

Getting to Know God

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Introduction

... from the First Sunday of 2016 ...

We want to start the New Year off right ...
Whatever we did in 2015 ... it is done ...
Whatever anyone did to us in 2015 ... it is done ...
It is time for us to repent ... forgive ... and move on ... (repeat)

If we want to start this year off in a right relationship with God ...
we must focus on Him!!! (sounds simple, but it is not always ...)
We must not focus on ourselves and what we have done ... good or bad.
We must not focus on others and what they have done ... good or bad.
We have got to put our focus on God ...

This is what Moses is talking about today ...

So as the Children of Israel prepare to enter into the Promised Land ...
Moses is trying to prepare them for success ...

... and through the text today, as we enter into this next year, God is preparing
us for success by teaching us four things we need to do if we are really trying to
... **Get Right with God**

Moses is telling us that if we want to get right with God, we must ...

Know who God is

Love God completely
Have a Godly Household
Let the World Know that you stand with God

Today, from verse 4, we want to talk about **Getting to Know God** ...

Text tells us three things we can do to help us ... **Get to Know God** ...

I. Hear ...

- A. God is revealed to us through His Word
 - i. We don't have prophets and prophetesses among us today
 - ii. Jesus Christ is our prophet, priest and king ...
 1. Why would we need another
 2. Why would we want another
- B. There are not extra-scriptural revelations about God
 - i. Everything God has revealed to us about Himself is in the Word
 - ii. Everything God wants us to know about Him ... He was revealed
- C. So how do I hear from the Word of God ...

- i. Read the Word . . .
- ii. Study the Word . . .
- iii. Meditate on the Word . . .
- iv. Pray . . .
 - 1. Pray in the Word . . .
 - 2. Pray with the Word . . .

D. If you want to **Get to Know God** . . . first, Hear from God

II. He is our God

A. If you want to get to know God . . . you must accept Him as God

- i. God is not a myth . . .
- ii. God is real . . . if you don't know He's real . . . you can't know Him

B. If you want to get to know God, you must accept Jesus Christ

- i. John 8:19-20 – Pharisees . . . Where is your father?
- ii. John 14:1-10 – Disciples . . . Shew us the Father . . .

C. You cannot know God . . . if you don't accept God

- i. You can know about God . . .
- ii. You can even be blessed by God . . .
- iii. But you cannot know God . . .

D. If you want to **Get to know God** . . . He must be your God

III. He is one God

A. He is not multiple Gods . . .

- i. Pagans had a separate god for everything
- ii. Our God is one God . . . multiple things . . . but one God

B. He is a specific God . . .

- i. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob
- ii. He is the God of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
- iii. He is the God of creation – Genesis 1:1-31
- iv. Yahweh (Jehovah) is His Name

C. He is the same God all of the time

- i. He is not one thing today and another tomorrow
- ii. Malachi 3:6 – I am the Lord, I change not. Therefore . . .
- iii. Hebrews 13:8 – Jesus Christ the same today, yesterday and forever

D. If you want to **Get to know God** . . . understand that our God is one God

Conclusion

So today, as we start the new year . . .

We want to get to know God . . .

If we already know God . . . we want to get to know Him better . . .

We want to get to know His thoughts

We want to get to know His ways

We want to get to know His will . . .

but first of all we need to get to know His Son . . .

If you want to know God . . . you gotta get to know Jesus

*****Tell the Story*****
(Get to know . . .)

Today . . . we need to start getting right with God by **Getting to know Him!!**