

Thru the Bible #11:

How our Heavenly Father Deals with us Through Christ.

“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?”

**The sting of death is sin,
and the power of sin is the law.**

**But thanks be to God!
He gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

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2-4: GOD, MAN, AND THE SON OF MAN

I. How God deals with men and with men Through Christ!

1. Some evident things about God in the Bible of Job and Psalms.

(1). God can do everything and anything without any limitations to His power in heaven and on earth.

(2). God knows every thought and every action of every man on earth.

(3). God tricks the wise men in their own methods of craftiness like an adult playing with toys and children.

(4). God exalts the humble in His sight. They can be down and out and still though humble in the ways of the world not necessarily be humble in the sight of God, and it is even harder for the up and out to be humble in Gods sight for they trust in their own riches or financial security.

2. Job 5:13 and I Corinthians 3:19: God catches the wise in their own craftiness.

3. Job 22:29 and James 4:10: God exalts the humble.

4. Job 42:2 and Mark 10:27.

(1). Job 42:2.

"Then Job answered the LORD, and said, I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee. Who is he that hideth counsel without knowledge? therefore have I uttered that I understood not; things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak: I will demand of thee, and declare thou unto me. I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but no mine eye seeth thee. Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes."
(Job 42:1-6 KJV)

(2). Mark 10:27.

NOTE: TWO MOST IMPORTANT AND FUNDAMENTAL DOCTRINES OF ALL THE BIBLE ARE SET FORTH HERE: (1) THE POWER OF GOD, NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD; AND (2) WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED SINCE IT IS SO DIFFICULT FOR A RELIGIOUS AND WELL ESTABLISHED LEADER IN SOCIETY TO BE SAVED?

"And Jesus, looking around, said to His disciples, How hard it will be for those who are wealthy to enter the kingdom of God. And the disciples were amazed at His words. But Jesus answered again and said to them, Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God. (Why, because most of them unlike Job can not say, 'Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.) And they were even more astonished and said to Him, 'Then who can be saved? Looking upon them, Jesus said, With men it is impossible, but now with God; for all things are possible with God.'" (Mark 10:23-27 NASV)

NOTE AGAIN: IF NO OTHER QUESTIONS ARE ANSWERED IN THIS BOOK, THE ESSENTIAL AND MOST ESSENTIAL QUESTION THAT MUST BE ANSWERED IS THAT OF THE DISCIPLES TO JESUS, WHO THEN CAN BE SAVED? AND WHERE WE START IN THE REST OF THIS BOOK TO ANSWER THAT QUESTION IS WITH THE IMMEDIATE REPLY OF JESUS, WITH THE POWER OF GOD TO WHOM NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE.

II. God the Creator and Father looks at man, men, and then testifies to men.

1. God the Creator notices that the Gentiles rage against Him and that the people of Israel imagine a vain thing and things about Him: Psalm 2:1,2 and Acts 4:24-26.

2. God the Father has decreed and testified in the Bible as well as at the baptism of Jesus in the presence of many as the voice came from heaven that Jesus of Nazareth is, was, and is His Son:

Psalm 2:7 , Matthew 3:17 and 17:5, Hebrews 1:5 and 5:5, II Peter 1:17, and Mark 9:7.

(1). Psalm 2:7.

"I will declare the decree: the LORD hat said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee." (Psalm 2:7 KJV)

(2). Matthew 3:17.

"And after being baptized, Jesus went up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending as a dove, and coming upon Him, and behold, a voice out of the heavens, saying, This is My beloved Son, in whom ia am well pleased." (Matt 3:16,17

NASV)

(3). Matthew 17:5.

"And Peter answered and said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us tobe here; if You wish, I will make three tabernacles here, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. While he was still speaking, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, 'This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; hear Him!" (Matthew 17:4,5 NASV)

NOTE: What God adds in His own testimony to Jesus as compared to the transfiguration after a similar testimony at the baptism is HEAR HIM . Paul did not mean in Ephesians 4:20,21 that like Peter, James, and hundreds of others you had to be there physically as Jesus taught. What he meant was that through the help of the Spirit of God you must see and hear from yourself, personally. This is the key to who can be saved! By listening to Jesus and His words of life!

(4). Hebrews 1:5.

"For to which of the angels did He ever say, 'Thou art My Son, Today I have begotten thee? And again, 'I will be a father to Him, and He shall be a Son to Me?" (Hebrews 1:5 NASV)

(5). Hebrews 5:5.

"So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him, 'Thou art my Son, Today I have begotten thee...'"

