

Travels

Life takes us through many twisted, convoluted and concatenated pathways as it meanders its way going towards the “inevitable finality” called death. We savor the sweetness of those blissful moments wherein our attentions are focused outside our own personal sphere. Those moments are blissful because, saved or not, I believe everyone has a calling in life to concern ourselves with that which is the focal point of our attention during those blissful moments of our expanded theological daydream. Expecting the intangible road we allow ourselves to traverse to be straight ahead, soon into our theosophical wandering we discover we are at the cross road intersection of what might best be described as “nowhere street and where am I avenue”. Looking back in the rear view mirror of our life instills in us the fear that we are truly lost as the intertwings of our traveled road fades into oblivion like the cobwebs in an old barn cover the once prominent features of the ancient structure.

If our travel is allowed to continue unchecked or uncorrected, we are in such a position as the traveler who was going to Jericho from Jerusalem and fell in among thieves was beaten robbed and left for dead[1]. Similar to the robbers on the road to Jericho, the world treats us unkindly and the people we come in contact with sometimes deceive us by approaching us under the guise of kindness and warmth but on the inside they are overflowing with treachery and evil intentions. Much as a starry eyed ingénue may fall victim to the insidious intent of the avarice in the hearts of the miscreants of life, so we as Christians are ready prey for Satan and His Demons whose deceptions are of only one intent....That being the total destruction of Christ and His followers.

From the onset of humanity, Satan has the expressed purpose of not only causing the fall of man but also of usurping God’s Rightful Reign. Stopping at nothing, his deception entrapped Adam and Eve, Cain, and other antediluvian members of humanity[2]. Preserving only Noah and his family because of their righteousness, God essentially started over to replenish the earth with a new race of His followers and animals which had perished in God’s Judgment call by forming a new covenant with Noah and his sons after the flood waters subsided.[3]

Unfortunately, the wickedness of man prevailed over even the Divine Intentions of God, and man’s Doom seemed to be sealed. Like a chess game with eternal consequences, Satan countered God’s every attempt to deliver the pinnacle of His creation from self inflation and the fires of Hell which come as a result of replacing God with personal desires. God’s Faithfulness overcame every lascivious intent of man’s concupiscent heart by making new covenantal offers every time man’s failure put up a barricade between him and the offer of a chance for Salvation. The Ten Commandments were unsuccessful because of man’s rejection of God.

Thankfully, God did not give up on us. He finally paid the penalty for our sin by becoming the redemption, reconciliation, and propitiation necessary to allow man to make the ultimate choice in our existential freedom....Opting to serve Him.

We in the United States make a big “to do” about freedom. Our country was bathed in the blood of martyrs whose sacrifice gave people who reside in this land the option to do stupid things like electing people whose intent is not for the best in our country. We allow persons to perpetrate criminal activity and fail to punish these activities ‘lest we “violate their civil rights”. Our programs of social care of our populace has pillaged our budget to the point where the only ones left who are being financially and spiritually pillaged are the current residents of these United States. Like the children of Israel turning their backs on God, we in this country have turned our backs on the price paid by the founding fathers of this land, not to mention our Father God Who placed us here in the first place.

Eventually Jerusalem fell to her enemies and spent years in captivity as a result. Arguably Israel is still suffering the pangs of her rejection of God. It has been said that history repeats itself unless those alive learn the lesson. Unfortunately, the evil heart of man is only surpassed by his ultimate stupidity in learning the lessons which run rampant before us and blatantly grind our faces into the dirt.

However, just as the traveler on the road to Jericho was befriended by the Good Samaritan, we have Jesus Christ. The only hope for us is a spiritual revival and a turning our faces to the Father we have rejected for so long. We must like the prodigal son, embrace God the Father once more and return to His loving open arms in sincere repentance.

[1] Luke 10: 25-37

[2] Genesis 1-5

[3] Genesis 9: 1-17