and effectual. (Psalm 65:4)
  - Just as Jesus called Lazarus from the grave ("*...Lazarus, come forth!...*"), so He calls the believer into new, everlasting life.

### III. GOD VISITS IN HIS ACTS OF GOODNESS

1. Psalm 17:3;89:32; 119:67, 71; 119:67, 71; Hebrews 10:5-11
2. As the farmer plows his fields, the gardener prunes trees to make them fruitful, as the jeweler cuts and buffs diamonds to make them shine brighter, as the refiner throws gold into the raging furnace to make it pure, so God afflicts His people to make them better."

#### **IV. GOD VISITS WITH HIS PRESERVING, SUSTAINING GRACE**

1. Isaiah 41:10
  - "I am with thee.."
  - "I am thy God.."
  - "I will strengthen thee.."
  - "I will help thee.."
  - "I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.."

2. Isaiah 43:1-5

#### **V. GOD VISITS WITH DAILY RENEWING, TRANSFORMING GRACE**

1. 2 Peter 3:18; Philippians 2:13
2. God's daily visitation enables the believer to grow in grace and likeness of the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - One cannot grow in grace unless God supplies that grace.
  - One cannot have his/her mind renewed, transformed unless God renews with His grace.
  - One cannot put off the old person and put on the new unless God steps in with His grace.
3. Sanctification is a continual work, it is never done but God's grace causes the believer to grow.
  - The believer does not grow more holy but grows in that holiness:
    - In Faith
    - In Faithfulness
    - In Love
    - In Commitment
    - In Patience
    - In Hope
  - The "old" person never gets better for the old sin nature is still there.
  - The "new" person never increases in righteousness, but he/she does grow in grace.
    - Luke 1:80
    - Jesus never became more of a man, or a better man than He was when He started out as a human being, but He simply grew into manhood.
    - Thus the believer grows in grace, but does not become more holy or righteous.  
The believer's holiness, righteousness, sanctification before God is in the Lord Jesus Christ and it is perfect. One cannot add to Christ's work making one better in God's sight.
      - Perfect cannot be improved, but believers can GROW in the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **VI. GOD VISITS DURING PUBLIC WORSHIP**

1. Matthew 18:20; Song of Songs 2:9
2. Jesus visits believers in worship services by:
  - The preaching of the Gospel.
  - The songs of His people.
  - The reading of His Word.
  - Prayer
  - Baptism

- The Lord's Supper

3. The visitations of the Lord are times of refreshing, seasons of revival for the soul for they remind the believer of:
  - God's Love
  - Jesus' redeeming blood.
  - God's mercy and adoption into His family.
  - His saving grace.
  - Being justified freely, entirely by the works of Jesus.
4. Isaiah 12: (1-6)

## **VII. GOD VISITS THE BELIEVER WHEN HE CALLS HIM/HER HOME TO HEAVEN**

1. To the believer in Jesus, death is but another friendly visit from God, for it is the Lord Jesus Christ coming to take him/her home.
  - John 14:1-3
2. What a wonderful thing it is when God comes to call the believer home.
  - God smiles with everlasting love.
  - Jesus beckons the believer to come.
  - The Holy Spirit gently pulls one's soul from his/her body.
  - The angels of God carries the believer to his/her heavenly home.
  - All the saints in heaven welcome the believer with shouts of joy when he/she enters the heavenly city of Jerusalem.

## **VIII. GOD WILL PAY HIS PEOPLE ONE MORE GRACIOUS VISIT IN THE LAST DAYS**

1. Isaiah 43:5
  - On that day of resurrection, the Lord Jesus will gather the believer's dust and raise up all believers into incorruptible glory. (Romans 8:11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58)

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. God has visited mankind often through history and He still visits people today.
2. Has the Lord God visited you in grace?
3. Has the Holy Spirit spoken to your heart?
4. Have you talked with the Lord in prayer?
5. *"What is man, that thou art mindful of him; or that the son of man, that thou visitest him?"*

