

## The Only Way Unto God

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What does it mean in the commandment that God gave unto Moses, one of the Ten Commandments, that "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me?" True, in the New Testament that Jesus said that if you love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, and mind, and soul, and body, and if you love your neighbor as yourself, you fulfilled all the scriptures, and you fulfilled all the commandments. But, what did He mean when He gave it to Moses, and how does it apply even unto today? Because, this is a very important thing; that a man, until he has come to Jesus, to come to the Lord, he is under the Law, because all men are under the Law until such time as they come to the Lord, and are under the Spirit, or the freedom of the Spirit. So then, he would still be under the Law, and he would need to know, "Thou shalt have no other gods, before Me."

What does that mean, and how would I know who this other god is, that is Me, He says? This One Who spoke of Himself in the scriptures in the Ten Commandments, and said, "Thou shalt have no other gods besides **Me**." Who is the **Me**? Who is **that** God?

That God identified Himself throughout the scriptures, beginning in the very beginning, to Adam and Eve. He identified Himself to Noah. He identified Himself to Abraham, and unto Abraham He said He was the God Who walked with Abraham, the God of Abraham. Then, later on, the people of Israel said, they called Him the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. And Jacob said, the God, Who was the God of my father Abraham, the God of my father Isaac, Who is my God. And, so, He was called the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.

Now throughout this time, upon all the earth, there were other gods. And you say, "But there is only one God." I didn't say that. I said, "There is other gods that were

worshipped upon this earth," and still are today. There are many other gods spoken of, and even the One Who called Himself "**Me**," the "**I AM**," spoke of the other gods. He said, "You'll have none of these other gods before **Me**," but they were not deity. They were not with capital letters. They did not exist at all times in the beginning, and exist forevermore. They were gods who were made by hands. They were gods who were created in the mind. They were gods who were made by man, and some of the them were the worship of things that God, the Creator Himself, had made. So how would I distinguish who this God is? How would I tell someone, or how would I, myself, come to know this God, the ONE God, the God Who spoke of Himself as the Eternal God, the Only God, the Creator God?

Let's look at a couple scriptures before we discuss on that. John 14, in the scripture, says, in John, 14:6 and 7. Jesus said to the people, and to the disciple who asked Him, He said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life, that no one comes to the Father except through Me." "...no one comes to the Father, except by Me." - "...through Me," "...by Me." That is an important thing to remember. That's the key to the total understanding. That's the key to the total knowing of this God. No one comes to the Father except through Jesus. I will explain that to you in time.

And Jesus said, "If you would have known Me, you would have known My Father also, and from now on, you...," the disciple, "...will know Him, for you have seen Him," because Jesus said, "I and the Father are One." "I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me."

Then, in John 5:37,38,39, and 40, Jesus said, "And the Father, Himself, Who sent Me has testified of Me. You have neither heard His voice at any time, nor have seen His form at any time, but you do not have His word abiding in You, because whom He sent...," this God sent, "...Him...", capital "H", Jesus, "...you do not believe." He's talking to the Pharisees, to the religious people at this time. He says, you religious people, you search out the scriptures, you read the scriptures and study them, you do all of your church work, you do all of your scripture work, and you think for in them you have eternal life, and these

are those words, which testify of Me. "But," He said, "you don't believe in Me." Even though you search out the scriptures and looking for it, and it testifies of Me, He said, you don't believe in it; but, you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

Then in John 12, ... I'm going to use basically John, because of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, John has the best relaying of it, the best written part of it, John 12:44 and 45: "Then Jesus cried out and said,..." This is after He told the people, the Pharisees and the religious people around Him, the lawyers and scribes, He said, "...you love the praise of men more than you do the praise of God." In other words, you want to make sure that you don't offend any man. You want to make sure that all men, women, and children like you, and think highly of you, and that you don't offend them, and that you don't do wrong before them, and that you would be **willing**, you would be willing to act against God, or to deny Him, or by action, or word, or deed, in the presence of men, so that men wouldn't think lowly of you or against you. "And then Jesus cried out and said,..." Now cried doesn't mean crying with tears. It means He spoke out with great, great voice, and virtually screamed it out. He virtually screamed and yelled out to these people and said, "He who believes in Me, believes not in Me, but Him...", capital "H", "...Who sent Me, and He who sees Me, sees Him Who sent Me." Very important to know that Jesus is in the Father, and the Father was in Him, and if you had seen Jesus, you had seen the Father, but not with your eyes, but you had seen Him with understanding, because Jesus said, "I and the Father are One." He couldn't be separate from the Father, neither could the Father bring forth things without Jesus.

