

Letting the World Know that You Stand with 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, we want to talk about ... **Letting the World Know that You Stand with God ...**

You see ...
It's not enough to know who God is ...
It's not enough to read your bible ...
It's not enough to come to church ...
It's not enough that God knows our hearts ...

Jesus commands us to go into all the world and teach all nations ...
We cannot teach what we do not know, and cannot lead where we will not go

In other words ... a private faith is not much faith at all!!!
Jesus does not save us just so we can go to heaven ...
He saves us that we might help save others ...

So today, if we really want to get right with God, we have to . . . Let the World Know that We Stand with God

Text tells us three things we must do if we really want to . . .

Let the World Know that We Stand with God . . .

I. We have to decide where we stand with God . . .

- A. Too many of us of us are playing with God
 - i. Too many playing Christian . . .
 - ii. Too many playing church . . .
 - iii. It's time to make up our minds
- B. God is not happy with our indecision
 - i. Revelation 3:14-19 – talks about the Laodicean church
 - ii. That church was like many of us . . . neither hot nor cold
 - iii. They are a lukewarm church . . . too many lukewarm Christians
 - iv. God tells that church that they make Him sick to His stomach
- C. Moses is writing to tell his people that have to stand for and with God
 - i. Verses 1-3 tell us why Moses is speaking to us . . .
 - ii. Verse 4 reminds us who God is . . .
 - iii. Verses 5-7 what we must do to be children of God
 - iv. Verses 8-9 tell us that we must make our declaration public
- D. If we want to **Let the World Know that We Stand with God . . .** we must first **decide where we stand with God**

II. If we decide to stand with God . . . We need to show some sign

- A. When I was a boy, they used to sing this song . . .

Have you got good religion? . . . certainly Lord!
Have you been to the pool? . . . certainly Lord!
Have you been baptized? . . . certainly Lord!
Is your name on the roll? . . . certainly Lord!
. . . when they got through with the questions . . . they would say
If you got that good religion . . . then you ought to show some sign!
- B. If you really love the Lord . . . folks ought to know that you love Him
 - i. There ought to be things folks don't do when you are around
 - ii. There ought to be things folks don't say when you are around
 - iii. The ought to be places folks won't invite you to go with them
 - iv. In other words folks ought to associate you with Christ
 - v. Folks should be reminded of Christ when they see you!
- C. The Jews used to make everything very literal
 - i. Moses says "as frontlets" not "in frontlets"
 - ii. They used to wear the Word . . . but not live the Word
 - iii. They used to read the Word . . . but not know the Word

- iv. They used to impose the Word on others . . . but not follow it themselves
- D. Moses was trying to make the point that it should not take much effort
 - i. If you love God . . . it should be obvious to all that you love God
 - ii. People should not have to guess which side you are on
- E. If we want to **Let the World Know that We Stand with God . . . We need to show some sign**

III. **We need to make it obvious that we stand with God . . .**

- A. Moses says to write them upon you doorposts and upon thy gates . . .
 - i. The Word of God should be there to be a reminder . . .
 - 1. So other folks see them . . .
 - 2. So you see them
 - ii. Putting them on the doorposts and gates is an obvious sign . . .
- B. It would remind the Jews of the Passover . . . Exodus 12:7,12-13
 - i. They put the blood on the doorposts to identify with God
 - ii. They put the blood on the doorposts as a token to God
 - iii. God said, "When I see the blood . . ."
- C. We live in a day and time where folks don't want to see the Word
 - i. Folks don't want to hear about God
 - ii. Folks file lawsuits to stop you from praying
 - iii. Folks file lawsuits to make you take down the Word of God
 - iv. Folks file lawsuits to take down nativity scenes at Christmas
 - v. Folks file lawsuits to take down Christmas trees . . . which have nothing to do with God
 - vi. Many folks don't want to see the Word or hear the Word
 - vii. . . . and too many Christians oblige them . . . because they like them!
- D. If we want to **Let the World Know that We Stand with God . . . We need to make it obvious that we stand with God**

Conclusion

Moses warns us – Deuteronomy 6:10-16

But He promises us – Deuteronomy 6:17-25

*****Tell the Story*****
(The only reason we are here . . .)

The only reason I'm here is that God kept me here . . .

Williams Brothers - Still Here

Heartaches, I've had my share of heartaches, but I'm still here
Trouble, I've seen my share of trouble, but I'm still here

Bruises, I've taken my lumps and bruises, but I'm still here, yes I am
Loneliness, I've had my share of loneliness, but I'm still here

Chorus

Through it all I've made it through
Another day's journey,
God kept me here
I've made it through
Another day's journey,
God kept me here

Lied on, many times I've been lied on, but I'm still here
Burdens, I had to bare so many burdens, but I'm still here
Dark days, I've had my share of dark days, but I'm still here, yes I am
Disappointments, I've had so many disappointments, but I'm still here

Chorus

It's by the grace of God, that I'm still here today
He was always there, no matter what came my way
A very present help, in my time of need
Standing right there, just to see about me

Chorus

I made it (I made it)
I made it (yes, I made it)
I'm still here (I'm still here)

Today . . . we need to start getting right with God by **Letting the World Know
that We Stand with God**