

Acts Of God

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I might have known that I would continue to find out more and more about a side of God that I think just about everybody is looking for but doesn't quite know what it is.

Since we were born with a sin nature first and a new nature second, the devil likes to take advantage of our past to keep us from understanding the love of God to the point where we really trust Him. The devil has done such a good job of framing God that religion has no trouble getting people to believe God does more things to harm people than He does to help them. Even insurance policies call natural disasters "Acts of God."

Because God gets the blame for so many things that He does not do, people have trouble trusting Him, not realizing how strongly negative influences can affect the ability of a person to believe with their heart.

As I have said so many times before, the most powerful teaching tool that we have to understand God is the new nature He gave us. God can use our new nature to help us understand the things contained in His nature, in particular, love.

To help you understand this principle better, just take a look at how Satan gets unsaved men to follow him. He does this by using their sin nature to get them to do things that are already in their nature to do. Why? Because man's fallen nature is not unlike his own.

But we want to learn how to follow God. Jesus said the part of us we really need to believe with is our heart, which has to do with our new nature and its ability to receive from God's nature.

Most people that have trouble with doubting do not know that most problems with faith are based more on the maturing of their nature than it is on their intellectual knowledge of the Word. The Word of God is a description - a blueprint - of what our new nature is capable of, and Jesus said ...and nothing shall be impossible unto you... (Matthew 17:20).

Jesus crossed all cultural barriers when He taught by using examples that are common to all of us, such as the fowls of the air or the lilies of the field to teach on faith. When Jesus said "Consider the lilies of the field" (Matthew 6:28), He was saying that they are decorating the field one day and the next day they are baking some woman's bread in an oven. Yet King Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these lilies.

To better understand the comparison Jesus was trying to make, look at the queen of Sheba's reaction when she came to hear the wisdom of Solomon, whose wisdom was legendary:

“And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel; his cupbearers also, and their apparel; and his ascent by which he went up into the

house of the Lord; there was no more spirit in her.”

This means, when she saw the majesty and the greatness of Solomon's wisdom and the glory he walked in, it so overpowered any doubt she may have had, that it totally disarmed her and rendered her absolutely convinced that the God of Solomon was GOD!

If God would so adorn a lily that even Solomon, in all his glory could not measure up to its beauty, WHAT WOULD HE DO FOR YOU? Would He do less for you than He did for the lily?

“And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, SHALL HE NOT MUCH MORE CLOTHE YOU, O YE OF LITTLE FAITH” (Matthew 6:29-30)?

Jesus said all of that to let you know that you can learn how to receive everything He has for you by nurturing the nature he gave you when you were born again. After all, what He did for the lily, He will surely do for you.

Let me help you with a major key that you can use to help nurture your new nature. If I can help teach you to guard against certain things, you will understand more effectively where the fight of faith takes place, because God is not against you, He is for you. He has bound Himself to you with His word.

Paul said, For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds (2 Corinthians 10:4). The strongholds he was talking about are systems of thought, empowered by emotions. The greatest battle a person fights is against those strongholds of thoughts that are powered by emotions, and this is where private worship comes in.

Private worship is when you set aside a time and place to get alone with God just to be in fellowship with Him through worship. Out of the inner sanctuary of our own heart, you tell Him how much you love Him and what He means to you.

Private worship is devastating to the kind of emotions that try to push the Word of God out of your mind and replace it with a steady stream of negative thoughts and words.

If I were you, I would make up my mind to fight back in 2007. I would take the Word of God, along with the prophecies you have received and will receive this year via email, put them in a worship format AND FIGHT BACK!

Ephesians 5:19-20 gives us a scriptural basis for doing this: “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; GIVING THANKS always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;”

From my experience, I have seen that staying in private worship can be a fight in itself because of our strongholds. What usually causes a person to stop private worship is their emotions that rock them, trying to convince them that private worship makes no difference.

When I first began private worship, everything was great until I went beyond any level of worship I had done before. My private worship got so dry that I felt like I was drinking baby powder, so I began to look for answers in popular worship books that people had written. Most of them said that I was not getting into the spirit and that is why I experienced the dry times.

I found out that exactly the opposite was true. When a ton of flesh and emotions rise against a person, this is usually the time when they are stopped. This is where faith succeeds or fails.

Staying in worship out of sheer faith is not "getting out of the spirit." Quite the contrary, we are getting into the spirit MORE by getting past the emotions of strongholds that have stopped us in the past. When we begin to emerge on the other side of this kind of worship, it will be with the heart-kind of faith.

Always remember that when we hit places where we do not sense God's presence or anything else of God, we are entering into the most powerful kind of worship because we cannot be stopped. The dry times will not stay that way.

There is power in our words. Speech is the utterance of emotions and description of things. When you keep saying, "I love you Father God," you are making an attempt to convey what is in your heart or what soon will be in you because you WILL NOT quit worshipping.

So, when Ephesians 5:19 says Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, who are you ministering to? Yourself! Here you are, worshipping God but ministering to yourself. Who is it that will change? You - you will change.

Private worship opens up a conduit from God's spirit to yours. Your born again spirit has an unlimited capacity to reservoir the love of God. The more you increase, the more you can begin to understand the things of God because you have a nature like His, one of love, faith, forgiveness, healing, even Heaven.

This will be a great year to grow and fall more in love with God by nurturing your new nature through private worship (and praying in tongues)!

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