In John 17, I'm going to read verse 2,3,4, and 5, Jesus is speaking here, and this is John 17, is the actual prayer that Jesus prayed for the disciples, for all believers to come, and for those who would follow Him as His disciples, His believers, His disciples. He did not pray for the world, nor did He pray for the lost, nor did He pray for those who would not come, but instead He prayed for those who were His, whom the Father had given Him. He said, for those who would be in Him as He was in the Father, He was praying

for them; and so this is really a prayer that Jesus prayed for Himself, to sanctify Himself first, and then He prayed for you and I, for all those believers who would come after that, and in this Jesus said, as He began to speak, He said, "God, glorify your Son, that your Son may also glorify You." Then in verse 2, He said, "As You...," Father, "have given Him authority," Him, Jesus, "over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him." And then, this is the key again, verse 3, "And **this** is eternal life..." "**This** is eternal **LIFE**..." Remember that. This is the explanation. This is the definition, and this is the understanding of what eternal life is. Not everlasting life, not saved in the kingdom of heaven, not living with God forever: **this is eternal life**, and it's entered on the earth, or where ever. "**This** is eternal life, **that they may know You, the One, only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom You have sent.**" That is eternal life. It is when you know the God, the Father, and His only Son Whom He has sent, Jesus Christ, and that I will explain to you in a few minutes.

Jesus said, "And I have glorified You on the earth, Father. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do, and now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself with the glory which I once had before the world was."

Then, let's go to James 2. And in James 2, reading in verses 19, 23, 24, and 26; James, the brother of Jesus, having made a lot of statements while Jesus was upon the earth and got his mouth in a lot of trouble, having a wicked tongue, and not understanding how wicked his tongue was until after the resurrection of his half brother, whom he knew not as the Savior before He was resurrected, and this man now knowing that and having worked in the ministry for some number of years, is going to cut his tongue in a thousand pieces, because he knows that his tongue, in the time that Jesus was upon the earth, was most wicked. It spoke things it knew not, and it said things that were evil, and he is now in repentance, and he is now speaking of it for others to hear, because he is an example of how wrong he was and how wrong people can be. Verse 19, James says, "You believe that there was one God." "You believe that there is just one God, as many people do."

He says, "You do well. Even the demons believe that, and they tremble at that," but they are not saved. So that's something to think about.

Many religions upon the earth say, "We believe in one God. We believe that there's just one God, a Creator God. We believe that this God created all things. We believe that this God lives eternally. We believe this God is" ....and on and on, and on. Sure they believe it. Demons believe that, too, and demons tell these people that same thing. But even though that the demons believe it, and they tremble at it in fear, because their judgment day is coming. And you say, "Why would their judgment day be coming if they believe in this one God, and they tremble with fear?" It's because they don't have the **key to salvation**. They don't have the **key to knowing this One and only God**. They know **of** Him. They believe **of** Him, but they don't **know** Him. There is the difference! And, the **key** I gave you just a minute ago.

The scripture was fulfilled which said, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness," because he believed Him with faith. You see then, that a man is justified by works, and not by faith alone, for if he has faith, then he must show it by his works. His works put into action his faith, for if you tell me you have faith in something and you will not do it, you will not take a chance on it, because you fear that the faith that you have will not hold, then you're a liar, because you don't have faith. It's all words out of your mouth. But, he who has faith stands in what his faith is and shows it by his works. And, Abraham did so, when he sacrificed his son, believing that God would resurrect him to a better life. So, you see then that a man is justified by works and not by faith only.

Don't let a religious person tell you that, "All you need is faith." Yes, you are saved by faith. You are saved by the grace of God Who gave it to you when you don't merit it, you don't deserve it, you have no right to have it, you have no reason to have it, but God in His love gives you that grace because you have the faith that you believe that what He said will be. So by His grace then, He will allow you to have the salvation. He will grant you that love which is salvation, but you better show it by your faith through works.

Your works are what? Some people think it's giving money, helping the poor. It has nothing to do with that. Your works are this: weeping of heart, repentance, brokenness, prayer, fasting, steadfastness, and seeking and believing in your heart that He is Who He says He is, and that what He says He will do, He will do. That's the works! And, if He gives unto you to be tested and tried, you can say, "Yes, Lord, I will do it," no matter what it is, knowing and believing that if it came from the Lord, that's it's of Him, that you will do it, and **He** will bring it to pass. "For as the body without the Spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead, also."

