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When Asked, Joseph and Daniel Are the Usual Answers Jerry O'Donnell

So, if you were asked, "Who in the Bible served high in a pagan government?", the answer usually includes either Joseph of Egypt or Daniel of both Babylon and Medo-Persia or both Joseph and Daniel. But there is another character that should also come to mind as well.

To confirm through the Bible and not merely hearing it from a human that Joseph indeed ascended to a high position in a pagan country, the Bible says, "And Pharaoh said unto Joseph. Forasmuch as God hath shewed thee all this, [there is] none so discreet and wise as thou [art]: Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See. I have set thee over all the land of Egypt" (Genesis 41:39-41).

In the same manner regarding Daniel, we have the Bible telling us in the kingdom of Babylon, "Then the king made Daniel a great man, and gave him many great gifts, and made him ruler over the whole province of Babylon, and

chief of the governors over all the wise [men] of Babylon. Then Daniel requested of the king, and he set Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel [sat] in the gate of the king" (Daniel 2:48-49). As for Medo-Persia, the Bible records, "It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom an hundred and twenty princes, which should be over the whole kingdom; And over these three presidents; of whom Daniel [was] first: that the princes might give accounts unto them, and the king should have no damage. Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit [was] in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm (Daniel 6:1-3).

Many were great in the land of Israel, but to ascend in a foreign country to these positions respectfully is more than just being in the right place at the right time. God "removeth kings, and setteth up kings" (Daniel 2:21), and that principle carries into other high positions of government as well for "God had brought Daniel into favour and tender love with the prince of the eunuchs" (Daniel 1:9).

But as implied at the beginning, there is another person that is often forgotten. Yes, David did find favor among the Philistines, as the Bible says, "And David said to Achish, Surely thou shalt know what thy servant can do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of mine head for ever" (1 Samuel 28:2), but that is not the person in mind.

Then that means we must be referring to Nehemiah and other servants in pagan kingdoms for the Bible says that Nehemiah "took up the wine, and gave [it] unto the king" (Nehemiah 2:1). Also, there was the "little maid" to Naaman (2 Kings 5:2). But all of those are not high positions but were servants, despite their contribution to shaping events.

No, we are referring to another that was very influential. Then that must mean Esther, for she became a queen (Esther 2:4). Although that is pretty high up in the order of things and did flip a dooming event for the Jews, she is not noted to have executed anything else of influence or trust. While not trying to downplay her significant role, she did marry into the position anyways and was argued into doing something by her uncle saying, "who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for [such] a time as this?" (Esther 4:14).

Who is actually being forgotten is a person that ascended into influential power to help shape legislation beyond saving the Jews. Cutting to the chase, the person being referred to is Mordecai. The Bible says, "And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers of the king, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai fell upon them. For Mordecai [was] great in the king's house, and his fame went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai waxed greater and greater" (Esther 9:3-4).

Now the point being made is not to brag about Joseph, Daniel, Mordecai, Esther, and even David, ascending into positions in pagan countries. What is to be bragged about is their character, for a poor character, despite ability, would never have been blessed of God and placed into those positions. God would rather have a pagan in that position than an apostate misrepresenting Himself, referring to God. Now, we are not equating good character and ability as a life lesson to ascend the corporate ladder or political positions. The focus is purely on character development alone.

With Joseph, we see him prior to ascending, despite being a slave, giving his best effort in addition to what was expected of him. He was quite helpful. "Joseph found grace in his sight, and he served him" (Genesis 39:4) referring to Potiphar, "the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he served them" (Genesis 40:4), and towards the butler and baker, "Joseph said unto them, [Do] not interpretations [belong] to God? tell me [them], I pray you" (Genesis 40:8).

As for Daniel, "Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king's meat, nor with the wine which he drank" (Daniel 1:8). Now that is character worth copying, not to play down the stance of Joseph: "how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?" (Genesis 39:9).

