

Scriptures and Doctrine :: Established Thoughts

Established Thoughts - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/5/11 10:58

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Have we really?

Bring Them to Jesus

John 1:40-42

“If you, my dear Christian friend, have a brother out of Christ, go bring him in. You will, by and by, have to stand by the open grave of some dear brother; and to be without Christ, how can you bear it? And so, my friends, let me urge upon you, first of all, to go and find your own brother. Tell him how you love him, how you want him to be a Christian, how you are burdened and weighed down for his salvation. And then go to your sister, to your cousin, to your friend. Oh, do you each one of you write to some absent friend today, beseeching that Christ may be accepted just now! Oh, dear friends, if souls weigh on our hearts, let us go and bring them to Jesus. Let us not rest day or night. Let us commence with our own families. If we have yielded, let us go to our friends. If they are strangers to Christ, oh, go bring them now while you may. Exhort by word of mouth; exhort by fervent and repeated letters. Begin at once your mission, lest it be too late forever, and praise God for the dear privilege of bringing others to him.”

D.L. Moody, The Gospel Awakening.

Before we so easily blow off such advice, think what could be if we would heed these simple words.

May I ask why we have such a hard time awakening to the urgency of bringing them in, the urgency of bringing them too Jesus?

My youngest daughter called me last night very distraught concerning questions she had about God's love for us. After talking to her for a couple of hours, I log on to SI and the first thing I see is this post by strawrifle:

"(why im not right with God and cant get round it!)

this was a conversation i had with a friend,its rather rambling, but i think it explains why i cant get right with God as much as i try the plan seems flawed and i'm annoyed at God,its my side of a yahoo chat

andy : the plan seems off

andy : and we pay

andy : flawed

andy : that the word

andy : Hes up there in this perfect harmony of 3

andy : and decides to make us

andy : knowing we and satan will mess up,but he still does it he still creates us knowing what will happen

andy : so we have this perfect God beyond fault who makes us knowin some wont make heaven

andy : odd

andy : but the kicker is this He blames us for not choosing him, when he knew we wouldn't in the first places

andy : grrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr

andy : why did a God want to create us knowing the results this would mean..he wanted to create us so badly he would risk some to hell i dont get that!!"

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In His Love  
pastorfrin

**Re: Established Thoughts - posted by JaySaved, on: 2007/5/11 11:20**

Quote:

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Very thought provoking question. What are other people's thoughts?

**Re: Established Thoughts - posted by InTheLight (), on: 2007/5/11 11:46**

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It sounds as though your daughter is doubting God's love. There is a David Wilkerson sermon that Greg posted here on SI just recently. Please listen to it and consider giving a copy to your daughter, it deals directly with this topic of doubting God's love. This message is amazing.

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid15298>) The Sin That Makes God Cry

In Christ,

Ron

Re: Some thoughts... - posted by theopenlife, on: 2007/5/11 13:52

Quote:  
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Jay, you asked for thoughts about this question. May God give me grace to write wisely.

The person who asked such a question began in error, supposing God to be as men. God is not as man, that He should "risk", nor is He moved by emotions against judgement ("wanted so badly to create")

God dwells outside of time and knows all things from the infinite counsels of eternity. Scripture teaches that from the age s He approved a perfect method of displaying His love. He thought it good to show kindness toward a rebellious people and determined to save them by grace through faith. God foresaw the rebellion they would raise and the abuses of their freedom of will. He anticipated their joining fallen angels in eternal perdition. He even considered that many, indeed most, would not use even their limited powers of will to obey their conscience, let alone seek God, "for none seek God." From all eternity God foreknew their guilt in Adam, prepared a means of salvation, and anticipated their rejection of that plan. Romans 9 teaches that for this reason they are worthy of His wrath and to be a demonstration of His justice. We all are. However, God has shown grace, not merely required kindness, but true grace towards some of His creatures.

It sounds like the person is not doubting the love of God, but the sinfulness of man and God's justice in making creatures that He knew would rebel against Him. This is as if to say, 'He should not be allowed to make what He wants and then punish it if it rejects His way.' The word teaches us to say, "Such great love that He would suffer Himself to see great wickedness and rebellion, in order to demonstrate profound love for all eternity towards those He has called according to His purpose.

Ephesians 2:

4But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,  
5Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)  
6And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:  
7**That in the ages to come** he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

29For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.

30Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.

His purpose in creating has always ever been to demonstrate grace towards "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a new nation." (1 Peter)

My thoughts.

PS: If she then wonders "what if I or another is reprobate?" she can be told, "God has not left us totally devoid of willpower. Even an unsaved man can decide not to lie. This will cannot merit righteousness unto salvation, but it is useful in prostrating even the most practiced sinner before the throne of grace, begging for the faith that accompanies salvation. And scripture teaches that "all who call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved," "all who come unto Me I will in no wise cast out," and "repent and turn to God, and do works meet for repentance." In other words, anyone who will obey God in seeking salvation through Christ has no need to fear reprobation."

Half of this is likely mistaken, but these are thoughts from a layman.

**Re: Established Thoughts - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/5/11 15:44**

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Love his verse brother, thank you for bringing it back up to focus again.

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**Re: - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/5/11 22:34**

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Great scripture brother they go well together:

Proverbs 16:3

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Isaiah 30:21

And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

So we have right works, right thoughts, and a right way if we hear the word behind us.