In other words, works alone won't do it, and faith alone won't do it. But, your faith has to have works in order to bring it to pass, in order to show that you believe what you say you believe. You will do it. I've given you examples before, about a bridge. If there was a draw bridge, or a rope bridge going across a deep canyon, one slip, one break, one crack in the bridge and it will break, and you're dead. You look at it, and you say, "Well, people have gone over it before I have. It looks strong to me. I think we can do it. That'll hold you. No problem." Somebody says, "Well, you go ahead first and check it out for us." And you say, "No. No, no, no, no. I don't want to do that, but I believe it will hold you though, but I'm not going to go over to the other side where I need to be, because it might break on me." You didn't have the faith. You didn't believe what you said. You spoke a lie to begin with, because, if you had had the faith to believe what you said, and if you had spoken it from the heart with truth, you would have got on the bridge and walked across, believing it would have held up. It is the same in what I am speaking to you of in the faith that you need to have and to put the works into effect.

If you believe by faith that the Lord will save you, and if you believe that He will do so, then you will put into effect repentance, fasting, prayer, and the word that is spoken, you will bring it together in your life as action. It could include helping others. It could include many works of the flesh; giving a drink to the weary, giving help to the humble and the poor, but that's not the works I'm speaking of. That's the works of religion, not the works

of the Bible, or of Christianity.

Who is this God? How do I get to know this God that is the Creator, the All, Eternal, Everlasting, Mighty, Creator, and God? You said, "Well, there is only One." You says good, but how about the other four-fifths of the people, or nine-tenths upon this earth, who say, "We believe in one god. He's the god that creates things, and we call him, 'so-and-so.'" Dob, or whatever his name is, "But, we don't believe in the Bible. We don't believe in the scriptures that you have. We don't believe in the word that came down through the Hebrews and the Jews, and through the disciples following that period of time." And Jesus said to the Pharisees, "You don't know My Father, and your father is of the devil, because you have seen Me and don't believe in Me." But they had the scriptures from all the prophets of the days of old in the Old Testament. But, Jesus says, "You don't know My Father. You can't know Him, because there's only one way to know Him." And, how is that way?

There are many other gods. There is the...people have gods that they make for the sun, and the gods they make for the earth, and the gods of water, and you see the gods that are carved, and the Buddhas and the Hindus, and the animals that they have. These are all gods, small "g". And, they are all demonically influenced of the devil. Every last one of them has that power of the devil to do harm and destruction, to lead astray, to cause confusion, and to lead unto death for those who believe, worship, or honor those gods. It's just that simple.

Who is **this** God that the Father spoke of. He said, "**I**, no other gods before **Me**." So how would I know if I had any other god before Him? How would I tell someone else on the earth that "Your god is wrong,"? How would I explain to them Who the real God is, and how would I find Him? Someone says to you, "Well, how do I know this one and only God?" He says, "I'm a Buddha," or "I'm a Hindu," or "I believe in this." "We have a Koran. We have a bible. We have the word. It came from our prophets. And, it speaks of Jesus in them. It speaks of God in them. It speaks of Abraham in them. It speaks of all the

same as our scriptures do." It has a little different distortion in it though. It isn't the same God that we know of. It isn't the same **way** that our God is, the God Who is the Creator of all things, the God Who was, is, and has been always.

Jesus says that "...the only way you can know Him is through Me." This God, you can only know through Him. And you say, "Then I got to know Jesus first," but Jesus is the Word of Life. Jesus is the scriptures fulfilled. Jesus is the word of God. So many people believe in the Man. They look for this Man, Jesus, and they try to describe what His hair is and His color is, how He looks, and whether He was black or white, how He walked, how tall He was, when He was born. They're going to have birthdays for Him, holidays, Christmas time. They're going to put Him back on the cross at Easter time. They're going to celebrate all the heathen birthdays that they can.

Who is **this** Jesus? He is the Living Word of God, the eternal Christ that came in flesh form. So, if I want to know the one and Only God, I have to know **Him**. I have to know Him, the Spirit of God, the Word of God, through the Word of God, as I read it and as it's revealed to me. But, if someone were to pick up a bible... Any body can pick up a bible and read it. Does that mean that they will know God? No. It has to be something that is received internally, into your heart. It has to be received with understanding, and belief, and faith, and then put into works. And, through the understanding of His word, then the Father has begun to be revealed. How magnificent! How Almighty! How beyond any description He is! And, you will find, that when you have come to understand Him, through the Word that you have received and understood, and believed in, as He begins to be revealed to you, He is a different God than the Hindu god. He's a different God than the Buddha god. He's a different God than the Hebrew god. He's a different God than who the demons know and believe in.

