

Miracles that follow the plow :: Long time no post...

Long time no post... - posted by Nile (), on: 2008/2/13 22:04

Hey everyone...it's been over four months since I last posted...a lots happened in that time. I don't know what the truth is, but I wager that someone on this forum might have it. And in the event no one does then I wager God could direct whoever does to read this post.

If you remember, there was a girl who posted here named Melanie, aka HopePurifies. If your memory is especially good (and you read the profiles) you'll recall that we were planning on being married. Melanie has apostated, even more than me. She's not only apostated from Christianity, but from reason and objective morality. I don't know how to properly describe her. The best way to put it is extreme laziness and sensuality. She broke up with me and has entered into an immoral relationship with another guy. She curses, is into some goth stuff and is on/off suicidal. Parties, drinks, who knows what else. She doesn't care about God. She was an atheist until I convinced her that was stupid...now she believes in Plato's God (that is to say, a God who is not a person). She told me her life is void of Judeo/Christian ethics. Just understand how much I love her.

If you have an even better memory, you'll recall a thread I made a long time ago about my cousin Victoria (titled "Please pray for my cousin"). She's gone through, what, 2 or 3 boyfriends since then and has settled on some doof almost 2 years her junior. She's 18/19 he's 17. They sleep together and she said they don't always use condoms. She's afraid she is pregnant. She said she'll kill herself before she breaks up with him.

She told me she is 100% sure hell is real. She is also 100% sure she is going there. She doesn't care...what are you supposed to say to that?

Life wasn't supposed to be like this.

Re: Long time no post... - posted by roaringlamb (), on: 2008/2/13 22:18

Wow brother, I wish I was there to wrap my arms around you, and give a great big hug.

I will be praying for all of you, and if you need to, please do not hesitate to e-mail me, or PM me. I would love to listen.

God's grace to you dear brother, and please know you are loved.

Re: Long time no post... - posted by caldwell1 (), on: 2008/2/13 22:19

Hey Brother

I remember when you guys would post last year sometime and I will pray God draws you close through this and I will pray for Melanie too, But it's just nice to see your name and read your post brother!

Blessings
Brian

Re: Long time no post... - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/2/13 22:43

hey bro, sorry bout the girlfriend thing.

If you are really going flat out for God you will not let too many people sit up to the table with you. Eagles fly alone. But if you must have a wife then you will have to choose more wisely.

Be led of the spirit and ask God to bring you the right one.
Now if you really, really want God's best you will exercise a little patience.

Trust God to bring right circumstances in your life.

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When you see a potential companion, watch closely. Does she listen to christian music when by herself?
Is she a giver or a taker.?
Is she merciful or a policeman?

Read genesis and ask yourself "why did God create woman?"

Find a couple of older saints that are sold out to Jesus and let them steady you and counsel you.
Read psalm one and claim it over your life.

This sounds cold blooded but I think it is good she is not in your life anymore.

also the saints on si are good counsel

God bless you!

David

Re: Long time no post..., on: 2008/2/14 3:24

Hi Nile, this news is very very sad. Hit really hard inside.

We have and are praying.

I don't know what your first paragraph means by "I don't know what the truth is", but still praying you'll find it.

God have mercy please.

Re: Long time no post... - posted by davym (), on: 2008/2/14 4:14

Hi Nile

Sorry to hear what happened. I'm quite new to the site, but what you said struck a cord with me because I see this happening a lot in churches.

I have no real idea of your situation and could be way off the mark, but have experienced so many similar stories that I was wondering if the scenario below may in some way relate to you.

You said Melanie is 18/19. Brother, this is very young and the world can seem appealing to us at that age. Melanie has probably met with new philosophies and ideas that have tripped her up on her walk with God. Satan is a master at this. If I was to say one thing about many Christians (and this includes myself), it's that they underestimate the power and subtlety of Satan. He possibly saw what you two had as a relationship and set about to destroy it. We can't comprehend the hatred Satan has for our souls as born again believers.

Keep pressing on Brother and keep praying for Melanie.

God bless

Dave

Re:Long time no post - posted by BVO (), on: 2008/2/14 6:15

There is something that you said Nile that struck me. "Life is not supposed to be like this" WOW, WOW A zillion times WOW.

