

The Bishop's Corner

Choose God

Praise the Lord Saints,

“Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped, and said, ‘Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.’ In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly. And the Lord said unto Satan, ‘Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.’ Then said his wife unto him, ‘Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, and die.’ But he said unto her, ‘Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil?’ In all this did not Job sin with his lips” (Job 1:20-22; Job 2:6, 9-10 KJV).

Job had faith to wait on God, and he brings his wife to her senses so she can continue to trust in God. Sometimes the Holy Ghost will bring us to our senses by telling us that we’re acting like someone who does not trust in God because believing in God should be enough. There’re only two ways to go through this life: with God or without God. What is always clear is that the way and will of God is always right. No matter what goes on in our lives, we must obey and turn to God because when we move in God, we’re going in the right direction, and if we continue in Him, we will have eternal life.

When perilous times come, some people turn to God and some do not. When we turn to God, He gives us the Holy Ghost to comfort us, build us up, and teach us about God. The more we know God, the more we love Him.

Another example of choosing God is Moses. “And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. And Moses said, ‘I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.’ And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, ‘Moses, Moses.’ And he said, ‘Here am I.’ And He said, ‘Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground’” (Exodus 3:2-5 KJV).

If we really want God to move for us, we must be like Moses. God knew Moses’ character that when he saw the burning bush, he would decide to turn and see what God wanted. When God comes to us, we must be willing to turn to Him. Sometimes we want God to be in front of us to block us, but that’s not what He does; instead, God wants us to turn to Him and choose Him as Moses did. We must be willing to choose God even when we don’t see what He’s doing in the long run, because God always knows what He is doing.

God bless you,

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