

Notes from “First Do No Harm”, the Sabbath message of 12-6-2012

What if a government official came up to you, handed you a five-foot length of lumber and said, “Go smack your neighbor in the face with this 2 x 4 and we’ll make things easier for you.” Would you do it? I would hope that every one of you would say no. But in reality, that is how I increasingly felt over the last fifteen years or so, every time I was in a situation that expected me to take benefits from the system at the expense of my neighbor. And for many years I anguished over it, not doing anything about it in my heart, which is perhaps where many of you are. But the more I thought about it, the more that the reality of my part as an “accomplice” in this crime hit me. I could no more take their sweat equity and livelihood, than I could smack them in the face with a 2 x 4. *and...* doing so just so I could be accepted as a member in good standing of their criminal enterprise system. Imagine that... Being a willing member of their club of iniquity. What is worse? Forcibly taking a man’s livelihood and sweat equity via a government decree, or smacking him in the face with a 2 x 4 by a government decree?

But if the government official told you to do it, then it must be okay and you must do this, right? Is this the proper “interpretation” of Romans 13 by chance? Was that not the mindset that had been drilled into the soldiers and citizenry when they came to trial at Neuremberg?... “We were told to do it.” Or more historically famous among the military of them... “We were only following orders”?

If the Christians in any society can’t be the role models to set the example to offset such a “go along to get along” or “willful accomplice” mindset, then who will? Who will act as ambassadors of Yeshua’s righteousness and stand with Him as advocates for the helpless innocent brethren in one’s society? ...the luciferians? (- yeah right -) If we won’t stand for the innocent among us, why are we so arrogantly expecting YHWH to get the naturally tyrannical to remorsefully see this pyramidal corporate web of injustice (or “racket”) as an evil thing to do to people?

Many who know me in town here, know that I don’t even feel that riding the bus is comfortable for me, as it also supports the elite’s “legalized plunder” system and would also show the world that I endorse a “steal and give” society rather than a biblically giving society where the church used to help the less fortunate. As in many states, our state monies are taken by force to subsidize the transportation systems as well, thus I do not want to even ride the buses. Is this extreme? Well, again, I don’t want to even smack my neighbor in the face with a firing strip (a smaller piece of lumber), and it will surely get to such a point in this nation if we let this continue to escalate by ignoring the very principle of how we “*partake in their sins*” (Rev. 18:4)

I am reminded of the ethical statement that even the A.M.A. doctors take that comes from, “Primum non nocere” which in the Latin means, “first do no harm”. The actual Hippocratic Oath uses the wording, “to abstain from doing harm”.

(Second part...)

Mat 16:24-26

(24) Then said Jesus unto his disciples, **If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.**

(25) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

(26) For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? **or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?**

(his birthright? his loyalty?)

See also Mark 8:34 and this one:

Luk 9:22-23

(22) Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be **rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes,** and be slain, and be raised the third day.

(23) And he said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and **take up his cross daily,** and follow

2Ti 3:12

(12) Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

Persecution

PERSECUTION, n. The act or practice of persecuting; the infliction of pain, punishment or death upon others unjustly, particularly for adhering to a religious creed or mode of worship, either by way of penalty or for compelling them to renounce their principles. Historians enumerate ten persecutions suffered by the Christians, beginning with that of Nero, A.D. 31, and ending with that of Diocletian, A.D. 303 to 313.

1. The state of being persecuted.

Our necks are under persecution; we labor and have no rest. Lam 5.

Some fear this “ousting of themselves from their friends in churchianity or paganism” and therefore have a stronger fear of man’s persecution’s than YHWH’s warath and will instead submit to the greater comforts in the iniquity of the beast rather than suffer along with those who refuse to receive ill-gotten gain taken from their neighbor. Where Elihu warned those of Job’s time...

Job 36:21

(21) Take heed, regard not iniquity: for this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

Affliction

AFFLICTION, n.

1. The state of being afflicted; a state of pain, distress, or grief.

Some virtues are seen only in affliction.

2. The cause of continued pain of body or mind, as sickness, losses, calamity, adversity, persecution.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous. Psa 34.

Job 36:10-15

(10) He openeth also their ear to discipline, and **commandeth that they return from iniquity.**

(11) If they obey and serve *him*, they shall spend their days in prosperity, and their years in pleasures.

(12) **But if they obey not, they shall perish by the sword, and they shall die without knowledge.**

(13) **But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath:** they cry not when he bindeth them.

(14) They die in youth, and their life *is* among the unclean.

(15) **He delivereth the poor in his affliction, and openeth their ears in oppression.**

Joh 15:13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Mat 5:10 Blessed *are* they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

They that wait on him shall renew their strength...

Zep 3:1-20

- (1) Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!
- (2) She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in YHWH; she drew not near to her God.
- (3) Her princes within her *are* roaring lions; her judges *are* evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.
- (4) Her prophets *are* light *and* treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.
- (5) The just YHWH *is* in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: **every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.**
- (6) I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.
- (7) I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, *and* corrupted all their doings.
- (8) Therefore **wait ye upon me, saith YHWH, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination *is* to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, *even* all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.**
- (9) For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of YHWH, to serve him with one consent.
- (10) From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, *even* the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.
- (11) In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.
- (12) I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of YHWH.
- (13) **The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity,** nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, **and none shall make them afraid.**
- (14) Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.
- (15) YHWH hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, *even* YHWH, *is* in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.
- (16) In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: *and* to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.
- (17) The LORD thy Elohim in the midst of thee *is* mighty; **he will save**, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.
- (18) I will gather *them that are* sorrowful for the solemn assembly, *who* are of thee, *to whom* the reproach of it *was* a burden.
- (19) **Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.**
- (20) **At that time will I bring you *again*, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith YHWH.**