

Impact 3:16

Our God (Ex 3:16)

INTRODUCTION

1. Good Morning,
 - a. Greeting...
2. Series of lessons “Impact 3:16.”
 - a. Last week we looked at the impact **Gn 3:16** has on man today.
 - i. We noticed Woman’s Punishment and subsequent reality after the fall.
 - b. Today we are going to look at the impact **Ex 3:16** has on man today.
 - i. We will take time to notice three important truths concerning “Our God.”
3. Background on our text.
 - a. This is the disreputable account of Moses with Christ at the “burning bush.”
 - i. We know it was Christ because He said it was Him.
 1. **Jn 8:58** “...Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was, I am.”¹
 - b. Moses was keeping his father-in-law’s flock.
 - i. Jethro was at this time the priest of Midian.
 - c. Upon taking the flock to the west side of the wilderness Moses came to Horeb.
 - i. Here he sees a bush with flames yet without consumption.
 - d. Moses, being curious, goes to investigate.
 - i. This is when God calls out to Moses to come near after his sandals are removed.
 - e. God explains He has heard His peoples cry and is going to bring them out of slavery.
 - i. God wants Moses to speak to Pharaoh and demand he let the Israelites go.
 - f. Moses resists saying “who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt” (**Ex 3:11**).
 - i. This leads to God reassuring Moses that He will be with him.
 - g. Moses then wonders what if they ask me for God’s name.
 - i. God gives the wonderful and amazing answer “Say this to the people of Israel, ‘I Am Who I Am’” (**Ex 3:14**).
 - h. This brings us to our text.
 - i. God the explains this profound truth.
 1. **Ex 3:15-17** “God also said to Moses, ‘Say this to the people of Israel, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations. **16** Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, “I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt, 17 and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.” ’”

¹ All Scriptures are taken from the ESV unless otherwise noted. If other translations are used this is not necessarily an endorsement of the translation.

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I. God Is Always

- A. Time is not an issue with God
 - 1. **Is 46:10** “declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose,’”
 - 2. **Is 14:24** “The LORD of hosts has sworn: “As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand”
 - 3. **Ep 1:11** “In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will”
- B. Therefore God is always in the present
 - 1. What does that mean?
 - i. It means God is the God of...
 - a. Landon, Joe, Paul, George Washington, King Herod...
 - 2. It means...

II. God Is Always Watching

- A. There is no where we can go where God cannot see us
 - 1. **Ps 139:7-10** “Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? 8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! 9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, 10 even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.”
 - 2. **Je 23:24** “Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD.”
 - 3. **Jb 26:6** “Sheol is naked before God, and Abaddon has no covering.”
- B. This means God sees us when we sin
 - 1. We must understand that God cannot sin.
 - i. **I Jn 1:5** “This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.”
 - ii. **He 6:18** “so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.”
 - 2. We must also understand that God cannot let sin go unpunished.
 - i. **Na 1:2-3** “The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD is avenging and wrathful; the LORD takes vengeance on his adversaries and keeps wrath for his enemies. 3 The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.”
- C. Thus...
 - 1. We can see then importance of understanding God is always watching.

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III. God Is Always Faithful

- A. Our God always keeps His promises
 - 1. **Dt 7:9** “Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations”
 - 2. **I Th 5:24** “He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.”
 - 3. **He 10:23** “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.”
- B. This means for us...
 - 1. We are guaranteed heaven if we stay faithful.
 - i. **Rv 2:10** “...Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.”
 - ii. **Ja 1:12** “Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.”
 - 2. We are guaranteed hell if we are unfaithful.
 - i. **Ps 73:27** “For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.”
 - ii. **Mt 25:32-33** “Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33 And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.”

CONCLUSION

- 1. Dennis Anderson once said, “You cannot see faith, but you can see the footprints of the faithful. We must leave behind "faithful footprints" for others to follow.”
 - a. Brethren God has left us “faithful footprints” to follow.
- 2. Question: Are you following in the footsteps of God or in your own footsteps?
 - a. My prayer and hope is that you are following in God’s.
- 3. Invitation
 - a. For those that are Christians but are not living for Christ repent by confessing your sins to God that He may forgive you and dedicate your life/time back to Him.
 - i. **I Jn 1:7, 9** "But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin...9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
 - b. For those that are not Christians or for those that think they are Christians and want to know for sure notice what is required to become a child of God or Christian according to God and God only.
 - i. Hear/Study **Rom 10:17; II Tim 2:15**
 - ii. Believe Jesus Is The Christ **Jn 3:16; 8:24**
 - iii. Repent/Turn To God **Ac 17:30; Lk 24:47**
 - iv. Confess Jesus As Lord **Mt 10:32; Rom 10:9**
 - v. Immersed For The Forgiveness of Sins **Ac 2:38; 22:16; I Pt 3:21**
 - vi. Live A Faithful Life **I Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8**