

The grace of God to see the Lord

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Peace with all people and Holiness

- The grace of God is the root to pursue Peace with all people and Holiness
- This verse is about seeing the Lord, but not about going to heaven
- If you want to see the Lord:
 - don't fall short from the grace of God, -> that leads to peace with all people (opposite of bitterness with all people) and holiness, -> that leads to seeing the Lord
- Falling short from the grace of God -> leads to bitterness, leads to sin

What is grace of God? .. click for more information

Hebrews 12:14-29

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14 Pursue peace with all people, and holiness, without which no one will see the Lord : 15 **looking** carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled; 16 lest there be any fornicator or profane person like Esau, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright. 17 For you know that afterward, when he wanted to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for **he found no place for repentance**, though he sought it diligently with tears.

Mount Sinai

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18 For **you have not come to the mountain** that may be touched and that burned with fire, and to blackness and darkness and tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet and the voice of words, so that those who heard it begged that the word should not be spoken to them anymore. 20 (For they could not endure what was commanded: "And if so much as a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned or shot with an arrow." 21 And so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I am exceedingly afraid and

trembling.”)

Mount Zion

22 But **you have come to Mount Zion** and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to **Jesus** the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.

Hear the Heavenly Voice

25 See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, 26 whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.” 27 Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire.

Opposite to Peace and Holiness

- Peace opposite : bitterness
- Holiness opposite : example like fornication

Holiness, without which no one will see the Lord

- **holiness, without which no one will see the Lord:**
 - he is talking about revelation
 - he is talking not talking about going to heaven
 - he is talking to the Jews
 - see in it's context

- the verse ends with colon(:), which means the verse is continuing on to next
 - so read all together to understand its meaning
- Following verse comes to say that there is a relation between holiness and Grace of God.
 - Holiness and Grace of God are directly proportional and same

We have peace with God

Romans 5:1

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Faith Triumphs in Trouble

5 Therefore, having been justified by faith, **we have peace with God** through our Lord Jesus Christ,

Peace with all people

- we being peace with other people
- **looking** carefully :
 - **look carefully** for other(/over your people), that they don't fall from the Grace of God

Meaning of Looking

“looking”

Meaning: I exercise oversight, care for, visit.

- http://biblehub.com/greek/episkopountes_1983.htm
- <http://biblehub.com/thayers/1983.htm>

1 Peter 5:2

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2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as **overseers**, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly;

- **overseers**, same word as looking in Greek

Pure in heart

Matthew 5:8

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8 Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.

Acts 15:9

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9 and made no distinction between us and them, **purifying their hearts by faith.**

How to purify our Hearts?

- Gentiles Hearts were purified at Cornelius house when they believed the good news that their sins were forgiven through Jesus Christ
- We should live hungry for fresh revelation of the Lord everyday

Person like Esau

Esau lost his birthright

- Esau lost his birthright, just for his body

Hebrews 12:16

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16 lest there be any fornicator or profane **person like Esau**, who for one morsel of food sold his birthright.

The older shall serve the younger

Genesis 25:23

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23 And the Lord said to her:

“Two nations are in your womb,
Two peoples shall be separated from your body;
One people shall be stronger than the other,

And **the older shall serve the younger.**"

Romans 9:12

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12 it was said to her, "**The older shall serve the younger.**"

Esau man of works/performance/action

Genesis 25:27

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27 So the boys grew. And Esau was a **skillful hunter**, a man of the field; but Jacob was a mild man, dwelling in tents.

Genesis 25:28

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28 And Isaac loved Esau **because he ate of his game**, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Genesis 25:28

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28 And Isaac loved Esau, **because he did eat of his venison**: but Rebekah loved Jacob.

- Esau pleased his father by performance which can be seen from this verse
"Isaac loved Esau, **because he did eat of his venison**"
 - venison : meat from deer (Esau showing his works/performance/action)
 - Esau is trying by his performance to get the first born blessing
 - Esau didn't get by his performance, hence bitterness sprung forth
 - If you don't get by your performance, it becomes bitterness.
 - So don't depend on your performance, depend on Jesus performance
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- Isaac love was carnal
- Mother was the one who told to deceive the father (trying to carrying out by her performance what God has promised He will fulfil)
 - Reminder of Hagar and Ishmael

- Parents know the promise before their kids were born

Quality of work

- Its not about how many works you do
- Its about the quality of work you do
 - Its the cavote (Greek), its the glory of your action
 - Don't wait for an approval from **man**
 - Don't look for reward/affirmation/praise from **man**
 - Look vertical, not horizontal
 - Look unto God
 - Look for God's affirmation

Weak man

Man are weak

- Breath in their nostrils, creation of God
- Clay feet
- Subject to failure

God

- No shadow of turning
- No variableness
- Perfect
- Perfect in love for you
- His perfect love cast out fear
- He says "I see no wrong in you", through the blood of Christ.
- He calls us beloved.

