

THE BLIND MEN AND THE ELEPHANT

FOOD FOR THOUGHT – SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU GO HMMMMM!

There is much, talk, preaching and argument about the “last days”. These can be good discussions and I certainly do my share. What is bothersome, are not the diverse opinions and theological doctrines by which people, preachers, pastors and the like formulate their belief and faith about the last days.

I will use an old story to illustrate what the problem is: **THE BLIND MEN AND THE ELEPHANT**

There was a group of blind men who heard that an elephant had come to town with the circus. Now none of these blind men knew what an elephant was. They decided with their sense of touch, they would be able to “see” what an elephant was. To the circus they went and being led to the elephant they excitedly approached to “see” what this elephant was.

One blind man approached and came in contact with the tail, by which the man declared the elephant was a rope like creature!

One blind man approached and came in contact with a leg, by which the man declared the elephant was a tree trunk like creature!

One blind man approached and came in contact with the ear, by which the man declared the elephant was a fan or a big leaf like creature (he couldn’t make his mind up)!

One blind man approached and came in contact with a tusk, by which the man declared the elephant was a spear like creature!

One blind man approached and came in contact with the trunk, by which the man declared the elephant was a snake like creature!

One blind man approached, running into the side of the elephant, by which the man declared the elephant was a wall like creature!

These six blind men who were friends became estranged as they argued about the elephant and what it was. Each one, clung tenaciously to his “view” and understanding of the elephant. Yet none would go back to explore the elephant further so they could understand why the others “saw” the elephant in their way.

All the blind men were correct, yet they were all wrong too!! They did not yet truly know what an elephant was, because they refused to go past the one small initial contact. They refused to research and understand why their, now estranged friends “saw” the elephant different than they did.

So it goes today in the discussions concerning the last days, current events, the nation and doctrine about the last days. Do not be so focused on one small part, that you ignore the totality and miss the “big, complete picture”. Step back look at the whole picture. Study all of G-d’s word, research all opinions, and study with research theological doctrine, putting it all to the test about the times we live in.

Finally the blind men decided to go a wise man in town to find out who was correct. The wise man told them, “Each one of you is correct; and each one of you is wrong. Because each one of you had only touched a part of the elephant’s body. Thus you only have a partial view of the animal. If you put your partial views together, you will get an idea of what an elephant looks like.”

When looking at the prophecies, the events of the world and the nation do so with an open mind and heart, not preconceived ideas and doctrine. Let the Holy Spirit guide you. Don’t focus on just one or two things, look at the whole picture. If you do that you will actually see more.

Shalom and Blessings, Be in G-d’s Word and the Word will be in you.