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What Would Have Happened If He Did Not Seek?

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Moses was doing the task his hands found to do. He was busy watching the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro.

In that remote place, the shepherd saw an unusual sight. He saw a bush that burned. Its flames did not consume the plant. It kept burning.

In the dried-out area, one would have expected the bush to flash into flames and then shortly be reduced to ashes. But not this one. The fire blazed without consuming the shrub.

The shepherd was curious about that anomaly. He had never seen anything like it. The desert-savvy herdsman was interested enough to stop what he was doing and examine the unnatural occurrence.

“And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.” Exodus 3:3

In the flame, he saw an angel of the Lord. The messenger of God saw the shepherd make a move to seek answers.

“And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.” Exodus 3:2

Because of Moses’ desire to seek answers, his life changed. The Lord saw his effort to seek truth and then spoke to the shepherd. Much of the following chapters in Exodus reveal what Moses was told to do, how God used the one-time shepherd, and how the man’s curiosity changed his life and Israel’s; all because Moses sought answers.

How would the great leader and his nation fared if the humble shepherd did not first seek what he did not understand? What would have happened if Moses ran from the curiosity? History would have been different that is for sure.

How would your life be different if you did not seek to get answers to questions, especially about the things of God? God is always around us. He is everywhere. However, to first have a relationship and knowledge of His will and way, one must first have an open, curious mind willing to seek Him.

The Bible has a lot to say about seeking God and His truths. Some of those truths are:

God knows who is truly looking. He is particularly watching those that are open to His way and wisdom.

“The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.” Psalm 14:2 Also Psalm 53:2, Matthew 6:33.

“I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.” Proverbs 8:17

If you sincerely look for God and His truths, you will find Him. As God saw Moses’ sincerity, He wants to see one’s genuineness in looking for Him.

“But if from thence thou shalt seek the LORD thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.” Deuteronomy 4:29 Also: I Chron. 22:19.

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:” Matthew 7:7 Also: Luke 22:19.

The key to one’s searching and God revealing Himself to them is their “heart” condition.

“If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.” II Chron. 7:14 Also: Psalm 63:1, 119:2, Ecclesiastes 7:25.

“And they entered into a covenant to seek the LORD God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul;” II Chronicle 15:12

“And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth

all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.” I Chronicles 28:9

One’s genuine search for God will involve a heart that will change and trust Him.

“And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.” Psalm 9:10

One of Jesus’ purposes of coming to Earth was to save those that have a seeking heart. There is still an opportunity to be “found” if one genuinely looks to God for answers.

“For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10 Also: Luke 17:33.

One’s search for God and His truths will be a lifetime effort.

“Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually.” I Chronicles 16:11

“Seek the LORD, and his strength: seek his face evermore.” Psalm 105:4

There are great rewards for the one seeking God.

“But rather seek ye the kingdom of God; and all these things shall be added unto you.”

Luke 12:31

The wicked will not seek God. Many could care less if they have His truths and way or not.

“The wicked, through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts.” Psalm 10:4

The wicked seek the wrong things.

“And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.” Luke 11:29

“For all seek their own, not the things which are Jesus Christ’s.” Philippians 2:21

God is not fooled by a person looking for something to ease their guilt or quiet their convicted spirit. Often they only find false, man-made religion. He knows the ones with a genuine desire to know God’s will and way. When one is truly sincere, God will make Himself and His way known to the seeker.

Moses’ life changed when he sought the truth. Today one seeking God, no matter what obstacles are thrown in one’s path, can also find His clear direction and godly wisdom.

Not seeking His way will lead to a life with many regrets and, if salvation is not sought, an eternity in the Lake of Fire. Seek God and His wisdom while you still have the opportunity.

“God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.” *Psalm 53:2*

Knocking At Mercy’s Door

Morning and Evening, C. H. Spurgeon

“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.” Matthew 7:7-8

We know of a place in England where a dole of bread was served to every passerby who chose to ask for it. Whoever the traveler may be, he has but to knock at the door of St. Cross Hospital, and there is the dole of bread for him.

Jesus Christ so loveth sinners that He has built a St. Cross Hospital so that whenever a sinner is hungry, he has but to knock and have his wants supplied. Nay, He has done better; He has attached to this Hospital of the Cross a bath, and whenever a soul is filthy, he has but to go there and be washed. The fountain is always full and always efficacious.

No sinner ever went into it and found that it could not wash away his stains. Sins which were scarlet have all disappeared, and the sinner will be whiter than snow.

As if this were not enough, there is attached to this Hospital of the Cross a wardrobe. A sinner making

application simply as a sinner may be clothed from head to foot. If he wishes to be a soldier, he may not merely have a garment for ordinary wear, but armour which shall cover him from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. If he asks for a sword, he shall have that given to him and a shield too. Nothing good for him shall be denied him. He shall have spending money so long as he lives and has an eternal heritage of glorious treasure when he enters into the joy of his Lord.

If all these things are to be had by merely knocking at mercy's door, O my soul, knock hard this morning, and ask large things of thy generous Lord. Leave not the throne of grace till all thy wants have been spread before the Lord, and until by faith thou hast a comfortable prospect that they shall be all supplied.

No bashfulness need retard when Jesus invites. No unbelief should hinder when Jesus promises. No cold-heartedness should restrain when such blessings are to be obtained.

“And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:” *1 John 5:14'*