Holiness and Grace of God

- Same like water and wet
- We can't say we touch water , but not wet. Because both are same
- We can't touch grace and say that we are not holy. Because both are same.

Mark 10:9

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9 Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

Matthew 19:6

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6 So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

He found no place for repentance

- repentance means **metanoia** in Greek
 - <http://biblehub.com/greek/3341.htm>
- He found no place to change fathers mind
- He was not crying for his sin (that he gave up his birth right)

Atmosphere of Grace

- You are permanently in the favour of God
- Atmosphere of Grace, you can fall from that. Even if you are a true believer

Two Atmospheres

1. Mount Sinai
2. Mount Zion

Mount Sinai

- Even the best of them, Moses said **"I am exceedingly afraid and trembling."**

Mount Zion

- Jesus is on Mount Zion
- God have moved from mountain to mountain
- “**you have not come to the mountain**”, “**you have come to Mount Zion**”
- You are not in mount Sinai
- You are in Mount Zion

New Testament Principle

Philippians 2:13

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13 for **it is God who works in you both to will and to do** for His good pleasure.

How you deserve blessings?

Jesus took the curse which you deserve. So you could expect the blessing which Jesus deserve

Spirit of the older Brother (Old Covenant)

Luke 15:29-30

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29 So he answered and said to his father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends. 30 But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’

- He doesn’t understand sonship

Spirit of the Younger brother (New Covenant)

- Spirit of Son-ship

Words of people with bitterness

Words of people with bitterness creates wounds in the innermost body

Proverbs 18:8

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8 The **words of a talebearer** are like tasty trifles,
And **they go down into the inmost body**.

Proverbs 18:8

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8 The words of a talebearer are as **wounds**, and they go down into the **innermost parts of the belly**.

- it will cut inside
- it will create wounds inside
- belly is the place where many things starts
- **“out of your belly shall flow the rivers of living water”**

Living water

John 7:38

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38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, **out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water**.

John 4:10-14

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10 Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God, and who it is who says to you, ‘Give Me a drink,’ you would have asked Him, and He would have given you **living water**.”

11 The woman said to Him, “Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that **living water**? 12 Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?”

13 Jesus answered and said to her, “Whoever drinks of this water will thirst again, 14 but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.”

Living water in regards to Jews

- If a Jew touches another defiled person, they themselves become Defiled.
- Jews, when they were defiled, to remove their defilement, they come to a place where they take bath.
- In that place, to make the water new, they will pour newly stored water on to the remaining water to make the water pure, so that the defilement can be removed. That stored water is called living water.
- So living water for Jews means, it will cleanses them from defilement. A person without defilement will receive blessings from God
- Imagine, living water which comes from inside, would make many people clean.

Peace with people and holiness

- What produces peace with people?
- What produces holiness?
- by which you produce fresh revelation, it is always in the Grace of God

Long before any sin, they fall from Grace, which leads to bitterness and then sin.

Hebrews

1. Hebrews 1 : About Angels. Jesus more excellent than angels
2. Hebrews 2 : About Angels. Jesus more excellent than angels
3. Hebrews 3 : About Moses. Jesus more than Moses. Moses the servant and Jesus the Son. Builder and the House

4. Hebrews 4 : About Rest. Greater Rest has come than what was provided by Joshua
5. Hebrews 5 : About Aaron Priest hood. Jesus the better one. Jesus the High Priest of the High Priests of Israel
6. Hebrews 6 : Miss Understanding. Verses which was told to Jews. Those are for the people who haven't even accepted Jesus in the first place. They are the people who wilfully avoided Jesus. They turned their back on Him
7. Hebrews 7 : About Melchizedek High priest hood Jesus . High priest of Jesus. All begins with blessed.
8. Hebrews 8 : I will bring a New covenant , the better covenant
9. Hebrews 9 : Better tabernacle
10. Hebrews 10 : Better Sacrifice
11. Hebrews 11 : Listing all Heroes of faith and end by saying. All of them they didn't receive a promise that God has prepared only for us, that they without us cannot receive this promise. That is the promise of Son-ship
12. Hebrews 12 : Looking of unto Jesus. The author and finisher of faith.

Book of Hebrews, Not comparing Evil and Good. Its about comparing the best for Good

Other notes

- On the day of pentecost, Holy Spirit descended and the church was formed
- Don't say in the morning " There are lot of things to do ", which shows your action/works/performance
 - Example:
 - A multitude in the mount
 - Jesus saw 5 loaves of bread and 2 fishes and Jesus multiplied with the little He had

Galatians 5:4

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4 You have become estranged from Christ, you who attempt to be justified by law; you have **fallen from grace**.

That you may know (Our Certainty)

1 John 5:13

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13 These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, **that you may know** that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

John 20:31

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31 but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.