He may be the same one in word that they speak of, but He's a different God, because you begin to know Him as the God that He is: the forgiving God, the compassionate God, the all-powerful God, the eternal Creator God, the God Who exists in all things, all places,



in all times, always has, and always will, the God Who is above all other things, the God Who doesn't have form, the God Who is never seen by man, and the God Who is pure light: pure light, perfect, with every exactness, Who has all the intelligence, all the understanding, and all the wisdom, from the very beginning, and always has had, and will never have less, nor have more, because it's fully contained in this God, Who exists above all things.

And that God, can only be known through Jesus Christ, His only Son. That's why the scripture is so clear. That's why Jesus was so clear. That's why it's so necessary to know that He came, He divided the world at that point into those who are saved and believers, and those who were not. He divided it right there on the spot, because He says, "I am the only way."

So other people will say, "Well, don't you think that God will be compassionate to all the Buddhas, and all Hindus, and all the animalistic worshippers? That's beside the point. I can't tell you that. That's something else that you don't need to consider, because so many people want to find out, "Well, how about John and Pete over here? And, "How about so-and-so down the street?" "How about this church over here?" Or, "How about this country over here?" That's not given unto you to worry about. That's not given unto you to judge. That's not given unto you for a burden, but that's in God's hands.

You have plenty to get yourself right! You have plenty to understand Who this God is, just yourself, coming to understand the smallest thing about Who this God is. Unless you **know** this God, how would you know which god you're worshipping? You say, "Well, I believe in that." Well, sure the devil does too, and it's great. Sure, he believes in it too, and he trembles at it. He **knows** Who that God is, but he doesn't know **Him**. He doesn't know His ways. For to **know** His ways, means to **have** His ways, and the devil doesn't have that compassion, doesn't have that forgiveness, doesn't have that brokenness, doesn't have that goodness, doesn't have that understanding, doesn't have creation, doesn't have the way, and neither do those who follow him. For they're filled with

proudness. They're filled with judgment. They're filled with anger. They're filled with religion. They're filled with self-works and education. Their wisdom is not the wisdom of God. It is the wisdom that is sensual, demonic, earthly, and deadly. It comes from a man's school. It comes from higher education on the earth. It doesn't have the understanding of why, and how, and the way that God created things to bring it together for His glory. But, instead, it looks at and seeks after the answer, and never can find it. That's what Jesus said to the Jews, "You search the scriptures for Me, and they tell of Me, but you can't find it, because you don't believe in Me first."

That's the first thing that you must do, is to believe in Him first. For if you say, "I believe in God," but you haven't believed in Jesus, you've done nothing. That's why the scripture is very clear. If you don't have Jesus, you don't have the Father. That's written in the book of 1st John. If you don't have Jesus, you don't have the Father. Without the Son, no Father, and your father then becomes the devil. He did that for this reason, because God sent His only Word, which was His salvation, which was His way of life, which told you all the things you needed to know, and do, and find, to reach to the Father, He sent it and placed it in a Man. And, the Man's name was Jesus Christ, and unless you follow Him, and believe in Him, and accept Him, how are you going to find the One and only true God? Because, no man has seen Him. No man has seen His form. No man has heard Him. So, how can you? Except that you believe and accept in Jesus, and do His works through faith, believing that what He told you, what He said in the word, and what He tells you in however way He tells you, visions, dreams, or verbally, that He will bring to pass.

Eternal life is this, **eternal life**. There is a parable in the scriptures that talked about a man who was asking Jesus about eternal life. He first asked Him about everlasting life, and then he asked Him about eternal life. Everlasting life, everlasting life, is a condition of salvation in the kingdom of heaven, living forever in a state with God. Eternal life is a condition of the heart and of the soul wherein dwells the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit within you, and you have everlasting life within you. And you still dwell in the same place,

but you have one greater move, you have eternal life within you. That is eternal life, and eternal life comes from knowing the Father through His only Son, Jesus Christ, Who is the Word, the Living Word of God, Who is the Spirit of God, Who is the Spirit of Christ, so if I were to try to reflect my knowledge on Him as a man, then I fall short. The scripture tells us in II Corinthians, roughly chapter 5, it says in there that we once knew Him as a man, but now that we are walking with the Lord, and now that we have come to believe in Him, and to accept Him, we know Him no longer as a man in the flesh, but we know Him as the Spirit. That's important for you to understand.

