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HOW YOU CAN GET RIGHT WITH GOD

PART 5

Matthew 1:1-17 Shock & Awe;

Greatness is among us

- A Impressive name dropping! He had the Right to Reign!
- Arranged in 6 Groups of 7 Names— The #7 was & is one of the Most Powerful & Symbolic Numbers

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- The Names of the Women
- -Hints at the Oldest Prophecy in the Bible
- -What Notorious Sinners [Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Wife of Uriah]
- -This Great One has such sinners in His line because He came to save such great sinners!

Matthew 1:18-25 Shock & Awe Pt. 2

- A Born of a Virgin
- **B** Fulfiller of OT Scripture (1:22)
- **C** Given Special Names
 - 1 Jesus 2 Immanuel

Matthew 1:18-25 Shock & Awe Pt. 2

The Aroma of the Passage

-Seen in the Attitude & Actions of Joseph

- A Bethlehem tells us...
 - From the House of Bread comes the Bread of Life
 - That Jesus the Christ comes right out of the Old Testament (Micah 5:2)

- **B** Wise Men the Magi tell us. . .
 - The Great event has happened;
 The GREATEST ONE ever has come;
 -He deserves our best gifts & worship
 - 2 He is the SAVIOR of the world!

Q: CAN THE SHOCK & AWE GET ANY MORE SHOCKING?

A:YES!

The STARS in the HEAVENS cooperate like obedient children—leading, pointing, and revealing where this wonder of wonders is living and abiding!

Everything John the Baptist says is repeated by Jesus in His sermons...

In expository preaching, you get to deal with everything—you face it all. Without it, you miss the whole counsel of God.

2 KINGS 1:8

⁷ He said to them, "What kind of man was he who came to meet you and told you these things?" ⁸ They answered him, "He wore a garment of hair, with a belt of leather about his waist." And he said, "It is Elijah the Tishbite."

MATTHEW 11:13-15

For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John, ¹⁴ and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come. ¹⁵ He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

MATTHEW 8:11-12

I tell you, many will come from east and west and recline at table with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven, 12 while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

JOHN 8:38-40

I speak of what I have seen with my Father, and you do what you have heard from your father." ³⁹ They answered him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you were Abraham's children, you would be doing what Abraham did,

JOHN 8:38-40

but now you seek to kill me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. This is not what Abraham did.

PAUL TELLS THE JEWS...

Not all of you are children of Abraham merely because of your birth — only those who share Abraham's faith are of his lineage.

Matthew 3:10...

GALATIANS 5:22-24

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

APPLICATION

Q: How can a man get right with God?

A: REPENTANCE!

At Calvary

By God's Word at last

my sin I learned –

Then I trembled at the law I'd spurned,

Till my guilty soul imploring turned

To Calvary.

At Calvary

Mercy there was great and grace was free,

Pardon there was multiplied to me,

There my burdened soul found liberty –

At Calvary

AT CALVARY

- O the love that drew salvation's plan!
- O the grace that bro't it down to man!
 - O the mighty gulf that God did span

At Calvary.

AMAZING GRACE

'Twas grace that taught
my heart to fear,

And grace my fears relieved;

AMAZING GRACE

How precious did

that grace appear

The hour I first believed.

LUKE 15:17-19

"But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! 18 I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants."

"I look at his majesty before me, and I ask Him what I have done to deserve being in this beautiful setting. He gently replies: "Absolutely nothing!" Then I ask what I have done that makes me totally undeserving of being here. He says: "Absolutely everything...

Once again my fear and doubt sail off into the Sonrise on the winds of morning grace. The sea of Forgiveness beckons mercifully to another sailor lost at land."

"Then I spin out into my helplessness and fall on my knees, begging for His unending mercy, His unfailing grace, His unconditional love. He remembers His promises and forgets my sin."

MANSFIELD ON REPENTANCE

"I logged millions of miles on the road in the entertainment business, but the longest distance I have traveled in my life was when I put my knees to the floor. I knew all the shortcuts between distant points in the old days, but as a Christian,

I find 'the Way' is a long haul – straight and narrow with no side streets or easy exits."

MANSFIELD ON REPENTANCE

"The caustic corners of consequences become the center line down the road of repentance that lovingly leads me out onto His holy highway that I now must travel upon. It has been a stony path leading me to a soft place."

THOUGHTS ON REPENTANCE:

"Christ and we will never be one until we and our sin are two." - Spurgeon

- "Sin and hell are married unless repentance proclaims the divorce."
- Spurgeon

THOUGHTS ON REPENTANCE:

"Repentance is to leave the sin we loved before, And show that we in earnest grieve by doing so no more..."

"From the saddle to the ground, I sought mercy...and mercy found."

PSALM 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise

AND WHAT DOES THE FATHER DO?

He humiliates himself. Disrobes himself. He runs naked to his son, embracing & kissing him, and throws a big expensive party rejoicing at his repentance!

THE ELDER SON WHO GETS MAD AND POUTS IS:

The picture of the average, religious, non-repentant person.