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In His Love

pastorfrin

**Re: Understanding the unfairness of God - posted by UniqueWebRev (), on: 2007/5/12 1:25**

The further you are along with the Lord, the more forgetful one seems to be about the days when submission to a God we cannot understand is not just a difficult way to live, but also very difficult to understand why we have to live this way.

Not that I submit very well...I don't. I just submit better than I did when I started.

But one must understand that God is not our idea of Him, but Himself. He is our Creator, and therefore our owner, for Him to kiss or cuddle, or kill and destroy. It is a hard concept to get into your head.

That yes, God is just, as well as merciful, but not as a human would be. He follows His rules and regulations, as He has set them for Himself. He's been quite open about what He expects from us, and why. He's God. We're not. Learn to live with it if you want the eternal life He offers.

But submission to the will of God, and understanding that we are God's property, are difficult to accept. And when you are young in God, and do not have the whole gestalt of even the outline of God's plan, it does seem very unfair.

But only the young and immature expect fairness from life, and from people, much less from God, who owes us nothing.

The harsh reality hasn't broken through yet. Unfairness makes my blood boil when it comes to human justice, and how badly that miscarries; how unkind and ungodly we are to one another; and how the blessings and tribulations of life do not make any sense until you have a long enough life to get some perspective.

The young want an Ideal Human God. So do most pagans. I'd like one myself if it were possible, but along with that humanity would come all the beastliness of humans.

What about Jesus? 100% human AND 100% divine at the same time. The divinity makes the human part subside more readily, but I doubt that Jesus enjoyed His predicament. Or the Crucifixion.

The young look for fairness because they have not yet found out that this world is not supposed to be fair. Our world is God's testing ground, and school room, and if you flunk out, well, that's okay from God's point of view. He isn't human, or humane, or anything with a man in it.

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If the young would just realize that God hates the necessity of the process as much as we do, and values it more than we do, for it produces the fruit He wants. A family for Him, in His image, already tested, and not found wanting, because we're all hanging onto Jesus for our lives.

The young expect what they want to matter. They will find, eventually, that when you put God first it gets easier. Not great, just easier.

Everybody goes through this stage to reach maturity, and with prayer, their own, and from others, they will make it through. They just think that they won't, and the process is painful. Remember?

How odd that we can understand at all the necessities of God, and still have trouble submitting to it.

Life seems awfully long to the young, when the older you are, the more you know how quickly it all goes by. And no, God isn't fair. He's... God.

Blessings,

Forrest

**Re: - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/5/12 10:29**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I thank each and every one of you for your wisdom and concern for my daughter and those who are also struggling with such thoughts. I earnestly covet your prayers for her and others who are suffering in like manner. I would now ask that we look past the symptoms and at what I feel is much of the cause. You see my daughter and others with like struggles are symptoms of a much more sinister problem which needs to be discussed, that is one of works.

Quote from original post:

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Um, dear sister, I certainly hope I am misunderstanding you here but this has me squirming. It may in part stem from hearing a similar telling of some pastor speaking to Benny Hinn a number of years ago about God being 'sad', that the Lord told him; "*My children are being disobedient*" and how *he* said something to the effect of "I will stay here all day and comfort You" and everybody oohed and ahhed ... And I literally became sick to my stomach, and grieved tremendously that such an idea could be forwarded without question but readily accepted.

*God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good? Num 23:19*

This seems an entirely human idea that God needs *our* sympathy or our comfort in this way. It is a condescending isn't it? Wouldn't this idea put us in a place above Him, that He would need to be comforted? Sympathized with? Is there any scriptural warrant for this?

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I love the way you ask these kinds of questions brother. It is almost picturesque to dwell on it, to harbor a thought, a guess, perhaps it's partially that our faith is 'out front', in front of us and the voice is behind us, driving us forward. Having our thoughts established in trust and committed ... That word stopped me short here. "Committed" seems to carry a continual sense of past, present, future, ... 'continual', 'constantly' ... 'established' being fixed, the refuge we flee to, *God's thought*.

*And He that sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things which please Him. Joh 8:29*

*But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. Joh 14:26*

Oh brother, this is very stirring to think on. There is something very rich in what you are asking here. I think I may be only touching on aspects of it but am very much concerned and have been for some time that this area is where we as the Lord's disciples and as the Church have gone off the rails in large manner and why something like this setting has such great importance. It is in thinking, in the thought life, Chambers called it "*brain sweat*".

It's been many years now that I pulled together something that had 'secular' sources and at the time feeling compelled to 'balance' them out with the spiritual, scriptural ... See if I can dig it up, have it tacked to the wall next to me. Actually better to post it separately.

To digress back to the Lord's "always" ... Ah, is this not the soul's desire? To be well pleasing to the Lord ... again a notice stopping me short again, "*for*", could this be part of our seasons of ... 'separation anxiety' from the Lord's presence, the "*for*" being overlooked, a hinge word to what preceded it.

The other verse, that of the Holy Spirit bringing *all things to (our) remembrance*, again part of the established thought. In our case it is that which *is written*. Is it not so? Even here, writing in this forum, it is the drawing on the Word that is hidden in the heart, entrenched into the fabric, seared into the marrow ... *established*. All throughout the day, the conviction that comes, the encouragement, the re-thinking and processing, both cerebral and more profoundly spiritual, *deep calling unto deep*.