For, if I continue on to try to visualize Him as a man, and try to receive Him as a man, and try to put this man in my heart, and I try to believe in this man, Whose going to lead me to God the Father, then I'm going to fall short, because I'm looking for flesh to save me. And Jesus told you Himself, beware, the flesh has no power in it. The flesh has no life in it: the Spirit does. So even to the people who He saw and who saw Him, He said, "Disregard My flesh, but remember the words I speak, they are spirit, and they are life. They tell you of My Father, Whom you hear Me speak of when My words come out of My mouth." He says, "That's My Father." "I Speak My Father," He says. So if you could hear His words, and listen carefully, and understand them, you would begin to know the Father. You would see His character. You would see His way, His nature. You would see His heart, the heart of God, the Father. You would see His compassion. You would see His love. You would see His creation through Him. Not with your own eyes, but through the eyes of God, through the words of Jesus that you could hear within your heart. That's why the demons know Him as one God and tremble in fear, because they can't be saved, because they do not have Him, nor would they accept Him, because they have turned to sin, after knowing the truth, after having been made pure to begin with, they turned back to sin, to do their own will, and became evil, as Lucifer did. God made him perfect in all of his ways, the most beautiful of His creation, but when he was tried and tested later, he was found to have pride in his heart. Pride is like false modesty. Pride

and false modesty go together. They work hand in hand. Both of them are the downfall of people. Men normally have pride; women have false modesty. It's one in the same. It's a deadly combination, more deadly than any other thing you could do. Probably greater deadly, than any great sin that you could do.

To know God the Father, this God that I'm speaking of, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, and the God of Jesus Christ, and the God of Truth, you must go through the word of God. You must go through His Word. Now, the Word came as the Law, in the beginning unto Moses. The Word came as the Law, unto Moses, but Jesus came and fulfilled the Law. Did He nullify it? No, no, no, no. He didn't nullify it. He fulfilled for those who were in Him. But any man who is not in Him is under the law, and will be judged under the law as such in his day of judgment, except that he come to Jesus and be made holy through Christ, and given the spirit of life from Jesus, at which time he is not under the Law, but he's under the Spirit. And, the Spirit is freedom, if you can understand that. Freedom to do all things? Yes. Freedom to do all things. It is just that if you have that spirit, and if you have that brokenness, and if you have that Christ within you, then you won't desire to do those things which are displeasing to God. You won't do it, because you can't do it. You can't do it, because you don't want to do it, and you don't want to do it because you know the Lord. And, it's just seems silly, foolish, and wrong to do it. And, you would rather die: you would rather do anything than to do something that you didn't want to do, because it would be wrong against the Lord.

But, he who doesn't know this God is someone who worships Buddha, Hinduism, animalism, Islam, Mohammed, all these other gods, because they speak of a god, too. The Iranians, the Islams, the Mohammeds over there, and the Buddhist, they speak of one god. Not Buddha, but the others do. Buddha has got one big, god, big fat god, or something made out of wood and stone. It's because they won't accept Jesus, the Word of God, they have no way unto the real God. They have no way unto the Father, the Father of Lights, the Father of creation, the Father of all men, the Father of the beginning,

the Father of all things. He is the God, Who is the Father, and all others are impostors. All others are fakes. All the others are lies. They exist, but they're dead, and while they are yet here, they are not alive. They are demons and demonics that provide for you a lie before your face, and before the face of those who would believe such lies unto their own death.

What way can I avoid it? There is only one way, and that one way is sure, and nothing else will work. I must believe the word that Jesus spoke. I must believe the word that Jesus gave. Even if I don't want to believe the disciples and the prophets before or after Him, initially, I just need to believe Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. And, if I can believe those four scriptures, if I could just believe that, I would have the beginning of the way to the Father, because in it, in these four is everything. All scripture is fulfilled in those four books if you can see it. If I believe that, and if I read those, and if I put those in my heart, and if I pray on them, and I fast on them, if I weep for my sins and repent according to that which is revealed to me, and if I turn to the Lord and seek after His Spirit, so that He reveals Himself to me in understanding of those four books, then I can find the way to the Father. Not I finding it, but I finding it through the way of Jesus. For, those four books reveal Him and His life. As a beginning, that's all I would need.

