

feb 27

today i want to talk about the children of israel. their whole existence has been about teaching mankind the ways of God. we are to learn from: their right moves and wrong moves, their efforts and failures, their obedience and disobedience. i once heard about someone who said they wish they had never been born a jew. first, that's something none of us get to determine. second, were there not a jew, God would have chosen another obedient one for His purposes, raising up an entirely different race.

there will always be that one who seeks more. more light. more revelation. more truth. more of the One who created Him. will you be one of those?

there are so many scholars, knowing more of things than i ever could. but do they value the gift more than the giver? the bible speaks of them as "always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth." 2 tim 3:7 i fear there are many of those now, even as knowledge reaches it's peak.

we often gaze at the wonders we behold from ages past, monolithic structures and the such. how were they ever built? true, there may have been fallen angel intervention, but God created man in his initial state with more than we can now imagine in our fallen state. God Himself decreed, "indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them." gen 11:6

the apostle paul was once one of those. he had such a zeal for God and was willing to see all who would not adhere to his grasp of things to be punished. surely God would want this of him. even expect it. as he moved on in the pursuit of the revelation he had, he collided into truth itself; into Jesus. he was accosted from the heavenly realm and spent three days in the darkness he lived in, without sight. our Lord spent three days in that darkened realm that He might rise again into the light, bringing light to us all.

one can only imagine the torment paul went through during that time. here was a soul that had sought to fight for God and discovered he was fighting against Him. you know he must have dissected the scriptures he knew so well, over and over again. as the Holy Spirit opened up each scripture to him, a new truth emerged. truth itself emerged. he could see the plan of God, hidden throughout the ages. hidden for this time. the time of it's revealing. "when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son." gal 4:4

many think that "fullness of time" has arrived again and i am in their camp. even now i see new revelations being opened up to those seeking it with a true heart. just as many would not receive the revelation the apostle paul brought forth, many are blinded now from the truth. truth remains though, and unless one is willing to peek from beneath those blinders, they will remain in the dark. judgment lies in the wake.

"therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, goodness, if you continue in His goodness. otherwise you also

will be cut off." rom 11:22 (that should cover the "once saved, always saved". CONTINUE in His goodness.) many consider the God of the old testament was too severe. many consider the God of the new testament too lenient.

the truth is, "for I am the Lord, I do not change". mal 3:6 He is "the same yesterday, today, and forever." heb 13:8 the goodness, mercy and patience of God is a thing beyond our comprehension. how often do we get upset at the smallest of things? do we expect His wrath to be less?

the preachers of old were famous for expounding on the fear of God. perhaps that has been too much neglected in the recent teachings. the judgment lies before us. it is severe and it is eternal. is it time to "scare the hell out of them" that we might preserve their souls? is it time to adopt the mantle of paul when he "delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme"? 1 tim 1:20 surely the temporary sacrifice of this body is worth the eternal life of glory. is there anything that might misdirect in your life? will you lay it down willingly or must it be taken from you? God loves us enough to do just that. He will get your attention.

the time to "go along to get along" is far past; and never should have been. the decree of God at the end of the bible has been true from the beginning. "he who is unjust, let him be unjust still; he who is filthy, let him be filthy still; he who is righteous, let him be righteous still; he who is holy, let him be holy still." rev 22:11

Jesus! His is a gift we never had a right to expect. we were unworthy and undeserving. but love conquers all. as the word says, "love will cover a multitude of sins." 1 pet 4:8 His loves covers that multitude. He does not want you to fear Him. He wants you to love Him. if fear will drive you there, i now say, "let it come". "alleluia! salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God!" rev 19:1

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