

Confronting The Cloudiness

According to Matthew

Chapter 24

(23) 'Then if anyone says to you, "Look, here is the Christ!" or "There!" do not believe it. For false christs and false prophets will arise and show great signs and wonders, so as to mislead, if possible, even the called-out. See, I have told you before hand.'

He is warning of a future condition which could have happened shortly after Jesus, or could have happened two thousand years after Jesus. It is a timeless statement, only a conditional, or descriptive statement.

(26) 'Therefore if they say to you, "Look, he is in the desert!" do not go there; or "Look, he is in the dispensaries!" do not believe it.'

Isn't it curious how a prominent New Testament character claimed to have gone to Arabia (the desert) and claimed to have gotten a clear picture of the gospel which has been more or less adopted throughout the world ever since. Yet, in his beginning, he persecuted the genuine disciples of Christ, and was supernaturally visited by Jesus in a vision. But what actually transpired? Jesus said, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" He wasn't in his mind persecuting anyone. He was trying to "shut up" all those individuals who were living and promoting something that was not according to his mindset, his "correct" point of view. He was a Pharisee. And as far as he was concerned he was RIGHT.

At that time, he was given physical blindness to completely render him helpless. Then he was instructed to wait in town for further instruction. Three days later, Ananias was sent by Jesus to go to Saul and to give him his physical sight, and to give him the opportunity to receive Christ IN ANANIAS. Ananias was a genuine disciple of Christ, therefore making him Christ. Jesus said to Saul, "...why are you persecuting ME?" So by persecuting Ananias, Saul was persecuting Jesus. But by receiving Ananias, Saul would be receiving Jesus. But what actually happened? Eventually, a serious conflict broke out between Saul (who renamed himself Paul) and the apostles in Jerusalem. Ultimately, Saul sold a counter-gospel to the Gentiles, one that was much more desirable than the genuine gospel that the Apostles were promoting.

And what has resulted from the anti-gospel has been the springing up of countless "dispensaries", places where varying versions of the gospel are being dispensed, and "sold". Curiously enough, many Christians have named this era "the new dispensation". Hmm...

(27) 'For as the sunlight comes from the east and shines into the west, so also will be the advent of the son of man.'

Here, in the Greek, it says what it says. Just as sudden and irresistible is the sun ("astera" which means "heavenly light") when it rises in the morning, so the "son of man's" presence shall be. As mentioned earlier, the "son of man" is God's intended purpose and role for man. When God's heavenly "light" shines within a man, all darkness is dispelled and can not resist the light. And God's light reveals the "son of man" within those to whom this light shines. The light does not flash for a brief moment like a camera flash. It stays on. It persists and cannot be quenched or stifled. Once the sun comes up, it is day and no longer NIGHT TIME.

(28) 'For wherever the carcass is, there the eagles will be gathered together.'

I guess one could say that the carcass could be "the dead body of Christ or son of man." The body, as mentioned earlier, can mean "the sum total of what constitutes something or someone", such as the body of a book, or the body politic, the student body, and so on. So when equating the "son of man" as being the "body of instructions God expressed through his prophets pertaining to the process of reconciliation", we can then say that the dead body of the son of man has been picked by the carrion eaters. In other words, Christians by and large, pick and choose little pieces of the body to heed and to adopt. We do not come to Christ and receive him completely and in whole in order to receive life through the genuine process of reconciliation which he taught through his disciples. This is a hard realization to address.

Chapter 24 footnotes:

⁵ John 9(4) *I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*

(5) *As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.*

To be continued next week...

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