

## **Every man's Search (part 3)**

### **John 14: 19-23**

Approaching God is more than just a change in action but a change in attitudes:

Remember the Priestly Blessing in Numbers 6: 24 *"May the LORD bless you and keep you, May the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, may the LORD lift His continence upon you and give you peace."*

Remember the desires of God: 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 16: 9 *"For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him."*

**Proverbs 23: 23** *"Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding."*

**Buy – 7069 – purchase/ Barter for Truth/Trade for Truth – ??? What is the money (element of purchase?)**

**Truth – 571 – one of the chief attributes of God is Truth... Sureness / Stable Reality / Unmovable Rocks of Reality...**

**Blood/Water/Oil/Gasoline... all liquid but all have the distinct purpose and use... Truth**

**Purchase (Barter) for Truth with what currency?**

**The Currency is Surrender!**

**Jesus is introducing how to approach life if you want to approach God! Attitude is the key word here:**

**Matthew 5: 3 – The key to the Sermon on the Mount is Surrender!**

Approaching God:

1. Baptism – Matthew 3
2. Repentance – Matthew 4: 4, 10
3. Every Word of God – Matthew 3
4. God's Mission Purpose driven life – Matthew 4: 19

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5. Blessed are **the poor** – 4434 **in spirit** – 4151.... Humble Vs 3

6. Blessed are they that mourn – 3996 (grieves for others) vs 4
7. Blessed are the meek – 4239
8. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness
9. Blessed are the merciful – 1655 – (Compassionate and sensitive to the hurting)
10. Blessed are the pure – 2513(clean) in heart – 2588(thoughts, understanding and feelings)
11. Blessed are the peacemakers – 1518 (one who gives away the peace they have received from God/ not simply helping two become peaceful but giving people the peace that God has given to them...
12. Blessed are the persecuted for righteousness sake, blessed are you when they shall revile you and persecute you falsely... Vs 10-11 two verses that describes God's pleasure when one is willing to be rejected by the world because we have made God our close friend...

**He then makes a comment: Rejoice and be exceedingly glad – leap for joy, skip alone in an act of happiness / escalated joy and delight / cheer as at a sports event!**

1. Because great is your reward in heaven
2. Because you have just entered a group of exalted servants
3. Because you have got it... if this is happening you have discovered your reason for being here. You are salt / you are light and you are not hiding your light!

*1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4: 12-14 "Beloved, think it not strange concerning fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happen to you. But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings that when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye are reproached for the name of Christ happy are you for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified."*

Purchase Truth and Sell it not... Barter/Trade for Truth and never be willing to give it up! Being the Light of the world is lighting the world up with truth! You are the Salt of the World with Truth but first we must surrender to the qualities produced by aligning with truth...

Matthew 5: 13-16 I sent you forth to make a difference but if you do not make the difference that I wanted for you there are two reasons for it:

1. You have lost your effectiveness because you as salt are not who I sent you to be...
2. You are hiding your light instead of using it to set the room free of darkness!