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Don't miss our live online Tsiyon Meeting at Tsiyon. Net tonight, featuring:



From Eliyahu

Consider this:

Christian religion, and most other religion, seems to be obsessed with what people want: salvation. Sometimes it goes beyond that, to things like prosperity, good health, and a good life. I'm not saying those things are not good desires - they generally are. Why though, is the question seldom asked: "What does *God* want?"

The truth is, religion survives off of promising us what <u>we</u> want. For many, it is all about fire insurance. For others, church is a place to make social connections for business, friendships, marriage, or our kids. Some are looking for prosperity and

they are looking for the right formula to force God to give it to them. Honestly, all of that comes across to me as rather selfish and/or shallow. Insipid, really.

Choosing a religion can be like going to the shopping mall and wandering through the stores, looking for the one that seems to offer more of what you want. Of course, at the mall whatever you buy costs something, and that is true of religion as well. The price of acceptance varies, but generally consists of some time, effort and money to get what you want from your religion. More and more people these days seem to be seeing religion as not worth the price of admission.

My observation is that most people never concern themselves with the question: "What does God want?" Why not? There can be only one answer, which is, they don't care what God wants. What they care about is what *they* want. Is that too cynical for you? I don't think it is cynical. It may not be true of you, but in my observation it seems to be true of most religion.

Personally, I think it is a miracle when any person breaks through the shell of human selfishness enough to really care about what God wants. I searched the question on the internet to see if anyone has that answer. The best short answer I found is that *God wants you*. While I believe that too, even that answer strikes me as a bit self-oriented. At best, that may work as a starting place for the individual, but that is just part of the answer - a very small part of a much bigger whole.



The truth is, what God wants is something other than religion.

The Torah, the five books of Moses at the beginning of the Bible, introduces us to our Creator and explains the basics of His entire relationship to Man. If we read it carefully and prayerfully it will tell us what He wants. By *wants* I mean earnestly desires, cares about above other things. It strikes me that if you love someone, your spouse or kids for example, you care about what your loved-one wants. You want to know what that is, so you can give that to your loved one to make them happy. How much more so, our loving Father in Heaven!

Yet, the Torah has been given a bad rap by religion. The Christians call it "The Old Testament" and seem to think it has gone out of date. Even the Jews, while claiming Torah as their own, have replaced much of it with rabbinical teachings and customs that tend to void the Torah in many ways. Yet, to the remnant of scattered Israel YHWH says ""Remember the Torah of Moses my servant, which I commanded to him in Horeb for all Israel, even statutes and ordinances" (Malachi 4:4). Why does YHWH point the remnant of Israel back to the Torah in the latter days? He does that because the Torah tells us what YHWH wants!

This is why we are carefully examining the Torah at our online meetings, here at Tsiyon. We think it is way past time that people everywhere should be considering what our loving Creator wants. This is a life-changer! As you consider the verses from Deuteronomy with us tonight, you will enter into the heart of God, to understand what He wants, maybe for the first time, ever.

Here is some of what we will be talking about tonight:

Statutes and Ordinances vs Commandments

What does YHWH want from us?

Importance of the 10 Commandments?

Israel, "a people for his own inheritance"?

"His inheritance" and the Remnant Tribes

Moses prophesied Israel's deportation!

Moses foretold the scattering of Israel!

Moses spoke to us "in the latter days"!

More...

Join us for our online meeting tonight, at Tsiyon.Net at 8 PM, CST. This is not what you expect, but it is what you have been looking for. YHWH will be there.

Blessings and good health to you,

Eliyahu

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PS - a new episode of *Hebraic Insights In The Gospels* podcast is posted.

PSS - Tonight, May 15th, at Tsiyon.Net! Find out what YHWH wants!



"The Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the forceful snatch it away by force."

Matthew 11:12



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