

What God Are You Looking At?

Introduction

Our enemy the devil is well aware the moment you learn to receive God's grace, you will start to reign in life. He has been working hard to prevent you from receiving the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness or right standing with God.

Our Bible verse for this segment comes from Matthew 7:11, **"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things who ask Him!"**

Put the Controversy to Rest

The devil has been using controversy as a device throughout church history to prevent believers from having access to the most powerful truths of God. He has built fences of controversy around healing, prosperity, and grace, calling them heresies, to keep believers from reigning over sickness, poverty, and sin. You can always tell how powerful a truth is by the number of controversies the devil surrounds it with.

Pay close attention to what I am saying. Not all controversies are based on the truth of God's Word. We have to test everything against what the Bible says. It is why you need not just read, but study the Bible daily.

Nevertheless, controversy is a tool the devil uses to prevent God's people from accessing His truths. The enemy is a crafty liar and deceitful thief, so we have to base what we believe on the Scriptures and test everything against it. If you want to know the truth about God's grace, study His Word yourself and see what it has to say about grace!

What Prosperity Gospel?

Here is a question that I and other pastors get asked, "are you one of those prosperity gospel preachers?" Answering this question never gets old. It is a term that was created by many denominational churches that do not preach the entire Bible.

In their congregational prayers, when it comes time to pray for the sick, they will always say, "if it be God's will." That is a huge false statement because they know no better. It is what they were taught and installed in their thoughts for many years.

Not just read but study the Bible on healing and you will find that God does not want anyone sick. Sickness and disease were brought on by Satan starting in Genesis 3 and finished courtesy of the Lord Jesus Christ. All we need to do is believe and receive with all our hearts. Get the doubt of unbelief out of you by getting lots of God's word inside of you.

Only One Gospel

My answer to the question is No, there is no such thing as a prosperity gospel. There is only one gospel in the Bible, and that is the gospel of Jesus Christ. I encourage you to read and study them thoroughly.

When you start believing in the true gospel of Jesus, which is based entirely on His grace, it will result in health and an abundance of provision. In fact, the gospel of Jesus Christ leads to blessings, success, healing, restoration, protection, financial breakthroughs, security, peace, wholeness, and much more!

Law and Grace

God blesses you not because you are good, but because He is good. It is based on His faithfulness and goodness toward you. It is not contingent on your performance, but on His **undeserved favor**.

If it were contingent on how good you are, then it would no longer be grace but the law. It would be **deserved favor**. This is the difference between the old covenant of law and the new covenant of grace:

- **Law is deserved favor**—When you obey the commandments perfectly, you will be blessed.
- **Grace is undeserved favor**—Jesus obeyed God perfectly, and you will be blessed by believing in Him.

Conclusion

I ask you today, which covenant are you under today? Law or grace? Deserved favor or undeserved favor? What God are you looking at? The condemning Judge or a loving Father? If you think that being blessed by God today is dependent on your works, your ability to keep the law, and your ability to make yourself righteous, I ask you to test your understanding of grace against the Scriptures.

Read Matthew 7:11 again and open your heart to what it says about God and His grace toward you. God is your loving Father in heaven who loves you and has nothing but good gifts for you. He sent His Son to die for you so that you can enjoy every one of these good gifts. Today, receive His abundant grace, Amen!

I am Dale Van De Bogart and I approve of this message!

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