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I apologize for going on here and for the many framed words in 'quotes'. Words are fascinating to me, meaning, what is meant, what is conveyed, what is *back of it* in Tozeresque parlance. But this question, *Who* is establishing our thoughts. Of late another constant question has been, "Is it so?" Not as accusatory, but as, is it true, is it as the Lord has said? As a prayer, "Is it so, Lord?". And that carries a weight of responsibility in what I may be holding to, "Is it so?", "Am I off here? Have I missed something? I believe I may be wrong, I need to investigate this". It is why there is such a constant outcry about presuming and assuming too much of each other, giving no place to challenge upon our assumptions. No patience

ce to allow others to sort through things on their own. But I am also not speaking of doubts upon that which is established, just that we are under it, not the other way around.

What has had a great part of this musing is in the wonder of *how* the disciples, the writers primarily of the New Testament but generally all of scripture as we are told;

*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:* 2Ti 3:16

*For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.* 2Pe 1:21

This coupled with our Lord's word that the Holy Spirit would bring all things to their remembrance ... My wonder is, during the time they were with the Lord, did they take notes? Am not much one for speculation, but the possibility seems there, Luke comes to mind. Or was it *all* brought forth by inspiration alone, by way of the Holy Spirit bringing *whatsoever I have said unto you*. It almost seems rather unimportant in a way to disseminate it all. From what I gather of those times, that most things were transferred by oral tradition and the interruption here would be similar to what the critics and naysayers would bring forth, the Dominic Crosson's of the world who would attempt to decide what Jesus said or didn't say, where the Apocrypha would supposedly find its footing, all these things that greatly overlook what is taking me a long time to get to the point of ... A bit more however before that. Knowing the frailty of human beings and even the very true aspect of what is called the 'telephone game';

*Chinese whispers or Telephone is a game in which each successive participant secretly whispers to the next a phrase or sentence whispered to them by the preceding participant. Cumulative errors from mishearing often result in the sentence heard by the last player differing greatly and amusingly from the one uttered by the first. It is most often played by children as a party game or in the playground. It is often invoked as a metaphor for cumulative error, especially the dangerous inaccuracies of rumours.*

([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telephone\\_game](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Telephone_game)) Wikipedia

The premise being that of a certain *must*, that there must be some error and that it is our duty as rational, thinking beings to be the ones to challenge *established thought*, (God's thought, recalling; "Has the Lord indeed said?").

It is this that gets me every time. Almost every time a television program delves into the Bible or a writer that knows nothing of spiritual matters, (actually that is the very trouble), speaks or writes or crafts investigations into Bible times and Bible thoughts it is primarily surface facts, nothing to be afraid of nor not dealt with but the great overlooking of that which is *stated, written, ... meant*. It is all disregarded, not mentioned, not even put into the considerations. Surely we know this is true;

*Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.* 1Co 2:13,14

And even though it is in plain, open sight, that all the 'proving' ground is outside of this from their perspective, still it is rather bemusing that the Book that penetrates to the soul and marrow ... A bit of a digress here.

Here is my wonder and great incredible, unspeakable joy, the point long in coming. That for all these things, all the possibility of error, to recall that Jesus Himself wrote absolutely nothing. To consider that autobiographies in themselves could still have error, bias, slants, written by human instrumentation and the greatest yet being that;

*For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.* 1Co 2:11

The uncanny thing is, how did they manage **not to** botch this? The proof of inspiration is in itself. All the Lord's words captured, reprinted as it were unto parchment ... where is the error? The chinks?

*Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me?* Joh 8:46

Indeed! All of the Lord's character, integrity, captured and 'established', written through mere men! It is just a tremendous



thing to really dwell on. Collectively the most intelligent human beings on the planet could never in a billion years come up with such a 'historical character' if they tried. It waylays every argument on it's own merits. It proves it's own validity by the force of it's own argument. And that 'it' is a *person*, Jesus, The Christ, our Lord. I am just as afraid that this might fly right over some of us as another "*Well, we know this already*". But is it not the only apologetic needed? I just do not see how anyone who would apply a little *brain sweat* and an ounce of concentration and an application to get to the very bottom of things could not be converted by just reading Jesus' words alone. Forgetting anything ever attributed to Him, spoken in His stead, what the Church has said or mangled primarily ... to put all that aside and decide for his or herself whether what Jesus spoke is in fact true, factual and accurate.

Why am I so amazed at all this? Look at ourselves here in this setting. The misunderstandings! And we have reams of thought to consider and wrestle with, place to make correction, adaptations, clarifications and still ... we argue and bite and ... Oh it is so wearing sometimes how slow we are to grasp just the most profound things. And I am most certainly speaking of myself. But here we have Jesus, in His Perfection without even His own hand physically writing but making use of bumbling, stumbling, errant creatures to convey His *thought to perfection*. For all the argument over translation issues and I understand the concern ... it is *almost* in a sense impossible to mis-translate what was meant even in the 'accident' or 'on purpose' attempts that we creatures have done injustice to by 'rewriting' things into our present day vernacular. I am speaking as a whole, taken as a whole, all the things the Lord *said*. We would have to not just replace a word here and a word there but completely displace whole sections of the Lords statements and write over them completely to dislodge the sheer *meaning* that is contained in them.

