

# GOD IS GOD REDEEMER

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Psalm 49



Isaiah 48:12-22; 1 Peter 1:13-25

## Watching the Moon

- Are you eagerly awaiting and groaning for Christ's return? (Hebrews 9:28; Romans 8:23-25; Philippians 3:20-21)
- TRUTH: He is only coming back for those eagerly awaiting and watching for His return.
- Are you **groaning**? The moon, a creation of God, can help us to be prepared!
- God gave the moon as a sign. (Genesis 1:14)
- God gave the new moon as a **shadow** of things to come.
  - Colossians 2:16-17; Galatians 4:8-11
- What is a **SHADOW**?
  - When the SUN is at its HIGHEST point there is no more shadow!
  - **WE** focus on the OBJECT – NOT the shadow! The shadow is GONE!
  - What can the new moon in Scripture teach us? (Romans 15:4)
    - *Rosh Chodesh* - the beginning of each month.
      - ★ *Chodesh* comes from *chadesh*: "to be new; to renew; to make new"
      - ★ The new moon is called **גולד** (*molad*: meaning new birth)
- After two days of DARKNESS then a sliver of light! (Isaiah 9:2; 42:6-9; 60:1-3; Luke 1:79; Colossians 1:13; **1 Peter 2:9**; 2 Corinthians 4:4-6)

## Watching, Yet Busily Working (Luke 12:35-48)

- (v. 35) BE READY! BE PREPARED! SHINE!
- (v. 37) **BLESSED** are those who are found **watching!** (NASB: "on the alert")
- "to watch" is γρηγορεύω (γρηγορέω) gregoreuo {gray-gor-yoo'-o} and means "to expect"; "to observe"; "to guard"; "to watch".
  - Seriousness of the word: "give strict attention to, be cautious, active"; "to take heed lest through remission and indolence some destructive calamity **suddenly** overtake one".
  - They have a place at the marriage feast of the Lamb! (Revelation 19:9)
- (vv. 38-40) This is a constant watching! ARE YOU WATCHING?

- (v. 42) Faithful and wise stewards! Are you a faithful steward of all that God has given you?
- (v. 43) **BLESSED** is that **servant** whom his master finds **doing!** (PRESENT TENSE; ACTIVE VOICE; PARTICIPLE MOOD)
  - ★ Christianity is a **working** "religion." (James 2:14-26)
- (v. 44) The REWARD.
- (vv. 45-48) The consequences of NOT WATCHING:
  - (v. 46) Cut in two!
  - (v. 46) Appointed with **unbelievers!**
  - (v. 47) Beaten with **many** stripes.
  - (v. 48) MUCH is expected of those who have been given much!
- **BUT** there is a "**crown of righteousness**" for those who "long" for and "love" His appearing. (2 Tim 4:8; Rom 8:23; 1 Cor 2:9; 5:2; Heb 9:28; Tit 2:11-14)
- MANY, who call themselves Christians, will miss on His second coming as did many miss His first coming.

## God Is Saviour (Ephesians 2:1-6)

- ★ All men are sinners and are born "children of wrath". (Eph 2:1-3)
- ★ Man is DEAD in his trespasses and sins. (Eph 2:1, 5)
- ★ All men have sinned against their Creator, their Sustainer, their King, the Lawgiver, their Judge. They have sinned continually against God. (Psalm 51:4)
- ★ All men **deserve** God's wrath to be continually poured on them.
- ★ It is IMPOSSIBLE for man to do anything to save himself. (Luke 18:26-27; Romans 5:6)
- ★ Ephesians 2:4-6 - **BUT GOD . . .**
  - ☆ **BECAUSE** of His abundant mercy and great love
  - ☆ GOD made us ALIVE - He gave us eternal life.
  - ☆ Only by God's grace are we saved
  - ☆ AND GOD "ascended" us and **made** us sit together with Christ in heaven - ALREADY!!

## The Need for a Redeemer (Psalm 49)

- (Ezekiel 18:4) "All souls are mine. The soul that sins must die."
- (Romans 6:23a) "The wages of sin is death."
- (Psalm 49:8) "For the redemption of their souls is costly."

## The Price of Redemption (1 Peter 1:18-19)

- No man can redeem himself or redeem anyone else.
- ONLY DEATH will satisfy God's justice.
- God's price is the death of a PERFECT substitute in our place.
- (1 Peter 1:18-19) To be set free from our sins there must be the shedding of blood - and not just any blood - but the **precious** blood of Christ. (Heb 9:22)

- (Matthew 1:21) Christ came into the world to save His people from their sins.
- (Matthew 20:28) Christ gave to give His life as a **ransom** for many. Are you one of them?
- (John 10:11-18) Christ came to lay down His life for His sheep.

