

Message Title: God's Hidden Messages

Theme: In the first part of this message a comparison is drawn between the relationships of parents and children and our relationship with God, as His children. Then it begins to expose some of God's hidden messages to us and how we misunderstand as we look for what will benefit us instead of realizing that everything that God has made, He made for Himself.

When Jesus calmed the seas by saying "Peace, be still" all the disciples missed the message because their focus was on themselves. Instead of calming down after Jesus removed the danger their fear shifted from drowning to fearing a reprisal from such a powerful being. (See Mark 4:36-41) If their focus had been on Jesus their faith in Him would have increased because He had just given them another example of what a great protector they were following.

We are no different than they were. When trouble comes we become fixated on the problem and exhaust ourselves trying to solve it. As the threat increases our efforts increase and our prayers become more intense instead of remembering the awesome power of the one who has protected us in the past and still is.

Salient Points: Exceedingly blessed, Self importance, Justifying our existence, What is God's real will, The acceptable will, Automatically blessed, Just more good stuff, Worry, The disappointing Church, God's childlike children, The clash of wills, Last days influences, A world about self, Gaining a blessed life, Works of what sort, Meeting God, Sort out your works, Incompatible with God, Angry at God, Wrong faith, A battle of the will, Text or pretext, The subject of the Bible, Missing the point, Really loving God, Seek God.

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Scripture: Ecc. 9: 7-12, Rom. 14:7-23

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The speaker would like you to know that all of these messages are in the chronological progression that God revealed them, and even though many may stand alone, they progress through several subjects that build on the previous lessons. This series of messages titled "Our Timeless Creator" (OTC), shift the focus from salvation and service, to understanding God. How He who needs

nothing, benefits from creating the human race. It started in 2007 when God brought the speaker to Psalm 50:15 three times following the miraculous healing of his dying wife. It reads, "***And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me***". Following this he prayed fervently. "LORD, show me how to glorify you and I will do the best I can". The speaker had become a new creature, (2 Corinthians 5:17) on May 20 1973. At that moment the reality of GOD's existence and the direct connection to the Bible became miraculously clear. Overwhelmed with excitement he began telling everyone who had a few moments to listen, what he had found, like a man who had found a cure for a terminal illness, which everyone had. His excitement and enthusiasm continued for well over a year, even when many said, "you'll get over it." Slowly his efforts began to focus on responsibility and all the how-tos of service. As the excitement faded it was replaced with frustration. He had said many times "the most frustrating thing in life is to know what GOD could do and watch him not do it". In 2005 GOD began a work as described in Job 5:17-18, that changed everything. He says," it was much like when I first became a child of God all over again". He describes it like application of (2 Corinthians 3:18), "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, ***even*** as by the Spirit of the Lord". Truly it has been a life changing experience as God increases and we, without trying, decrease.