Oh I pray this is making the sense I could hope for. It is something that I have been giving a lot of thought to and a lot of wonder over, Pastorfrin you just drew it out of me here and I apologize again for taking this in another direction. Truly, looking forward to your thoughts. There is something vast and important that I don't think we have yet tapped into.

**Re: - posted by CJaKfOrEsT (), on: 2007/5/12 11:37**

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Brother, it is interesting that The Lord has had me begin to learn Psalm 37. The inspiration for doing so, was partly carnal, in the Spurgeon associated this with Psalm 73, which is my favourite Psalm. Having said that, I sense something of the providence of God in this Psalm. I note the fifth verse:

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Commit thy way unto the Lord, and He will bring it to pass.  
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Having only reached the seventh verse so far, I'm not yet at a place to comment adequately, but having said that, I have been stuck by the repeated occurrence of the words "fret not thyself". It seems as if the the Holy Spirit, through David, is taking into consideration the fact that "fretting" is a very real thing, that can consume a person, particularly when considering the justice of God.

I love this Moltmann quote, and quote it often:

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"The true faith begins where the atheist thinks it should end. In the mind boggling contradiction of all that we thought to be true about God."  
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I also heard Chuck Missler say, "When you encounter a 'contradiction' in the Bible, get excited, you are about to learn something new about God." Fact is, there is a lot about God to be "concerned" about.

Have you ever noticed that He seems to have always reserved His explanations for the perplexed? Job, Elijah, Jonah, and Thomas come immediately to mind, and consider that these guys tend to be the butt of preachers jokes, when their moments of perplexity occurred. It was not revealed to Paul that God's grace was sufficient for him until he had reached his own point of perplexity, concerning his own thorn in the flesh. I am becoming increasingly convinced that it is impossible to truly know God without honestly facing the fact that we have a difference in opinion as to how He runs the universe.

Even Asaph's 73rd Psalm, is a testimony to a man's struggle with perplexity, which led to heart purity. In light of this, consider Christ's own words, "Blessed are the pure in heart from **they shall see God.**" Asaph reached the point, just after saying, "I thought to know this, and it was too painful for me" where he could say, "Nevertheless I am continually with Thee. Thou hast holden me by Thy right hand. Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward receive me unto glory. Whom have I in heaven but Thee? There is none that I desire on earth beside Thee. My heart and my flesh faileth, both God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever."

Note also, that it was from this place that he could say, "I have put my trust in the Lord, that I may declare all Thy works." Is it truly possible to "declare His works" from any other vantage point? Your daughter is quite normal, brother. I don't know if you picked up, in the ([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id16522&forum36&14](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id16522&forum36&14)) article that I posted the other week (which I know that you read), my comments regarding true love requiring the undiluted truth to be seen, good, bad and ugly. Is that not what she is wrestling with, the "ugliness" of God? "Fret not thyself" brother, and be of good cheer, for what He has begun, He shall complete.

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Sorry, I just noticed this. You've hit the nail on the head, brother. It really is a matter of "putting the cart before the horse". Someone once said to me, "It's not about what you DO, but what you ARE?" I responded (in a rare moment of inspired profundity) "No, its about DOING the stuff that people you ARE are like DO."

Unless our DOING comes out of our BEING, it works death. And if we approach life like this, then our doing will come naturally. I believe that it was Brian Coatney that said, "The Christian life isn't difficult. Although it is at times excruciating."

For this reason, I put so much more emphasis on "right believing" than "right living". Some would accuse me of complacency but, the way I look at it, if you truly believe something, then your life will reflect your belief. And on top of that, this "sinister problem" of which you speak, becomes a non-issue.

\*Edit\* And true belief change comes about by convincing. Thank God we have the Spirit of Truth to convince us of all things (see my earlier post)\*Edit\*

**Re: Established Thoughts - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2007/5/12 12:05**

Hi everyone,

I listened to a testimony yesturday of the Revival at Asbury and I think there are some things in it that are related to this topic here.

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid3289>) The Revival at Asbury College (Video)

It's not long in length and I think is well worth the time to hear it.

Also another message that seems related is this one given by Keith Daniel

(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/singlefile.php?lid8193&commentViewItemComments>) The influnc e of the Holy Spirit Through a Believer

Chris

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Well noted brother. Gives me a lot of hope ... :-)

**Re: - posted by PaulWest (), on: 2007/5/12 12:36**

Quote:  
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Dear sister,

Please excuse my inquiry, but what exactly does this mean? If I am understanding you correctly, God summoned you in the middle of the night for the purpose of comforting *Him* and to get Jesus to "help" Him also?

This is strange vision. To "comfort" someone implies that the "comforter" is in a right, stable mind and able to quell the ot her's frustration. My experience with God has been the opposite; He is the Comforter, and when He gets my attention, it is invariably because I am sharing in a blessed burden He has placed on me. It has never been an act of commiseration on *my* part for Him. God is grieved, yes, and we *share* in His grief; we don't attempt to console Him - such a notion, to m e, would infer that God has an emotional weakness that is dependant and alterable by a superior, innate virtue of mortal man.

