

# AM I ACCEPTABLE?

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Psalms 19:14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

## INTRODUCTION:

1. Do you remember the first time you were interviewed for a job?
  - A. I remember sitting wondering if the things I had said were right.
  - B. I made sure that I wore a nice shirt and a tie.
  - C. I wanted to be acceptable in the sight of the man who was interviewing me.
2. Are we that conscious about how we look before God?
  - A. Are we concerned about what we say to Him?
  - B. Do we make sure that our everyday lives are pleasing to Him?
  - C. Are we acceptable to Him?
  - D. Is He our strength, and our Redeemer?

-We will discuss all of these questions this morning?

## DISCUSSION:

### I. "Let The Word Of My Mouth"

#### A. Our words are very important.

1. We can abuse our words - 1Peter 2:1 - Wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile, and hypocrisies, and envies, and all evil speakings,
2. How relevant are our words? – Matt 12:36 - "But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment."

#### B. God's Word is important.

1. Prov 4:20 - "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings."
2. Prov 7:1 - "My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee."
3. Some in the world would say that God's Word is not important.
  - (a) They take no heed to what the scriptures say.
  - (b) They only care about the money that those big crowds will bring in.

**C. We will be judged by His Word.** – John 12:48 - "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day."

### II. "And The Meditation Of My Heart"

#### A. Define Meditation.

1. Meditation – the world views this as sitting down crossing your legs and chanting.
2. How does the Bible define "meditation"?

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- (a) Joshua 1:8 "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."
- (b) Luke 21:14 - "Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate before what ye shall answer:"
- (c) 1 Timothy 4:15 - "Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all."

## **B. We must meditate.**

1. Whether it is good or bad is up to us.
  - (a) Psalms 1:1 - "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners tree, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."
2. Sin starts in our minds.
  - (a) Mark 7:21-23 - "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, 22 Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: 23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man."
  - (b) Matt 5:21ff. - become angry, look upon; it all starts in the mind.
3. Think on good things to keep out sin. - Phil 4:8 - "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

## **III. "Be Acceptable In Thy Sight"**

### **A. If we must be acceptable then that means that we can be unacceptable.**

1. In other words it is not left up to our feelings.
2. We hear this saying all of the time, "choose the church of your choice."
3. It's not up to us which church we attend, because there is only one according to the Bible.
4. That is the whole point here: we must study God's word to find out what is acceptable to God. - John 17:17 - "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

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(a) 2 Timothy 2:15 - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

## **B. What does it mean to be acceptable?**

1. It means to be correct or pleasing.
2. To be pleasing to God we must do as He says.
  - (a) John 4:24 - God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

## **IV. “O Lord”**

**A. Do we have the right to call Him Lord?** - Luke 6:46 “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? - 47 Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: 48 He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. 49 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.”

**B. We can call Him Lord if we obey Him.** - Romans 6:16 - “Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. 18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness. 19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.”

**C. These people had obeyed Him.** - Romans 6:3-4 - “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

## **V. “My Strength And My Redeemer.”**

**A. Do we feel this way about God?** - is He our “refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”?

1. Or do we simple rely on ourselves.
  - (a) Luke 11:1-3 - And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. 2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven,

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Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. 3 Give us day by day our daily bread.

(b) Relying on God is very important.

2. Paul tells us that he could “do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” – Phil 4:13

## **B. We need to rely on God as our strength and refuge.**

## **C. Is He our redeemer? Is Christ your redeemer today?**

1. Acts 20:28 - “Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”
2. 1 Thessalonians 5:9 - “For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,”

## **D. How do we get into Christ?**

1. Galatians 3:27 - “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”
2. We must be baptized to get into Christ.

## **E. What do we have in Christ?**

1. Redemption: Romans 3:24 – “Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:”
2. No condemnation: Romans 8:1 - “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”
3. One body: Romans 12:5 - “So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.”
4. The one body is the church: Ephesians 1:22 - “And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23 Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”  
(a) More proof – Acts 2:47, 38

## **CONCLUSION:**

- 1) Are the words of our mouths acceptable to God?
- 2) Are we meditating on things that are acceptable to God?
- 3) Is God our Lord, our strength, and our redeemer?
- 4) If not, why not?