And in regards to Mordecai, he could have easily left the assassins to carry out their task since it was only a pagan leader. He did not have to report it to anyone, but he did. "In those days, while Mordecai sat in the king's gate, two of the king's chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those which kept the door, were wroth, and sought to lay hand on the king Ahasuerus. And the thing was known to Mordecai, who told [it] unto Esther the queen; and Esther certified the king [thereof] in Mordecai's name. And when inquisition was made of the matter, it was found out; therefore they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king" (Esther 2:21-23).

Proverbs states, "A [good] name [is] rather to be chosen than great riches, [and] loving favour rather than silver and gold" (Proverbs 22:1).

So, may our name, or character, glorify God to the fullest like these Hebrews who ascended into positions of notoriety to do just that – glorify God.

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"I WISH above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health."

How can the Lord record a greater wish for us than when he states it in so many words: "I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health." What a blessed thing it is, what a blessed thing it must be, to be a company of people engaged wholly in the endeavor to make that wish of God effective to people. He has called to himself a people, he has planted institutions, in order that that wish may be fulfilled, to carry into effect this, his highest possible wish.

We cannot afford to overlook the proper estimate of this statement. We must not let anything come into the heart or life, into thought or conduct, that would hinder, that would frustrate, that wonderful wish of the Lord,—that the people shall have health. We must rise to the full height that God has set before us in this, and let him have full control of every faculty for the accomplishment of the greatest wish that he has recorded. Now what are the means by which the Lord would accomplish this great desire? What are the means that God designs to use? I shall not attempt to define them all, but I shall touch on the chief ones. He has established institutions, based on basic natural laws of health, and has raised up a group called medical missionaries. Now what are the means that you are to

receive from God as his called ones, through which to work for the people who have not health and who have come to you to learn of it?

I am not stating it too strongly when I say that whoever comes to one of our institutions for health should get it. The situation should be such that if they do not get it, the only possible reason to be offered is that they refuse to take it. This is the truth. Do not think that this is extravagant. It is only sober truth. Think of it, -God expresses the highest wish that he possibly can; and establishes an institution and calls together a score, a hundred, and even hundreds of people to make that wish effective, -- and then it cannot be done? That will never, never do. Then this requires first of all that each one who is connected with one of these institutions shall simply put everything out of his life that can possibly keep back, hinder, or frustrate God's purpose of giving health to those who come.

Those who are in these institutions as God's instrumentalities can frustrate that thing. God's wish is as strong, his will is just the same, but by our lack of consecration he may not be able to reach with health the persons who come for health. Why was it that the light and salvation that he intended for the world did not reach the nations around Israel? Simply because the people to whom it was given as the means of reaching them, did not let the light shine forth. When the electric current is turned on, the light bulbs are full of blazing light; but if they are all smoked or covered with dust and cobwebs you know what the result would be. The light would be just as strong inside as it could be, but it could not get through. Clean them up; then the light can shine through.

God has health for the people who come to our institutions. His health can reach them only through his instrumentalities there. You can have your life so darkened with unbelief, so befogged with evil things, that God's health cannot reach them through you at all. God has health for the people, and it is his wish "above all things" that they shall have it. And shall the only reason that they do not have it, be that your attitude toward him hinders its reaching them? No, no. Brighten up that the light may so shine that the only reason for their not having it shall simply be that they will not take it. This calls for holiness on the part of every individual connected with these institutions. Holiness, - that is, wholeness: the whole being, body, soul, and spirit, devoted to this blessed work.

Now to present the Lord's prescribed means to health. Ex. 15:26: "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord that healeth thee." This was immediately after the crossing of the Red Sea. The first part of the chapter down to the twenty-first verse, is the song of their rejoicing at the Red Sea after their deliverance from Egypt. That physical Egypt is only a symbol of another and deeper Egypt. There is a spiritual as well as a physical Egypt. And this word to them who were brought out of Egypt is good for all time to the people whom God would bring out of Egypt: "Out of Egypt have I called my son."

Health signifies more than merely that I am not sick to-day. Health signifies more than merely freedom from disease at the present moment; it signifies also defense, security against disease. The Lord Jesus took our infirmities and bore our sicknesses, yet he was never sick. They brought the sick to him time after time; Sabbath days were constantly spent in healing the sick. There was something in that to the Lord Jesus; this was something that drew upon him. The record is, and it is true, "he took our sicknesses."