### God Is Redeemer (Isaiah 48:17-18)

- "Thus says the LORD" . . . YAHWEH.
- "Your Redeemer" - the One who would provide a Lamb to take away His people's sins.
- "the Holy One" - the One who makes us holy - sets us apart for Himself.
- "I am the LORD your God (*Elohiym*)" - the same God from Gen 1 & Eph 4:4
- "who teaches you to profit" PIEL tense - intensive; intentional
  - To profit in this world - Joshua 1:7-8; Psalm 1:2-3; 128:1-2; 2 Chronicles 31:20-21; Jeremiah 2:11-13.
- "who leads you by the way you should go" - the One who commands "Follow".
- "Oh, that you had heeded My commandments"
  - ★ God's commandments are expressions of His love for His own.
    - They are good for us and are life to us. (Deut 30:11-20; 11:26-28; 10:12-13)
  - ★ We love God when we obey His commandments. Those who do not obey His commandments do not love God. (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:3)
  - ★ God's commandments are PROFITABLE

### Christ Is the Redeemer of His Brethren

- Christ is our "Kinsman-Redeemer" - (כֶּסֶף ga'al {gaw-al'} {goel})
- A Kinsman-Redeemer is **related** to those whom He redeems!
- God's Law concerning a Kinsman-Redeemer.
- (Leviticus 25:47-49) Five requirements for a KINSMAN-REDEEMER according to the Law:
  - ① He must be **related by birth** and belong to the family of him who is to be redeemed! (Hebrews 2:10-13; Matthew 1:21)
  - ② He must be **able** to pay the price.
    - ☆ Only a "God-Man" could withstand the wrath of an almighty God.
  - ③ He must be **free** himself.
    - ☆ He knew no sin and was without sin. (Hebrews 4:15; 2 Cor 5:21; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5)
  - ④ He must be **wealthy** to pay the price required.
    - ☆ His blood was "precious blood" without the curse of Adam. (1 Peter 1:18-19)
  - ⑤ He must be **willing** to act as the redeemer of his family members.
    - ☆ (Matthew 20:28) He came to lay down His life as a ransom for

many. See John 10:11-18, 27-29; Titus 2:14; Gal 1:4; 2:20; 3:13; Ephesians 5:2, 23-27; 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 3:18; Rev 1:5; 5:9.

### BUT GOD

(Psalm 49:15)

### Have I Been Redeemed?

- (Mark 1:14-15) Christ **commands**:

- ① Continually (everyday) **repent** of your sins. Repentance is stop living your life as you want, doing as you want and living your life **strictly** in accordance with **every** word that comes from the mouth of God that is recorded in His **written** Word. (Luke 4:4; 2 Timothy 3:16)
  - ★ **Without continuing repentance you will perish.** (Luke 13:1-5)
  - ★ **See Luke 24:46-48; Acts 3:19; Acts 17:30-31; 20:21**
- ② Continually **believe** in the Gospel. The Gospel is Christ came to save sinners from their sins.
  - ① He came to live a perfect life so that we might receive HIS righteousness unto our account.
  - ② He came to pay the penalty for our disobedience. He came to drink the wrath of God in our place.
  - ③ **Believing = Doing** - If you believe you obey; if you do not obey you really do not believe.

- How do I know if I am believing in the true Gospel or a watered down counterfeit gospel?

- When someone is "born-again" he/she goes through a **dramatic** change - he/she becomes a "new creature" (2 Corinthians 5:17) Test yourself:
  - ① Do I love and delight in God's Law/Commandments? (Psalm 119:16, 24, 35, 47, 70, 77, 92, 97, 113, 127, 143, 163, 167, 174; Psalm 1:2; Psalm 112:1; Psalm 19:7-11)
  - ② Do I hate sin as God hates sin? (Psalm 119:104, 113, 128, 163) Do you repent - living your life in accordance with the **written Word of God**. (1 John 2:29-3:10)
  - ③ Do I live my life to **serve** God? (1 Thess 1:10; Eph 2:10; James 2:14-26; Titus 2:14) Are you serving in His Body - the Church?
  - ④ Do you love God and demonstrate that love in obedience to His commandments? (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 15:10, 13-14; 1 John 5:3; 2:3-6)
  - ⑤ Are you following Christ? Are you one of His sheep" (John 10:26-29)
  - ⑥ Are you **yoked** to Christ and learning from Him? (Matthew 11:29-30)
  - ⑦ Are you in the family of God? Christ said, "Whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother." (Matthew 12:48-50) Are you a child of God? Carefully read 1 John 3:1-10.
  - ⑧ Are you growing as a disciple of Christ? (2 Peter 3:17-18; Psalm 92:12; Ephesians 4:15-16; Colossians 1:10; 2 Thess 1:3; 1 Peter 2:2)