kingdom of man as layered humanity Part Three

(Life as a Gift - Focused)

Meditating on the Bible

Deuteronomy 7:7-11

The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.

Why bring us out of the void? Why bother with us, at all? God has His Heaven, and the beings there are superior to us. I make that statement as by the strength of this message that is of the LORD.

When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him? For thou hast made him a little lower than the angels, and hast crowned him with glory and honour.

Thou madest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; thou hast put all things under his feet: All sheep and oxen, yea, and the beasts of the field; The fowl of the air, and the fish of the sea, and whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas.

O LORD our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! (Psalm 8:3-9)

But, wait; I see an interesting word: *honour*. This feels like it has a link to the realm of God, as being available to the kingdom of man. It seems that, God had a portion of His Heaven that overflowed. I wonder if there are any other things that are overflowing.

Actually, I am sure that, there are other things that overflow. A certain conversation of one of us seems to indicate that; Heavenly overflow happens. It occurs as is reported, here.

But will God indeed dwell on the earth? behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have builded? Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O LORD my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee to day: That thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there: that thou mayest hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall make toward this place.

And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive

(1 Kings 8:27-30)

Focus on this part of it, as referring to the LORD God: *the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee*. In light of this indication of the vast Span of the LORD God, there must be an, other portion of reality that contains God's "Remainder," so to speak. Before we go on the search for that area, we need to acquaint you with another overflow from the LORD . . . wisdom. Here, we will only introduce it.

I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions. The fear of the LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, do I hate. Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, even all the judges of the earth. I love them that love me; and those that seek me early shall find me.

(Proverbs 8:12-17)

Okay, we also need to show this portion of wisdom's résumé; in that, this portion pertains to moving from the void, as we go into, life as a gift.

The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was. When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water. Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth: While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.

When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth: When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep: When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he

appointed the foundations of the earth: Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him; Rejoicing in the habitable part of his earth; and my delights were with the sons of men.

(Proverbs 8:22-31)

Also, we know that there is a portion of wisdom that is eligible for overflow from God. We know that this is so; because, we are able to acquire portions of wisdom for our own life. In a sharing of his portion of wisdom as given to him by the LORD, an apostle of God presented this revelation, about our ability to immerse our soul in the flow.

My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing. If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

(James 1:2-8)

We need to consider wisdom; because, wisdom is the precursor to this other thing that the LORD *giveth to all men liberally*: life as a gift. Life as a gift is our next transverse section of understanding of the body of perfecting of the kingdom of man.

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Let us begin, again, at Adam. There is some debate about whether Adam was the first homo-anything. In the light of the Bible, such concern is irrelevant. In the light of the Bible; Adam is the first one of our kind, of which Scripture delves into the human awareness of the majesty of the LORD God. But, let us consider a hypothetical existence of another homo-something. Even if there were homo-others, they would not have been in possession of biblical life. The Bible declares that full human life occurred here, and in this fashion . . .

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

(Genesis 2:7)

After this event; we, humans, were at the place of preparation for communion with God. In that Day, we were at the dawn of; understanding our world, first. This is important because; before this time, the word, world, had no relevance. I think, we presently think of that period as being a time of survival of the fittest, as specifically applied to the creature (animal, plus) kingdom. Actually, plants, too, participate in

survival of the fitness--albeit, in a much quieter fashion. Both of these survivals of the fittest--creatures and plants--preceded the entry of man and his kingdom. This is truth that is acknowledged by both science and religion.

Specifically, as for the environment of the Bible; here is the pre-event for the plants . .

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And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so.

And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And the evening and the morning were the third day.

(Genesis 1:11-13)

. . . And, here is the pre-event for the creatures, in the first portion . . .

And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature that hath life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven.

And God created great whales, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good. And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let fowl multiply in the earth.

(Genesis 1:20-22)

. . . And, here is the pre-event for the creatures, in the second portion . . .

And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living creature after his kind, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth after his kind: and it was so.

And God made the beast of the earth after his kind, and cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

(Genesis 1:24-25)

To this mix, as by the planting of Adam, the LORD gave life to purpose; as, in adam. The introduction of purpose presented the first gender-neutral component of the kingdom of man; which component is, this: the life and zest of joy. That component was almost dismissed by an early act of murder, and its separation of human dignity from the kingdom of man. However, by the will of God, the life and zest of joy was pulled from the void of that catastrophic event, of murder and separation. As a repetitive part of the kingdom, that redemption of a portion of humankind's worth was expressed by the

woman, Eve, here.

And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

(Genesis 4:25)

This also opened the door for a quest for opportunity--the opportunity to avoid a repeat of such an incident. The opportunity needed mankind to have the capability of reasoning with one another. In reviewing the following Scripture, we identify this capability as being another overflow of a portion of the workings of the Kingdom of God, as spread forth in the kingdom of man. And, in the power of that overflow, we were ready to review life as a gift, as in its extension into the advancement of the human condition. It is in this fashion that; the LORD gave us the great opportunity to access His expertise on this matter, as for the extension of the reach of, life as a gift. This extension serves to enhance our relationship with God. We will review that extension, further . . . as from this beginning.

Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

(Isaiah 1:16-20)

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