

us and to help us slowly break the chains which bind us and do what God requires of us. Let us love our Heavenly Father so much that it would break our heart to break His heart!

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, 16 I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. 17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit[al] of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

- Ephesians 1:15-17

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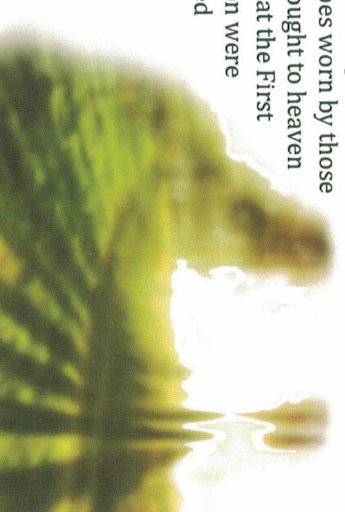
I Know Ye Not

When the five foolish virgins rushed back with the oil needed to fully fill their lamps, they were shocked to learn that they could not go with the Lord. They were devastated when they called to Him and He said, "I know ye not"! The five foolish and the five wise were all believers; they had all gathered together, they were all eagerly awaiting the Lord, they all thought they were prepared, and they all desired to go with Him when He came. (Matthew 25:1-13)

Another parable from scripture tells us that two worked together in the field yet only one was taken, and two were sleeping and only one was taken. These also shared a similar goal and a similar life and yet only half were taken when the Lord came. (Matthew 24:37-42)

When we think that each of these souls may have prayed together, believed together, loved the Lord with the same vigor, and may have been surprised and devastated to be left behind, perhaps it behooves us to try to understand why this could have happened.

As we search scripture for the answer, we can read that that the robes worn by those who are brought to heaven with Christ at the First Resurrection were unblemished by sin.



We learn that the robes were washed clean by the blood of Christ prior to them going with Him. The fact that the robes required washing tells us that they had been blemished by sin. Why then, could not those in the parables who were left behind have received that same last-minute grace as well? (Revelation 22:14 and Revelation 7:13-17)

As we look into the pre-requisites for the forgiveness of sin we learn that we must take Holy Communion worthily if we desire that sacrament to be effective. This means that we must acknowledge our sins, have remorse for them, desire to "go forth and sin no more" and also forgive others. We can see therefore that we must truly recognize and acknowledge our sin.... for we cannot acknowledge what we refuse to see as sin.

Many areas of the Bible teach us about sin and about what is not pleasing to God. The Bible also teaches us why we fall to sin and that Satan and his fallen angels do all in their power to cause us to sin. The fallen angels have such great power over mankind that they can bring us into sinful thoughts and activities if we do not recognize their presence or wear the "armor" God has provided for us. These spirits can blind us to the truth, they can tempt us to sin; and they can provide us with justification for our sins so that we falsely believe that what we do is not a sin. We also fall prey to the inclinations of and thus invoke the sinful behavioral tendencies of our forefathers.

As we study the Word of God we learn about sins of commission, sins of omission, generational and inherited sin, and the sins known as the seven deadly sins. These are often difficult to recognize since they are the sins of pride, envy, greed, anger, lust, gluttony and sloth and are found to some degree and at one time or another in all of us. Therefore we are faced with yet another question. What do we do if we do not, cannot, or even will not overcome these sins or if we have simply never realized or recognized that certain attitudes and activities are sinful before God? How do we then acknowledge all the sins we really commit?

As we continue our search to learn what we must do, we learn in 2 Timothy 4:2 that we are to "preach the word, and reprove, rebuke, and exhort with all longsuffering

and doctrine". Colossians 4:3 tells us that we must pray that God opens a door for that message. Titus 2:15 tells us we should encourage and rebuke using the authority of scripture. This tells us that we are to monitor one another and help uncover the attributes which are not pleasing to God.

We also learn that God wants all men to be saved, is willing to forgive all things except the sin against the Holy Ghost, and that He looks for us to be humbled by our sins and deeply regret disappointing Him. We learn that we are not to judge one another and we must not condemn the soul, but bring our sin out of the darkness (evil) and into the light (Christ) in our effort to be found worthy. Judging is something which most people do from one time to another.

As we put all this information together, we begin to understand what we must do to avoid being left behind when Christ returns for His bride. We realize that we must find our own personal path to the First Resurrection and that none of us can find that path without acknowledging all our sin and wishing with all our heart that we could live in a manner which would never displease our Heavenly Father and emulate how Christ lived.

But the fact is that we do sin and that we will require Holy Communion before we can join Christ in the First Resurrection. Therefore, we must learn what we must do to be forgiven; how we must prepare to take Holy Communion worthily to avoid becoming one who is left behind. We must also pray for an open heart which will accept what God wants us to understand.

Sadly, our human nature hates being rebuked, hates the humiliation we attach to the admission that we have committed a sin, especially those we continue to commit and perhaps even enjoy committing. Sin is for God to consider in terms of forgiveness, not us for only God can see into a heart to know the circumstances of one's sin. Our job is to help one another and ourselves to reach inside our heart and uncover everything which could possibly be displeasing to God and gently, lovingly encourage one another to that path. We must recognize the need to feel a deep and true remorse when we disappoint God, for it is through that remorse and that

acknowledgement of our sins that we can be forgiven.

We must also remember that God labors under the rule of righteousness and will not break that rule. Thus, He desires that we leave our state of unawareness and complacency, and learn of and acknowledge Divine law. He wants our "yes" word to be given with our free will out of our love for Him and from our deep desire to do as He asks us to do. He will wipe away every sin and every sorrow if we seek to know what He asks of us, desire with all our heart to please him, and mold ourselves to whatever is required to fulfill the righteousness under which He labors.... and have remorse when we fail.

God, in His loving kindness and graciousness often sends us a message about the changes we still require to make us into the Bride He seeks for His Son. That message may come through our bearer of blessing, through a Divine Service, through a Bible study, through something we see, or hear, or read, even through another person. Nevertheless, it is a message which God sends us to help us understand everything about our sinful plight and how much He wants to help us avoid eternal captivity. Any captivity (sin) which may have claimed us during our lifetime will not be allowed into the perfect world where no sin, no tears, and no sorrow can exist, where there will be joy and hope, love, and perfection.

Therefore, let us look for those messages and messengers, let us uncover those passages in scripture which teach us what is displeasing to God, and let us ask our Heavenly Father to forgive us. Let us help one another to be found worthy when Christ returns; let us rebuke, exhort, teach and love one another without anger and judgment. Let us seek forgiveness for everything we may have missed, everything for which we may not even have had remorse because we did not see it through the eyes of perfect righteousness. Let us uncover everything which the spirits of this world may have brought us.

None of us want to be left behind and none of us want to gnash our teeth with the knowledge that we were left behind because we would not acknowledge that what we did was displeasing to our Heavenly Father. All of us need forgiveness, all of us need guidance, all of us need one another to learn what God wants us to know. Even if we cannot always overcome, let us ask God to forgive