

Return to God

“Return to your God, O Israel ...” (Hosea 14:2)

Worldly happiness is momentary and it inevitably leads to disillusionment. It will never give fulfillment or satisfaction in life and you will see yourself lacking something always. True satisfaction will come only from God. Only God can fill us fully with happiness and joy. Jesus came to give us life in abundance. Hence, it is better to make a conscientious effort to hasten our attainment to God. The saints and holy people never cared about the hardships and difficulties in their lives because they found inspiration of joy only in God.

“Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and everything will be provided to you” (Mt 6:33). What we want is God – first and last. Seek God as a loving child and He will respond to you because you are His. If you lift one hand for help, He would drop two hands to lift you up. God won't tell us until the last minute that He is coming to our aid, but He does come without fail. He might delay, but He would never deny us because we are His. That is the trust we need to put in God and we need to love Him more in order to feel His love.

Humans are attracted to the pull of good or evil. The saints and holy people are attracted to good by God. God is constantly pulling us towards Himself. When our desire for evil ceases, then we are attracted by God. So, our constant efforts should be to decrease our desire for worldly pleasures in order to be attracted towards God. God blesses us with reason and intelligence in order to know the purpose of our existence and live in accordance with the will of Him. We need to read the Word of God and apply it to our lives to realize the presence of God within ourselves. One who realizes the presence of God believes matter is external and possession of its objects, short-lived. Why should I concentrate on temporal things and exclude eternity?

When you have God in mind and heart, love your family and expand that love to humankind, then you are really marching toward God. If you work for your own self, you are pulled towards matter. But if you work with the thought of doing everything for God, you are pulled toward God. Remember the Kingdom of God is within you. If you pray and meditate and seek Him with wisdom, devotion and good actions, you will surely find Him and you are a saint.

Prayer: Lord, You are the head of this family. We are your children, gathered together to sing the glory of your name. Banish the darkness of ignorance with your light; drive away all gloom from our minds and expand the light of your presence. Whatever our status, we are your children. Reveal yourself unto us. Bless us with your grace. Destroy our desire for anything but thee. Be our king sitting on the throne of all our ambitions. Let the light of Thy glory spread over the whole world. Help us to return to You.

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