

No. 55 How Can You Make a Good Name With God?

PLEASE NOTE: Help new ones see the need to have a good reputation with God. Warmly encourage them to take the necessary steps to have a good name with God

A GOOD NAME IS VALUABLE (4 min.)

Most people want to have a good name, or reputation [Read Proverbs 22:1]

Some try to make a name for themselves by pursuing wealth, fame, or popularity

Such ones do not find true happiness or true meaning in life (w07 11/15 5 ¶5)

The Bible encourages us to make a good name with God (Ps 15:1, 2; Mt 6:19, 20; w20.05 26 ¶1)

Why should we do so, and how can you make a good name with God?

WHY MAKE A GOOD NAME WITH GOD? (5 min.)

Jehovah notices those who think appreciatively about his name [Read Malachi 3:16] (w12 12/1 11)

He rewards all who are “earnestly seeking him” (Heb 11:6; w05 8/1 28-29 ¶11-12)

We owe Jehovah our worship and obedience because he created us (Re 4:11)

However, we are motivated to please him, not primarily because of obligation, but because of the love that he has shown and our love for him (Ps 116:12)

HOW CAN YOU MAKE A GOOD NAME WITH GOD? (17 min.)

Learn about Jehovah [Read John 17:3]

Coming to know Jehovah is an ongoing process

Regularly study God’s Word and meditate on it (Ps 119:97)

As you learn about Jehovah, you will draw closer to him (Jas 4:8)

Obey Jehovah’s commandments [Read 1 John 5:3]

Although obedience may be challenging, Jehovah’s laws “are not burdensome”

Jehovah is patient, and he understands human limitations (Ps 103:14; w09 8/15 19 ¶4-5)

Ask Jehovah to help you obey him; he will not disappoint you (Lu 11:11-13; Php 4:13)

Imitate Jehovah’s qualities [Read Psalm 25:4]

As you learn about Jehovah, strive to make his ways your ways

Learn to love what Jehovah loves and to hate what he hates (Am 5:15)

Imitate Jesus, who perfectly reflected Jehovah’s qualities (Joh 14:9)

Pray to Jehovah [Read Philippians 4:6]

Jehovah speaks to us through the Bible; we speak to him by means of prayer (w14 7/1 16)

Prayer is real communication with God, who “cares for you” (1Pe 5:7)

Jehovah is pleased when we rely on him and not on ourselves (Ps 55:22; Pr 3:5, 6)

ACT NOW TO MAKE A GOOD NAME WITH GOD (4 min.)

Jehovah invites all to make a good name with him while there is still time (Isa 55:6)

Even those who have made serious mistakes can “set matters straight” with Jehovah (Isa 1:18)

Jehovah generously rewards those who take steps to gain his favor (Mal 3:10)

Acquiring a good name with God leads to genuine happiness (Ps 119:1, 2)

[Adhere closely to the outlined material, and observe the indicated timing of each section.

Not all cited texts need to be read or commented on. See *Ministry School* book, pages 52-55, 166-169]

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