The fact is, I could begin with the book of John, and nothing else was needed. If I just believed the book of John, that would be all I would need. So, then, if I could take someone, and if I could get them to believe, just the book of John, that would be all, because it begins in the beginning, in the Word. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Then it goes on to say that this Word came to earth, and it became man, and flesh, and that man in flesh was Jesus. So, if I can believe that, then I have everything else, because from that point on, it will begin to be revealed to me. And, as my heart opens up, I can accept more and more to where I come to believe this Jesus, this Christ was the Son of God, as it says in the book of John, and then I would come to know that He is the way, and the life, and the truth. And, no one

comes unto the Father, "Father," capital "F", the Father in heaven, the Father of all creation, the Father of all Lights..... Light is what? Lights are what? Lights are those with whom the Word resides. A Light is one in whom the truth is known. A Light is one in whom has received the word with understanding, so that he has truth.

For, if you just have the Word, it can't go very far. Just the Word will not give you enough. Just the Word, you can't chew it. Just the Word, and you're a religious blown up bigot. You'll be parading around with your Bible, beating it over people's heads. You'll be taking the Word around and you can see all the sins of the world, and you'll be able to beat on everybody who has a sin. You'll be talking about all your neighbors down the street, those people over here, who are doing wrong, and you see it, and you say, "I just don't know what's going to happen to Mrs. So-and-so, or Sally So-and-so, because, oh, I just feel so sorry for them I don't know what to do." Because you have the Word, but you don't have the Truth. For, with the Truth comes understanding that in Jesus's time He was faced with these type of people day after day: broken-down, poor, humble, sick, afflicted. They were **all over Him**, and while He had compassion for them, He didn't walk around crying all day long. But He said, "The poor you're going to have always, because they're here, and they will remain here." But He says, "Me," "I, Jesus", you won't have but for just a short while, and while I'm here, you better take advantage of it. So, He didn't get all beat out of shape about the world, and about the things in the world.

I think one of the greatest parables I could tell you, one of the greatest things I could say to you.... I'm going to read it out of the book of John. It's right at the very end of the book of John, and it's when He had come back and the disciples are with Him, and it's back in the book of John, the 21st chapter. He asked Peter, **three times**, "Peter, do you love Me?" He asked Him in a different form each time. "Do you agape Me?" "Do you agape Me?" And then He said, "Do you phileo Me? Phileo, meaning, "just like Me." "Do you just like Me?" "Do you just have a little like for Me?" And, by that time Peter was crying and weeping very hard, because he realized the Lord was saying, "Peter, you don't

really love Me yet, because you don't know Me. But, one day you will."

And, after He told Him to feed His sheep, tend His sheep, feed My sheep, "Feed My lambs, first." "Feed My lambs," is the first thing He said to him. The next thing He says, "Tend to My sheep," just tend to them. Then at the end, He said, "If you like Me though," in the end He said, "Feed my sheep." The sheep are the adults, ones who have learned, and gone beyond. And He said, "Peter, you should be able to feed them as a Father."

And He said, "Most assuredly, Peter, I say to you; when you were younger, you girded yourself and walked where you wished, but when you are old, you will stretch out your arms and hands, and another person will gird you and carry you where you do not wish." That was his significance of being executed on the cross. Thus He spoke signifying by what death he would glorify God, and when Jesus had spoken this unto Peter, Jesus said to Peter, 'Follow Me.' Then Peter turned around." Here is the parable I wanted to tell you about. "Then Peter turned around and he saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following Him." Peter turned around and looked and he saw John, whom Jesus loved, he said, "Jesus, what about that disciple back here? What's going to happen to him?" That sounds like some of you. Sounds just like what you would say? "Well, what's going to happen to him, Lord?" "I want to know what is going to happen to my sister back here. What's going to happen to her, Lord?" And Jesus looked at him and said, "Peter, that's none of your business. You follow Me, and you've done all you need to do. That's all you need to do. You don't need to worry about the other." He, Jesus, said to Peter, "If I will that he remain until I come, what is that to you, Peter?" "You just follow Me."

That's the word I give to so many. Who gave you to worry about what's going to happen to John back here, or Aunt Millie over here, or the Iranians over here, or the sick children on this earth over here, or the people in the hospital over here, or this man who has cancer over here. Who gave it unto you to decide that you have a compassionate problem with them? If you got a problem, pray about it and put it in the Lord's hands and forget it. And, walk about yourself saying, "Lord, I have enough, just to tend to my own

needs to find You," because, the moment you begin to do it, you begin to worship another god, and that is not the god of compassion. That's a god of what? That's a god of wondering about someone else. That's a god who gets himself all involved with someone else.