He also took our sins. Did he really? Or does his taking our sins signify that they go off into the air somewhere? Was he touched with the feeling of our infirmities? Did he feel that which was upon us? Surely he did. Then when he took our sins, that was real; he felt it. When my sins and your sins, the sins of which we were conscious, were upon me and upon you, there was a reality to them. There was condemnation upon us, there was guilt, and we felt it. Now when my sins, the condemnation of which I realized, were laid upon him, did the condemnation and guilt burden him as really as they did me? Did he feel that? To be sure. Otherwise it was a mere figure. But it did reach him; he took it and made intercession for it.

Now note: he took your sins, he took my sins, actually themselves, and yet he never sinned. He as really took our sicknesses, and why was he never sick? I call your attention to this that you may see the philosophy of Christian health; because there is as much difference between Christian health and heathen health as there is between Christian morals and heathen morals. God says in this verse, "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear

to his commandments and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I am the Lord that healeth thee." Now that does not signify that if we do his commandments, then the Lord apart from that will come in on the side and do something for us. No. Do this which the Lord directs, do this which is right in the sight of the Lord, and *that itself* is the way to health: health is found in that very thing and is the consequence of that thing.

Prov. 4:20-22 says in so many words that this is all so: "My son, attend to my words; incline thy ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their spirit"?—No; To all their mind?— No, but "to all their flesh." What is it that disease takes hold of?—The flesh. Sickness strikes the flesh. Then what is the way to health?— God's word received into the life, treasured in the heart, and allowed to be indeed the life because the word is life.—this is health to all the flesh. That is the Lord's own prescription, therefore it is a correct prescription.

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Dump and Bake Stuffed Pepper Casserole

For the Broth:

- 1 cup marinara sauce or favorite spaghetti sauce
- 2½ cups vegetable broth
- 1 14.5 ounce can diced tomatoes
- 1½ teaspoon ground cumin
- 1½ tablespoon Italian seasoning
- For the Casserole:
- ½ yellow onion, diced
- 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 1 orange bell pepper, diced
- 1¼ cup dry brown or green lentils, rinsed well
- 3–5 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup dry brown rice
- 10 ounces frozen spinach, thawed and liquid squeezed out

 1½ – 2 cups dairy-free cheese, to put on top (optional)

Instructions

- Preheat the oven to 400F and set a 9×13" casserole dish aside.
- 2. Mix the sauce, broth, diced tomatoes, cumin, and Italian seasoning together in a medium pot.
- 3. Cover and bring to a boil over high heat.
- 4. While the liquid is heating up, add the onion, bell peppers, lentils, garlic, and rice to the casserole dish. Make sure to separate and sprinkle the thawed spinach over the veggies, then mix together with a spatula until everything is evenly combined.
- 5. Remove the broth from the heat once it comes to a boil

and pour evenly over the casserole dish.

- 6. Cover the casserole with a lid or aluminum foil and bake in the middle rack of the oven for 60 minutes.
- Remove from the oven, uncover, and stir well to incorporate the sauce evenly.
- Top the casserole with vegan cheese and return to the oven; broil for 2 to 5 minutes, until the cheese is melted and bubbly.
- Refrigerate leftovers in a sealed container for up to one week, or in the freezer for up to one month.
- ** Notes: To change flavors add different veggies like corn or different peppers or southwestern spices.

ALTERATION TO PRIOR RECIPE: The bread recipe shared in March 2024 issue referred to flour. Our household uses einkorn wheat and therefore, the recipe would need adjusting, regarding the amount of liquid depending upon the flour of choice.

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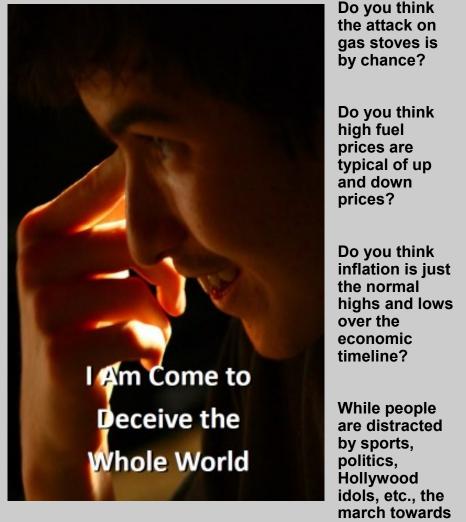
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the agenda is already upon us and increasing in intensity.

