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# Truth & Right

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*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things."* Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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## TIMES OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY

Bible Classes\* 10:00 AM

AM Worship 10:45 AM

PM Worship 6:30 PM

### WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes\* 7:00 PM

(\* Bible Classes for All Ages)

## Today's Preachers:

**Harold Narshall  
&  
Ed Roberts**

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## All That We Long For Is Known To God

Gary Henry

*"Lord, all my desire is before You;  
And my sighing is not hidden from  
You."* - Psalm 38:9

David was comforted, rather than frightened, by the knowledge that God knew everything about him. Can we go any place and God not be there? No. Can we do anything and God not know about it? No. Can we think any thought and God not be aware of it? No. But these facts are not fearful; they are encouraging. At least they CAN be and SHOULD be. "O Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off" (Psalm 139:1,2).

One of the heaviest burdens we ever have to bear in life is to have a deep, aching need within us and to have to bear it alone. Sometimes there is not even one other human be-

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ing who could do anything about our need, even if they knew about it. What an unspeakable source of comfort, then, to know that God knows. *"All my desire is before You . . . my sighing is not hidden from You."*

So God knows what we need even before we ask Him for His help. Jesus said, *"Your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things"* (Matthew 6:32). But here is the amazing thing: GOD KNOWS WHAT WE NEED EVEN BEFORE WE ARE AWARE THAT WE NEED IT! Having created us, He knows more about our needs than we do. And when our hearts are broken by the pain and emptiness of some need that must, for the time being, remain unfulfilled, our hearts do not hurt half as much as He hurts for us. He loves us more than we love ourselves, and we cannot hurt without His feeling it.

On top of all of that, there is the additional fact that God has taken upon Himself our fleshly form and lived among us, experiencing every ounce of what it is like to suffer human sorrow. *"For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses"* (Hebrews 4:15). God knows our needs not only theoretically; He knows them EXPERIENTIALLY. He has been one of us.

But although God knows our needs even before we ask Him for His help, He still wants us to ASK. And when we do so, we can ask knowing that He understands and He cares. He is our FATHER.

*"There is no thought, feeling, yearning, or desire, however low, trifling, or vulgar we may deem it, which, if it affects our real interest or happiness, we may not lay before God and be sure of His sympathy"*

*Henry Ward Beecher*

## *Faces Turned To God Grow Brighter* *Gary Henry*

***"They looked to Him and were radiant, And their faces were not ashamed." - Psalm 34:5***

For the Christian, the main thing is not where we are or what is happening around us at the moment, but where we are going. Just as in a sports contest, where the thing that matters is not what the score is but which side has the MOMENTUM, the thing that matters for the Christian is that he is making PROGRESS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. Our progress may seem slow and there may be obstacles in our path, but what our hearts and minds are fully set on (or should be) is this: "the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 1:13). Our faces are turned toward God — and since they are, they grow brighter every day.

**LOVE.** It's hard to imagine how a person could have any significant understanding of God's love and not love Him back. The Scriptures are replete with stories of the acts of God's love, but if there were only one story — the story of the cross — surely that would be enough to move us to love God with a grateful love.

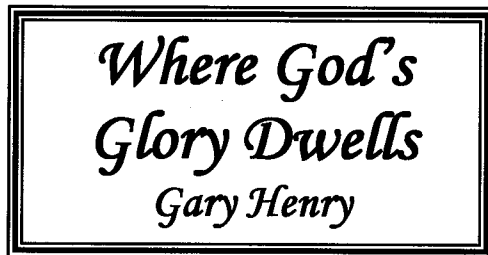
**DESIRE.** To love God is to desire to be WITH Him, to be in His actual presence. In this world, no human being has had that joy since Adam and Eve were cast out of Eden. But in Christ, God is offering the hope of being in His presence once again. To desire that perfect joy is to desire the very thing for which we were created.

**EXPECTATION.** The Christian does not merely wish that he might one day see God's face; he actually expects to do so. When Paul

said, "I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that Day" (2 Timothy 1:12), we do not detect a trace of doubt in his conviction.

