

I Have a Pact with My God

"You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God. He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat."
Matthew 5:6 THE MESSAGE

What does it mean to hunger and thirst after righteousness? Does it mean that we are never satisfied until we have –righteousness? What is –righteousness? Is it Virtue? Morality? Justice? Honesty? Is it being good enough? Does it mean that we have to behave according to a certain religious or moral code?

Do we really want to hunger and thirst for those virtues, or are we content with what we know? Do we want to be confused with the facts? Sometimes I want to search for the truth in my life. Sometimes, I want to do my own thing and not have God interfering.

I think this verse means that I will never be perfectly happy until I have found God and put Him in control of my life. When God is in control, I can relax. However, I must constantly seek His truth because there is another very powerful source that also wants my at-

The Lord's Prayer, we pray for *"Thy will be done."* And then we try to do it *"our way!"* We are so human!!! Do we really want God in control, or only when we can't handle it ourselves? I can express it this way.

*We have a pact
My God and I.
I talk to Him,
He answers me.*

*I cry;
He wipes my tears.
I sing;
He hears the tune within my heart.*

*I fall;
He picks me up.
I forget;
He is always there.*

*I sin;
He forgives.*

*I stumble;
His grace is sufficient.
We walk together
My God and I,*

*Sometimes fast, sometimes slow,
But this I know,*

*We have a pact,
My God and I.*

If only we could constantly be on that high and let Him rule without our humanness wanting to take over!!! Then we can be honest, virtuous, and morally right, and seek justice for ourselves.



GOD surely listens,
understands and knows
the hopes
and fears you keep in
your heart. For
when you trust in His
love, miracles
happen!

When we accept that God gives us the best, and let him be in control, we will be as Peterson says "on that high" with God.

I heard one minister compare our faith to the mercury in a thermometer. He indicated that we are sometimes filled with the Holy Spirit and we are on a "high". Other times we are searching, trying to do it on our own. The trust is always fluctuating according to how much we want to be in control, or how much we allow God to be in control. The choice is ours.

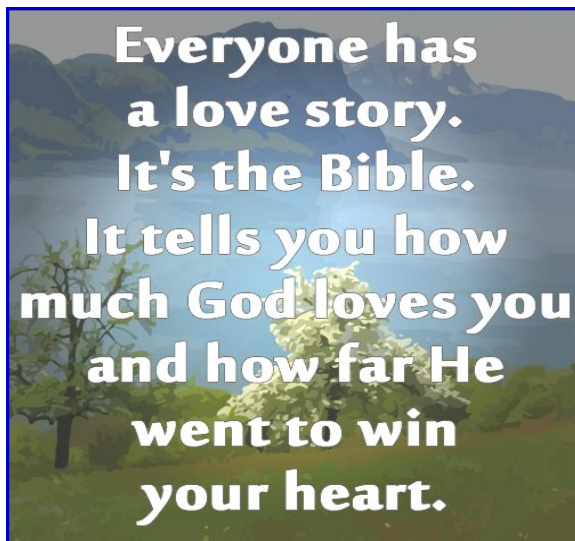
When Paul was writing in Philippians 3 he told them and us that material things do not matter.

"But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ

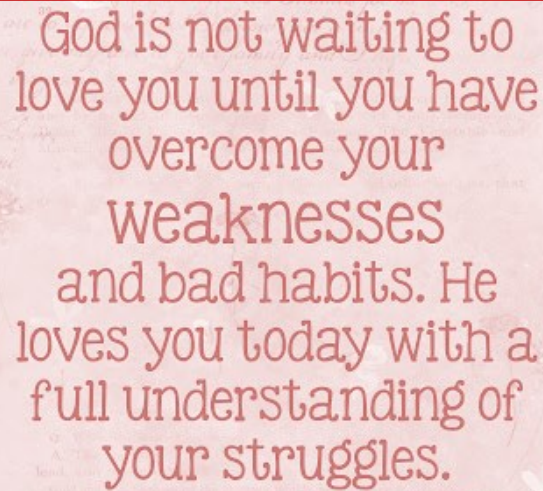
Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.”
vs. 7-9

Paul continues with a promise for each of us in vs. 20-21: *“But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.”*

Maybe these words seem harsh at times and sometimes they are a comfort. We don't always want to hear what He wants to tell us but the pact He promises to each of us never changes.

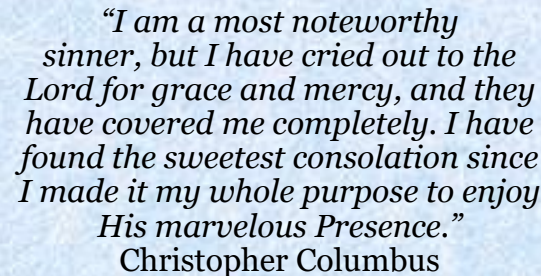


**Everyone has
a love story.
It's the Bible.
It tells you how
much God loves you
and how far He
went to win
your heart.**

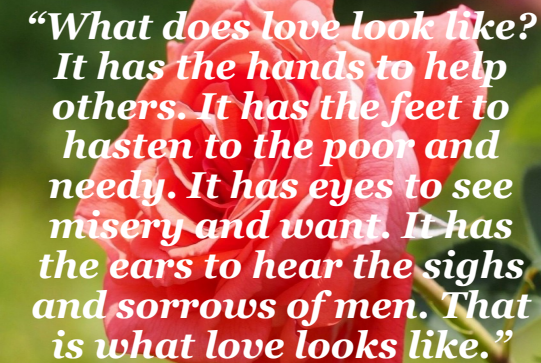


**God is not waiting to
love you until you have
overcome your
weaknesses
and bad habits. He
loves you today with a
full understanding of
your struggles.**

- Dieter F. Uchtdorf



“I am a most noteworthy sinner, but I have cried out to the Lord for grace and mercy, and they have covered me completely. I have found the sweetest consolation since I made it my whole purpose to enjoy His marvelous Presence.”
Christopher Columbus



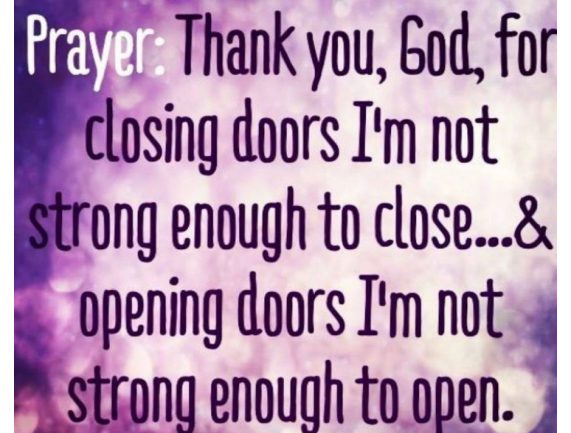
“What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of men. That is what love looks like.”

Saint Augustine

Prayer: Dear Heavenly Father, You have given us so much. Every day You are there with the best food and drink we can want. You have provided it all both physically and spiritually. Help us to drink and eat of it fully so that we can better serve You and Your Kingdom here on this earth. Let us give You the glory until we meet one day and inherit that Eternal Life with You. Amen.

1. How do we work up an appetite for God? What is on our desired menu?
2. How can we progress through the steps of being earthy, inspired, to spiritual?
3. How do we know when we have put Christ in control of our life?
4. What assurance do we have that Christ is always with us?
5. How is the mercury in your thermometer?

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**Prayer: Thank you, God, for
closing doors I'm not
strong enough to close...&
opening doors I'm not
strong enough to open.**