Be Ye Holy — 1 Peter 1:15

2 Peter 3:17 says, "Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know [these things] before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness." To be able to fall from our steadfastness, which is a lost condition, tells us that we are not once saved and then cannot be lost. We can wake up and give up our steadfastness, our commitment, our determination to be a disciple of Christ. The act of keeping up steadfastness is the holy and sanctified life. So, are you keeping up your commitment to God, or are you lax and making certain worldly allowances?

1 John 3:6 says, "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him. neither known him." How much more clear is this? Unfortunately, many Christians misuse the Bible and claim some other verse, thinking they are canceling out this one. That is not how God operates. The Bible does not contradict itself. Therefore, if one thinks that there are verses in the Bible that permit sinning, while verses like these can be canceled out or ignored, think again! As Peter said of Paul's writings and others, "they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as [they do] also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction" (2 Peter 3:16). So, are you living the holy and sanctified life by not sinning by the grace of God, and if you do sin, do you quickly confess it and forsake it? Or do you just

excuse sin in your life, ignoring these direct verses?

Matthew 5:37 states the words of Jesus as, "But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil." Now, if we are participating in evil, and evil is not going to Heaven, then we will not go there either. So, communicating properly is important, and by avoiding evil communication is the holy and sanctified life. Therefore, we must ask, do you lie to others, not only in word, but with the eyes, or even the head? Or are you careful with both your actions and words to not communicate anything that can be considered evil, sinful, even lying?

Luke 6:37 is part of a holy and sanctified life: "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven." Notice that despite being a Christian, if we judge or condemn others, we can be lost. If we fail to forgive, we can be lost. Therefore, the holy and sanctified life is to judge not, condemn not, and to forgive. Now, what does that mean? All judging is not condemned, but "Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment" (John 7:24). In other words, someone attached to doing sinful things can be judged to be needing Jesus, but just because a person enters a

sinner's house, let us not assume it is for sinful purposes. Likewise, "whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven" (Matthew 16:19) is the same as condemnation, which, in this case, is allowed. But the Pharisees would say, "Oh, in your history, you were a prostitute, therefore, you are always considered a prostitute even if you repented and there is no hope", "Oh, you were a tax collector, therefore, you always will be considered one and be lost", etc. Many Christians today weigh other people down with past sins not realizing something called forgiveness. Yes, we may all have been wretched persons and deserve death, but God forgives upon our repenting and confessing, for "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). So, do you judge righteously? Do you pronounce potential condemnation on current sinful practices, but in a manner that you are willing to help another out of their sins? Do you forgive those who have transgressed against you and are repentant?

John 6:27 states, "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed." Therefore, if we labor for those things that will perish, like keeping up with the sports scores, the latest TV shows and movies, fashions, etc., then we are wasting God's time and will not be given everlasting life. That means that belief causes one to labor for things that will endure eternal life, like sharing the gospel to save souls. So, how is your laboring going?

1 Corinthians 10:6 says, "Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted." If there is no consequence to lusting, then why make the statement? Therefore, to not lust is to live the holy and sanctified life expected of all Christians, but if we do lust and are not repentant, we are lost. Now, be careful of the use of the word "lust". The word "lust" is not just uncontrolled passion that leads to a sexual relationship. The word "lust" is not just craving sweets and cannot stop from eating them. The word "lust" includes giving in to any want that is not beneficial for life and is indulged in. Lust can include binge watching TV, even of wholesome content. Lust can be a fashion purchase. Lust can be anytime we buy or do something where we say, "I deserve...". We deserve nothing. So, do you give in to any form of lust, or are you careful to guard against the intrusion of such things?

