

Overflowing With A Good Theme

As the psalmist said, I'm ready, "My heart is overflowing with a good theme... my tongue is like the pen of a ready writer." Psalm 45:1

He's coming. He's coming. I think in today's reading in Revelation 14, we see in verse number six, where John says, I saw another angel, flying in the midst of heaven, having the everlasting gospel, to preach to those who dwell on the earth — to every nation, tribe, tongue and people saying with a loud voice — this is the everlasting gospel. What was it: And this is what it is, "Fear God, and give glory to Him, for the hour of His judgment has come, worship Him, who has made heaven and earth, the sea, and the springs of water. That was the message that the messenger, the angel, who was flying in heaven, who was preaching the everlasting good news, is proclaiming. What is it? That the Creator, who's created it all, who's been telling and foretelling for generation upon generation, this time was coming, who also has made every provision possible for every tribe, tongue and nation, to be rescued, in advance of His coming. So when he is proclaiming that message, the idea is, is that the Judge is about to call the judgment, for which He has been proclaiming was coming for years and years and years, who's been long suffering toward man, who has been patient and merciful, toward us. Remember God needs none of these things. God doesn't need anything that's in the heavens or on the earth, or in the sea, or the springs of water. These are things that God's given us — that man needs in His mercies toward us. God doesn't need anything to exist. He created it for us, and our existence, and now he's proclaiming the message that we're to yield and give place to God and the glory to Him. If you jump over Revelation 15, look, for I want us to see this. What? This is one of those questions that we need to answer in verse number four, "who shall who shall not fear you, oh, Lord, and glorify your name? Is there anybody exempt? Are there any exemptions? Who shall not fear you?"

Acts 17 reminds us that we are not here by accident, God's expectation and judgments are intentional and purposeful and that He'll judge the world by one standard — the righteousness of Jesus.

All People... From One Blood

"Thus says the Lord, who STRETCHES out the heavens, LAYS the foundation of the earth, and FORMS the spirit of a man within him. Who made the world and everything in it...He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood EVERY nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and He has determined their preappointed times (when they would live) and the boundaries of their dwellings (where they would live), SO THAT they should SEEK the Lord, in the HOPE that they might grope for Him and FIND Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for by

Him we live and move and have our being..." (Zechariah 12:1 & Acts 17:24-28).

He never does anything by accident... including making you! Therefore, we will all give an account to Him. And His judgment is sure and narrowed to one Man, His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. And to be righteous as Jesus one must entrust themselves to Him and His message, ministry and mission.

The thing is we do not know the hour we must stand before Him and give an account of what we did with what He gave us in the grace of the Lord Jesus. His mercy must be embraced, enjoyed and engulf our existence in this life to be celebrated before Him and His throne when we die.

The standard by which all men will be judged has to be the same standard by which all men shall live. You cannot have a standard of judgment and a different standard to live by. Therefore, the qualities by which we will be judged is the same qualities that we are to live by. Acts 17 reveals this standard and it is found only in one — the Lord Jesus Christ. If we are not as righteous as He at the judgement it is because we were not as righteous as He in this life. 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 and Titus 2:11-14 help see how we become the righteousness of God through the sacrificial and substitutionary life and death of Jesus. The life He lived, qualified Him to die the death that He died. And the death that He died, qualifies us to trust, believe and receive the life that He lived.

He alone has secured His sure salvation and steadfastness for those who believe and trust Him and His everlasting grace...

"We give thanks to You, O God, we give thanks. For Your wondrous works declare that You are near. When I choose the proper time, I will judge uprightly. The earth and all [its] inhabitants are dissolved; I set up its pillars firmly (I am Your Maker). Selah" (Psalm 75:1-2).

Remember:

"For promotion comes neither from the east nor from the west nor from the south [for it comes from above]. For God is the Judge: He [is the one who] brings down one, and lifts up another." (Psalms 75:6-7)

I was reminded of these verses and the principles they unveil...as a pondered how these ropes are used to raise or lower our flag and the reality that they are at my mercy. I have the ability to bring them up or down whenever I choose. And our great Maker and Judge has not only the ABILITY but the AUTHORITY to do as He pleases, with whom He pleases, whenever He pleases. And honestly...I'm grateful to serve a God who can. And I rejoice in knowing that I'm at His tender mercies — because I also trust that He will always do what is right and good and just and noble,

even if it doesn't seem to make sense to me at the time. To Him be the glory... may we respond to such wondrous truths by "humbling ourselves in the sight of the Lord, that He shall lift us up in His timing." (James 4:10)

I love the picture that psalm 45 paints. Like the psalmist we want our heart to overflow with a good theme. You always want a theme in your heart, you always want something that's overflowing out of you. Psalm 45:1 "My heart is overflowing with a good theme." Now he's gonna tell us WHO the good theme is. Who it is, and it's overflowing. You can't help it. I mean, all our hearts overflow with something. But what are they overflowing with? Are they overflowing with a good theme or a bad theme? A good word or bad word? A lie or truth? His answer or our own?

What's the eternal results that are noticeable, in the here and now when Jesus is my answer?

The beauty for ashes, the oil of gladness for sorrow and the garments of praise for the spirit of heaviness.

Think about it:

He was anointed to bring beauty from ashes... As Isaiah encourages us to look to Him: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me (Jesus); because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He might be glorified" (Isaiah 61:1-3)"

C'mon... glory!!! Isaiah 61 reveals, all we had to offer and add to the equation is nothingness, lifelessness and despair (ashes and brokenness) that have been stripped of anything worth anything, something unrecognizable and depleted of the elements it was created for, and He turns it into a beautiful work of grace and glory, to display the wonders of His unfailing mercy and the very fruit of His nature, goodness and love. Glory...

"I will turn your mourning to joy and comfort you. I will make you rejoice rather than sorrow. My people will be satisfied with My goodness, says the Lord" (Jeremiah 31)

You ever ask? What makes the disciples of Jesus different than the rest of the world? The ultimate answer is Jesus!

What MAKES the servants of God UNIQUE, the people of God DIFFERENT, the disciples of Christ Jesus SEPARATE, the believers DISTINCT from all others? Who makes the fishers of men STANDOUT in society and the worshippers of God UNLIKE any other people? The ultimate and unquestionable answer is Jesus! He makes the difference... but how does He make this difference?

Here are a few, very important and IRREPLACEABLE qualities, that stood out to me, in a conversation Moses had with God, that MAKES GRACED PEOPLE DIFFERENT.

1. His Presence (It's through/with Him.)
2. His Purpose (It's all about Him.)
3. His Promises (It's all from Him.)
4. His Principles (It's all for Him.)
5. His Praise (It's all to Him.)
6. Their Past (It's covered by His blood.)
7. Their Present (It's resting in His sufficient grace.)
8. Their Place (It's an assignment given by God.)
9. Their Plans (It's secure in Him, who cannot lie.)

How about you? Is He your Almighty answer? What difference has He made in your faith and walk, and how you love, and who you live for? He alone is enough for His disciples... (2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Exodus 33:12-23 ; Exodus 19:5-6 ; Romans 11:36 ; 12:1-2 ; 1 Peter 2:9-10 ; Titus 2:11-14)

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#whataboutJesusthatmakesthemandifferent #pullingbackthecurtain #apeakbehindthecurtain
#theunveilingofJesus #luke1and74thru75 #behold #beholdtheLordiscomingsoon