

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” Hebrews 11:6.

Should man come to God, or should God come to man? The truth is that God has already taken the first step in coming down from heaven to man. He created man in the beginning and had fellowship with him in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 1-3). Man sinned, leaving God behind.

In Romans 1, we have an historical composite of man's relationship with God. It reads, “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting” (v. 28). Again, man sinned, leaving God behind.

A patient, loving, righteous God gave His Son to redeem a sinful world from sin and rebellion, John 3:16. So God is always available, near, and willing. But he who comes to God... The word “comes” means in this text “to approach, i.e., (literally) come near, visit, or (figuratively) worship, assent to.” In the context, both Abel and Enoch came near to God in worship, love and adoration. So did Noah, Abram, Isaac and Jacob. Men of faith seek after and find God when they come near to him with their whole hearts.

If we are to come to God it dare not be with half-hearted, weak faith! We must believe with all our hearts that God is and is a Rewarder of those who diligently seek Him! There is no hum-drum approach to God available. God so loved us that He gave us His only begotten Son. Those who reject this magnanimous act will do so to their own condemnation eternally, John 3:36.

But “diligently seek”? Really? Absolutely. The phrase translates a Greek word which means “to search out, (figuratively) investigate, crave, demand” and is actually a Hebraism for worship! Again, we see the need to approach God with strong faith, great zeal, and dedicated reverence. That is true, acceptable worship. How do you come to God?

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