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THE ALTERNATIVE TO ANGER AND CONTEMPT

DISCOVERING THE KINGDOM HEART

GOD'S VIEW ON ANGER AND CONTEMPT

- 5:21 – **MURDER** AND YOU WILL STAND CONDEMNED BEFORE THE LAW
- 5:22A – IF YOU ARE INTENSELY **ANGRY** WITH THOSE AROUND YOU, YOU WILL STAND CONDEMNED BEFORE THE LAW
- 5:22B – IF YOU ARE **CONTEMPTUOUSLY INSULTING (RACA)** TO YOUR BROTHER, YOU WILL BE LIABLE TO THE HIGHEST COURT IN THE LAND
- 5:22C - IF YOU ARE **ANGRILY CONTEMPTUOUSLY DEGRADING** TO SOMEONE, YOU WILL BE LIABLE TO THE HELL OF FIRE
- JESUS USES THE SAME PUNISHMENT FOR BOTH MURDER AND ANGER AND AN EVEN STRONGER CONDEMNATION FOR CONTEMPT!

WHAT IS ANGER?

- **IT IS THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE WILL IN ANGER THAT MAKES IT SO DEADLY. WE CHOOSE TO BE ANGRY. SOME CHOOSE TO BECOME AN ANGRY PERSON WHO CARRIES A SUPPLY OF ANGER FOR WHATEVER MAY CHALLENGE THEM.**
- **ANGER INDULGED, INSTEAD OF SIMPLY WAVED OFF, ALWAYS HAS IN IT AN ELEMENT OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS AND VANITY. FIND A PERSON WHO HAS EMBRACED ANGER, AND YOU FIND A PERSON WITH A WOUNDED EGO, AND UNFORGIVING SPIRIT.**

WHAT IS CONTEMPT?

- **THE INTENT AND THE EFFECT OF CONTEMPT IS ALWAYS TO EXCLUDE SOMEONE, LEAVE THEM OUT AND ISOLATED. THIS EXPLAINS WHY FILTH IS OFTEN INVOKED IN EXPRESSING CONTEMPT AND WHY CONTEMPT IS SO CRUEL, SO SERIOUS. IT BREAKS THE SOCIAL BOND MORE SEVERELY THAN ANGER. YET IT MAY ALSO BE DONE WITH SUCH REFINEMENT. IT CAN BE A PRIDE FILLED ARROGANCE THAT LOOKS DOWN THEIR NOSE AT OTHERS AND SAYS, “YOU ARE BENEATH MY POSITION!”**
- **WHEN ANGER IS ADDED TO CONTEMPT IT IS “THE HELL OF FIRE!”**

WHAT IS CONTEMPT?

- **IN FAMILY BATTLES, THE PROGRESSION IS NEARLY ALWAYS FROM ANGER TO CONTEMPT TO PHYSICAL BRUTALITY. ONCE CONTEMPT IS ESTABLISHED, IT JUSTIFIES THE INITIAL ANGER AND INCREASES ITS FORCE.**
- **THIS IS HOW CONTEMPT ACCOMPLISHES ITS DEHUMANIZING WORK — BY MARKING ITS TARGET AS UNWORTHY OF ENGAGEMENT AND THUS NOT A FULL MEMBER OF THE HUMAN COMMUNITY.**
- **THOSE WHO ARE “EXCLUDED” ARE THEREBY MADE FAIR GAME FOR WORSE TREATMENT FOR BY OTHERS. THIS IS “BULLYING!” CONVERSELY, RESPECT AUTOMATICALLY BUILDS A WALL AGAINST MISTREATMENT.**

INSTEAD OF CONTEMPT, LOVE!

- **THE REVELATION OF KINGDOM GOODNESS IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH OTHERS IS NOT COMPLETE. SHOWING THAT ANGER AND CONTEMPT ARE SUCH SERIOUS MATTERS ONLY LAYS A FOUNDATION FOR THE FIRST CONTRAST THAT JESUS MAKES BETWEEN THE KINGDOM HEART AND THE OLDER TEACHING ABOUT “RIGHTNESS.”**
- **THE “THEREFORE” LEADS US OUT OF MERE “DO NOTS” INTO AN ASTONISHING POSITIVE REGARD FOR OUR NEIGHBOR, WHOM WE ARE TO LOVE AS GOD LOVES.**

LOVE!