In any case, be advised that claims such as these can bring about confusion and justified skepticism from other saints.

Brother Paul

**Re: - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/5/12 15:22**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please forgive me for my lack of clarity I have a hard time expressing myself on paper. Dah really, yes really. I can speak or teach to a group of people without a problem but when it comes to writing I come far short of the mark.

Let me assure each one of you that I am not fretting over my youngest daughter we have placed her in good hands, as with the rest of our children, our children's children, and our children's spouses. We pray for each one of them every day and rest in the Word of the Lord.

To clarify, I was using my daughter's questions as an example of works that need to go beyond just bringing them in as Bro. Moody was encouraging us to do.

I ask many questions not to judge anyone or to portray myself as having the answers but to promote deeper thought on the issue. Having said this may I ask a few more?

How do we commit our works unto the Lord?

How did Jesus do it?

Was it because he had no aspirations to seek his own will but only to do the will of the Father, thus committing his works unto the Father, the Father's thoughts thus being established in Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit.

As Bro. Mike shared

And He that sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things which please Him. Joh 8:29

Is this what Jesus means when he proclaims,

Luke 9:23

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

All this does seem very simplistic and it would be if we would simply accept it. Just as with Jesus, our will must be committed unto Him, How? Denying self, all things that cause me to look at me, and only accept the things that cause me to look to Him.

Lord, not my will but thy will be done. Only then will my works be committed unto Him, and then will my thoughts be established.

Isaiah 26:12

Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us: for thou also hast wrought all our works in us.

Isaiah 26:3

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

In His Love

pastorfrin

**Re:, on: 2007/5/12 18:18**

Quote:

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This puzzled me a bit too. The nearest I can get to understanding is when the Lord seemed to be showing how great a comfort He found it when the woman poured the jar of ointment on Him. It was near the Crucifixion, and her actions were confirmation that it indeed had to be the Cross. That was surely why He said she had "anointed beforehand for burial". In His humanity Jesus must have been tempted to doubt, or go aside from, the Father's purpose. The woman's action was prophetic, and helped to strengthen Him for the coming ordeal.

But that's not quite the sort of thing you described...

Maybe you just aren't explaining it clearly?

Love in Him

Jeannette

Re: - posted by UniqueWebRev (), on: 2007/5/13 5:46

Quote:

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crsschk wrote:

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Um, dear sister, I certainly hope I am misunderstanding you here but this has me squirming. It may in part stem from hearing a similar telling of some pastor speaking to Benny Hinn a number of years ago about God being 'sad', that the Lord told him; "*My children are being disobedient*" and how *he* said something to the effect of "I will stay here all day and comfort You" and everybody oohed and ahhed ... And I literally became sick to my stomach, and grieved tremendously that such an idea could be forwarded without question but readily accepted.  
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I don't blame you, Mike. Benny Hinn makes me ill too, although I had no notion that this was even a contested idea.

As to God waking me up, it was a little strange.

Not that I haven't been told to get up and do something before, and yes, I was referring to something that did happen, and I quoted it a little out of context with what happened, not even recalling that I haven't spoken about this before.

I was awakened, for what reason I don't know. I wanted to be asleep, but I couldn't go back to sleep.

So, as always, when I have to wait through a time period, and I am too tired to read or write, or even watch TV, I started praying. And I figured, since it was so early, God had just wakened me to pray for a long time.

But I had barely started, and I heard Him speak something, although I don't know what it was.

All I remember is saying, "Abba, you even sound grumpy!"

Then I just had a feeling of overwhelming sorrow, non-specific, probably of the world's pain and misery.

I said, I don't like all this pain, and I got an answer back, "Neither do I".

And, since I talk to God as naturally as if He were in the room with me, I said, And you want me to do what?

The picture that was flashed at me was humorous, and actually had feeling in it. It was amusement that I, a little human child, to Him, could even understand what He was thinking or feeling, even about the pain in the world. But He did seem to understand that I wanted to help Him if I could. And that was what I was trying to get across. God cares about us. We can't understand Him, but He does care! And this is not unbiblical.

I thought for a moment, confused by what was going on, and then thought, Jesus would know what to do. So I prayed for Jesus to draw on the strength of the Father to comfort Him.

God didn't expect me to comfort Him. But He did expect something, and I tried to figure it out, and act on it.

Then I sang praise songs to and about them for two hours, until it was getting light.

I may have confused you, and I am sorry for that. But the picture I was describing was of amusement that that I could do anything for God, or that I would understand anything He feels.

The point was that He saw me as a little child, and was amused by my attempt to comfort Him, since I have no idea what He feels, except when He tells me.

He told me He didn't like the pain. I did what I could, and called my Elder Brother, and cast my care. And then I sang praise songs, in case it would help. At the least, it helped me, and I am told, although I can't find the scripture, that God inhabits our praise, so it was a blessing to me to sing anyway. (Anyone know that scripture?)

So you can get un-sick. I didn't get a feeling of God's pain, but of His amusement at me thinking I could understand Him. He is the One who said He didn't like it either, the pain I was feeling. And God frequently speaks to us, if we listen. And I know God is amused by us. I would be too, if I were watching my children try to be me before they were old enough to understand, which I doubt will be before we are with Jesus, and have a lot of teaching given us.

