

# ACQUAINT NOW THYSELF WITH HIM JOB 22:21-30

Text: Job 22:21

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Introduction:

Our text today gives us what I consider a most practical thing that we should do as Christians. Yet for the most part it is left undone.

Our text urges us to acquaint ourselves with Him.

The word "ACQUAINT" means to: to be familiar with; be serviceable to; to cherish; be customary.

The Bible gives us the same advice over in the New Testament.

See Phil 3:10

(Phil 3:10 KJV) "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;"

The word "KNOW" means to: be aware; perceive, be resolved, can speak, be sure, understand.

How does one get acquainted with someone?

You first must hear of them.

(Rom 10:13-17 KJV) "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. {14} How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? {15} And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! {16} But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? {17} So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Once one hears of someone, there then must be a time of meeting that individual.

Once the two persons have heard of each other and then they have met each other, there must be time spent with the individual to get to know them.

Much of Christianity today is surface Christianity. We have never really gotten to know or get acquainted with the Lord.

But yet in both the Old and New Testament we are urged to do just that.

Notice with me:

## **1. THE PERSON (JOB 22:21; PHIL 3:10)**

(Job 22:21 KJV) "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee."

(Phil 3:10 KJV) "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;"

A. Who is it that we are to know?

1. Ancient of Days (from the beginning)
2. Rock (strength and permanency)
3. Refuge (our haven from the avenger)
4. Fortress (our defense against the foe)
5. Shield (our preserver and protector)

6. Sun (our source of light and life)

(John 8:12 KJV) "Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life."

7. Crown and Diadem ( His power and dignity)

8. Wall of Fire (God who compasseth our path)

(Zec 2:5 KJV) "For I, saith the LORD, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and will be the glory in the midst of her."

9. Refiner & Purifier (Our dross remover)

10. Husband (His providential role)

11. Governor (God who rules by Love)

12. Redeemer (God is the emancipator of the Captives)

13. King (God in His unequal majesty)

B. That is who we're to acquaint ourselves with.

## **2. POWER**

(Phil 3:10 KJV) "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;"

- A. Without the resurrection we would be men with no hope.
- B. The resurrection provides salvation.
- C. The resurrection provides comfort.

## **3. THE PEACE**

(Job 22:21 KJV) "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee."

- A. Acquainting ourselves with Him brings peace.
- B. Things that we have in acquaintance with Him.
  - 1. Peace concerning our daily needs.
  - 2. Peace facing death.
  - 3. Peace entering eternity.

(Phil 4:7 KJV) "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

## **4. THE PROMISE**

(Job 22:21 KJV) "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee."

(Phil 3:10-14 KJV) "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; {11} If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead. {12} Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. {13} Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, {14} I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

### **A. Principles**

1. Forget the past. (lose out of your mind or neglect)
2. Reach forward to the things that are before you. (stretch forward)

### 3. Press toward. (Unstoppable)

#### B. Results

##### 1. Prize

(Phil 3:14 KJV) "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

##### 2. Good

(Job 22:21 KJV) "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: thereby good shall come unto thee."

Close:

Are you acquainting yourself with Him. The only way that is possible is to spend time with Him, and allow Him to spend time with you, through His Word.

That is the only way that we may know Him.