1 Thessalonians 5:18 indirectly denounces all Christians who complain through life. We are told "In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you" even "count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations" (James 1:2). The fact that the verse contains "the will of God" is concerning, because "Not every one 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. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matthew 7:21-23). Only those who do the will of God go to Heaven. Those Christians who complain about everything will not be there. That means to give thanks, even in troublous moments, is the holy and sanctified life. So, are you a complainer or one that gives thanks to God in everything?

2 Timothy 3:15 says, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus." Then, logic would dictate that if one does not know the holy scriptures that they would not be wise unto salvation and would not have faith. Therefore, knowing the scriptures is the expected holy and sanctified lifestyle of a true Christian. No wonder the scriptures say, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15). So, how much time do you spend in the scriptures each day? And are you "rightly" knowing the scriptures as outlined in Isaiah 28:9-10?

Matthew 5:38-39 reveals that a Christian who has the attitude to get even is not of Christ: "Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also." Although a Christian has the right to strike an equal blow back towards the offender, Christ, as our example, showed great restraint when He literally was struck across the cheek while blindfolded (Luke 22:64). So, how great is your restraint?

Acts 15:28-29 is the second time the book of Acts makes such a statement: "For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well." Because the Ten Commandments are not listed, many unlearned Christians and popularity-seeking preachers will insinuate that the commandments must be the additional burdens. To the contrary, these words have nothing to do with the Ten Commandments. The list of things to do is only regarding the list of things voted upon in the assembly. The assembly did not discuss the Ten Commandments. They did discuss these items along with feast days and circumcision which did not make the list and are the true burdens. With that in mind though, are you following the counsel? Have you drained all

blood from the meat you may be still consuming? Have you turned your eyes away from all forms of fornication?

Romans 6:7 says, "For he that is dead is freed from sin", continues the main thought in a second manner towards our sinful nature. The old man of sinning is to be crucified and die when we are born again (verse 6). And once that old nature of ours is dead, we are then free from sin. One may ask, what nature do we have then? "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust" (2 Peter 1:4). So, have you crucified the "old man" nature and become a partaker of the "divine nature", or are you claiming to be a Christian while still living the "old man" nature?

1 Corinthians 10:7 actually condemns anyone who idolizes food, drink, and play. Christians involved in these things are not Christian, but deceived. "Neither be ye idolaters, as [were] some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play." We see the word "idolaters" and should not immediately think of the idols that some worshipped, like the golden calf, for it is quickly followed by "it is written" to define their sinful, idolizing practices. People do idolize what they eat and drink today. Just look at all of the food networks out there, if it were not so. Food and drink are to be used to fuel the body. Yes, it may taste good and we may have our favorite dishes, but from there, do not let it become an obsession. However, the sneakier thing is the topic of play. "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things" (1 Corinthians 13:11). Certain play teaches us for

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Have One Mind PO Box 301 Boiling Springs, PA 17007 making it in life, but as an adult, our focus is on responsibilities and not wasting away hours watching sports at play, involved in video games, being a couch potato in front of a video device, etc. What makes it more of an idol is the obsession to break the high score, schedule life around a favorite sports team or TV show, etc. And then on top of that, using God's money (which all of it is God's) on things that support it like higher priced clothing because the team logo or player reference is printed on it, posters, magazines, and much more. So, has the world caught you up in food, drink, and play, or are you a responsible Christian where you "eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31) and account for your use of time and money?

Study to Shew Thyself Approved Unto God—(2 Timothy 2:15)

For the Love of the Truth

- 1. Why will people be lost? 2 Thessalonians 2:10
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- What is truth to do for us? John 17:17
- 5. How are we chosen? 2 Thessalonians 2:13

- When we believe the truth, what happens? Ephesians 1:13
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 Matthew 12:32
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Crucify

- Who should we seek, though he was crucified? Matthew 28:5 "Jesus"
- What is Christ to the "called", while being a stumbling block to Jews, and foolishness to Greeks? 1 Corinthians 1:23 "crucified"
- When we backslide and go back into a life of sinning, what are we crucifying? Hebrews 6:6 "the Son of God afresh"
- If we be of Christ, what ought to be crucified? Galatians 6:14 "the world"
- 5. If we are of Christ, what gets crucified? Galatians 5:24 "the affections and lusts"
- What causes Jesus to be crucified again, spiritually speaking? Galatians 3:1 "not

obey the truth"