Sorry for the confusion, but I simply repeated what happened. The context did seem to be in keeping with what I was talking about, which was that God does care about us, but we cannot expect to understand more than He tells us about, and I thought the humor evident.

My apologies, and I hope you are relieved. Let me know.

Forrest

**Re: Established Thoughts, on: 2007/5/13 7:47**

Pasterfrin:

Quote:

-----Before we so easily blow off such advice

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**Re:, on: 2007/5/13 7:57**

Quote:

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**Thinking - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/5/13 10:09**

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ht into what a lot of it amounts to ... a re-crafting God and the Son, the Holy Spirit even more so into *their* own image. It is and was often as galling as it was flippant, demeaning and condescending as that example showed, this wretched idea that permeates is one of *them* wielding power which is His ... sobriety of thinking is replaced with a flippant smugness, holiness is torqued out of its truest meaning, the creature being needful to help God along. God of their belly and bank account. The manipulation and ... Recalling that incident again and mind you this was a much older man, the name I cannot now recall, the impression that was left was just one of "Poor God" and the other seeming attached sentiment of "What a great man that he loves God so much as to be His comforter" and the accompanying head bobbing of agreement, "Me too". Of course the sincerity I wouldn't touch, who knows, but the responsibility before the people, the notions forwarded, the sheer lack of concern and testing of experience against the measurement of scripture. The whole of it is so shot through with unchecked and unbridled emotionalism, untested notions and having been there, now looking back some years later, the anger has subsided on one level and just turned to grief. It is too bad in many ways because the emphasis on faith could be such a help to those who have little, but it is grounded wrong and tweaked to presumptuous proportions. There is love for the Lord and how to decipher what or where any solitary individual might be along the path, not a particular business I would wish to stick my nose in ... It is the ministers that have some real accounting and explaining to do. Our brother Aaron wrote some sobering things over in ([https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id110&forum35&46](https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id110&forum35&46)) Interesting Experience this last Saturday!!

Would to God that He might send a Revival of clear thinking and facing of the naked truth, a sobriety and humbling to the whole matter.

But thank you sister, I am relieved indeed.

**Re: Thinking - posted by UniqueWebRev (), on: 2007/5/13 17:53**

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You are quite welcome.

The ideas as you presented of the Benny Hinn thing are so typical of his ministry...emotionalism for the sake of emotionalism, as if 'feeling' an idea of God was faith, healing faith.

I know Hinn has power...I have seen him knock down people from a distance, fifty, a hundred at a time that were not expecting it. I even watched the tape over and over, it was so real. The people knocked out of their chairs backwards were startled, scared and surprised.

I know Hinn thinks he believes in Jesus, yet he is one of those that seem to change his mind depending on who is speaking, so that one doesn't know what he really believes. But I fear that he is one of those to whom Jesus says, "I never knew you." His brother, a pastor elsewhere in the US seems to think Benny is pushing it a lot. I only know that the burden of Hinn's teaching is on his soul, and I tremble for him.

Yet that experience I had was weird, because God did expect me to do something. And I am used to being told what to do, not being presented with an expectation in which I am allowed to do something.

Yet we are in the end times, and things are getting strange. And in the actual beginning of Christianity in Abraham (righteousness through faith), there was a portrait of an interactive relationship with the Father that is more than we have now, even with Jesus, which seems totally out of kilter with the norm. I myself do not know what to think of what happened, except that I got the impression I handled it properly by calling for Jesus. For all I know, it might have been some test, to see what I would do in that sense of expectation, when I have nothing in myself to do anything with.

You know that I have unlimited time to spend with God, and to do what He told me, which was to "Write!" He didn't tell me where, but when I write about Godstuff, the Holy Spirit does sometimes take over my fingers, and things are written so easily that I, in my disability, know that the ease with which I write Godstuff is not of me, and is very different than what I can do in my own strength.

It was very fortunate that you wanted clarification, for the Holy Spirit seemed to want me to use part of what I had written in the first post, and I rewrote the piece, focusing on the difference of how God runs things, and how we would like Him to run things, and that they aren't the same.

Perhaps the Holy Spirit wanted me to realize very clearly that I was not 'understanding' God, so that I could explain something quite different to the readers on my site. And also, there is a distinct lesson in that when I am speaking of intimate contacts with God, I need to be very careful to present the entire sequence of events, lest I be mis-understood, and lead anyone astray, much less make them squirm. And frankly, it is only on SI, and with a few friends that I can even discuss this kind of thing because, although these incidents do happen, and to all of us, it is still difficult for us poor humans to accept, or understand, much less discuss.

One delight I have in the whole episode is the fact of complete belonging-ness. I felt like I was in a huge house, and I had to go seek out Jesus. The impression was of a big, big house, and me sort of running to the doorway of Abba's room, and yelling for Jesus, knowing He would hear me, even though the house was immense.

Another delight is the fact that I can remember every detail of the minute or two of interaction. I don't think there are any more details that I've left out, and although strange, the incident wasn't scary in the least. It just was.

I don't entirely understand the experience of expectation to do something for God without orders, even now. Fortunately, Jesus is always the perfect solution, particularly when I am a totally out of my depth, which I was. I was flummoxed at what to do, neither enjoying what was going on, nor bothered by it, but simply feeling at home in the interaction at the same time.

