

Monday, 8 May 2017 John 2:23-25

Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them because he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

“Jesus...did not entrust Himself to them.” Jesus knows the heart of man and doesn't trust us. The question that comes to mind is, "Why should I trust man any more than my Lord does?" Another set of questions revolves around how much we learned from the last election.

How much better to use *Psalms 118:8* *“It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man”* as our guideline.

Tuesday, 9 May 2017 John 3:12

If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

Psalms 19:1-6 To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them he has set a tent for the sun, which comes out like a bridegroom leaving his chamber, and, like a strong man, runs its course with joy. Its rising is from the end of the heavens, and its circuit to the end of them, and there is nothing hidden from its heat.

And man refuses to believe the plain evidence before his eyes every day. *Psalms 14:1*

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

Wednesday, 10 May 2017 John 3:12-15

If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how

can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

If I will not believe the corporeal evidence of my senses, I will refuse to believe the incorporeal. Was Jesus prophesying the darkness that spread over all the land from the sixth hour until the ninth hour? Or the ripping of the veil from top to bottom? Or the earthquake that split rocks? Or the appearance of many saints who had fallen asleep? *Matthew 27:45-53*. A day of powerful earthly evidence that something changed.

Am I willing to trust Him, the One who settled my accounts with the LORD, God, the Almighty? Or am I searching for some corporeal explanation that does not require faith in the transcendental?

Thursday, 11 May 2017 John 3:16

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

We come now, finally, to the fulcrum, the crux, the central point of our examination of to believe, to have faith, to trust, to obey, to commit. The LORD, God, the Almighty's love for His creation and desire for the restoration of that creation, begins with the gift of life through the sacrifice of His Son for all who believe, and works out from there in our stewardship over the world."

And for us, can I call it the reward, is an eternal relationship with Him. *John 17:3*

Friday, 12 May 2017 John 3:18

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not

believed in the name of the only Son of God.

Starkly. Do I believe or not believe? Do I trust or not trust? Do I obey or not obey? Do I commit or not commit? **DO I HAVE FAITH IN THE LORD, GOD, THE ALMIGHTY; THAT HE WILL DELIVER ON ALL HIS PROMISES OR DO I NOT HAVE FAITH AND RESERVE MY RIGHT TO RESOLVE SOME SITUATIONS ON MY OWN TERMS?**

The consequence is either no condemnation or condemnation. No halfway measures.

Saturday, 13 May 2017 John 3:36

Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him.

Part of our problem is that we don't understand the wrath of God and all that implies. We don't comprehend what a fearful thing it is to fall into the hands of the living God Hebrews 10:31. We, in our modern complacency and conviction of an all forgiving God, refuse to believe that the LORD, God the Almighty is exactly that and cannot be in the presence of the unholy and unrighteous.

Lord's Day, 14 May 2017 Psalm 119:1-3

Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the LORD! Blessed are those who keep his testimonies, who seek him with their whole heart, who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways!

This is Kingdom Living! The blessing that flows to me as I walk according to Your Word, a life of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. There is no conceivable alternative that offers an equivalent life. Certainly none with the promise of knowing You for eternity, being in Your Presence forever.

VOICES TOGETHER

Daily Meditations from the Scriptures



May 8-14, 2017

Prayer of the week, based on Paul's prayer in: Ephesians 6:19-20

Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

Brothers and sisters, let us make a special vow before the LORD, God, the Almighty to pray that we will each fearlessly make known the mystery of the Gospel, not just this week, but every week. Let us pray that our congregation will be known for the boldness of the members in proclaiming that message of repentance that leads to life in the Kingdom and the life of righteousness, peace and joy that is its defining nature.

Amen

Creational Theology hint for the week—May 8-14, 2017 Ps 139:14 *I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.* Medical science is based on a belief in this verse, whether scientists agree or not, and saved a life of a very dear brother in the Lord a few days ago.

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