

The Law

Sharing revelations with others is most difficult. You say 'hear catch this revelation' and then they turn around and smash it to pieces with a bat of doctrine, and then they are offended with you too? Some churches have an attitude of 'We are right and everybody else is wrong', how will they fit into the one body of Christ if they don't want to be a member of a group?

Paul tells me to participate in 1Co 14:26

'What is the outcome then, brethren? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.'

God created everything and put Adam and Eve in dominion over it.

I believe that on the Sabbath day God fellowshiped with Adam and Eve all day long.

God gave us 6 days to work to sustain ourselves and on the 7th we are to fellowship with Him. Man disobeyed God in eating of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Now because he had disobeyed God's commandment he was no longer right with God = unrighteous. He was no longer pure, because he had contaminated himself with the knowledge of sin. Adam and Eve lost their crowns of glory and their dominion over the earth. Sin = corruption. Corruption had entered into the earth, corrupting everything that God had created which was good. God made them coverings of skin (veils?) and then kicked Adam and Eve out of the garden of Eden and told them to work to sustain themselves. Eve was also cursed with pains of childbirth. These curses all came about because they disobeyed the Word of God.

Throughout the Bible I see repeated lessons of what God is trying to teach us.

God used tents and covers (veils?) to hide His Glory from the Israelites eyes that they may not be blinded. God told David through the prophet that, He never wanted a temple of cedar because Man must fellowship with God in spirit and not in material things. God also mentioned that a descendant of David would build the temple, Christ is the cornerstone of this temple and we will become part of that temple and God will dwell in that temple of righteousness, not in material buildings.

Everything belongs to God so how can we give Him something He already owns?

All we can give, truly from ourselves is 'Praise and Worship'. Gideon and the 300 were victorious over an army that was enormous. They just shone their lamps, lights of righteousness and gave praise to God with trumpets. God completely obliterated the evil enemy. We are to live 'in the cleft of the rock' in Jesus Christ, surrounded in His protection, protected even from the glorious powers of the manifestation of God's glory. Moses hid in the 'cleft of the rock' in the mountain of Horeb. There are many references and I see that the righteous men are always found in the 'cleft of the rock' for protection from the evil forces of the world.

Noah and company were protected in the ark, the righteous people are always saved from disasters. Noah was righteous and did all God told him to do, whilst suffering the ridicule of evil men. We can also be in the worst situations and our righteous standing will cause God to protect us and meet with us there. Jonah was trying to sail away from God, because he was scared of the men of Nineveh. When the storm hit he realised it was because he had been unrighteous. He sacrificed himself, jumping overboard, to save the lives of the crew and the storm was calmed. The crew then feared the Lord greatly and they made a sacrifice and vows to God. Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and nights, this points to Jesus' death and time spent in hell. Jonah was then spat out on dry land (reborn?) to carry on with his mission for God, which was successful.

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah were blessed with good health and superior knowledge because they obeyed the laws regarding good food and nutrition. They honoured God and God blessed them. Later Daniel was throw into the Lions den and emerged unscathed. Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah was thrown into a hot furnace and the Lord met with them in there. They also emerged victorious without any harm to them.

If we honour God, honour His Word and follow all the commandments we will be blessed and protected from all harm. These men were living proof that wild men, wild water, wild beasts or a wild fire will not destroy the righteous.

Job is an excellent example of how we should live for God. He was a very wealthy man and kept all the laws and commandments of God. Yet he offered additional sacrifices (offerings) for his family just in case they had sinned by accident. The problem with the laws of Moses, is that they are only 'yes' and 'no' answers to sins. If you were found guilty you suffered the penalty. There are laws for which the penalty is death. There is no mercy and no grace, so these laws do not reflect God's true nature. Also sacrifices cannot be offered for future offences, only the past offences.