The refocus of the original post is on my site today, titled 'Is God Cruel?', if you have time to look at it. The Holy Spirit did a really good job of the re-write, as usual, considering He has to filter it through me.

Sadly, I think that the many people who do not know that this world is God's, and we are God's 'stuff', to do with as He pleases, only see the unfairness of it all. But fairness is a human concept. And we are talking about God.

Glad the nausea's gone!

Blessings,

Forrest



**Re:I Wonder! - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/5/14 20:41**

Hi All,  
I Wonder!

I wonder how Jesus actually communed with the Father.

John 12:49-50

"For I have not spoken of myself; but the Father which sent me, he gave me a commandment, what I should say, and what I should speak. And I know that his commandment is life everlasting: whatsoever I speak therefore, even as the Father said unto me, so I speak."

Did Jesus have a line of communication with the Father that was far superior to what we have and if He did, why?

Is it possible that Jesus simply committed his works unto the Father and 'He' the Father established his thoughts thus doing the will of the Father?

Proverbs 16:3

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

Is this how we are to communicate with the Lord,  
through simple commitment?

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In His Love  
pastorfrin

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Well, Jesus was God too, God's essence in that Human body. 100% Human and 100% Divine at one and the same time .

And I think in those long prayer vigils at night, Jesus communicated in a way we cannot even understand yet, except as perhaps a blending together of their separate experience of Their Spirit.

Notice, I did not say 'spirits'.

I am amazed, frankly, at how much strength Jesus had to do what He had to do, and exactly how He knew to answer what...Divine Coaching!

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In His Love  
pastorfrin

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We don't get that kind of communication yet, and frankly, from the little I have sensed, I can't bear it in this human body. Now, in a glorified one, it will be a lot different. And I'm really looking forward to it.

As to us, all we can do is turn everything over to God, our thoughts, our bodies, our actions, and let Him use us.

Blessings,

Forrest

**Re: - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/5/16 17:32**

Forrest wrote:

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Then why did Jesus make this statement?

John 14:12

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

I believe He expects us to do what He says and not just make an excuse why we can't. He would not have said this if He did not mean it. He does not say might do but He says 'shall he do' sounds like He means it.

In His Love  
pastorfrin

**Re:, on: 2007/5/16 17:52**

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Compliments wrote:

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My opinion on this means that by turning around your stopping from walking your own way and turning around in repentance upon hearing the voice of God.

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Yes, that makes sense in the original context - when we are tempted to turn aside from the right Way the Spirit corrects

us.

Jeannette

**Re: Thinking, on: 2007/5/16 18:28**

Quote:

----- UniqueWebRev wrote:

The point was that He saw me as a little child, and was amused by my attempt to comfort Him, since I have no idea what He feels, except when He tells me.

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Forrest, I'm so glad that you did clarify what was a very personal experience.

At first I did wonder, because of the way you described this experience. Yet it came over as a really precious thing, no sense of a wrong "feel" to what you wrote.

But, I wondered, was I biased in your favour because you usually write such good stuff? Were you maybe verging - in all innocence - onto some forbidden mystical "thin ice"?

So I believe we are all reassured that this wasn't so!

The Lord made us in His image, so I think it's OK to attribute the best of human feelings to Him. As long as we remember that His are infinitely greater than the best we know.

And a loving human father is blessed, as well as amused, by his child's attempt to comfort him - even when the child understands nothing, and is totally unable to do anything about the cause of the father's sorrow.

It's a matter of relationship, isn't it. A small child blesses its parents by saying "I love you", and by every childish gift. The most terrible scrawl of a drawing, given with love, is proudly pinned up on the wall or fridge; a sticky, half-chewed sweet, or a "wiggly worm" (I discovered and dropped this treasure into my mother's hand when about 2 - a budding Biologist from the beginning!!) is accepted with thanks, a first attempt to bake cookies is praised and sampled willingly (even if they taste awful!)

That has to be just a dim picture of our relationship with the Lord.

"...Unless you become as little children..."

That's a million miles away from the posturings of some tele-evangelists.

Thanks

Jeannette

**Re: Established Thoughts - posted by strawrifle (), on: 2007/5/16 20:03**

Hi wowee i was rather surprised about this thread,i nearly missed it..

My overriding thought of God, is it's just not Love.. Love would be to say ur going to go to a heaven without me, or you can come to a heaven with me.. What kind of love is come to heaven or else? It's the same as me saying to an ex g/f if you leave me for another I'm going to slap you, where as real love would be to say i love you it breaks my heart ur leaving, but i wish you happiness because i love you

andy

**Re: - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/5/17 4:47**

Andy,

This is love:

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

We are simply asked to believe it and then commit  
our works unto Him and our thoughts will be established.

Have we?

In His Love

pastorfrin

**Re: Simple words - posted by crsschk (), on: 2007/5/17 9:53**

Quote:

-----Hi All,

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Perhaps this belongs in the SI quotes section ...

Quote:

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Far superior, but not exclusive or even elusive ... If we were but ... willing? Certainly not speaking of 'equality' in the truest sense of meaning here, but indeed;

*Let this mind be in you*

**Re: - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/5/17 18:07**

by crsschk on 2007/5/17 9:53:09

Quote:

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Hi Mike,

"If we were but ... willing"

Having the mind of Christ would allow us to commit our works unto Him and then our thoughts would be established in Him.

