

A Spiritual Heritage - 2

“For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God”, Hebrews 7:19.

I am reminded of an old anecdote featuring an old and drunken gravedigger.

A drunken gravedigger awoke to find himself lying amongst the tombstones in his local cemetery.

It was very dark, and he was afraid. In his fear filled and drunken state he started running, and fell into a grave he had dug earlier.

Clambering out, he immediately started running, and collided with several large and upright tombstones. Finally, bruised and bleeding, he made it to his house.

His wife asked him two questions, “Who had he been fighting with”, and ‘What had happened?’

He answered her, describing his experiences in the dark graveyard.

Her replied was, ‘There is nothing in there that can hurt you!’

His replied, which embodies the lack of teaching by many Churches, was, “That may be true, but there is a lot in there that can cause you to hurt yourself!”

Let us for a minute consider the Biblical narrative of Hannah.

In the Old Testament book of Samuel, we read that a gentleman named Elkanah, the husband of Peninnah and Hannah went to the Temple each year.

Elkanah and Peninnah attended the Feast days, whilst Hannah wept her prayer to the Lord that He would open her womb, and allow her to bear children for her husband.

After being accused of being drunk by the priest at the Temple, and then being blessed by the priest after she had explained the reason for her tears, and the vow she had made to God, Hannah became a changed woman and protected woman.

Thus, whilst the drunk gravedigger was prepared to accept a life that used the highway of life called 'Fear', it was a highway that did not display warning signs of the potential 'hard knocks'.

He accepted the fact that a normal life could be erratic, and would produce a few spiritual bruises along the way.

Hannah was not prepared to accept that being a barren wife was normal, and sought God's help in sorting out the problem.

I believe Hannah's problem was having to wait for God's timing. Her prayer and desires were that God would give her a son, who she could return to God for Him to use.

Hannah's spiritual situation was miserable, but she refused to accept that situation as God's Will for her life.

After her prayer and receiving a blessing from the priest, Hannah's life changed dramatically.

She had no idea of the miracle work that God was about to produce from her womb. God changed Hannah before she saw the miracle, for God brought forth from Hannah's womb the little boy He was now ready to use for His Glory.

The baby was named Samuel, and used by God to install the greatest king Israel ever had.

Friend, which way do you want your life to go?

You have two choices,

Allow your heart to fearlessly cry out to God, and walk the path of God with endurance?

Or allow your life to control you by fear that you run in terror, and get hurt by the obstacles Satan will place in your path?

Success is where God has given you the strength to eject your fears.

Your past has gone, and therefore, it cannot arrange your future.

Have you claimed, and stretched out your spiritual hands to receive God's Gifts for your future use?