

Being Consumed with Stupidity and Folly

How to know, you know...

Join me and let's parallel Jeremiah's vivid vision to Judah and John's victorious vision of Jesus in Revelation 15.

Why do they refuse to return...

Why?

They love what they love...

No different in Jeremiah's day... than what we see in Revelation 15:4. Jeremiah says; "Inasmuch as there is none like You, O Lord (You are great, and Your name is great in might), who would not fear You O King of the nations? For this is Your rightful due. For among all the wise men of the nations, and in all their kingdoms, there is none like You. But they are altogether consumed with stupidity and foolish..." Jeremiah 10:6-8

In Revelation 15, while singing the song of Moses and the Lamb, saying: "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty! Just and true are Your ways, O King of the saints! Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy. For all nations shall come and worship before You, for Your judgements have been manifested." Revelation 15:3-4

Why wouldn't they fear and glorify Him?

They loved what they loved... and nothing would turn them around.

...they clung to deceit, (holding fast to lies with every ounce of resolve they had), they refuse to return." Jeremiah 8:5

Why?

"...which they have loved and which they have served and after which they have walked, which they have sought and which they have worshiped..." Jeremiah 8:2

"A desire accomplished is sweet to the soul, but it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil." (Proverbs 13:19)

Wise in ALL the WRONG Things

Being wise in wasteful things!

Worldly wise...

From the base people to the brightest...

"For My people are foolish, they have not known Me. They are silly children, and they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge." (Jeremiah 4:22)

...if you can find a man, if there is anyone who executes [sound and right] judgment, who seeks the truth, and I will pardon Jerusalem." (Jeremiah 5:1 ; Ezekiel 9 & 22)

...Behold, they have rejected the word of the Lord, so, [with this insight], what kind of wisdom do they possess? NONE!

They loved what they loved, served what they loved, walked in what they served, sought what they walked in and worshiped what they sought. It was sweet to their soul and nothing outside of a supernatural work of God would free them from clinging to this deceit.

These people were all together consumed with falsehood and lies. It was evidence that they didn't know nor want to know the Lord. They were consumed with stupidity and looked more like the nations than a people who belonged to God. Jeremiah 10 says the world we live in, regardless of the intellect, insight or ingenuity, that can't or won't seek God, acknowledge Him as Creator and sustainer and does not yield and give place and priority to Him (the fear of the Lord), is consumed with stupidity. (Jeremiah 10:8,14, 21).

Something we see is that from Heaven's perspective, glory is given prior to every significant event in Revelation... including the unbearable aspects of God's judgements. (Revelation 15)

Let's consider a couple of these...

Who's the King of the saints?

Why are they called saints?

Do the saints ALWAYS act like a saint?

But the saints don't have to let their mess ups keep messing them up.

Does God waste anything with the servants of God?

What is consistently happening in the believers life?

What does the word of God do in the people of God?

What's the heartbeat of missions?

Who shouldn't fear and worship of God?

Here's a question we must answer.

Who shall not fear You, O Lord, and glorify Your name? (Revelation 15:4)

Are they any exceptions?

Therefore, I must ask again? Who shall not... fear Him and glorify His name? Who is exempt from needing to giving place, priority, purpose, passion and praise unto the Lord, who is utterly unlike all others? No one!!! Who then will go declare His life, love and light? Was He forsaken for you, that you wouldn't be? Was He forsaken for you, that you could give your life to Him and His message of mercy and grace?

He is worthy!

Having this revelation should compel us...

How can they?

The world needs a life song in harmony with those who sing His praise in the heavens. (Revelation 15:4)

"Let YOUR will be done on earth as it is in heaven..."

What's our mission?

Reach people for Jesus, teach people about Jesus, equip people to serve Jesus and mobilize people to go with Jesus.

The world says — "Trust your heart!"

Does it work? Yes or no!

Let's talk about it.

A tip for the heart...

Here's a transformational tip for the home and heart... one I wish I knew from the start.

"Follow your heart!"

Now that's a relevant and pointed statement for some. It's obvious that it's not a new thing but I'm seeing the message on a lot of things. And I understand why it's such a popular slogan.

"Trust or follow your heart," does work, but give me a minute and let me qualify what I mean. It works but not for everyone. I didn't always look at it this way. When I'd see it, I would often counter the message with a big, "No! Don't trust your heart, trust Jesus with your heart and let Him lead you." But, with time and trust, I started to see that this message does work for some. It works and applies to those that have nothing more than their heart to trust. It's what a natural man, without a personal and intimate relationship with Jesus, must rely upon. But a disciple of Jesus need not trust his or her own heart. Their trust would be misplaced and misled if they lean upon what they understand, as a mere man or woman, with no divine leadership over their lives. They can trust what God's put in their heart... what He's doing inside of them, but it will do them well to guard their heart by taking captive every thought unto the obedience of Jesus.

An unbelieving world (is not a world that doesn't believe anything, therefore, the phrase "unbelieving world" is applied to those who believe and follow someone or system of thought but are unbelievers in regards to the exclusivity of Jesus and the authority of the word of God) must trust their hearts — that's all they have — but we who trust Jesus are led to:

"Commit to the Lord, right now, with all that you are and all that you have. It's important to not get stuck in what you know, or what you experienced yesterday, and don't hold on to what you understand about the situation, your view is limited, but He sees it all. Seek Him, in everything you

do, and ask Him what to do next and then trust what He says. Yes, trust Him with everything, with the big and the small, the significant and insignificant, the natural and supernatural, and in everything you do, He will give you clarity, direction and confidence to keep walking, worshipping and working for Him." (Proverbs 3:5-6).

