

Is This the God You Want? II

I. Predominate Thoughts About God and Life

- A. 1 Pet. 3:10-12 - Desire a good life while on earth
- B. Matt. 24:45-48 - Hope there is nothing beyond this life:

II. Hope of Those Who Desire Good After Death:

- A. Job 19:26 - "without my flesh shall I see God"
- B. Dan. 12:1-2 - "many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt"
- C. 1 Thess. 4:13-18 - "shall we ever be with the Lord"
- D. 2 Tim. 4:7-8 - "there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness"

III. The Two Positions Contrasted:

- A. Matt. 22:23 (23-33) - Sadducees
- B. Acts 23:8 – Pharisees
 - 1. Acts 23:6 - Paul looked forward to the resurrection with earnest.
 - 2. Phil. 3:7-11 - Forfeits the grasping of all earthly gains

IV. Here's the Question: What God do You Want?

- A. Psa. 115:1-11 - Living God, or the works of men's hands.
- B. Hab. 2:18-20 - Dumb idols, or "Jehovah (who) is in his holy temple"

V. Scriptures Affirm ONE God:

- A. 1 Cor. 8:5-6 - One cause of all things.
- B. Jn. 1:1-3 - Through whom all things were created.
- C. Col. 1:16-17 - In whom all things consist, i.e., are held together.
- D. Acts 17:22-31 - What God do you Want?

Accepting Accountability

Traitor's Letter - 1746

The Earl of Kilmarnock side with the pretender against King George II.

Introduction

During the eighteenth century, the Earl of Kilmarnock sided with the Pretender to the throne (Bonnie Prince Charlie) against King George II of England for reasons not altogether clear. After the rebellion was put down, Kilmarnock was tried by the House of Peers in Westminster Hall, where he acknowledged his guilt but pled for mercy. He was sentenced to die. On this day, 17 August 1746, the eve of his execution,...He also wrote his son a letter from the tower...The following day, he and fellow conspirators spent time together in prayer and then faced the axe courageously.

Quote

"I must take this way to bid you farewell, and I pray God may ever bless you and guide you in this world, and bring you to a happy immortality in the world to come. I must, likewise, give you my last advice. Seek God in your youth, and when you are old He will not depart from you. Be at pains to acquire good habits now, that they may grow up, and become strong in you. Love mankind, and do justice to all men. Do good to as many as you can, and neither shut your ears nor your purse to those in distress, whom it is in your power to relieve. Believe me, you will find more joy in one beneficent action; and in your cool moments you will be more happy with the reflection of having made any person so, who without your assistance would have been miserable, than in the enjoyment of all the pleasures of sense (which pall in the using), and of all the pomps and gaudy show of the world. Live within your circumstances, by which means you will have it in your power to do good to others. Above all things continue in your loyalty to his

present Majesty, and the succession to the crown as by law established. Look on that as the basis of the civil and religious liberty and property of every individual in the nation. Prefer the public interests to your own, wherever they interfere. Love your family and your children, when you have any; but never let your regard to them drive you on the rock I split upon; when, on that account, I departed from my principles, and brought the guilt of rebellion, and civil and particular desolation on my head, for which I am now under the sentence justly due to my Prince. Use all your interest to get your brother pardoned and brought home as soon as possible....I must again recommend your unhappy mother to you. Comfort her, and take all the care you can of your brothers: and may God of His infinite mercy, preserve, guide, and comfort you and them through all the vicissitudes of this life, and after it bring you to the habitations of the just, and make you happy in the enjoyment of Himself to all eternity!"



When Mankind Sinned

When man sinned, it severed the fellowship he had with God. "Behold Jehovah's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, so that he will not hear" (Isaiah 59:1-2).

Law is for the benefit of the society. Moses told Israel, "Jehovah commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear Jehovah our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as at this day" (Deuteronomy 6:24). Law was given to preserve. "The fear of Jehovah (which is manifested by obedience to His will, ret) prolongeth days" (Proverbs 10:27).

When man sins (and "all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God," Romans 3:23), the consequence is death, "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23), or separation from God. Once the transgression had taken place, man’s only hope was that God would intervene.

As we understand in our society that it is not those who violate the law that set the conditions of reconciliation, so it is with God. Mankind does not have the option of telling God what the conditions are regarding salvation. "But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). It is "through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: whom God set forth to be a propitiation, through faith, in his blood, to show his righteousness because of the passing over of the sins done aforetime, in the forbearance of God; for the showing, I say, of his righteousness at this present season: that he might himself be just and the justifier of him that hath faith in Jesus" (Romans 3:24-26), that God was able to redeem mankind and yet remain just in regard to the just recompense necessary for man’s violation of law. God could not forgive the sins of the world, and remain just, without requiring that payment be made.

What Jesus of Nazareth did was to provide, through his death, the means by which mankind could be reconciled to God. Some may deny the need of reconciliation, but it does not eliminate the reality of such. God affirmed that Jesus is not only "a way" but "the only way" to be reconciled: "And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved" (Acts 4:12). ret

What God Do You Want?

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What God Do You Want?

With Him is

Plenteous Redemption

Psalms 130:7

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Weekly Reading

Psalms 90:1-17; Psams 97:1-12

Psalms 94:1-3, 4-7, 8-11, 12-15, 16-19, 20-23

Thoughts

I once read an observation concerning evil, which said (in essence), “if you do not fight evil, then you command it to be done” (author unknown). Individuals speak of the decaying nature of our society but fail to see their part by fueling the fire: “Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people” (Proverbs 14:34). We want to blame the rich for creating the poor, as if making the rich poor would make the poor rich. Under the law of Moses, it was said, “For the poor will never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt surely open thy hand unto thy brother, to thy needy, and to thy poor, in thy land” (Deuteronomy 15:11), and likewise, Jesus said, “For ye have the poor always with you” (Matthew 26:11). There are plenty of people to blame for the condition of our nation, and the first in line is the man who lives behind my eyes. ret