Now these three things — LOVE, DESIRE, and EXPECTATION — combine in the Christian's heart to produce **HOPE**. And, of course, hope is the thing that produces the Christian's JOY. Volumes have been written over the centuries about the joy that is in Christ, but what I want to say about it here is simply this: **IT CAN'T BE HIDDEN**. If you not only desire to see your Father but actually expect to do so, it will show in your face. "They looked to Him and were radiant, and their faces were not ashamed." There are simply no brighter faces in the world than the faces of those who are turned toward God.

*"The joy of the heart colors the face" — Anonymous*



*"Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house, And the place where Your glory dwells." — Psalm 26:8*

If we diligently seek God, our joy will be in proportion to how near we are to God. David's sentiment will be our own: "Lord, I have loved the habitation of Your house, and the place where Your glory dwells." In whatever sense we may speak of God's "habitation," what we want is to be as near as possible to the place where His glory dwells. For the seeker, nearer is better.

### **(1) The Old Testament Tabernacle.**

When God entered into a special relationship with Israel (a temporary arrangement that was preparatory to the coming of the Messiah), He designated a physical place as the location of His dwelling in their midst. To come to the tabernacle, and later the temple, was to be as close to God's glory as it was possible to be anywhere in the world at that time.

**(2) The New Testament Church.** Israel's physical temple anticipated the building of a SPIRITUAL temple, a people in whose HEARTS God would dwell, and those people are the ones who make up the Lord's church today (1 Peter 2:5). So it is possible to be nearer to God today than you could ever have been in Israel, even if you had gone into the Most Holy place in the heart of the tabernacle.

**(3) Heaven.** But just as Israel looked forward to a time when they could be nearer God's presence than they could be in the tabernacle, we look forward to a time when we can be nearer God's presence than we can be in the church. Just as they looked forward to the kingdom of the Messiah or Christ (1 Peter 1:10-12), we look forward to the heavenly completion and perfect fulfillment of that kingdom (2 Peter 1:10,11). Heaven will be the end of the progression, the great goal that everything else was leading up to. Heaven will be the saints of all ages in the actual, real presence of God!

My friends, we need to cherish the thought of that with all our hearts. Loving God as we do and desiring deeply to be as near Him as we can be, there won't be a single day when we aren't fired by the expectation of looking upon the face of our Father in heaven. That's what the gospel is all about. Death is not the end — it is the BEGINNING of what Christ died to make possible for us.

*"The early Christians were looking not for a cleft in the ground called a grave but for a cleavage in the sky called Glory"*  
*Alexander MacLaren*

# Those Serving This Week

## Sunday AM

<b>Class Prayer</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>Announcements</b>	Don Coen Jr
<b>Song Leader</b>	Ken Prager
<b>Scripture</b>	Matt 18:15-35
<b>Reader</b>	Terry Smith
<b>Prayer</b>	Earl Miller
<b>Speaker</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	
Bread	Ed Roberts
Fruit of the Vine	Chuck Isinghood
Serve	Wayne Campbell
Serve	Ken Prager
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Dave Harless

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

## Sunday PM

<b>Announcements</b>	Don Coen Jr
<b>Song Leader</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Scripture</b>	Matt 19: 1-15
<b>Reader</b>	Nathan Marshall
<b>1st Prayer</b>	Tim Henderson
<b>Speaker</b>	Ed Roberts
<b>Communion</b>	Dave Harless
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Earl Miller

## Wednesday

<b>Announcements</b>	Don Coen Jr
<b>Class Prayer</b>	Harold Marshall
<b>Song Leader</b>	Dan Marton
<b>Invitation</b>	Tin Henderson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Ed Roberts

# *News N Notes*

Please continue to remember these in your prayers:

### **Travelling:**

The Henderson's  
Ronald and Charlotte Lancaster

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Zeda Goddard's sons, Dallas and Terry, and her daughter Tammy Garrison
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother
- Alfred & Mary Jane Myers
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Chris Shane
- Gabriel Taylor

### **Don't forget our Shut-ins**

#### **Nursing Home:**

- Shirley Campbell
- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

#### **At Home:**

- Josephine Clow
- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

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