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OUT OF THE HEART FLOWS THE ISSUES OF LIFE

SO IMPORTANT THE HEART IN THIS SHORT LIFE WE LIVE IN RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD AND HIS WONDERFUL CREATURES.

While it is true that the battle is against the Carnal Mind of the Creature, the battle is For The Heart.

From Mankind's Creation and placement in the Garden of Eden a battle has raged for the Reigns of the Heart of Mankind.



The first recorded assault on mankind in the Garden left his heart in the control of Fear, causing Adam and Eve

to hide from the Creator because of having yielded ear, mind & heart to the devil Serpent. Very soon after this change of rule in the heart we read: Genesis 6:5 "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, that every imagination of the thoughts of his Heart was only evil continually."

To help us to better understand this HEART OF GOD-heart of mankind importance, we read on to see GOD'S Response: Genesis 6:6 And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and It Grieved Him At His Heart.

Let us remember, now, that Mankind was made In The IMAGE OF GOD The CREATOR. GOD gave Mankind Heart Because He has Heart. He wanted to be Able To Communicate with Mankind on The Heart Level. The mind level would never be Deep enough for The DEPTH OF GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT. (Deep is always Calling unto deep). GOD'S Heart is always Calling Out for The Heart of His Mankind., quite possibly the only 'Creation' "Made in His Image" in all the Universe! We are not told if the Angels are Made In His Image, but we are told that Mankind is Crowned with glory and honor in Christ his Savior. We need to remember here, as well: Only JESUS CHRIST IS CALLED **THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD!** No Archangel ever held that Title. Not even Michael!

GOD'S LOVE LETTER FOR ALL AGES OF MANKIND

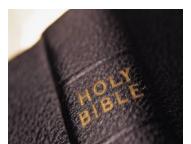
Now Imagine with me, You are the Almighty Creator Seated on the Eternal Throne of Heaven. You want to communicate Your HEART AND LOVE From Eternity down through All the Ages of Time. This Very Important 'Communicate' has to be Complete



from The Very EDEN to the very End Of Time. It has to Express the Thoughts and Intentions of Your Heart Toward Your Creatures Very Clearly. (You Love Them and You Want them to Know without a doubt or Reason to..... Imagine otherwise.)

You would use the Purest Languages of Mankind that might be Translated into some 6500 other Languages in the process of time.

You would call this Communication The Bible. It would Explain Your Covenants or Testaments From Early Law & Prophets To The Sending of **Your Very Own SON.**

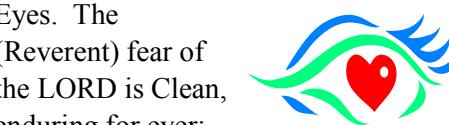


Can CREATOR GOD Hear THE HEART OF MANKIND Throughout all the Earth.

THE CREATOR IS ABLE TO SPEAK EVEN THROUGH HIS CREATION TO MAN, AS WELL AS HEARING ALL LANGUAGES OF MANKIND. Psalm 19:1-14 To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David. "The heavens declare the glory of GOD; and the firmament showed His Handiwork. Day unto day Utters Speech, and night unto night Shows Knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their Voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their Words To the End of the World. In them (the heavens) hath He set a Tabernacle for the sun,



Which is as a Bridegroom coming out of His Chamber, and rejoices as a Strong Man to run a race. (Jesus Christ is both the Strong Man that defeated the devil and The Bridegroom of His Church, The Bride) His going forth is from the end of the heaven, and his circuit unto the ends of it: and there is Nothing Hid from the heat thereof. The law of the LORD is perfect, **Converting the Soul:** the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the Heart: the commandment of the LORD is Pure, Enlightening the Eyes. The (Reverent) fear of the LORD is Clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are True



and Righteous Altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them is Thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is Great Reward. Who can understand his errors? cleanse Thou me from secret faults. Keep back Thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have Dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be Innocent From The Great Transgression. Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my Heart, be acceptable in Thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my Redeemer.



The Importance OF A SOFT HEART, TOWARD CREATOR GOD And HIS WORD.

One of the big lessons learned from reading about The Pharaoh in The Book of Exodus, is the consequences of hardening ones heart toward Almighty GOD. Some 20 times the word

"hardened" is used of Pharaoh's heart. GOD, knowing that Pharaoh's heart was hard, allowed him to harden his heart the more by making demands on him to set the Hebrew



People Free from the Slavery he had subjected them to. As Pharaoh hardened his heart, so his whole Nation Egypt, hardened it's heart against GOD Almighty.

The Willing and Wise Hearted People bring an offering for the work of Moses.

The hardheartedness of Pharaoh and his Nation ended... "congealed in the heart of the Sea". (Exodus 15:8).

While GOD continued working with the heart of the People of the Hebrew Nation. The heart is mentioned some 14 times in reference to wisdom, judgment and willingness towards GOD,

in the final chapters of Exodus. In chapter 28, we see the importance of holiness of heart; protecting the heart of the Priest and the people from sin, as GOD Reveals to Moses a plan for a "Breastplate" for his brother Aaron the High Priest "for glory and for beauty."

In Ex 35:29 "The children of Israel brought a willing of-

fering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to



bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had Commanded to be made by the hand of Moses." -(KJV).

“Blessed are the Pure in Heart, for they shall See God.” —Matthew 5:8



Out in the world of men apart from Christ, there are always those who want to brag about their impure ways and deeds. They hope to make others envy them.

