

Understanding Baptism

Acts 2:38

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"I will be their God."—Jeremiah 31:33

The Command

(Ephesians 2:8-9; Matthew 28:18; Acts 2:41; John 14:15; Luke 6:46)

The Meaning

(Matthew 3:1-6, 13-15; John 1:29; Romans 6:3-4)

The Impact

(Acts 8:26-39; Luke 15:10; 24:47; Luke 11:28; John 15:27)

Christian, this truth is all you need. If you want happiness you need something that will satisfy, and this verse is enough. If you can pour this promise into your cup, then you can way with David, "My cup runs over; more than heart can wish" (Psalm 23:5; Psalm 73:7). When "I am your God" becomes reality, then you possess everything.

Desire is insatiable as death, but He who fills all in all can fill our desire. The capacity of our wishes can not be measured, but the immeasurable wealth of God can more than overflow it.

Let me ask, are you complete when God is yours? Do you want anything else but God? If everything else failed, isn't His His all-sufficiency enough to satisfy?

God is the Maker of heaven, and this is music fit for heaven. All the music blown from sweet instruments, or drawn from living strings, cannot produce a melody as sweet as this promise: "I will be their God." This declaration is a deep sea of bliss, a shoreless ocean of delight. Come, bathe your spirit in it. Swim as long as you like and you will not find a shore. Dive throughout eternity, and you will not find a bottom.

"I will be their God. If that doesn't make your eyes sparkle, and your heart beat high with happiness, then most assuredly your soul is not healthy.

But you want more than present delight. You need hope. And what more can you hope for than this great promise: "I will be their God"? This is the masterpiece of all the promises. Its joy can make heaven on earth and it will make a heaven above.

Dwell in the light of your Lord. Let your soul delight in His love. Get the resources and energy this promise yields. Live up to your position. Rejoice with unspeakable joy.

Charles Spurgeon, *Morning and Evening, An Updated Edition of the Classic Devotional in Today's Language*, edited by Roy H. Clarke, January 9

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