He Who Comes To God Hebrews 11:1-6

Man does nothing more important or needful than coming to God

Though often lost sight of, this is whole point and purpose in religion

Not coming to a religion, or a church, etc

Not a matter of letting God come to man (as Calvinist teach)

Man has choice; he can come to God, but it is a conditional coming

Must Come Believing

Believing "He is"

He is as He is & reveals Himself to be not as men suppose or think

He is righteous - John 17:25

Just - Romans 3:25-26

Love - 1John 4:16

Omniscient (all knowing) - Hebrews 4:13

Omnipresent (ever present) - Proverbs 15:3

Omnipotent (all powerful) - Revelation 1:8

Believing "He wills"

He has certain desires and wishes concerning man as set forth in NT - Matthew 6:10

Salvation promised to those who do His will - 1John 2:17

Believing "He rewards" - Matthew 5:12

Who? - Matthew 7:21; 6:33

Those who diligently seek Him - 2Peter 1:10

Must Come In Humility

This humility involves an awareness of three things

The greatness of God (as noticed above)

Smallness of self (cannot direct own steps Jeremiah 10:23)

A sense of need, dependency - Psalms 51:1-4; Luke 15:21; 18:13; 1Peter 5:6

"Lowliness" is the beginning of "holiness"

Must Come Willingly

Principle of willingness fundamental to all spiritual progress - John 7:17; 2Corinthians 8:12

Men cannot be driven to God -- but they can be driven from Him

True faith is ever demonstrated in willing obedience

Must Come On God's Terms

Modern concepts, to contrary, only hinder coming to God - Romans 10:3

Word of reconciliation shows the way of reconciliation - 2Corinthians 5:18-19

Coming to God is reconciliation and is possible only by removing the enmity between man and God (sin Isaiah 59:1-2)

The Gospel contains God's remedy

Romans 1:16; John 8:32; James 1:21; 4:12

Those who would "come to God" must remember that "He who gives the law, and He only, is able to save."

Therefore, if we come to God it must be on His terms and not ours.

Requires us to voluntarily humble ourselves & place our trust & confidence in Him or else remain separated from Him for all eternity.

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