

Seeing Our Father's Expectations

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BIG SANDY, Texas—Many disciples recently completed their observance of the Days of Unleavened Bread.

Before partaking of the New Testament symbols for the commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ, disciples focused upon God's grace.

After partaking of the commemoration of the suffering and death of Christ, disciples observed the Days of Unleavened Bread by focusing on the Heavenly Father's expectations of them.

The Bible is filled with characteristics that the Heavenly Father wants His disciples to exhibit. This article will mention only a few.

Please remember that the motive of the disciples exhibiting these characteristics should be their reaction to grace.

Disciples should desire to profoundly thank God by their actions.

Words of Christ

Notice a few of the teachings of Christ.

- Matthew 5:1-12—the beatitudes
- Matthew 5:14-16—good works to glorify the Father
- Matthew 7:1-5—instructions to avoid condemning others
- Matthew 19:17—keep the Commandments
- Matthew 19:21—give to the poor
- Matthew 20:25-28—be a servant
- Matthew 22:36-40—two great Commandments
- Matthew 23:6-12—be a servant
- Matthew 25:34-40—showing love to the "least" of the brethren
- Luke 10:25-37—the Good Samaritan
- Luke 18:9-14—the example of the Pharisee and the publican

- John 5:22-23—honor the Son
- John 8:1-11—example of forgiveness
- John 13:12-17—be a servant

Words of James

Notice a few of the teachings of James.

- James 1:19-20—swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to wrath
- James 1:25—perfect law of liberty
- James 1:26—bridle the tongue

Words of Peter

Notice a few of the teachings of Peter.

- 1 Peter 2:5—as living stones, you are a spiritual house and a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices
- 1 Peter 2:11-12—good works to glorify the Father
- 1 Peter 5:2-3—be a willing servant who sets an example

Words of John

Notice a few of the teachings of John.

- 1 John 2:15-17—do not love the things of the world
- 1 John 4:18—perfect love casts out fear
- 3 John 9-12—be like Demetrius instead of Diotrephes

Words of Paul

Notice a few of the teachings of Paul.

- Romans 6:1-2—since we receive grace, should we sin?
- Romans 6:3-5—likeness of His death and resurrection
- Romans 12:1—be a living sacrifice
- Romans 12:6-8—recognize these seven gifts in people
- Romans 12:9-21—many positive characteristics
- 1 Corinthians 10:5-11—avoid these five sins in the wilderness
- 2 Corinthians 9:7—God loves a cheerful giver
- Galatians 5:19-21—works of the flesh
- Galatians 5:22-23—reflect fruit of the Spirit
- Colossians 3:1-2—seek those things that are above