

What if God Treats Us As We Treat Him

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Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children

God spoke through the prophet Hosea to tell the people of Israel that He would now treat them as they had treated Him. That since they forgot God, God would forget them. What God said through Hosea is something we need to consider today. What would it look like if God gave us in the same measure as we give to God?

First, consider our personal blessings in life. Jesus said in Matthew 6:31-33 that God would see to all of the needs of our lives. One of the things God asks of us is to offer a portion of our blessings back to Him. One way we do this is by the contribution of the saints. In 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 Paul says that, in regards to that contribution, "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully". What if God is as generous to you as you are to Him?

Second, what about our Prayer and supplications? We turn to God at any time and give him our concerns (Philippians 4:6). But in the conversation of God and man, it was God who spoke first through His word. He asks us to listen to His word (2 Timothy 2:15). What if God listened to you as well as you listen to Him?

Third, all of us need God to intercede in our lives. We are told that this is why we pray (James 5:13-15). But God asks us to be the priests of God and offer spiritual sacrifices (1 Peter 2:5). Our very lives are meant to be His in service. What if God intercedes for you as well as you serve Him?

This all sounds terrible, as most of us would acknowledge that our attention to God is well below our need for His attention. If God does give just as He received from us, we are all in trouble. But the good news is that God does not. In Romans 5:5-10 Paul declares that God loved us even while we were sinners He sent His Son for us. But we need to consider that God does expect a return on His relationship with us; if it is not thing more than to love Him (1 John 5:1-3) and keep His commandments.

Take a moment and ask yourself: What if God gives me in my measure? What measure do I ask of God? What ways can I increase my measure?

Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."