

## Mercy Rejoices Against Judgment

### Part III

#### Conclusion:

Jesus Christ the Son of God is the fulness of the God Head, (Colossians 2:9). Who came in the likeness of sinful flesh, (Romans 8:3-4), to reveal the One True God to all who will believe (Romans 1:16; John 6:29). But the scripture also reveals how God would give to those who rejected Christ the desires of their heart, (Psalm 10:3). So Jesus will allow the Jews a temporary allowance to be gods in their own right who insist on rejecting God's only begotten Son. Yet, for the sake of showing the Wisdom of God to His elect, Jesus will ask the question:

*John 10:35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken; 36 Say ye of him, [Christ], whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?*

Jesus showed many signs and miracles, in front of the temple leaders, which only God the Creator could have done (Colossians 1:16-17). Jesus' mercy against judgment had applied to John the Baptist who wasn't sure if Christ was the one God had sent, (Psalm 14:2-3):

*Matthew 11:4-5 Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: 5 The blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them.*

The believer worships God through the work of God's Son Jesus Christ, according to the scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:3-4). This is also manifested in the first of the ten commandments God gave to Moses to the nation of Israel who typify God's elect; but who also typify the apostate congregation throughout the fulness of times (Jeremiah 3:8-10)! The Christian believer is to love God with their whole heart, soul, and mind. According to, Deuteronomy 5:6, and, Mark 12:30, all of our gifts, and all of our abilities, shall go toward the worship of the one true God, that is according to the scriptures. But God's people shall not have the same affection for any part of God's creation that replaces God, (Romans 1:25).

*Deuteronomy 5:6 ¶ I am the LORD thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage. 7 Thou shalt have none other gods before me.*

As revealed in, Revelation 19:13, what we read in, Deuteronomy 5:6, is the word of Jesus Christ who is the LORD:

*Revelation 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

Jesus, who is God in the flesh, [*now abiding in His elect*], (1 John 4:2-3), who is One with God, and who is the fulness of the God Head, (Colossians 2:9), now declares from within His elect:

*Mark 12:30-31 And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. 31 And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.*

And God does not teach that our neighbor must qualify in some way to receive our love which we have for ourselves. Rather, to love our neighbor as ourselves is to preach, [*speak, witness*], the same gospel we desire for ourselves. Certainly never assuming, upon others, our salvation as the authority (1 Corinthians 4:7). For Christ, who is the same God, the same LORD, and the same DELIVERER, who, speaks in, Mark 12:30-31, and, in, Deuteronomy 5:6, must receive all the glory that is due His Name:

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In His longsuffering God lovingly warns that those who die having worshipped other god's shall have been of the line of Cain, Esau, and Judas Iscariot. God's eternal Love is never separated from His eternal warning of what happens to the ungodly:

*Obadiah 1:16 For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain, so shall all the heathen drink continually, yea, they shall drink, and they shall swallow down, and they shall be as though they had not been.*

Obadiah 1:16, [*as many other parts of scripture*], gives the same warning God gave to Moses to give to the apostate Israelites who had been following Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, [*other gods*], in Numbers 16. But, 14, 700, of the congregation, [*14, 700 can typify the world*], did not heed God's word to Moses. Instead they un-righteously judged Moses in their hearts just prior to their destruction. Yet, Moses' heart was for God that He would show mercy against judgment to Israel His elect, whoever they are:

*Numbers 16:22 And they, [Moses, Aaron, etc.], fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?*

So we see the first desire of God's elect, who are found in the congregation that is called by God's Name, is mercy against judgment, lest they themselves be shown no mercy:

*James 2:13 For he shall have judgment without mercy, that hath shewed no mercy; and mercy rejoiceth against judgment.*

Ultimately, the true Christian's desire is always, 'not their will, but God's will be done'. Yet, all of scripture shows how God creates His people to typify His Son Jesus Christ who had not come in the flesh to destroy the world, but to save it:

*John 12:47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.*

For if Jesus, who was perfect and Holy God in the flesh, had come to judge the world, then, no one would have been saved! For, from the Garden of Eden in the first Adam, 'all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)'. Yet, wonderfully, before the world began, God the Father had chosen those He would give to the Son; so that those not chosen, [*Cain, Esau, Judas Iscariot, Ananias, Sapphire, etc.*], (Acts 5:4-10), would already have been judged from the foundation of the world. Jesus in the flesh does not need to judgment them again:

*John 7:6 Then Jesus said unto them, My time is not yet come: but your time is always ready.*

Jesus, while in the likeness of sinful flesh, (Romans 8:3-4), who was perfect and Holy God without sin, came for one specific reason. To give His eternal life for those the Father had given Him, from before the foundation of the world, (2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:2).

*1 Peter 1:19-21 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: 20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, 21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.*

The Christian's first and foremost interest in their walk with their Lord, is to be found faithful to the entire Word of their Lord; which only a remnant will see.

*Psalm 19:7-11 ¶ The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold: sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. 11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.*

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