And even though the unbelievers rely upon their heart — and it seems to work for them — as they live in this world — it doesn't profit them in the next. And it's important for us to recognize and acknowledge this so we can help them see what they can't see at the moment. And just because someone experienced something, doesn't mean that it's true, for many people their whole life experience will be one big lie. Why? Because they never received a love for the truth. We live in a world that EMBRACES THEIR REALITY, AS TRUTH, BUT NOT WHAT IS TRUE ABOUT THEIR REALITY! (2 Thessalonians 2:10). What does this mean? They live in darkness. Yes, the light they have to trust and walk in is dark. And some will live all their lives and die blinded to truth. They have real lives, real life experiences, real emotions, real feelings, they trust what is real to them but it's rooted in and the result of a lie! Why? It's origin, objective and obvious joys are void of Jesus and His truth. They trust their heart but do not trust the trustworthiness of Jesus, therefore, they do not trust their hearts and lives to Jesus. David's heart guided him during a night season but the insights he drew out were light that God had previously planted in him. (Psalms 16 ; Psalms 97:11 ; Psalms 42:8)

This is why Jeremiah disdains the people in his day that followed the unbelievers in their day: "that didn't obey or incline their ear (to hear, heed and honor God and His message), but they all trusted and followed the dictates of their evil hearts..." (Jeremiah 11:8)

This way of thinking cost them more than they expected, took them further than they thought they wanted to go and kept them longer in their rebellion and reproach they ever imagined. Let me illustrate it like this. If you ever had to clean a pool or found a dead creature in the water you know what I mean. Those frogs, lizards or crawfish trusted their instincts and plunged into what seemed like a good idea. The water had a appeal. By time you find them they are usually dead visitor. And to be honest with you...a stinking dead visitor. The water drew them in, but it wouldn't let him out. Satan is very similar... he pulls on our natural desires, we follow the lead of our heart, the sights, sounds, and feels draws us in and we start to die before we even hit the pleasant waters. And we enjoy it for a season, but then we try to get out... and we can't. We start doing whatever it takes to survive and before we know it we can't hold our heads out of the murky waters... and we continue to sink deeper and deeper into darkness. Sin will keep you longer and cost you more than you ever originally intended... and just because it looks good, feels good and taste good doesn't mean it's good for you.

Why do they refuse to return...

Why?

They love what they love...

And their love was jacked up and wrong in every way.

C'mon... say it with me?

Jacked up love is a quitter...

Jacked up love will fail...

Jacked up love makes excuses...

Parents are usually the ones who teach their kids how to love... that's why we have so many jacked up people loving each other with a tainted and jacked up kind of love. Not all love is the same... nor is ALL love equal! And to think it is... is proof how out of whack our ideas can be. A jacked up love is a love twisted by the fall and tainted with man's experiences and ideas of love.

There are some messed up and seriously jacked up ideas about love. Just look around you... somebody shaped the love of the people you're around every day. Why do you think they do what they do, think they way they think and treat people the way they treat people. They jacked up... they're not by themselves, though! Your love, my love, everybody's love has been learned from someone, and it can be blurry, very blurry, on the highways of life.

I love this insight from Jeremiah... listen how he explains us all.

"O Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walks to direct his own steps..." (Jeremiah 10:23)

Say it with me? EVERYONE, yes, EVERYONE is INFLUENCED by someone or something... NO ONE is an INDEPENDENT thinker that walks to the beat of his own drum. Someone or something is influencing you... and their influence didn't start today. You've learned and cultivated what they showed to fit into your own life. And it's in your (our) best interest to know who or what it is. Jeremiah realized he had been misled and he's now confessing and asking the Lord to direct his steps away and out of the wrong influence.

BUT with God there's always hope, even when our past has been grossly tainted with the wrong

kind of love. Glory... Paul reminds the church that God takes it personal when it comes to teaching His own children how to love. And He's the best TEACHER and EXAMPLE and INFLUENCER I know. Think about it?

His love isn't a quitter...

His love can't fail...

His love doesn't make excuses...

And can I insert a nugget here? God has NO grandchildren. ...He ONLY has children that have been personally and intentionally and knowingly and faithfully and graciously born again or birthed into the kingdom, by personally entrusting their life, faith, sin and future to Jesus.

And why we're talking about it... don't miss this point, He doesn't teach other people's children... He loves other children, praise God, but it's His own children that He's teaching how to love each other and those with a jacked up love. And when His children love one another, they stand out as belonging to Him. Glory...

Once again, I'm reminded of my gracious God and Redeemer, and so thankful for Him, who is ready to rescue (Psalm 86:5). We will be like those in Jeremiah's day... and ignore the call to hear and obey it keep trusting and following the dictates of our evil heart.

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#samuel #ark #temple #jeremiah3 #ezekiel24 #delightofhiseyes #ezekiel #david #death #esau
#rights #idols #stupidity #loved #served #walked #sought #worship #cling #deceit
#proverbs13and19 #fools #abomination #ichabod #1samuel4 #trinkets #theylovedwhattheyloved
#misappliedgrace