



Day 3

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“The Way to Truly Live is Found in Jesus Only”

Key Verse: John 3:21 *“...Whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.”*

Heaven and earth agree that God is the only righteous judge, and the verdict is in: our very human efforts to be good in God’s eyes fall short. When we show gratitude for God’s goodness and are faithful followers of Jesus’ example, we will be amazed to see God at work. *“He who sacrifices thank offerings honors me, and he prepares the way so that I may show him the salvation of God.” Ps. 50:24.*

One thing has not changed: rebellion against God in its endless forms. Moses does not hold back in reminding the Israelites that they have been *“rebellious against the Lord ever since I have known you.” Deut. 9:24.* It is by God’s mercy that they lived to enter the Promised Land and that Moses is listed among the faithful.

Hold on to the promises of God, but remember that holding on requires faith; faith in God’s strength within you, not your own! The way we know that we have faith is that we can rest, truly rest. *“There remains, then a Sabbath-rest for the people of God; for anyone who enters God’s rest also rests from his own work, just as God did from his.” Heb 4:9-10.*

Far from the lecture the Israelites received from Moses, John assures us that God did not send Jesus to condemn the world but to save it through himself. God’s open, loving invitation to us is to surrender to God’s gift of freedom in Christ to live authentically and bring glory to God alone. *“...Whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.” John 3:21.*

Prayer: *Thank you Father that you have made a way for all to come to you through your Son Jesus. Empower us by your Holy Spirit to live lives pleasing to you, bringing glory to your name.*

Scriptures: Psalm 50, Deuteronomy 9:23-10:5, Hebrews 4:1-10, John 3:16-21