

What Will God Do This Year?

Scripture:

Matthew 16:1-3 “1 The Pharisees also with the Sadducees came, and tempting desired him that he would shew them a sign from heaven. 2 He answered and said unto them, when it is evening, ye say, it will be fair weather: for the sky is red. 3 And in the morning, it will be foul weather to day: for the sky is red and lowring. O ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky; but can ye not discern the signs of the times?”

Introduction:

Everybody wants a word about their tomorrow. We all want a word from the prophet. Sometimes we're fortunate enough to get one of these precious words. But what do we do if we're not privileged to get this type input into our lives. I believe we must go to the source of our salvation and get a word directly from God and His Word. This morning I'm going to give everyone in earshot a sure word about what God is going to do this year. If we listen carefully we will not be like the Pharisees and Sadducees who could read the weather report but had no ability to discern what God was up to.

I. God will continue to demonstrate His grace.

- A. The main work of the spirit of God is to call men and women to Himself.
I Timothy 1:15 “This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief.”
- B. Our God of love cannot help but reach out in love to a lost world.
John 3:16-17 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”
- C. Because God continues to demonstrate His grace, we can do our part by becoming prayer warriors for the harvest field.
II Peter 3:9 “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”
- D. God's giving a feast and His table will be filled with guests.
Luke 14:16-23 “Then He said to him, “A certain man gave a great supper and invited many, ¹⁷and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, ‘Come, for all things are now ready.’ ¹⁸But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, ‘I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.’ ¹⁹And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.’ ²⁰Still another said, ‘I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.’ ²¹So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, ‘Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.’ ²²And the servant said, ‘Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.’ ²³Then the master said to the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.’”

II. God will demonstrate His goodness by bringing blessing into our lives.

Ephesians 1:3 “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:”

- A. All we need do is follow faithful Abraham's example.
Hebrews 12:1-3 “Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you. ²I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. ³

I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

- B. God’s blessing will be like a shield to His people.

Psalm 5:12 *“For You, O LORD, will bless the righteous; with favor You will surround him as with a shield.*

III. God will lead us if we will be led.

Psalm 23:1-3 *“The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. ² He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. ³ He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name’s sake.”*

- A. God’s promise to lead us covers our entire life. He doesn’t take time off.

Psalm 48:14 *“For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.”*

- B. He will lead us out of falsehood into the truth.

John 16:13 *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”*

- C. Great examples of God’s guidance.

1. Abraham led out of Ur of the Chaldees.
2. Moses led to the backside of the desert in preparation to go before Pharaoh.
3. David led into kingship.

IV. God will speak to us.

Matthew 4:3-4 *“Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread.” ⁴But He answered and said, “**It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.’**”*

- A. We must ask the Lord to speak even as Samuel did.

I Samuel 3:10 *“Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel answered, “Speak, for Your servant hears.”*

- B. We must be attentive to the words of the Spirit of God.

Acts 13:2-3 *“As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, “Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.” ³Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.”*

1. A word from God can spiritually revolutionize your life.
2. A word from God can change your entire future.

- C. God speaks to bring wisdom into our lives.

James 1:5 *“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.”*