But Jesus Christ the Purest of all mankind said “Blessed are the Pure in Heart, for they shall see God!” Lets look at this Verse, word by word. “Blessed are” = hap-

py. “the Pure” = Clean physically (morally). Purified (purging the residue of dross) or like a vine cleansed by Pruning and so fitted to bear Fruit. Ethically clean; free from corrupt or corrupting desire, free from sin and guilt. Sincere, genuine, free of admixture or falsehoods. Blameless, innocent, being unstained by the guilt of

anything. “in heart” = denotes the Center of all physical and Spiritual life. The mind or Soul, as it is the seat of desires, thoughts, Passions, affections, appetites, purposes and endeavors. “for they” = because they, since they. “shall see God” = To look at, behold Him. “God” —this word is found 1320 times in the Bible. (Strong’s Greek/Hebrew).

JESUS CHRIST, Meek and Lowly in HEART



A Master, Meek and Lowly in Heart! Who would have thought that ‘A Master’ would describe Himself thus. Who among world Rulers rose to Power by being meek, gentle, lowly-not rising by violence? Matthew 11:25-30 About that time Jesus exclaimed, "I heartily praise Thee, Father, Lord of Heaven and of earth, that Thou hast hidden these things from sages and men of discernment, and hast unveiled them to babes.

Yes, Father, for such has been Thy gracious will. "All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one fully knows the Son except The Father, nor does any one fully know The Father except the Son and all to whom the Son Chooses To Reveal Him. "Come to me, all you toiling and burdened ones, and *I* will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will

find rest for your souls. For it is good to bear my yoke, and my burden is light." (WNT).

But JESUS the gentle Savior, Was raised up upon a Cross for you and me, on Mount Calvary, outside Jerusalem. That was His Lifting Up! John 12:32 “And I- if I am lifted up from the earth--will draw all men to me.” -and Yes, ‘gentle heart’ Jesus was Raised to Heaven And Seated on His Throne by His Holy Father—GOD Almighty.



The Law of ‘heart Love’ to GOD and His Creation

JESUS summarized all the Law of Moses: Mark 12:29-34 and Jesus answered him -- ‘The first of all the commands [is], Hear, O Israel, the Lord is our God, the Lord is one; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God out of all thy heart, and out of thy soul, and out of all thine understanding, and out of all thy strength -- this [is] the first command; and the second [is] like

[it], this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself; -- greater than these there is no other command.’ And the scribe said to him, ‘Well, Teacher, in truth thou hast spoken that there is One GOD, and there is none other but He; and



to Love Him out of all the heart, and out of all the understanding, and out of all the soul, and out of all the strength, and to love one’s neighbor as one’s self, is more than all the whole burnt-offerings and the sacrifices.’ And Jesus, having seen him that he answered with understanding, said to him, ‘Thou art not far from the reign (Kingdom) of GOD;’ and no one any more durst question him.” — (Young’s)

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Our Greatest Wealth is found in the Love we Share with God and the Family surrounding us!



Encouragement !

All The TREASURE of The HEART!

GOD Treasures Faith in the Heart of His people. With Faith in our hearts, we bring our Treasure before our Creator. Heb 11:6, 24-28 “But where there is no Faith it is impossible truly to please Him; for the man who draws near to God must believe that there is a GOD and that He proves Himself a Rewarder of those who earnestly try to find Him. Heb 11:24-26 “Through Faith Moses, when he grew to manhood, refused to be known as Pharaoh's daughter's son, having determined to endure ill-treatment along with the people of God rather than enjoy the short-lived pleasures of sin; because he deemed the reproaches which he might meet with in the service of the Christ to be greater riches than all the treasures of Egypt; for he fixed his gaze on (Jesus Christ) The Coming Reward. Through Faith he (Moses) left Egypt, not being frightened by the king's anger; for he held on his Course as Seeing The Unseen One. Through Faith he instituted the Passover,...”
—(WNT).

Some 1200 years before Christ's Coming, Moses Served Him!

The Heart of Forgiveness IS the Greatest Treasure Given to humans.

In the World of wealth and material Prosperity, we return to the Heart of GOD, and His willingness to Forgive sinful mankind. Apart from Sending His Only Begotten Son into this fallen world, there would be no Salvation for the human race. For Jesus Christ, Himself said: John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” How vacant would Heaven be, if not for the Largeness of GOD'S Heart? Now, let's transfer this into our own lives. Can we imagine living

our whole life long, and dying, never knowing the Loving Kindness and Forgiveness of our Creator? How weighed down by guilt & shame would one be, by the time of the graying of his years? But GOD'S Own forgiveness “seeds” Heaven, and fills His ‘House of many Mansions.’

How full is our lives today? How expansive is our households? Are we like the Father of the Prodigal son, Able to Forgive family members who have pierced our heart with pain? Are we always ready to Forgive, and Receive others back into our arms, and our households? Are our homes a place of Heavenly Grace? Can we overcome our “imagined” ‘right to withhold forgiveness’ and extend the

grace of forgiveness to even the most undeserving? In doing so, we would be Creating for them a Place of Heavenly Rest! In doing so, we would be ‘imitating both Jesus Christ on earth and our Father in Heaven’. By forgiving others, we are also



saving both our relationship with them, and their relationship with us! We are Saving Treasure, both People, and relationships of great value that would enrich our lives as well as theirs.

Today, let us expand our ‘Tents’ To take back from the lonely streets all who need OUR Forgiveness!