

jan 29

another day is here. another day to be grateful for things in our life. one might look around and think they have nothing to be grateful for. that would be one who is experiencing "blurry" vision. perhaps they are not seeing clearly through the eyes of their physical pain. perhaps a hurt inflicted by someone we care deeply for. or even indifference to the beauty of His creation. there could be a thousand reasons for such thoughts but there is one that outweighs them all.

we know that reason is Jesus. knowing Him and all He has done is like gold weighed against a feather. although our current situation may be painful or lengthy, most always we can say, "this too shall pass". and if it doesn't, we know a far greater end awaits us.

we know this in our minds, and yet the bible says there will be an apostasy in the latter days. a great falling away of believers. we like to think it will be those who were christian in label only, but that might not be the case. Jesus said, "because lawlessness will abound, the love of many will grow cold." matt 24:12

are these spoken of that, "when the sun was up they were scorched, and because they had no root they withered away." matt 13:6 Jesus taught this in the parable of the sower. none of us want to think we have sown in unfruitful ground. but we cannot determine the ground, only that it was good seed.

speaking of "good" seed, it reminds me again of when Jesus said, "no one is good but One, that is, God."

mark 10:18 can any of us have perception of what true goodness is? when moises asked God to show him His glory, His response was most enlightening. "then He said, 'I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim the name of the Lord before you.'" exo 33:19 God equated His goodness to His glory.

have you experienced a portion of that goodness? only when we really recognize our own sinfulness, can we begin to understand His goodness. the apostle paul declared all our righteousness is as filthy rags. though there may be more sinfulness we might experience, i pray we never reach such depths. the depths many do reach, such as those in thyatita in rev 2:24 did know the "depths of satan".

is it no wonder the truth of this scripture. "for it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame." heb 6:4-6

have you tasted the heavenly gift? have you explored it for yourself or are you still being spoon feed by others? that may be expected for babies, but not for sons. are you still dependent on others to teach you the truth and maybe alert you to the times. even now, some church leaders are spouting untruths and leading many into perdition: deceivers taking as many as they can with them into the pits. how many might you be leading in the direction you are taking?

i'm just saying, we must know Him for ourselves. we must taste His goodness and be receptive to hear His voice. only then can we rest assured that we will not "crucify" Him again and put Him to open shame.

i think once again of the good friend who mentored me in the Lord. i can still hear her saying, "i know my father's voice and another's i will not follow." i remember those situations when she would pensively tilt her head as if she was listening for His guidance. i suppose to hear the voice of His promise. "this is the way, walk ye in it." isa 30:21

are you listening for His voice. will you hear which way to walk? will you hear when the call goes forth to "come up here"? "do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice." john 5:28

Father, gives us eyes that see and hears that hear. let us be expectantly listening to hear Your leading in our lives and Your call when it comes. in the name of our Lord Jesus. amen or so be it.

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