- **WHEN THERE IS A “THEREFORE” FIND OUT WHAT IT IS THERE FOR! VS.23**
- **BECAUSE THE REALITY OF THE HUMAN SOUL AND GOD’S REGARD FOR IT IN HIS KINGDOM ARE SO GREAT, WHAT KIND OF POSITIVE CARING MAKES US AT HOME IN THE KINGDOM LIFE?**
 1. **A HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIP WITH A BROTHER OR SISTER TAKES PRIORITY OVER RELIGIOUS SERVICE**
 2. **WE ARE TO BE “KINDLY MINDED” TOWARD THOSE TAKING US TO COURT**

LOVE!

▪ **NOW JUST THINK OF WHAT THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND CHARACTER MUST BE IN A PERSON WHO WOULD ROUTINELY INTERRUPT SACRED RITUALS TO PURSUE RECONCILIATION WITH A FELLOW HUMAN BEING. WHAT KIND OF THOUGHT LIFE, WHAT FEELING TONES AND MOODS, WHAT HABITS OF BODY AND MIND, WHAT KINDS OF DELIBERATIONS AND CHOICES WOULD YOU FIND IN SUCH A PERSON? WHEN YOU ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS, YOU WILL HAVE A VISION OF THE TRUE “RIGHTNESS BEYOND” THAT IS AT HOME IN GOD’S KINGDOM OF POWER AND LOVE.**

LOVE!

- **THIS IS AN ILLUSTRATION OF KINGDOM RIGHTNESS, NOT A LAW**
- **MUST WE CONTINUE TO PURSUE THE BROTHER HE DOES NOT WANT TO RECONCILE?**
- **IF POSSIBLE, SO FAR AS IT DEPENDS ON YOU, LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ALL. ROM.12:18**
- **GOD HOLDS ME ACCOUNTABLE FOR MY ACTIONS AND REACTIONS. HE DOES NOT HOLD ME ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE ACTIONS AND REACTIONS OF OTHERS.**

LOVE!

- **VS.25,26 - THE SECOND ILLUSTRATION OF AN ACTION TYPICAL OF THE KINGDOM HEART IS DRAWN FROM THE CASE IN WHICH WE HAVE AN ADVERSARY BEFORE THE LEGAL SYSTEM. TODAY IT WOULD PROBABLY MEAN SOMEONE IS SUING US.**
- **HERE JESUS TELLS US WE ARE TO BE “WELL DISPOSED OR KINDLY MINDED” (*eunoon*) TOWARD OUR ADVERSARY IN THE PRELIMINARY INTERACTIONS THAT MIGHT LEAD UP TO A TRIAL. TRY, WITH GENUINE LOVE FOR THE ADVERSARY, TO RESOLVE THE MATTER BEFORE IT COMES TO TRIAL.**

LOVE!

- **JESUS DOES NOT SAY WE SHOULD SIMPLY GIVE IN TO THE DEMANDS OF OUR ADVERSARY. TO BE KINDLY MINDED DOES NOT MEAN WE DO WHAT THEY DEMAND. WE ARE TO BE SEEKING THEIR WELL-BEING.**
- **JESUS DOES NOT TELL US WHAT TO DO, BUT, WHATEVER YOU DO WITHOUT HOSTILITY, BITTERNESS, AND THE MERCILESS DRIVE TO WIN. BE PREPARED TO SACRIFICE YOUR INTEREST FOR THAT OF ANOTHER IF THAT SEEMS WISE, AND KEEP A JOYOUS CONFIDENCE IN GOD REGARDLESS OF WHAT HAPPENS.**

KINGDOM LOVE!

- **THESE TWO ILLUSTRATIONS PLACE THE RIGHTNESS OF THE KINGDOM HEART ALONG SIDE THE GOODNESS OF SIMPLY “KEEPING THE LAW”**
- **IMPOSSIBLE TO LIVE IT OUT? IN THE FLESH, YUP!**
- **THE ONLY WAY OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS CAN SURPASS THAT OF THE SCRIBES AND PHARISEES IS THROUGH A HEART TRANSFORMATION. THROUGH ABIDING IN CHRIST.**
- **COL.2:20-3:17 – LIFE IN CHRIST**