I believe the reason God chose the Israelites as a people was because He saw Abraham living as a righteous man amongst unrighteous people. The whole old testament is dedicated to revealing; who God is, what He has done, mans evil disobedient nature, and the lessons of mans experiences with God. It also introduces the method by which we would all be restored to righteousness and holiness to fellowship with Him again. The path of Jesus' life was also dictated by the Laws of God and laws of Moses and He then became our high priest.

Romans 16:25

'Now to Him who is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which has been kept secret for long ages past, but now is manifested, and by the Scriptures of the Prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, has been made known to all the nations, leading to obedience of faith; to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, be the glory forever. Amen.'

The Jews thought, they were the only true people who were pleasing God, and had access to Him. God's plan is to restore all men to Him, through the sacrifice of His Son. They had completely perverted the laws of Moses and were just earning their living by it. If you do not recognise Jesus as God's Son, and accept His sacrifice, you are living under the penalties of the law. You are unrighteous and will suffer and be punished with eternal death.

If you accept Jesus, you receive mercy and are living under the grace of God. We will not be held responsible for any sin we have committed or will commit, as Jesus is our substitute for our death for sin. He paid the full price for sin, Jew and Gentile can now be restored to God together, in one body of righteousness.

Ephesians 2:11-22

'Therefore remember, that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called "Uncircumcision" by the so-called "Circumcision," which is performed in the flesh by human hands - remember that you were at the time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one, and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity (state of being an enemy), which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, that in Himself He might make the two (Jew and Gentile) into one new man, thus establishing peace, and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity (state of being an enemy). And He came and preached peace to you who were far away, and peace to those who were near; for through Him we both have our access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household, having been built upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the corner stone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together is growing into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling of God in the Spirit.'

(This is an end to the religious apartheid and the re-combination of all the people of God, all that is good, into one body with Christ.)

Isaiah 25:6-8

'And the Lord of hosts will prepare a lavish banquet for all peoples on this mountain; a banquet of aged wine, choice pieces with marrow, and refined, aged wine. And on this mountain He will swallow up the covering which is over all the peoples, even the veil which is stretched over all nations. He will swallow up death for all time, and the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces, and He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken.'

This veil is the covering of protection between man and God, (veil of temple torn at crucifixion) because Jesus has died for all our sin, past and future. We are now holy and can come into the presence of God without being destroyed. When Jesus comes back again on the final judgement day the righteous (dead and living) will be transfigured into their new perfect bodies. The wicked will then be resurrected and will suffer for their unrighteousness and be destroyed. I believe that the corrupted earth will also be completely restored to what it was at the time of creation and we will live there in full fellowship with God, as He originally intended. This time Man will be wiser from the education of the lesson on sin. 6000 years is not long for a lesson when we have the rest of eternity to enjoy life.

If people realised that God said; we shouldn't place ourselves into debt, why do Christians do it? By following God's will in all things, we will be blessed because we are honouring His Word and not making ourselves vulnerable to sin and corruption. Obviously the laws on sacrifice have been abolished by Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross, but there are many other laws which give God honour and protect us from the effects of corruption. Certain foods do contain toxins which affect our bodies in a negative way, why partake in corrupted foods. Lets follow Daniel's example, eating good food, drinking pure water and getting enough rest. Why tempt God when we know a better way to do things. In all decisions, we must make the correct one, not because we will become righteous by doing it, no, we are righteous because Jesus Christ has restored our righteous status with God.

We no longer suffer under the condemnation of the law, punishment for sin equals death. Paul was warning the Gentiles against perceived wickedness by other non-believers. We are no longer bound to eat/not eat anything or do/not do certain things in rituals, to be righteous. Righteousness comes through faith in Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

However, all that God has ever said is still relevant, so we should search out this wisdom, as it will lead to greater blessings. We can now eat any food that was reserved for other purposes but Paul warns against this if it may lead others astray.

Ultimately our relationship is between ourselves and God, no man has the right to tell us what to do and what not to do. God is the only one who can rightfully judge our actions as he sees and knows our hearts.

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