NOTE: This is the first time in this Bible study of the progressive revelations of the Bible from Genesis to Malachi that we have encountered Jesus as the great high priest. {Of course in this Bible session #11, we are starting with the book of Psalms to be half-way thru the Bible!}

"...just as He says also in another passage, 'Thou art a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.'" (Hebrews 5:5,6 NASV)

NOTE CONTINUED: And we will come to this second quote in Hebrews 5:5,6 when we get in the progression to Psalm 110:6, which will be in Thru the Bible # 12.

(6). II Peter 1:17.

"Moreover I will endeavor that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance, For we have not followed cunningly devised fables, when we made known unto you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received from God the Father honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him the holy mount. (II Peter 1:15-18 KJV)

NOTE: So that the Apostle Peter in writing for a permanent record adds his own testimony as a witness to Jesus with the witness of God the Father and that of Jesus Himself!

(7). Mark 9:7.

"Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, 'This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!'" (Mark 9:7 NASV)

LISTEN TO HIM, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE BELOVED SON OF GOD!

3. God chooses men and ways less esteemed among men as far as status in order to receive Honor and Praise to His name: Psalm 8:2 and Matthew 21:16.

III. What Can God tell us about ourselves as men and women?

1. Psalm 8:3,4: When we consider the magnitude and vastness of all that God created in the Universe, how in the world can He give mind to a little man and beyond that visit man on the planet earth through the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ?

2. Psalm 8:5,6: What does God specifically think of man based on the way He created him.

(1). God made man a little lower than the angels, and recall that this is the generic man of Genesis of male and female.

(2). God gave honor and glory to man by creating him in His own image or likeness, and God keeps that thought pattern in mind in all His dealings with man.

(3). God entrusted man with all the other works of His Creation, placing man in dominion over all these works of Creation.

(4). God remembers man.

(5). God visits man.

3. Hebrews 2:6: We must go beyond the primary level of meaning about Man to that about the Son of Man, the Lord Jesus Christ, who in Himself fulfilled all that God originally meant for man and more; and you see that in Hebrews 2:8

"Thou hast put all things in subjection under His feet. For in subjecting all things to him, He left nothing that is not subject to him, But now we do not yet see all things subjected to him." (Hebrews 2:8 NASV)

4. I Corinthians 15:27.

Granted that there are many stories, many chapters, verses, and books in the Bible; but the total subject matter for the practical purposes of Christian faith can be summarized as faith in God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Bible, and Salvation. Get that and you have enough of the Bible for life. The following important passage helps to establish the present and eternal relationship between God the Father and Christ the Son.

"The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. For he hath put all things under his feet. But when he saith all things re put under him, it is manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all." (I Corinthians 15:26-28 KJV)

(1). There are still some enemies such as death that has not be subjected to Christ as the Son of Man, or Christ as the Lord of heaven and earth. "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." Death is swallowed up in victory at the Second Coming of Christ.

Our Final Victory

“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: “Death is swallowed up in victory.” {I Corinthians 15:50-55 with the quote below from Hosea 13:14

“I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will... with the wording in I Corinthians 15 as follows...}

“O Death, where is your sting?

O Hades, where is your victory?”

NOTE: While the reality of death on the physical body is swallowed up in the glorious gathering in the sky of those on earth and their loved ones from heaven, the gurantee of eternal life in heaven and on the new earth was definitely given by Jesus when He said, “And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11L26) This applies to both the soul and the body, NEVER DEATH!

(2). God the Father has ordained that all in heaven and earth be under the feet of Christ, and heaven is already there. May Gods will be done on earth as it is in heaven as more people still on earth are subjected to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

(3). God the Father did not put Himself in subjection to the Lord Jesus Christ.

(4). After the Second Coming of Christ when everything on earth also comes under the actual Lordship of Jesus then Jesus will Himself be subjected to the LORDSHIP of the Father.

(5). God the Father may ultimately be all in all .

IV. What did God find during the time of David and before when He looked down from heaven to take a close look at man (I suspect this was and is all the time)?

1. Psalm 14:1-3: (1) God found fools who said in their hearts that there is no God; (2) Hefound a corrupt humanity ofabominable works and an absence

of doing good; (3) When He searched again among men to see if any of man understood and sought God, He found that they all had missed the essential way, found filthiness, and a lack of doing good.

2. Romans 3:10.

"As it is written, 'There is none righteous, not even one; there is none who understands, there is one who seeks for God; All have turned aside, together they have become useless; there is one who does good, There is not even one.'" (Romans 3:10-12 NASV)

THIS IS HUMANITY WITHOUT FAITH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH FAITH, HUMANITY WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST!