

REDEMPTION CHURCH OF CHRIST OF THE APOSTOLIC FAITH



And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God (Romans 12:2).

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Thank you for visiting us today at Redemption Church of Christ! We pray you will enjoy the service. We know that there are no mistakes with God.

Ask Him for guidance in your life, and allow Him to speak to you this morning through the Word of God.

*If you have any questions, feel free to ask!
Elder and Sis. Massey*

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Missing the Obvious

by Elder John Massey, Jr.

We need to uncomplicate our lives by using discretion, one's persuasion about what is right and proper under particular circumstances. When Israel was confronted by a massive opponent, "Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha" (II Kings 6:17). Elisha was convinced that God was with him. "Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them" (verse 16).

One of Christ's most notable miracles was the healing of a man that was blind from birth. "Since the world began was it not heard that any man opened the eyes of one that was born blind" (John 9:32). Twice the Pharisees interrogated the man that received sight. They were in unbelief that a miracle had been done.

The Pharisees reviled the man that was healed (verse 28). He became tired, weary, and drained from the questioning and answered, "I have told you already...will ye also be his disciples?" (verse 27). The Pharisees failed to understand the obvious and asked, "Are we blind also?" (verse 40).

When you become drained, you lose your energy, motivation, inspiration, and enthusiasm. Life becomes just a mere routine. Evaluate your life: Is this what God has planned for me?

Jesus said, "I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work" (John 9:4). We must take advantage of our window of opportunity. Ask yourself these questions: Why is God keeping me? Why has He blessed me? Why did God spare me? What is my course?

Realize that before the foundation of the world, God already designed our lives for us (Ephesians 1:4). Take none of God's blessings for granted: health, prosperity, life. Paul stated, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (II Timothy 4:7).

"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way" (Psalm 37:23). God continues to be merciful to us, hoping that one day our eyes will be opened. Every test, trial, and struggle has a lifespan. "After that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you" (I Peter 5:10).

Where is your deliverance? God does not allow trials to weaken us. "If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small" (Proverb 24:10). Ask the Lord to open your eyes that you might see. God can clarify your understanding so that you can realize His plan for your life.

Daily we reinforce bad habits through repetition which deepen the rut in which we find ourselves. Through this process, our lives are getting

worse. Many shall be deceived (Matthew 24:4, 5, 11, 24). Take God's advice: "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves" (James 1:22). When people reject the counsel of God with willful intent, you have to leave them alone. Put them in God's hands. Too often we get in God's way trying to fix things in other people's lives.

In considering God's will on our lives, there are many obvious observations: God is merciful. In spite of the turmoil in our lives, God keeps us day to day. The Lord keeps us in spite of our negligence.

When an individual ignores the obvious, they are displaying the characteristics of the spiritually blind. Find God in your circumstances; do not continue to miss the obvious.

Lord, open my eyes to see your "good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Romans 12:2). Ask the Lord to give you the courage to do what He has convicted you to do. Ask Him to help you see, hear, feel what you should. Our tests and trials should not strain us to the point of wanting to give up.

"Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord" (Exodus 14:13). Do not be discouraged by what you see. Ask the Lord to help you see hope in your situation, the assurance that God is still with you, a touch every now and then. "And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart (Jeremiah 29:13).

Thank God you are still here in spite of a lack of spirituality and not pleasing God. Ask the Lord to help you refocus all over again. Get desperate with God; sell out. "Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?" (Song of Solomon 3:3). Ask the Lord to reorganize your life. Place your plans inside of God's plans. "Thy will be done" (Matthew 6:10).

Schedule of Services

Sunday School 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship 12:30 p.m.

Monday Women of Faith/Men of Honor 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

Friday End Time Prophecy Conference 7:00 p.m.

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