

All Or Nothing

We have here two Scriptures. God uses the prophet Zephaniah at the latter end of the Old Testament era; and the Apostle John, writing about an event that is to take place at the latter end of the New Testament era.

“And them that worship the host of heaven upon the housetops; and them that worship and that swear by the LORD, and that swear by Malcham”, Zephaniah 1:5.

“So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth”, Revelation 3:16.

In the first of the two Scriptures, the people had the idea that because they looked towards the heavens, and worshipped both God and Malcham, it would be a safe ‘each-way-bet’.

In the second of the two Scriptures, the people had the idea that because they were either ‘lukewarm or hot’, they could not be cold, and once again they took the view that ‘lukewarm or hot’ would be a safe ‘each-way-bet’.

What then is the problem?

In the first Scripture the people were looking towards the sun, moon, and stars – all worship by the heathen nations around them, and Malcham (Moloch) was an idol.

Thus two of their centres of worship were clearly ‘visible gods’, whilst God Himself, although known by His track record of works and miracles with, and for, His people had no definitive representation.

In the second scripture it translates as ME, me and God, God full time.

Consider the following,

1. worship of idols or self is to pin your faith on what you can see,
2. Bowing to God and worshipping idols or self is duplicity, and part-timing with your faith,
3. Bowing to God is full time reverence.

Regarding 1 & 2 above, it is no more than trying to bargain with God. Look at people’s faces when they think that they have a bargain. Nobody, absolutely nobody trades an item unless they still make a gain on it.

It might not be the gain they wanted, but it is never less than what they paid for the item!

When our Heavenly Father sent His Son, He sent His Son in the fullness –

not just time – but also in the completion of His Mission with no strings attached.

He did not send His Son to

1. make you a god in your own eyes,
2. or share you with satan,

He sent His Son that you, in the entirety of your life, should once again don the image of God.

Bargain hunters have one median

receive as much as possible

give as little as possible

Friends, unfortunately, there are many christians who also work to the same rule. They want all tthe Spiritual Blessings, yet not to give of their time in Praise and Worship.

Jesus has given us the answer in His Teachings, "If anyone comes to me and does not hate his father and mother, his wife and children, his brothers and sisters – yes, even his own life – he cannot be my disciple", Luke 14:26.

This teaching clearly states that we are to,

1. distance ourselves from all worldly concerns,
2. we are to ignore the one who says "If the three of us, Jesus, you, and myself can all be friends, then I have no hassle with that". Of course not, BUT YOU WILL NEVER SEE JESUS IN ETERNITY!

Friends, it is all of me so that I can get all of Jesus.

Less of me for Jesus is none of Jesus for me in Eternity.

Christianity isn't found in bargain basements or bargain stores. It is for those who are prepared to pay the full price, and that price is a complete surrender.

Which will you choose?