That is the history of the world. Think of God's heart with wandering and whoring Israel. Think of your sin and mine and what it cost Jesus. God is sovereign and omniscient, but I can almost hear Him saying through the bible- "It's not supposed to be like this" He created us in His very own image and for fellowship with Him. How His heart breaks when people will love this world and the things of this world and even the people of this world more than Him. Love the Lord your God and seek His glory in all you do and He will direct your paths and place those in and remove those from your life that are not profitable for that goal. Like what has already been said, continue to pray for her as she is living lost and God still loves her. I pray that you will get through your current trial and come out on the other side leaner and greater in the Lord. Praise God! Love Barry

Re: Long time no post..., on: 2008/2/15 12:44

Hi Nile,

I'm glad to see you back here, also. :-) And sorry to hear about your romance. If I may say so, I believe your generation have a different set of difficulties to negotiate, because loss of virginity is so easily asquired; - it gives you all the impression that virginity is worth nothing and means nothing, when in fact, its preservation is worth fighting for like a prize to be obtained at all costs because what it brings to marriage is worth much more than this world of sin would admit (or knows).

When you both came here first, I was impressed at how much doctrine and theology you both seemed to know - for young believers - as it is not a part of Christianity.... to know how it works.... although there are some key truths which make all the difference to batting away the kind of nonsense the enemy would float into the unrenewed mind.

However, to meditate upon the spiritual truths of Israel's (many-times-broken) relationship with God, and then the New Covenant in His own blood - which cleanses from *all* sin - is to begin to appreciate the depth of holiness which God bestows upon those He has purchased - His Church.

There are many barriers to apprehending these realities, but they can be, as we *press* for the completion for which we have trusted ourselves to Christ - His choices and His rest.

Forgive my rambling....

Re: Long time no post... - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2008/2/15 13:35

Hi Nile...

I'm praying for you. I'm praying for Melanie too.

Be encouraged: Matthew 11:28-30

:-)

Re: Long time no post... - posted by LoveHim, on: 2008/2/15 14:34

Quote:
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nile,

i was going to write a bunch of stuff but the Lord has stopped that. so all i can say is that i will pray for you right now and that melanie repent and come back to God (and also for your cousin who's 18/19 years old).

i would encourage you to seek Him and really get to know Him, not just doctrines about Him. it really hurt my heart to see what you wrote in the thread 4 months back about Jesus not being your God. i would encourage you to humble your heart and seek God daily that He would open your eyes to what He desires for you to see and not what your friends (who showed you the articles about that) say to you, but what He shows you through His wonderful word. and i will praise God in advance for the wisdom and understanding that i believe He will open up to you about Himself and to any heart that is sincerely seeking and desiring Him alone, and not to win an argument or for doctrine alone, but for knowing Him in experience. that Jesus may be your all in all.

in love,
phil

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2008/2/15 20:33

Thank you all :-)
I'll try my best and we'll see what happens.

Re:, on: 2008/2/17 16:08

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Nile, I'm so sorry to read what's happened to you.

I believe that what Phil says could indeed have a bearing on the situation.

It isn't simply a matter of argument about correct doctrine, (do any of us get it 100% right?), but where there is a spirit of error influencing a person then there can be real problems.

The deity of Christ is more than a doctrine, it is a response to, and relationship with a Person. The Enemy is out to destroy that relationship, and sometimes he uses intellectual and doctrinal doubts to do this.

The man born blind (John 9) didn't have a clue who Jesus was at first; he only knew that Jesus had given him eyes and he could now see. So Jesus revealed Himself afresh to him; knowing that he had an eager and open heart and was ready to believe.

When a new Christian, I wasn't sure either, about several basic truths, including the deity of Christ; but the Lord revealed more of Himself and opened my understanding to understand more of the Scriptures (as He did with the two on the Emmaus Road after He rose from the dead).

But as we go on in life we often lose that childlike responsiveness that springs from "first love", and start analysing and questioning instead of just believing Him.

Been there!

Let the Lord restore you in mind and soul, and reveal Himself to you, and in you, afresh.

Praying for you, and for Melanie

Love in Him

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2008/2/17 16:30

Quote:

Nile wrote:
Thank you all :-)
I'll try my best and we'll see what happens.

Nile, I lean very much on what Jeannette posted to you - to walk in Spirit and Truth.

To walk in the spirit & truth is a commandment.

When I read this post of your above, I felt that "check in my spirit" of what you may have meant by trying your best - and seeing what happens.