Now, all we have to do is be willing to let this mind be in us!

Would that be committing our mind unto Him?

Communication must come from established thoughts. So where do the works come from; the servant?

Also, does greater commitment mean, "and greater works than these shall ye do; because I go unto my Father"?

What was that statement again, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also;"

Is believing in Him the committing of our works and thus the renewing of our minds through established thoughts?

What about this for a thought?

Romans 12:2

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

"That you may prove what is that good, and perfect, will of God."

By works committed to the Lord (which must come from a renewed mind) gives us established thoughts and is it not the thought process that we struggle with.

Yes, established thoughts, good, acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Am I confused yet? :-o

In His Love  
pastorfrin

**Re: Praise GOD!, on: 2007/6/19 14:47**

Just finding this by doing a search and thanking God.

You hit us all where we ALL live Pastor ~ "our" THOUGHTS ~ instead of HIS.

THAT 'is' the power struggle, since the Fall.

Forgive me if I forget where I read it on this site yesterday, but a quote was posted that went something like ... "IF our 'thoughts' are not HIS THOUGHTS - then they are of the world, the flesh or the devil."

And HIS Thoughts can ONLY come from HIS Word.  
Or THE WORD.

Have appreciated finding & reading this thread and now bumping it more than you'll know, this side of Glory.

**GLORY!**

Thank you Pastor.

**Re: Praise God - posted by pastorfrin, on: 2007/6/29 19:27**

Sister Annie said:

Quote:  
-----GLORY!  
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Hi Annie,

"Oh that men would praise the Lord for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the children of men!"

When you have time look at this for it seems to guide us in establishing our thoughts.

Psalms 107:1-43

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy; And gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness in a solitary way; they found no city to dwell in. Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them out of their distresses. And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness. Such as sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, being bound in affliction and iron; Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High: Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they fell down, and there was none to help. Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, and brake their bands in sunder. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder. Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. Their soul abhorreth all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saveth them out of their distresses. He sent his word, and he healed them, and delivered them from their destructions. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing. They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; These see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep. For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, which lifteth up the waves thereof. They mount up to the heaven, they go down again to the depths: their soul is melted because of trouble. They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wit's end. Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. He maketh the storm a calm, so that the waves thereof are still. Then are they glad because they be quiet; so he bringeth them unto their desired haven. Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders. He turneth rivers into a wilderness, and the watersprings into dry ground; A fruitful land into barrenness, for the wickedness of them that dwell therein. He turneth the wilderness into a standing water, and dry ground into watersprings. And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, that they may prepare a city for habitation; And sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase. He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; and suffereth not their cattle to decrease. Again, they are minished and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow. He poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no way. Yet setteth he the poor on high from affliction, and maketh him families like a flock. The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth. Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the Lord.

Look at the last verse:

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“They Shall Understand the Lovingkindness of the Lord.”

Now I would call this, established thoughts.

As Brother Mike said several post earlier:

Quote: “Let this mind be in you”

And Sister Annie you summed it all up in one word:

Quote: “GLORY!”

In His Love  
pastorfrin

**Re: WORTHY!, on: 2007/6/30 2:19**

Hi Pastor, I don't call many men that. Only true shepherds. Praise GOD.

Anyways, one time a Pastor I had, asked us to close our eyes and basically draw from Heaven what we think that we needed or needed to hear for ourselves or our own selves.

He was leading us to seek something for ourselves that night.

I liked the guy :) so I did what he asked with the whole congregation.

So I went to the Father, before the throne, as it says to "approach the Throne" and all I could hear in my spirit was "WORTHY".

So as the Pastor asked us what we got from the Lord as a word from Him to ourselves, I just kept up with what I was hearing inside ... Worthy - Worthy - Worthy.

At first the Pastor ignored it and looked to others for "a word", but then suddenly it hit him too and he started up with "Worthy - YES - Worthy - Yes - Worthy is The Lamb to receive all glory and honor and praise ....."

It was wonderful. All that self-focus-hocus-pocus turned into a real ring side seat to the GLORY before The Throne right in that wee little church building. It was wonderful. We got what we needed alrighty - Thanks to The Almighty.

Pastor, I read through the posts again as you pointed to in your reply above.

Gleaning the field a second time.

Thank you.

I've been a bit down since Art left. I didn't even know the man. Just started to read a few of his articles, just of late, but had this strange sorrow hit in his last 2 or 3 days on earth. There are a few reasons, but I'm glad you pointed me back to page one.

I gleaned not a few things, but in regard to this "sorrow", I felt Mike hit on a large part of it .... "seperation anxiety" from wanting to be with the LORD.

Well, that's another whole issue for another day, but I just wanted to thank you for your service here for The LORD.

I have something I want to share with you on your other thread now. The Spurgeon quote post.

Hey, that's where I was before I found this post of yours, by hitting your profile button to see if you had posted anywhere's else today. Neat!

Bless you and your Family - ALWAYS.

Can't wait to see this whole mob in GLORY!

**AMEN!**

**Re: - posted by deltadom (), on: 2007/6/30 5:51**

Ro 9:22 - Show Context

What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

With this issue we deal with the whole idea of Election versus non-election

With which there are biblical views for both!!