



Please send me more information on finding
a personal relationship with God.

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The ETERNITY STAKES

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*The crowd is hushed... the jockeys
tense... the flag comes
down... and they're off!*

*With a blur of colour and
a thunder of hooves it's
now all about winning
and losing.*

*Huge sums of money
are made and lost these*

*days. And
yet, for owners
and trainers,
spectators and
riders, there's a
great deal more
at stake in a
realm beyond
the racecourse...*



Critical Relationship

Relationships within the world of horseracing can
be so important...
between owner and
trainer... trainer
and jockey... and
especially jockey and
horse! And yet, in
the really big issues
of life and death the
one relationship that
matters more than
any other is between
us and God.



In a day when 'my
way' has become a
moral virtue, He says to us in His Word, the Bible, that
we're made by Him and for His pleasure... and that we
can't know His best because of our self-centred nature...

*...your iniquities (sins) have separated you from
your God...*

Isaiah 59:2

However, He planned a way by which this can be
'put right'... through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ,
who says...

*...I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one
comes to the Father except through me.*

John 14:6

Of course, this is only part of the story...

False Hope

Many a punter has had their hopes dashed at race-courses the length and breadth of the land. Yet, on a far more serious level, we'll also hope that all will be well when one day we stand before God to give account of our lives.

But on that day, the kind of people we are will prove an impossible handicap...

...sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed...

Colossians 3:5

Even the best of us are simply not good enough...

...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...

Romans 3:23

...and the stakes are as high as they come...

...people are destined to die once and after that to face judgment...

Hebrews 9:27

Thankfully, there's been a victory won on our behalf from which all-comers can benefit...



Sacrificial Giving

Known as the 'Sport of Kings', royalty's support for horseracing can be traced back over many years. Yet no monarch has done more for those of us within the world of racing than the 'King of Kings and Lord of Lords'...

...God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:8

But of course this doesn't mean we can know peace with God automatically. In the same way as a trophy or prize must be received to be of benefit, so we're called to turn away from all we know to be wrong and receive the risen Christ Jesus into our lives as Saviour and Lord...

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God...

John 1:12

And in so doing we're given a brand new start in life with the motivation and power to live a new lifestyle... pleasing to Him...

...if anyone is in Christ, that person is a new creation; the old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17



Costly Commitment

The breeding, training and caring for valuable race horses is a costly business these days. But there are no short-cuts to success at the highest level.

Thankfully the price of putting us 'right' with God has already been paid for us at Calvary.

And yet the Lord Jesus makes clear that there is also a cost to be faced by those of us who would become His true followers... the cost of commitment...

Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.

Luke 9:23

But He also promises to be with us every step of the way...

Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.

Hebrews 13:5

Racing Certainty

Perhaps the main reason why most bookmakers are so successful is down to the uncertainty which characterises each race. After all, even the firmest of favourites may unseat his rider or fall at the final fence.

However, there's no need for us to face death with such uncertainty. Our everlasting future can be settled now as we put our trust in Christ Jesus...

I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.

John 11:25,26

So this is the greatest challenge of all... with eternity at stake...

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not

perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

...whoever does not believe stands condemned already...

John 3:18

Just think, you could be in the final furlong of life... and simply not realise it! So NOW is surely the right time to 'get right' with God.