Some religions upon this earth and in this nation, certain particular religions, particularly, their whole interest in life in religion is "What's going to happen to those people?" And, "If this God is such a good God, how come He lets people be sick, or hurt, or afflicted?" In other words, "I'm going to judge this God, and I found Him guilty of being an unjust, unrighteous, mean, harsh God." What is their problem? What is the problem? I can tell you very quickly. They don't know Jesus Christ. You say, "But they go to church, and they profess Him, and they call upon His name." I don't care what they do. They don't know Jesus. For, if they knew Him, they would know the One and only true God, and if they knew the One and only true God, they would not have that nature within them. For that's a judgmental nature against God. That's judgmental against God the creator, in your heart. And, that's a very dangerous sin, very dangerous. Jesus says, "I do not judge anybody. I don't judge anybody." But you say, "But He does. He gonna judge them." No. He says, "I do not judge anybody." That's so, written in the scripture. I don't know how many places, but particularly in the book of John.

So how is He gonna judge them, sitting on His throne in judgment and righteousness? He judges them by what? By righteousness. He judges them by the Truth and not by Himself, and there's a total difference. It is a spiritual judgment and not a physical. It is a judgment that brings forth righteousness and from the truth on where they stand related to the word of God, and the Spirit of God. Even when Jesus was on the earth, He walked not in the flesh. He walked in the Spirit. He went not where He wanted to go; He went where the Spirit lead Him to go. He was the only true representative of God that was given or ever will be given for the Word of God. Many others have come. They were the prophets of the days of old, and others have spoke the Word, but never **The** Word of God.



Because, He was the only One Who had the Word of God within Him. He was the only One Who knew the Father in the beginning, and He was the One Who came from the Father to this earth, and will return to Him. ...from the bosom of the Father.

So the only way that I can come to know the One and only God, the One and only Creator, the One and only Mighty Eternal God, Who existed, always has and always will, and there is no explanation for it, no understanding for it, and no way that you can figure it out, but you can only believe it. You can only believe it, knowing that you have a mind that came upon your body a few years ago. Where could you possibly have wisdom to a God Who existed without beginning? So I believe Him, because I know that there is a greater power, and a greater creator. I know I believe Him, because I believe the Word of Jesus, and therefore, since I believe the Word of Jesus, He is revealed in the spiritual to Me in words that I cannot express, in a language I cannot give. I can only tell you **about** what I believe. I can only tell you **about** what I know. I cannot tell you what I know, because that knowledge is in my spirit beyond the words of my own description. And, that describes the Almighty, Eternal, Creator, God, Whom no man can see, has seen, or can know, or understand, except He be revealed by His only Son, Jesus Christ, the Word of God, the Living Word of God, the Spirit of God, Whom had God the Father in Him, and when He spoke with His mouth, out came God the Father, in the Word that He spoke. He was representative of the Father in the flesh, that man could see what He looked like. For His flesh or His face? No. He could see what He looked like as far as His compassion, His love, His understanding, His endurance, His everything of His nature and way. He revealed the Father. He brought revelation of the Father in His simple way of life, in His 33 years upon this earth, 3 and 1/2 years in the ministry, before those who didn't know Him cut Him down and crucified Him. They had another Father. They believed in one God. They believed in the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in their own opinion, with their own words they thought they did.

So now, I say unto you, to this day, many religious people that tell you that they believe

in the Lord, lie to you, and you don't even know it! And you will eat their trash, not being broken, not being chastened, not having known the real God, but just going to religious man's schools, lacking the Spirit, lacking the power of God, and lacking His eternalness and knowing, they preach, teach, confuse, and bring down multitudes of people who will harken unto them, but will not harken unto the Word of God.

To know this God, **The** God, the only eternal God that's referred to in the books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, and throughout the scripture that we have today, which is sufficient for you to understand Him, **that** God is only revealed through His only Son, Jesus Christ. I emphasize it over and over. And if you want eternal life, you must know the God, the Father, and His only Son, Jesus Christ, Whom He sent. And, you must **believe** that what He said, and what the Scripture says is exact. There is no quibbling. There is no change. There is no disbelieving of a certain part of the Scripture, because you think you found an error, because there **is no error**. It is **exact** as given. Though it may look in one direction to one writer, to another writer it is his way of interpreting. It is still the same. And, if you don't believe it, you have discounted the Word of God. But, if you can believe it, it will be revealed to you how the Word fits in together in all places and ties together, so that it is an exact word, without flaw, without mistake, without compromise.

