

CHAPTER 20

A PERSONAL WORD FROM THE AUTHOR

Dear Farsi-speaking Reader:

As you read this book and the Bible verses to which it referred, did you notice that God prepared different Iranian people to know Him personally? Do you remember that God called Cyrus by his name? Do you remember how Esther was chosen in unusual circumstances to come to the kingdom “for such a time as this?” Do you remember uncompromising Daniel and how he purposed in his heart not to defile himself but rather to serve the living God?

You can know God in a personal way, too. For a moment, put yourself in the place of those religious Iranians (Parthians, Medes, and Elamites) who were in Jerusalem after Jesus died and rose again. Acts 2:22-23 and 36 tell us that Peter stood up to preach to the crowd, **“Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth, was a man accredited by God to by miracles wonders and signs, which God did among you through him as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you but God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him on the cross ... Therefore let all the house of Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.”**

Three thousand were convicted of their sins that day and asked what they should do to be saved. They understood the Biblical truth in the verse from Romans 6:23, **“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord,”** and asked Jesus Christ to be their Savior and Lord. Yes, Jesus was crucified, paid the penalty for their sins and ours, and rose again. They believed what Peter preached and were converted. Many Iranians came to know God in a personal way that day and went back to Iran as born-again believers to tell others this good news.

Now many years later in this 21st century you can still call upon this same Lord and ask him to forgive your sins and to be saved. All we need to do is to have forgiveness of sins and assurance of eternal life is to thank Jesus Christ, thank Him for dying for you on the cross and taking the penalty for your sin, and then by faith receive Him as your Savior. Have you done this? If so, then you know God in a personal way, too. Then have you acknowledged Him as your Lord? Remember Esther, Daniel, and those first-century Iranian Christians had a vital relationship with God. Have you dared to be like them?

My desire is that all those who read this book will be like those people of faith who lived in Iran. If you would like more information about knowing God personally, please contact me at the address or web site given in the preface.

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