- If we are crucified, although we live, it is not really us that lives, but who? Galatians 2:20 "Christ"
- 8. Who should we crucify? First third of Romans 6:6 "our old man"
- 9. What does that (answer to prior question) mean? Middle of Romans 6:6 "the body of

sin might be destroyed"

 If we are successful, what will the result be? End of Romans
 6:6 "not serve sin"

Questions & Answers

QUESTION:

Can you please explain 1 Timothy 4:3-4?

ANSWER:

It would be best to explain 1 Timothy 4:3-5, as verse 5 gives us the answer. "Forbidding to marry, [and commanding] to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth. For every creature of God [is] good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer."

Verse 1 also will help in explaining this: "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils". What we are looking at are doctrines from the agents of devils that would forbid marriage and abstain from meats.

Some people try to point to the above question as "forbidding to marry" and the call to become vegetarian labeling Ellen White as a false prophet, or of the devil, because that would fulfill the reference, and that is sad because people just do not want to agree with all the other reforms called for. They want the easy gospel even if that means falsely accusing Ellen White as being racist.

Having doctrines of devils is associated with antichrist (Revelation 18:2), and when we look at antichrist, there is a forbidding of marriage among priests, and a call to abstain from meat that is edible any other time except on Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent. Lent, a Christianized pagan time that was dedicated to "weeping for Tammuz" (Ezekiel 8:14), of which God calls all an abomination (Ezekiel 8:15). That is definitely the doctrine of devils.

A call to simply stop eating meat because of how diseased the animals have become is not fulfillment of the verses. And those who say that the animals are not as diseased today are fooling themselves. Commercial butchers are told to cut the cancer out of the diseased animal and use as much of the animal as possible. The socalled inspectors do not inspect every single animal, every single farm, every single day. There is no criticism of the inspectors putting in an honest effort, but true inspection would be too costly and too time consuming. A sample is done representing the whole herd. And there are videos where it shows how unsold meats are unpackaged, rinsed off, applied with coloring and seasonings, and then repackaged with a new "sell by" date. What has improved in the industry is the way to get away with selling diseased animals to the public. Every animal rejected is a loss of income. And if one thinks the meat industry is concerned about the public's health, go to the tobacco companies and let them tell you how much an industry cares about health.

So, do those verses permit eating pig, oysters, clams, shrimp, lobster, squirrel, crabs, etc.? No. That is why we included verse 5: "For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer". What does the Word of God say about unclean animals? Read Leviticus 11 for the list.

So, a call to a healthier lifestyle and carefulness of not causing issues in certain marital situations for the furtherance of the gospel without any political hindrance, and not making it difficult upon offspring to deal with the cruelty of society, is in no wise fulfillment of the verses in Timothy. Therefore, Ellen White is not a false prophet on this issue.

The verses also do not permit the consumption of unclean meats.

Finally, the combination between forbidding to marry and restrictions on consuming even clean meats on Fridays during Lent, calling it a sin if one does so, which is found nowhere in the Bible, constitutes fulfillment in the form of the doctrines emanating from the papacy.

QUESTION:

What does "every unclean and hateful bird" refer to in Revelation 18:2?

ANSWER:

The word unclean refers to unholy, as one spiritually referred to in Leviticus 10:10, which says, "put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean".

The "hateful" part, already being unholy, unclean, refers to hating God's people. Christianity in general is despised. It will wax worse and worse until it narrows down to God's people specifically, and they "make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Revelation 12:17).

The remaining part, then, to understand is the use of the word "bird", as it is not to be literally understood as the creature having feathers, Lamentations 3:52 states, "Mine enemies chased me sore, like a bird, without cause." Therefore, the birds are God's enemies. And if one sees that Babylon has indeed included God's enemies, we easily recognize every belief that is accepted under the beast power that works against God and His Word, and the many references to the word "worship" implicates a religious power. They include the obvious

atheism, which such serve with the beast. But also included in the unclean and hateful bird are the many gods, specifically, the religion of the Hindus. It includes, also, the religion of Islam, secularism, socialism, and many more.

