

Not Forgetting God – Deuteronomy 8:1-2, 11-20

(God Series: Lesson 9 2 Chronicles 7:13-14)

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Introduction

1. Do you know God? Do you want to be closer to God? The best thing we can all do is get closer with God and to walk with Him each day.
2. Here are some the key things we discussed in our series...
 - a. Man cannot know God. Yet man can know God because God wants us to know Him. God has revealed himself in scripture.
 - b. God is personal. His is seen in His character – love, grace, mercy, etc.
 - c. Jesus is the icon of God. Jesus has revealed to us the Fatherhood of God.
 - d. God is trinity – the Father, Son, Holy Spirit.
 - e. God has two types of attributes – incommunicable (God’s only) and communicable (man can have these too).
 - f. Getting closer to God happens in His church.
 - g. If you love God and want to know Him, then you must also love the church and live with them too. Hebrews 10:19-25 is about the church having a common life. I need you and you need me.
 - h. We cannot get closer to God by leaving the church. In baptism we are added to the church and in the Lord’s supper we share our common source of life.

I. Personality Profiles

- a. Profiles Of The Twelve
 - i. A profile was made of the twelve (the congregation where Christ preached). The conclusions showed only Judas had the necessary personality. Peter was unstable, Andrew couldn’t lead, James and John were hotheads, Thomas was negative, Matthew was blacklisted by all, James and Simon were too radical. So much for personality profiles!
- b. Jesus Wants Hearts & Availability
 - i. We are saved by grace not merits. God just wants our hearts. All can be like Jesus with our own unique personality. Jesus will use us as we are.
 - ii. Could you serve with Judas? Matthew? Simon the Zealot? Jesus did! He will use us too. We are called to the same group. Jesus meets us in the church and if He is there we must be too.

II. Forgetting God

- a. Will We Forget God?
 - i. This is a dire warning and to most of us an impossible thought. But it can happen!
- b. *Moses!*
 - i. Deuteronomy 4:9-10; 6:1-12, 23; 8:1-2, 11-20; 9:7. God blessed, they forgot, they fell, God blessed, they forgot, they fell, and God blessed. It was the same song with the same tune! Those who do not learn from history are condemned by it.