And, the only way you're going to know this God, **The** Eternal God, the God of all Creation, the God Who saves, the God Who creates, the God Who brings forth life, and the God Who **is** life evermore, the only way you're going to know Him, and to live with Him, and abide with Him in His presence, or in the presence of His Son, Jesus, for eternity, is when you accept the Word of God through His only Son, Jesus Christ, as it is, in it's entirety without sitting around and trying to figure out where it's right or wrong, without trying to compute with your intelligent mind what is good and bad about it, but instead, read it with the understanding, "This is You, Lord. This is You. There is no flaw. What I don't understand, Lord, I will

ask you for, because man doesn't understand." There is no man that can understand any part of this scripture except the Spirit reveal it. He can read it in words and know what man said, but he can never understand, "God what You mean by that scripture?" except that he fast and pray and receive the interpretation, and has it given to him in his spirit as a word of knowledge within. He has no understanding. He can hear it a thousand times. He can see it written on the wall, but he cannot have it as an eternal thing until it's revealed with the Word as an understanding in your spirit. And, when you receive that, that's light. That's called a light. That's light starting to generate and reflect in your spirit. And when a sufficient amount of those words are interpreted by the Spirit within your spirit, then you begin to become as a Light with understanding, so that you no longer will go back into darkness. Darkness is not knowing what to do. Darkness is walking in confusion. Darkness is being all messed up, all deceived, walking in deceit. Walking in darkness is like with your eyes closed, being blind to what is going on, blind to what you're doing, blind to where you're going, blind to what you're saying. That's darkness.

But, he who has light within, the understanding of the Word revealed by Jesus Christ, by the Word, by the Spirit of God, through the Spirit of Truth, then he becomes a Light. And, once he has that light in him, it will never go away. Darkness does not overtake light, but light overtakes darkness. But you can't have light until you begin to believe it, and begin to pray and seek for the Word, and fast for it. And, as you begin to receive it, you begin then to understand this God, this Father, Who was the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. He was the God of all creation. He was the God of Adam. He was the God of Jesus. He was the God that existed, and always has, and always will. He's the God Who can't be seen. He is the God Who's a burning fire. He's the God Who's the perimeters of eternity. He outlines the perimeters of eternity, and to Him, He calls all the stars by name, and has made them all. He's never made two snowflakes alike. He's never made two fingerprints alike. He's never made two hair follicles alike. He has created man since the beginning, and the earth, and all the heavens,

and nothing has ever been duplicated! It's all an individual pattern by this God, and He had it all within Him in the beginning.

It existed, all intelligence, and all matter, and all creation existed in this holy God, in the very beginning. Always has and it always will. And man is so stupid as to think that he lives on the earth a few, twenty or forty, sixty years and goes to a Ph. D. and he thinks that he's got enough sense to determine that man was made out of cosmic dust, or that man can learn about God by reading a book. Not so!

And, know Jesus by believing in a man who walked upon the earth that has blonde hair, five-foot six, whatever He was, and yet the Scripture says, "Ye, if you become Christians, and faithful men of God, you no longer know Him in the flesh, but you know Him in the Spirit." You know Him as the Spirit. You know Him as the Word of God, and, you know Him in the Word of God, and you know Him as the Spirit of God, which brings life, and not as a man, when you were yet a child. For He reveals the Father.

So this God is a God that can only be found by one way. There is no other root. It has to be through Jesus. Through the Word of God, it has to be. So no man comes to the Father until he's learned of Jesus first. He must first learn of Jesus and believe in Him, and believe that He was the Word of God to begin with, because only the Word of God can save you. Man couldn't save you. Only the Word of God can save you, and that Word was broken for your life, but it had to be broken as a man. It can't be broken as the word of a spirit. It had to be a man. So, He became a man, as the Word, to be broken that all men could be saved. And, through **Him** they can know the Father, for He brought the understanding, the way to, and the exact revelation of God the Father, the Eternal God, Who existed always, and always will. And, He was representative of God the Father of Abraham, as God, the Father of Isaac, and God, the Father of Jacob. That's the Father God, the Word of God, and the Spirit of God, in three forms, yet one, having the same heart, the same mind, and from the same source. And from that God gave all that He needed to all of His creation to know Him and understand Him, if they will listen, and

believe, and receive it.

This is the gateway to the One and only God of salvation. All others are fakes and idols and death. None other way will lead you to eternal life, everlasting life, or life here after, except through Jesus Christ, the Word of God, and him believing in Him.

Any questions?