You are talking to HIS people here - so to speak the truth among each other is something that HE takes Very Seriously.

Many have poured out their love to you in many ways and this is what you posted the next day, after this quote above ...

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I believe that is why I felt uneasy about "I'll try and see what happens".

Try what Nile? Please love us as much as we love you and take your prayer requests seriously.

Jeannette has spoken Truth in Love - don't "get down and dirty" with her too. Don't say you'll "try" to a loving brother that you replied to above and not mean it.

Learn to love us and respect the statement of faith of this forum, for all of our sakes.

Please and thank you.

Re: Long time no post... - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2008/2/17 21:59

Nile,

You got a lot of excellent advice here....and I am speaking as a person almost old enough to be your grandmother! I am not sure if anyone has suggested this, but I am and that is you need to thank God you did not marry Melanie. Have you ever considered what it would have been like if you had married her? A person bent on going their own way will not listen to good advice from anyone. They have to run their noses into the wall all by themselves and be left alone so they can feel that pain in its fullness. Then perhaps they may become willing to listen. If this sounds cruel read the OT and see how God dealt with apostasy...many lessons there for us if we want to learn.

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There is nothing you can say. You are not God nor the Holy Spirit. In situations like this all you can do is pray and thank the LORD He kept you from marrying her.

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Blessings,

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by Nile (), on: 2008/2/17 22:44

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Thanks, and I know you're not being cruel.

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Although hard advice, I have accepted this.

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=)

He_Reigns:

Quote:
-----I believe that is why I felt uneasy about "I'll try and see what happens". Try what?

I just meant try to live life and find the truth. Try instead of throw in the towel and quit, like Melanie and my cousin and so many others.

"and see what happens" meaning, I don't know what will happen, what I will come to believe. But what else can I do?

Quote:
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I will, and thank you.

Once I make it through all this - whatever conclusions I reach - I'll be sure to write something about my journey and tell you all here.

Nile

Re:, on: 2008/2/17 23:58

Hia Nile. Hey man, I do care and do love you. He's shot one of those arrows of His into my heart long ago in that dept. :-)

If I could just share my opinion on a few things.

In your first post - I don't think it was the best idea to mentioned names - because it's best to just say "my girlfriend" in the event you publicly shame someone who we all love also. How would it affect her to see that? Would she be inclined to come back?

I don't believe in public (global cyberspace) shame - unless it's within the four walls of a Church and done according to Matt 18.

You said in your first post

"_____ has apostated, even more than me."

May I ask what "even more than me" means.

Then again - this sentence

"I don't know what the truth is, but I wager that someone on this forum might have it."

Nile, way back when, when you asked for prayer for your cousin, we asked if you would or had taught her the anti-deity doctrine. Also mentioning if you had taught your girlfriend this teaching.

Asking that again now. Did you teach it to them?

I'm thinking of Mary and Joseph when I say this.

When you are 'engaged', you are already the spiritual head or priest over your betrothed. That's the decision you both make when you put that ring on and say you're to be married.

Do you see where I'm going with this?

We as women look to men to govern doctrine.

The reply you just gave above does not fit the events that happened after you posted that after Brother Phil's post. I remember Brother Tears_of_joy appealing to you with a broken heart and tremendous love also.

When you take Jesus from the Godhead, things can only spiral downward from there on.

I see these two girls as part of that downward spiral.

Men affect us women more than they know. We're built to submit and look UP to man. Even if it's just a cousin who's witnessing to us.

It all goes hand-in-hand and it's heartbreaking to watch happen. Many people loved your girlfriend.

I'm not putting all the blame on you - but to shame her in public and then come on and continue to post against the Deity right afterwards doesn't add up from His Eyes.

False doctrine is just as 100% equal to gross sin. Her sin is no worse than yours, in other words.

It's just sad that you felt to go into such detail of a former member and vindicate yourself.

We may need a dose of the fear of God here.

Love without Holiness and Truth is Not His Love.

The three are one - they are all three HIM equally.

Can you see what I mean?

Maybe you could edit names out of your first post. Just a suggestion. To shame anyone in this open venue is not correct.

I should have said it from day one, but I was a bit taken back at that moment when I hit your profile button and had to read and remember all said since Oct/Nov and on previous prayer threads you posted.

We love you and there's no doubt of that, but please take time to pray this through and seek Him with all of your heart.

We're praying - that's all we can do.

In the fear of God.

Annie