Further, Proverbs 7 relates the word "bird" in the context of adultery, and we know spiritually, "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4). Therefore, mingling the ways of the world with religion is also inclusive of the "bird" reference in Revelation 18:2, for the people who claim religion and yet cling to the world are guite hateful to those that call them out of the world. These are the ones who yell the loudest, "Don't judge me!"

So, the unclean and hateful birds are all those who work against God, teaching beliefs contrary to the Word of God. In fact, it is so inclusive that everything is accepted, including the Jewish religion, yet God's pure teachings are not.

News and Comments

There were no news articles worthy of our attention. We are a non-political entity. We do not operate on speculation either. In looking for activity that has a

biblical impress, either good or bad, is what we focus upon.

Fear God!

Revelation 14:7

Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

1 Peter 2:17

Honour all [men]. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

Acts 13:16

Then Paul stood up, and beckoning with [his] hand said, Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, give audience.

Luke 23:40

But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?

Jonah 1:9

And he said unto them, I [am] an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry [land].

Hosea 3:5

Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this [is] the whole [duty] of man.

Ecclesiastes 8:12-13

Though a sinner do evil an hundred times, and his [days] be prolonged, yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, which fear before him: But it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong [his] days, [which are] as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.

Proverbs 3:7

Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the LORD, and depart from evil.

Psalms 135:20

Bless the LORD, O house of Levi: ye that fear the LORD, bless the LORD.

Psalms 118:4

Let them now that fear the LORD say, that his mercy [endureth] for ever.

Psalms 115:13

He will bless them that fear the LORD, [both] small and great.

Psalms 115:11

Ye that fear the LORD, trust in the LORD: he [is] their help and their shield.

Psalms 66:16

Come [and] hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.

Psalms 34:9

O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for [there is] no want to them that fear him.

Psalms 33:8

Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.

Psalms 27:1

[A Psalm] of David. The LORD [is] my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD [is] the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

Psalms 22:23

Ye that fear the LORD, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; and fear him, all ye the seed of Israel.

Psalms 15:4

In whose eyes a vile person is contemned; but he honoureth them that fear the LORD. [He that] sweareth to [his own] hurt, and changeth not.

Job 1:9

Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

1 Kings 18:12

And it shall come to pass, [as soon as] I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of the LORD shall carry thee whither I know not; and [so] when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he shall slay me: but I thy servant fear the LORD from my youth.

1 Samuel 12:24

Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great [things] he hath done for you.

1 Samuel 12:14-15

If ye will fear the LORD, and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the LORD your God: But if ye will not obey the voice of the LORD, but rebel against the commandment of the LORD, then shall the hand of the LORD be against you, as [it was] against your fathers.

Joshua 24:14-15

Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that [were] on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

Joshua 4:23-24

For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it [is] mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.

Deuteronomy 31:12-13

Gather the people together, men, and women, and children, and thy stranger that [is] within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear the LORD your God, and observe to do all the words of this law: And [that] their children, which have not known [any thing], may hear, and learn to fear the LORD your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over Jordan to possess it.

Deuteronomy 14:23

And thou shalt eat before the LORD thy God, in the place which he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the LORD thy God always.

Deuteronomy 6:13, 10:20

Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God; him shalt thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and swear by his name.

Deuteronomy 10:12-13

And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?

Deuteronomy 6:24

And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as [it is] at this day.

Deuteronomy 6:1-2

Now these [are] the commandments, the statutes, and the judgments, which the LORD your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do [them] in the land whither ye go to possess it: That thou mightest fear the LORD thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

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Your eyes will thank you for the relief they will feel when you apply a soft cloth dipped in hot (to the touch) water which has regular table salt added. The ratio of about 2T of salt in about a pint of hot water applied until the cloth cools, then repeated several times, works well to rejuvenate over-worked eyes. Save the salt

water and re-use for the same person a few times during the day.