

#65 THE DREAM.....

I see printed before me this Scripture from Psalm 37:34:

“Wait on the LORD, and keep his way, and he shall exalt thee to inherit the land: when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it” (KJV).

Then I find myself singing a tune which simply states this fact three times: “Christ is in me.”

The first part of this dream concerning the print-out of Psalm 37:34 was repeated to me about a year later in exactly the same manner! So it was to confirm more clearly its meaning, and to remind me of important truths that needed to be remembered. When we wait on and for the Lord let us be careful to keep His will and way. Our waiting will be in vain if we are not trusting and obeying the Lord in the revealed light He has given. It is to wait in vain if we have not met the conditions of the promises, or if we are not being led of His Spirit. To inherit the land we must wait on the Lord and keep His way. That land signifies the promises or the land of promises and fulfillments. God will lift us up to higher levels in our spiritual walk and we will take more spiritual ground for Him. This implies moving up to the higher spiritual planes that will allow Him more control of our lives and service.

Now the last part of this psalm, “when the wicked are cut off, thou shalt see it”, is a hard saying over which many Christians stumble. Remember we previously discussed the place for governmental justice and judgment being carried out---this type of punishment and retribution being just for a lawful government. There is a place in the work of the ministries of the apostles and prophets and, yes, even in the ministry of an intercessor to call such judgment down. No wicked person will ever get full justice in this life, and many seem to go unpunished. However, as God is a perfect and just Being, He will surely one day call into account every sin and deed, and full retribution shall be measured out. Only Christians that are true overcomers will be spared this judgment of sin, for Christ bore it all on the cross.

In this life we do observe cases of God’s judgment on a wicked person or nation. We rejoice not in God’s wrath being displayed, but in the display of justice and holiness in God’s dealing with evil. The punishment of sin in lives here are warnings to us of the consequences of sin against God. Apostles, prophets and intercessors are moved at times by God to pray His judgments down. Judgments are not just intended to punish sin, but to cause the sinner to see that the reaping of such is not worth the indulgence of the sin. Often it takes God’s judgments to bring a soul to Him, for some do not respond to God’s longsuffering and kindness.

When the authority is given to pray such a prayer in God’s stead that person must be very disinterested in it. He or she must have no personal vengeance or justice to gain by it, for that attitude will not move God, and may bring harsh dealings to one’s own self. Judgment is harsh and final for some, for they have spurned all attempts of grace and longsuffering on the part of God. Holiness spurned and mocked is very deadly to the soul of the wicked. We have several Scriptures that deal with mocking souls refusing to repent and God’s response to them. God is recorded as laughing only a few times in the Bible, and that laughter is usually His mocking of the wicked. Read Psalms 2:4; 37:13; 59:8 and Proverbs 1:26.

The last verse speaks of wisdom mocking. Christ is our Wisdom. You can be sure that when the time comes for God to mock and show contempt for a person or a nation that the person or nation has repeatedly rejected His overtures of grace and longsuffering. This is especially true for those who persecute God’s messengers who are sent from Him to warn and guide them to grace. The final end of such is hell---the outer darkness where God has chosen to remove the awareness of Himself from those who enter.

Hell is not only a never-ending state of the soul but a total loneliness and separation from God. Hell is spoken of as a place of utter contempt. From whom is this contempt? Why, it is from God Himself! This contempt is total disregard and not, as some misguided and humanistic ministers tell us, a weeping throughout eternity by Christ for those assigned there. Hell is hell! Whatever fire is to the body, hell is to the soul of man. God will forever turn His back on those lost souls, and their anguish will be that their cries will be unheard forever in their hopeless state.

We must be careful to not remove from God's Word that which we find hard and difficult to swallow. Many will ask how can a loving God judge so? If we understood holiness in its purest form we would understand how He could. Once the door of hell is shut it shall never be opened again. Many think and say, "I could not bear to live in heaven knowing that my loved ones are in hell." My friends, when we cross over into heaven and our spirits are thus perfected we will take on the nature of God in such a way that we will live and think on a higher plane. No longer bound by mere human sentimentality alone, we would judge our closest loving friends and relatives with the same judgment and attitude of Christ! Not only would we see the pure justice of it, but we would see the wisdom of that final eternal separation from the holy, happy and perfected saints.

Therefore let us not worry about heaven's joy being marred. Now we see through a darkened glass, then we shall see perfectly! Many of our problems as Christians come from humanizing God's ways too much. He will and would take us up to spiritual levels that go beyond mere human reasoning and limits.

The second part of this dream, when I sang three times "Christ is in me", was given to encourage me in my walk when things appeared so bleak. When we look within too much without the Holy Spirit's leading, we can become very discouraged at our failures and lack of spiritual growth. We must be reminded often that it is Christ in us that makes the difference in our lives. We need to walk that narrow path that lies before us.

God's grace will see us through if we do not walk in the error of greasy grace where we live as we please, or we do not become self-righteous workers who think we can earn our way into heaven. These are false beliefs which take us astray from the narrow path of Jesus Christ--that path on which our Shepherd leads His sheep as they follow Him. The more we allow Christ to rule and live in us, the more the old nature and flesh will be subdued. Our faith and hope is Christ living in us and changing us from glory to glory. The phrase "Christ is in me" being spoken three times again confirms a truth. The Spirit will bear witness with our spirits that we are children of God. Mere mental acceptance of a biblical teaching or doctrine will not. It is the Spirit that gives life, the letter killeth!