

Reality!

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The very first thing that you and I must embrace, set straight in our minds and hearts is that God is God and He is eternal, forever and will never change. This is something every person on this earth must come to terms with. We cannot ignore it and it will go away. When it is our time to die we will spend eternity in heaven or in hell. This truth does not change or cease to exist because we choose not to believe it. For me this is a very simple choice but for those of you out there who continue to insist that you can go through life without God or continue to be your own God maybe it is time to reconsider your position.

In God's ultimate and perfect plan for mankind He has provided everything we need to live a life that is full of blessing, victory, peace, health and prosperity. His plan is accessible only by receiving Him as personal Lord and Savior. Then making the choice every day to live in the plan that God has set before us. He will not force His plan or His salvation on us but has placed the power of choosing in our hands.

To consider the subject of "true reality" we must first consider the one who created the reality in the first place and that is God. We tend to think that because we live in this world that the world's system and the world's way of doing things must be considered when we make our "choices." But I am here in this simple letter to shake your religion, tradition and belief systems and reveal the only true reality is God.

What is this reality I am talking about? Think about it in these terms. How would you like to have something that you could count on anytime, anyplace and in any circumstances? That something is God. God has a perfect plan for your life and a perfect way of living. But you and I must choose His plan allowing God to work in us before it will work for us. God loves us so much and gave His Son to die in our place. In His heart He wants us to love Him back for who He is not just what He can do for us. God did all that He said He would do. We have available all the blessings that God promised. They are ours by covenant, but the manifestation of them is not

automatic. We have a part in the receipt of God's goodness to us and that part is faith.

Faith never has two opinions, never has two realities. Two opinions is like hearing what God has said and then going to the world for a second opinion. Bottom line, we struggle with believing what we say or think we believe, now that is a reality!

Reality - Do we believe we are who God says we are?

Reality - Do we believe that we have what God says we have?

The world (reality) will try and conform us into its image, what it thinks we ought to be, look like, act, or believe.

Reality - When we pray, do we expect God to hear us and to answer our prayers? Faith is not wishing but believing and trusting in His Word. This is reality in God.

Let's look at three stories that relate "two realities" when there is really only one, and that is God.

The story of Gideon.

Judges 6:12 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour.

Judges 6:15 And he said unto him, Oh my Lord, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is poor in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father's house.

Gideon had a world reality of who he was, and what was going on. He struggled with the message the angel delivered. Yet, it came about just like the angel said it would. Israel was delivered from the enemy.

The story of Abraham.

Abraham wanted a son, so his blood line would continue. God made a covenant with Abraham and said not only will I give you a son, but your seed shall be counted as the grains of sand on the seashore or the stars in the sky. I will bless you and in you all the families of the earth will be blessed. This is God's reality and is not affected by the natural (reality) that we think is so powerful. Based in the natural reality

a 100 year old man and a 90 year old woman cannot have children, but Isaac was born. Abraham had God's reality.

Romans 4:20,21 He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; 21 And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.

The story of the widow woman.

We see related here a natural reality and a God reality. The widow woman had but a little oil - God said get many jars and pour the oil into the jars. The oil did not stop flowing until she ran out of jars.

2Ki 4:1 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the LORD: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.

2Ki 4:2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.

2Ki 4:3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.

2Ki 4:4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

2Ki 4:5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.

2Ki 4:6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.

In the natural reality this seemed impossible, but with God the oil multiplied and she could go and sell it, pay her bills and live on the leftovers.

We have to face the fact that we do not fully understand what the reality of God really is. We are still trying to figure out everything based on our natural five senses, using the world's standard as the final authority instead of God's Word. The world's

way is flawed and failing. We see this every day with the constant changes in the way our natural world is going. But true reality is that God is God, and never changes. We must learn to listen to what He says even when it does not make sense in the natural. We must come to know that His way is true reality and will accomplish what He said.

The final illustration comes from the following verse. *II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.*

These are not natural ways of doing things. First, God is talking to His people that are called by His name. God said we are to humble ourselves. Humility requires the putting down and the removal of all PRIDE. Pride is the big "I" syndrome. I can handle it on my own, I don't need God. Humility is trusting God with everything in our lives. Next He said PRAY, seek His face. This simply means seek God for Himself, not just what He can do for us. We are to turn from our wicked ways and stop the sin in our lives. We all know what we are doing and what is sin and what is not. God says He will hear from heaven and will heal our land. This is true reality. But do we embrace it? Do we do it? Are we believing and trusting God to bring it to pass?

Is God big enough to override the natural reality that we put so much trust in and bring about healings, miracles, deliverances, anointed assignments. Limitations do not exist in God, that is reality.

Like Abraham, Gideon and the widow woman we must come to the belief in God's reality which is His promises. We will be strong in faith and fully persuaded that God will perform exactly what He said. So in our lives we will experience the God reality of victory, peace, joy, healing, and deliverance. Listening to and following Him with faith and trust for each and every day.



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