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When the righteous become inconvenient - posted by makrothumia (), on: 2018/11/3 8:07

This morning a fascinating word stood out to me from Isaiah chapter 3. The word was used in a statement made by the people. They had refused to be persuaded by the Lord's prophets and their attitude was revealed in this fascinating declaration: - "We should bind up the righteous man because he is INCONVENIENT to us."

In the LXX, (Septuagint) the Greek word is ἰσχυρὸς ἡμεῖς, - a compound of the prefix ἐκ + ἁπλῶς. Jesus said his yoke was ἁπλῶς - easy - (better translated a good fit). So ἐκ is a prefix similar to the English prefix un- or mis-.

The people were saying we should bind up the righteous man because he is NOT a good fit for us - ie - the righteous man is un-easy for us - righteous men are mis-fits.

Have you experienced this attitude? Do you see this attitude increasing? For those who live according to their own desires, a righteous man who lives according to the words of the Lord, is an inconvenience.

This attitude is the undercurrent of those no longer willing to endure sound teaching. When sound teaching makes people uneasy, it becomes an inconvenience. That's when people begin gathering to themselves teachers that suit their own desires.

The yoke of Jesus involves doing His Father's will. We find His life when we lose our own life. This yoke is only easy when we learn of Him and discover His joy makes our own joy full. But if we seek joy in doing our own will, His yoke is un-easy, a mis-fit, an inconvenient hindrance to the desire to be blessed fulfilling our own lusts.

Re: When the righteous become inconvenient - posted by savannah, on: 2018/11/3 8:33

Have you experienced this attitude?

YES!

Do you see this attitude increasing?

YES!

HOW LONG, O LORD...!!!