

Saturday 2/2/20 notes

'Posture Before God'

Our discussion was in rounding out our self-perception to meet what God says we are. Last week we talked about overshooting our position, and this week we talked about undershooting.

I believe two passages that help illuminate this problem we face are Psalm 51.17, and,

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. – Psalm 51.17

Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help us in time of need. – Heb 4.16

The first shows a right fear of Him, the latter a bold confidence under His seeing us through Christ. Same God, same expectations, an altogether improvement in our station before Him that allows us, as fully forgiven, to embrace and live as the people He declares us to be.

Anything other than what He has said of us to be is a sin against His declaration, and a disservice to us. It disserves us if we run beyond His declarations of our responsibilities and station, and if we lag behind His declarations in self-imposed spiritual poverty. So, Jesus says that since both are a loss, but one is a greater sin that will bring correction, it is better in figuring out our ignorance to choose the lesser role and pay attention to Him when He moves us to a greater seat. Better to be lifted as a lesser-than-true person than to be be busted down in correction from a false lofty position.

Aside from Matt 5.5, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.", a quick study of the 32 other entries at https://www.biblegateway.com/quicksearch/?quicksearch=meek&qs_version=ASV&limit=25 show the value of His Words.

Whoops, forgot to address the Resurrection comment.

Heb 11.35 notes that among those persecuted: "Women received their dead by a resurrection: and others were tortured, not accepting their deliverance; that they might obtain a better resurrection".

These people accepted greater suffering of loss in exchange of better recognition by God when they would face His assessment. So too must we embrace the lowest options in meekness and humility for His Cause. For in Matt 19.27-30 we read:

"²⁷ Then answered Peter and said unto him, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee; what then shall we have? ²⁸ And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, that ye who have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And every one that hath left houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many shall be last *that are* first; and first *that are* last."