

Scriptural Truths

E-Mail Meditations

The Lord Will Come . . . Perhaps Today . . . Behold, I Come Quickly . . . Rev. 22:7

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Every Mouth Will Be Stopped

Introduction

The United States has just witnessed that which may be described as the greatest political upheaval the nation has ever known. Virtually every pundit, poll and paper, talk show, etc., saw it as a complete walkover for Hillary Clinton. She was apparently so far ahead, at least by some reports, indicating as much as 85% of the nation was voting for her and Donald Trump would be laughed into oblivion. Then it happened, the polls were closed and the numbers began to come in. There was something dreadfully wrong, it was not a walkover for Clinton, it was not even a close race. Right from the beginning Trump was getting the votes and the light heartedness in the Clinton headquarters began to wane, troubled expressions began to occur for as the night wore on Trump was soaring ahead, ever getting closer to the mark of 270, and then passed it. He won the race by a virtual landslide. What had gone wrong? Then the excuses began and now almost six weeks later the Democrats are still blaming everyone and everything other than themselves. In Biblical terms, "They began to make excuse" (Lk. 14:18). The reality is that when they found one excuse did not work they tried another. Soon they will be out of excuses and their mouths will be closed. God tells of a time when every mouth will be stopped (Rom. 3:19).

The Situation

When there is a major loss, whether it is business, political or spiritual, there needs to be a time for soul searching. After this thunderous defeat the democrats never accepted the truth that they were morally bankrupt and an anti-God society. How like man when it comes to spiritual matters. He is morally bankrupt and anti-God in heart, always making numberless excuses for rejecting the sacrifice of the Lord.

Some of the reasons man gives for the rejection of Christ alone for salvation:

- a) It's not righteous for God to send an individual to hell for eternity since they sinned for only "x" number of years.
- b) God is love, the Bible says that, so He would never send a person to hell.
- c) I do not believe in God, the hereafter, either heaven or hell.

Note: These are not the only excuses, others will follow in another Newsletter.

God's Answer To Man's Excuses

- 1) **"Its not righteous for God to send an individual to hell for eternity since they sinned for only "x" number of years"**. This is wrong on several levels:
 - a) It indicates a failure to recognize the moral government of God. In real life the duration of punishment has little to do with the duration of the time taken to commit the crime. The punishment is based on the knowledge of the

individual and the seriousness of the crime. It only takes a few seconds to shoot and kill an individual, but the seriousness of it is a life has been taken. Today we do not have capital punishment and if the individual is caught, ideally he or she also loses the freedom of living for a very long time. In the spiritual context, if an individual sins repeatedly for “x” number of years, breaking God’s laws hundreds of times, they are not just disobeying pieces of regulations like a highway code, but each act of sin is defiance against God Himself. Each deliberate sin in thought, word or deed, by omission or commission, is an act of arrogant insolent defiance against the Moral Governor of the universe. That insurrection must be punished. Consequently, it is morally righteous for the individual to be in hell for all eternity.

- i) Furthermore, it is not that God sends anyone to Hell, it is a decision the individual makes by rejecting God’s method for cleansing man from his sins, and is the result of a choice he or she makes. The individual chooses to go to Hell.
- b) It indicates a failure to recognize the rights of God concerning who He permits to enter His home.
 - i) I have a home, I have locks and bolts on my doors, some folks have alarm systems. Why? To stop unwanted people from entering the home. Does God not have the same rights? Heaven is His home, His dwelling place, a sphere where all is in conformity to Himself and nothing defiling will enter there. Is that not His right? Since Heaven is His home He stipulates who can enter, and only those who are washed, cleared of the guilt of the sins committed can enter. It is irrelevant what any man, church, or organization tells an individual, God says:
 1. There is only one way, Christ is the only “Mediator between God and men” (1 Tim. 2:5).
 2. Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me” (Jn. 14:6).
 3. “There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death” (Prov. 16:25).

