

Putting words into the mouth of
The Lord Jesus Christ
Part Five
(Benedictory)

Meditating on the Bible

Matthew 1:18-23

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise:

When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a dream, saying,

Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.

Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

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Jesus is our pattern of excellence, as in a way that is, us--magnified. We, humans, need him to be as we are: Jesus is the image of that truth; in that, he is the Son of man. If Jesus is not as we are; then, we have no ready way to flow to God, as in the image of the Christ. We need this pattern of the Christ because, there is no other choice . . . as presented here; Jesus declared that, he is the way . . .

Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. If ye had known me, ye should have known my

Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

(John 14:1-7)

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. . . Moreover, the apostle Paul delivered the message that tells us what is at the end of that way.

*All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.*

*So also is the resurrection of the dead.*

*It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:*

*It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory:*

*it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:*

*It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body.*

*There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.*

*And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*

(1 Corinthians 15:39-45)

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From the Beginning, we were told that, we need the light that is Jesus Christ. This need has its beginning at the Beginning. The need passed through unfolding history, to Calvary. After that blessed transformation unfolded--that, Last Day--still, we only had a fraction of the capability that we needed. Still, in this time, we are as we were at this beginning . . .

Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

(Genesis 3:21-23)

As the LORD declared, *the man is become as one of us . . .* in that Spirit, God opened

the awareness of a new potentiality for humans. The new potentiality is that; a man or woman has an asset that can be revered, and, too, elevated to a super-ordinate place. One of the hints of this potential, for dependency on higher humans, is seen in the indication of dependence on highly placed created things. In this early time of the development of Israel, we see this being done in a fashion such as, Moses describes, here.

Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the LORD spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female, The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air, The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth:

And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

(Deuteronomy 4:15-19)

Below, we present is a portion of the associated quickening of the entire collection of humankind, as for resistance to succumbing to the folly that Moses described. It is presented in stages.

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The quickening is initiated by identifying and isolating these corruptible portions of mankind.

*Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.*

(Romans 1:21-23)

To quicken the mind of service; the LORD, as through His ambassador, told us how to identify the vessels of corruption. This brings to mind, the mark that was place on Cain (as recorded in Genesis 4:15); which was done to highlight Cain, thusly: *And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.*

*Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.*

*For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet.*

(Romans 1:24-27)

Also; the LORD, through His ambassador, let us know what was corrupt about their nature.

*And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:*

*Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.*

(Romans 1:28-32)

*God gave them over to a reprobate mind:* this is not designed to be a punishment; rather, it is a means of solidifying corporate devotion of the kingdom of man. The sculpting is an extension of the grace of God, as in this fashion.

*Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will he hardeneth.*

*Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he yet find fault? For who hath resisted his will?*

*Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus? Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?*

*What if God, willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction: And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory, Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?*

(Romans 9:18-24)

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All of the anguish that is in the quickening is easily remedied by the LORD--as might occur when the need for a certain lesson is no longer there. I am reminded of the words of Jesus Christ, about one of the ensamples for that recoverability: *a rich man*.

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

When his disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, Who then can be saved?

But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.

(Matthew 19:23-26)

From a corporate perspective, the above Scripture is very comforting; however, our major interaction with the LORD is, as individuals. At that level, there is a more difficult type of recovery; which fits into the following category: *for those who were once enlightened*.

Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. And this will we do, if God permit.

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

(Hebrews 6:1-6)

Think about the next sentence (a question), as relates to, turning away; as in the fashion described in Hebrews 6:1-6. Does that focus on some of the other things that are worshipped--other than, the LORD God--include the category of; those things that are men?

Maybe, this is one of the reasons that, it was so easy for the children of Israel to stray from devotion to the LORD: because, they saw, among themselves, those ones of high stature; and, so, they exalted them, as if they were gods of equality with the LORD. In doing that, they moved away from respecting their gods in this limited way: of them being just men, who had been given a unique place in the grace of the LORD God

Maybe, they blended the lordship of noble men, with a corruption of the following Scripture.

A Psalm of Asaph.

God standeth in the congregation of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods. How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah.

Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.

They know not, neither will they understand; they walk on in darkness: all the foundations of the earth are out of course. I have said, Ye are gods; and all of you are children of the most High.

(Psalm 82:1-6)

Maybe, they equate their newfound lord god, as being equal with the LORD God. We must not do that with Christ Jesus, the Son of God. Jesus Christ was very careful about; never making that mistranslation of his mission, as he ministered to Israel.

To begin the understanding; Jesus confessed that he had a specific, gifted span of control, at that time.

Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.

Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.

(John 10:24-38)

Next; Jesus declared his span of authority: *the works of my Father.*

Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but

for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. But if I do, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know, and believe, that the Father is in me, and I in him.

(John 10:31-38)

And; Jesus Christ stretched out the understanding of the breadth of both, his span of control, and, his authority. Jesus stated that his ministry is as it was given to him by the Father God, as moving outward to the entire kingdom of man.

I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

(John 10:14-16)

Both, Christ's, span of control, and, his authority, have perpetual life--in us. In us; these pass across all generations, as from the new beginning . . .

And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:

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(John 17:22 . . .)

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Jesus Christ was not created, by God, to be identical to God . . . or, even, a fully matched duplication of the Unitary Being.

The Lord Jesus Christ is an existence that is pure and sure light; and, too, a true representation of the Word. Please, do not say things for Jesus that he did not say about himself. Jesus is humility: let him be that toward you, too.

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In an encounter with one of us, Jesus told all of us, how we must behave. Let us, continually, heed his exhortation . . . which, now, we receive, here, as for our edification.

Please pay particular attention to the ending exhortation of the Lord Jesus Christ.

And after these things I heard a great voice of much people in heaven, saying, Alleluia; Salvation, and glory, and honour, and power, unto the Lord our God: For true and righteous are his judgments: for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand. And again they said, Alleluia.

And her smoke rose up for ever and ever.

And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God that sat on the throne, saying, Amen; Alleluia.

And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great.

And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.

And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb.

And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

And I fell at his feet to worship him.

And he said unto me, See thou do it not: I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren that have the testimony of Jesus:

worship God:

for the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

(Revelation 19:1-10)

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