

YT Video: The Wise And Foolish Man

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Text [All quotes are from KJV unless indicated otherwise]

Mal 1:6 A son honoureth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is mine honour? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the LORD of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, wherein have we despised thy name?

I. Honoring YAHWEH As Father

1Jn 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

1Jn 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

1Jn 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

a. Israel: special called-out nation

b. The Father becomes our Father:

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Joh 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

G5043: teknon

Thayer Definition:

1) offspring, children

1a) child

1a) a male child, a son

1b) metaphorically

1b1) the name transferred to that intimate and reciprocal relationship formed between men by the bonds of love, friendship, trust, just as between parents and children

1b2) in affectionate address, such as patrons, helpers, teachers and the like employ: my child

1b3) in the NT, pupils or disciples are called children of their teachers, because the latter by their instruction nourish the minds of their pupils and mould their characters

1b4) children of God: in the OT of "the people of Israel" as especially dear to God, in the NT, in Paul's writings, all who are led by the Spirit of God and thus closely related to God

c. The Fourth Commandment

Exo 20:12 Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Note: we usually associate the 4th commandment with honoring our parents, but YAHWEH has become our Father via our rebirth in the Spirit and will one day adopt us as His children. Do we honor Him?

d. Purify Ourselves

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II. Lord & Master

Mat 7:21 Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

The Greek word for Lord is “Kurios” [G2962], which is the equivalent of the Hebrew word “adon” {H113}. Adon can refer to a human master [Sarah’s reference to Abraham], a shepherd or to YAHWEH as Lord of lords [Deu 10:17] and Lord of all the earth [Ps 97:5]

- a. A master must be obeyed. Hence, we must obey YAHWEH by doing His will. In Heaven, everyone does His will. In the prayer our Savior taught us, “Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven”. Why then do so many Christians resist doing His will? They will be extremely unhappy in Heaven if they are admitted at all.
- b. The sad part in the passage Mt 7:21-27 there are and will be many Christians doing evangelism, healing and deliverance who will be excluded from the Kingdom of Heaven because they fail to obey Him.
- c. Ministry can never substitute for obedience, neither can sacrificial giving:

1Sa 15:22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

1Sa 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

- d. These verses should put us on notice about the priorities of YAHWEH regarding our ways. First, obey, then serve/sacrifice to Him. Otherwise, like King Saul, we shall forfeit being priests and kings unto Him.

III. Fearing Our Master

H4172: môrâ'

BDB Definition:

- 1) *fear, reverence, terror*
- 1a) *fear, terror*
- 1b) **reverence**
- 1c) **object of reverence**
- 1d) *awe-inspiring spectacle or deed*

IV. Upholding His Name

Mal 1:7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of the LORD is contemptible.

Mal 1:8 And if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts.

- a. Offering polluted bread: clean vs unclean; blemished sacrifices. The abomination of desolation was first fulfilled by Antiochus IV (Epiphanes), the king of Syria, captured Jerusalem in 167 BC and desecrated the Temple by offering the sacrifice of a pig on an altar to Zeus (the Abomination of Desolation).
- b. The Anti-Christ will also offer an abominable sacrifice and place himself as 'god' in the rebuilt Temple.

- c. When people offer money obtained from prostitution, drugs or ill-gotten gains, they despise His Holy Name.

V. Storms Will Come

Mat 7:24 *Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock:*

Mat 7:25 *And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell not: for it was founded upon a rock.*

Mat 7:26 *And everyone that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, which built his house upon the sand:*

Mat 7:27 *And the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and beat upon that house; and it fell: and great was the fall of it.*

- a. Yeshua predicted that storms will arise to shake our faith
- b. Faith grounded in obedience to all the teachings of the Bible will endure like a house built on solid rock
- c. Faith based on disobedience and disregarding the teachings of scripture will fail and be destroyed like a house built on sand/poor foundation. So many houses have been destroyed after torrential rains and floods: they got swept away in mudslides.

VI. Trials of Faith

1Pe 1:3 *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,*

1Pe 1:4 *To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,*

1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

*1Pe 1:6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through **manifold temptations**:*

*1Pe 1:7 That **the trial of your faith**, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:*

1Pe 1:8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory:

1Pe 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

VII. The Culmination [End] of Our Faith

a. Salvation to be revealed at the end of time

*1Pe 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto **salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

b. The culmination of our faith is the salvation of our souls:

1Pe 1:9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

G5056: teleos

Thayer Definition:

1) end

1a) termination, the limit at which a thing ceases to be (always of the end of some act or state, but not of the end of a period of time)

1b) the end

1b1) the last in any succession or series

1b2) *eternal*

1c) *that by which a thing is finished, its close, issue*

1d) **the end to which all things relate, the aim, purpose**

2) *toll, custom (i.e. indirect tax on goods)*