To reject God’s entrance stipulation is the assurance of never getting into Heaven and being banished from it for all eternity.

2) **God is love, the Bible says that, so He would never send a person to hell.**

- a) I always find this argument so interesting for when I ask an individual, “Where does it say that in the bible?”, they do not know. It does say it, but only after it says, “God is Light”. Note the order, “God is light” (1 Jn. 1:5) and then, “God is love” (1 Jn. 4:8, 16). God does love the individual more than we can comprehend. I have one son and I love him. I also have many friends and associates, but if one of them was dying I would not consider, even for a moment, letting my son die in their place. The love I have for friends and associates is not as deep as the love I have for my son. God looked at humanity in all their sinfulness and no interest in having God involved in their lives, yet He was willing to give him to be a sacrifice for sin. Mankind is described as enemies, ungodly, without strength (Rom. 5:6, 8, 10). This is man universally. This is God’s description of humanity:
 - i) “What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one. Their throat is an open sepulchre; with their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness: Their feet are swift to shed blood: Destruction and misery are in their ways: And the way of peace have they not known: There is no fear of God before their eyes.” (Rom. 3:9-18)
- b) It was these corrupt beings God had so much love, for He actually punished His son for their rebelliousness. The fierce judgment of God was vented on Christ so that no one could ever say, “God did not love me, nor provide a way of escape for me”.

3) **I do not believe in God, the hereafter, either heaven or hell.**

- a) To believe in God or not believe is the choice of the individual. God will not force an individual to believe He exists. Irrespective of what those who are blinded by Satan say, man is not the result of mindless evolution but is a moral creature made in the image of God. Creation by its perfection of order, beauty, etc., all displays the greatness of God. However, if an individual is set in their decision that there is no God, they will eventually realize that God is, but it will be too late.
- b) Is there a “hereafter”? Yes. Every day we observe the passing of time. It goes from days to weeks, to months, to years, and then death. What then? Does man die like a dog? Why has man, universally, for thousands of years buried people in tombs and pyramids? It is because they believe in a hereafter. But, what does the Bible say? It teaches plainly that life does not end at death. Illustration: How foolish to say that when I go to sleep I cease to exist. I am still very much alive but not to all that is around me physically. At death it is the body that dies, but the spirit is still alive and will never die. When I am asleep my “self awareness” is dead, but I am very much

alive. It is the same with death. Several weeks ago I entered a hospital room, on the bed lay a body, it was my friend. I had watched his body over several months waste away, then at approximately 7:22 on a Tuesday evening he breathed his last breath and his spirit left the body. Where did it go? Not into extinction, but into Heaven. Unseen by human eyes, at that precise moment of death his spirit was free to enter into fulness of life.

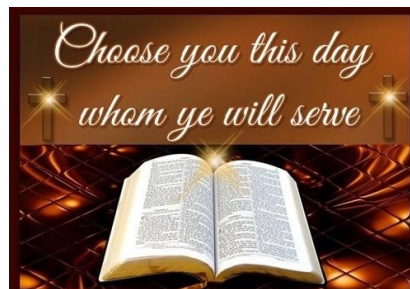
Other Reasons For The Rejecting Of The Sacrifice To Be Considered In Another Paper:

- 1) "I believe if I do the best I can God will let me into Heaven".
- 2) "I am not as bad as others".
- 3) "My minister told me I am on the right track and My church tells me that I am good enough".
- 4) Man also makes a mock of God's warnings with statements such as, "I will have lots of company with all my buddies".

Conclusion

When it comes to where an individual spends eternity, they are wise to make sure they are in fellowship with God for there is no changing of places afterward. At the moment of death, the seal is set. If I wanted to go by aircraft to London, I would make sure I was at the right gate, at the right time, and the right aircraft. If we would be so careful about such a decision, is it not wise to stop making excuses of why God should let me into Heaven and in gratitude accept the right way of His provision. Just like the election, excuses do not change the outcome.

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