

Sprinkled Conscience — The Coming of the Lord

I would surmise that the above statement makes your tummy warm with anticipation for we know He is the answer to the world's dilemma, to our ho-hum pill taking days, to our anxieties, to all the world has to offer. That "the soul will mend at journey's end" as the song goes.

All of this is, indeed, true. However, first there has to come a great and terrible time for each individual. The more your life has already been disrupted, the more you have gotten rid of unnecessary baggage, the easier will be the coming of the Lord.

Let me bring to your attention several excruciatingly painful happenings when we have our encounter with the Holy God we all are longing to meet.

First He comes with a two edged sword slicing right through the natural family; for the natural man is an enemy of God; our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After we have recovered somewhat from this shock He proceeds to make us whole. He makes us whole by taking our life and transforming it into a totally new creation.

Hebrews 10:22 — Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with the pure water of the Holy spirit. We, the Christian world has prayed for two thousand years. "Deliver me from evil". Well, dear friend, we love our evil as it is part of our life.

Soooo, the scripture infers that all consciences are evil and that as we draw near to God or He draws near to us, we get our conscience cleansed from guilt, from what we have thought was right or wrong, from presuming we know when we do not know titty shit as we ought. What we thought was so noble and right and Christian is an abomination to God as it is from the wrong tree; therefore, we must shed our blood and by the blood of Christ, our conscience is purged from our arrogant presumption.

The word conscience is not in the Old Testament. It pertains strictly to the blood of Christ as a means of disclosing the evil of our conscience and removing the guilt. This is something the old testament sacrifice

could not do. Strong's Concordance defines it as "to see completely". In other words the "in part" spoken of in 1 Corinthians on the resurrection is done away with and the whole swallows up the "in part".

Webster defines conscience as "self knowledge" or judgment of right or wrong. Some consider our conscience as the original faculty of our nature. Our evil nature with its impure motives, our animal reasoning and our clever way of justifying our sin. Remember, the tree in the garden looked good to Eve but the tree's very nature is evil.

If you will check the word "terror" in the Bible, it refers to the terror of God. Not Saddam, not Bush, not al-Qaida but God and dear folks, we are in the great and terrible day of the Lord where a personal terror will hit each individual in his conscience and he will see that "**what you have done to the least of my brethren, you have done unto me**". That means that all the atrocities, all the missiles that have slaughtered the innocent, all the people responsible for harassing, taxing, which is as bad as murder, every deed and thought will come crashing down on each head as we all must stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:10-11 — For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body according to that he hath done, whether it be right or wrong doing. Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

Once we are purged of what we assume to be right in our own conscience, the "Son of Righteousness will come with healing in His wings".

Yes, dear weary traveler, "our souls will mend at journey's end".

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