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(Short review from “What Advantage”)

Fourth, “What advantage have we over the unsaved?”

Psalms 73:5, many times, the wicked prosper greatly in this in this world, as they are not troubled and plagued as other men.

Psalms 119:70, “Their heart is as fat as grease” & “Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish.”

Psalms 73:7, 9, 14, they curse God, yet they “prosper in in the world; they increase in riches” while those with a clean heart are plagued and chastened every morning.

Psalms 37:12, the wicked plot against the just.

We see them, and we wonder “**What advantage is there to follow the Lamb?**”

Much in every way. Though the wicked may appear to be in great prosperity, the word of God reveals the truth:

Isaiah 57:20 *But the wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt.*

Psalms 73:18, they are in a slippery place, and on the verge of destruction.

Fifth, “What advantage have the redeemed over the unsaved?”

Much in every way.

Adoption. Romans 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together. (Gal 4:7)

Heb 1:2 We have been adopted as children of God, and joint heirs with him who is the heir of all things.

Justified. Romans 5:1 *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:*

Purged conscience. Hebrews 9:14 *How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

Romans 3:1, 2, What advantage hath those with the circumcised heart have over the uncircumcised who have great prosperity in this world?

So much more in every way that those ways are beyond seeing, hearing, and cannot be imagined:

1 Corinthians 2:9 *But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.*

Romans 3:3-8.

V. 3. *What if... shall their unbelief...*

God will remain faithful to his word even if his "professed" people deny him, both in word and in deed.

V. 4, *let God be true, but every man a liar...* Though the whole world, even those who profess the Christian faith, depart from faithfulness to his word, his word will remain true.

The Israelite nation was 'entrusted' with the oracles of God, which gave them great advantaged over the surrounding pagan nations. Every writer of the Bible was an Israelite. Over the years, Israel's unfaithfulness to her God could not annul God's faithfulness in carrying out those oracles (whether of promised prosperity, or judgment). **God must be found true to his word, though every man be false to his Word.**

To prove his point, Paul refers back to King David:

It is written... Paul quoted Psalms 51:4 (vv. 1-4, 1 « *To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba. » Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. 4 Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.*

In 2 Samuel 7:15, 16. David received the promise of an everlasting kingdom through a descendent of David.

15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. 16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

After the promise to King David:

In 2 Samuel 11, David kills Uriah.

In 2 Samuel 12, Nathan confronts David with his sin.

In Psalms 51, David confesses and repents of his sin.

In Romans 3:4, Paul repeats David's humble confession where David confesses that he deserves whatever justice God decides to meet out to him.

Paul tells the Israelites at Rome, and all his readers, that David's sin could not void the promise of God made to him in 2 Samuel 7.

God's response to David's sin tells David that God will be faithful to the covenant promise that had been committed to him, and David's terrible sin could not void that promise.

Psalms 51:4 *Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.*

“(e) When you give sentence against sinners, they must confess you to be just, and themselves sinners.” (Geneva)

Romans 3:4 *God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.*

Numbers 23:19 *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?*

Psalms 119:160 *Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.*

Micah 7:20 *Thou wilt perform the truth to Jacob, and the mercy to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.*

Psalms 119:89 *LAMED. For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled in heaven. 90 Thy*

faithfulness is unto all generations:

How foolish are the wise men of this world when they think they can ascend into the heavens and nullify God's law-word. Such foolish thinking is not unique with our generation of apostates

Romans 3:4

First, unfaithfulness and sin will not nullify God's truth.

Second, unbelief will not nullify God's truth.

Third, corruption of the everlasting Word of God through various new translations will not nullify God's word. A gender neutral "Bible" will not nullify God's truth.

Forth, corruption of doctrine from colleges, even Christian colleges, and corruption from so called bible believing preachers will not nullify God's truth.

Fifth, Dispensational Arminianism will not nullify God's law-word as found in the law and in the law and the prophets.

Those of us who came out of the **Dispensational Arminian faith** could spend several hours telling how the Dispensational faith not only seeks to undermine but has undermined the orthodox, historic Christian faith. That faith has produced a hopeless, even a lawless faith. As I consider what the Dispensational faith has done, I am reminded of

John 12:19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Perceive ye how ye prevail nothing? behold, the world is gone after him.

That is, it seems as the whole world, save and unsaved, has gone after the Dispensational faith.

However, "let God be true, but every man a liar: tells us that though the whole world goes after the smoke and mirrors of the corrupt faiths of our day, they cannot nullify the truth as revealed in the law and the prophets.

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~~**Fifth**, Dispensational Arminianism will not nullify God's law-word.~~

Sixth, denial will not nullify God's truth.

Unbelief and denial abound in and out of the pulpits, but such denial is not new. Actually, denial that God says what he means, and means what he says started in the Garden.

Here are 3 common denials among Christians

1) Subduing the nations of the world to Christ according to Psalms 110:1.

Doubt or faithlessness will not hinder God fulfilling his word:

Isaiah 11:9 *They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

Habakkuk 2:14 *For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.*

2) one of the major denials of our day is the replacement of the carnal nation of ancient Israel with the God's new nation of Israel, Galatians 6:16. Paul will prove that the New Israel of God is made up of all whose hearts have been circumcised by the Spirit of God.

The denial of the truth that the carnal Israel of our day has absolutely no connection with the true Israel of God. That carnal nation has usurped a promise that is not theirs, and that usurpation has persuaded many Christians to finance and even die in order to support their false claim.

Messianic-Judaism mocks replacement theology claiming that Christians will never replace the Jews as God's chosen people. (Michael Hoffman II. Judaism's Strange Gods, p. 97. The independent history and Research Company, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.)

3) the worse of denials is the denial that there is only one way to the Father, whether for fellowship or for eternal life. That one way is through the finished work of Christ.

Acts 4:12 *Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.*

The list is endless of prophecies and promises of the Word of God that are denied by even by many who profess Christ.

He 1:3. Though every man in the world might deny God the Father and his Son Jesus Christ, the Son remains *on the right hand of the Majesty on high*, from where he upholds all things by the word of his power, and purges us from all our sins.

Psalms 53:1 « *To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, A Psalm of David. »
The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.*

Romans 1 assured us the proof of God is everywhere man looks: from the largest heavens to the smallest particle. God is justified not only in his word, but in his creation, and all men who disagree with his word are found to be liars.

Why do men lie about what they know of God? Primarily, because they want a god like unto themselves, a god they can mold into a more suitable image.

Men, even professed Christian men seek exemption from their sin. God is faithful to his promises of pardon of sin, but never does he promise pardon apart from Christ. He is not willing that any should perish, but the only pardon is by grace through faith in Christ.

Vv. 3, 4 basically says that the covenant promises of God and the success of the Messiah's kingdom on earth are not based upon man's moral character nor upon his faith. Rather, those promises are based upon the everlasting covenant as defined in both the **Westminster Confession, Chapter VIII, and word for word in the 1689 London Baptist Confession, Chapter 8.**

Of Christ the Mediator.

I. It pleased God, in **His eternal purpose**, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man; {19 } the Prophet, {20 } Priest, {21 } and King, {22 } the Head and Saviour of His Church, {23 } the Heir of all things, {24 } and Judge of the world: {25 } unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, {26 } and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified. {27 }

What a blessed comfort the Redeemed have in Christ:

Romans 3:3 *For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? 4 God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar; as it*

is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.

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