

THE BIBLE WAY TO HEAVEN

Realize That God Loves You.

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."
(John 3:16).

The Bible Says That All Men Are Sinners.

"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory to God." (Romans 3:23).

God's Word Also Says That Sin Must Be Paid For.

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

The Good News Is That Christ Paid for Our Sins.

"But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8).

We Must Personally Pray and Receive Christ by Faith as Our Personal Saviour.

The Bible Says, *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."* (Romans 10:13).

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Memory Verse- Isaiah 40:31

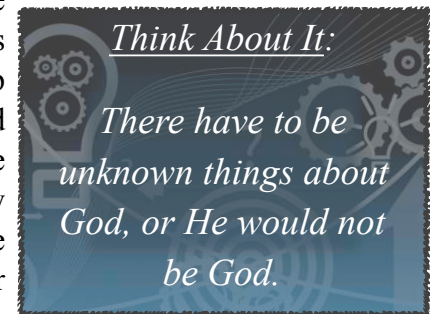
"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

Isaiah calls out for us to cast our eyes upon our great God. Our theme is taken from verse nine where it says, *"behold your God"*. Isaiah reveals many deep truths about who God is. As humans, we are really unable to wrap our minds around many of these truths. The point is for us to realize just how small and dependent we are upon God.

Describing God is beyond the ability of our vocabulary. Isaiah uses many contrasts with creation to help us understand within our limited thinking capacities. In order to believe in Him, some people must know everything about Him. This is pride and making ourselves equal to or greater than God.

The emphasis in our last study was on a question from Isaiah and God. Each asked if there is anything like God. The obvious answer is no. If we know everything there is to know about God then God ceases to be God. Read Isaiah 40:28-31. Do you ever get tired and weary in life? Do you get drained physically, spiritually, or emotionally? We all have times like this in our lives. In these verses, the great God is going to get personal.

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God Revealed (28)

God reveals Himself as the “*everlasting God*”. This implies that He was never created. He always has been and always will be. He had no beginning nor will He ever have an end. God will not decay or change. He is the great “I AM”, which means He is always present.

God reveals Himself as LORD. When the name is capitalized in your Bible, it is “Yaweh” or the proper name of the God of Israel. This name implies a personal or covenant relationship. The Jews did not write this name of God out of reverence and respect. It pictures God as one who exists or causes existence. He revealed Himself to Moses in Exodus 6:2 this way.

Think About It:

*God never tires or
gets weary like us.*

God reveals Himself as Creator. This means to create from nothing or to reform existing material. Only God is the subject of this verb in the Bible. God is the Creator of all, thus He is the rightful ruler of all. God cannot be fully searched out. Read Romans 11:33-36.

God Reminds (29-30)

God reveals Himself is such majesty and greatness. This great God just revealed now gets personal with His people. God reminds us that He will help those who are weak and needy. Think of that. This great unsearchable, Creator God comes down and gets very personal with His creation.

God remind us in verse thirty that we will faint and fall. Faint means to tire, fatigue, and become exhausted. Fall means to stumble or stagger. God reminds those young in age with seeming vigor and strength that even they will become weary in life.

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Life is hard and toilsome. All of life’s demands will wear us down. School, work, spiritual decisions, marriage, finances, learning, mistakes, knowing the will of God, and many other demands will make you tired in life. Even the young energetic ones will wear down. Not very encouraging, right?

God Renews (31)

God keeps it real with us. He reveals who He is and reminds us who we are. We will faint but He will not. Is there any good news in all this? Yes, God promises something to those who will wait upon Him. Waiting on the Lord implies relying on him by faith and committing ourselves to His guidance. Waiting is something we do not like to do. Our world is geared to go and do.

Notice those who will wait upon the Lord, “*shall renew their strength*”. God tells us we will faint, but He will restore or begin again our strength. Those that wait upon Him “*shall mount up with wings as eagles*”. The eagle represents power and freedom.

Life will swallow us up. We all will get weary, aggravated, depressed, and spiritually drained. Notice that God’s promise of renewing His people is conditional upon them waiting upon Him. Read Psalm 46:10. Waiting is hard. It seems unprofitable because we are not doing anything. You need to take some time out and wait upon God. Get alone with God consistently reading, praying, and meditating. Take a time-out and get alone with God.

Think About It:

*We must learn to set
aside time to get
alone with God.*

How often do you wait upon the Lord?
Start setting aside a certain time to be renewed.