

BORN AGAIN AND REDEEMED

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Did you know there is no malice on the part of the mad dog's behavior? No consideration for what is right, or wrong; no love; not even hate! He's just being what he is, A MAD DOG! And in order to determine what makes it "a mad dog" one must look further, because it was not born "a mad dog".

But although redeemable, since God (*in the beginning*) created human kind akin to Himself; the (*human being in the eyes of God*) is born that way of (*sin resulting in a death sentence*), and must be "born again"; else the LORD God of Creation has no USEFUL, LASTING purpose to assign (*the unredeemed individual*) in His Universe! However, the dog never ever can be redeemed (*whether mad or sane*); not ever having been akin to God (*for God is Spirit and eternal*). In other words the appearing of a specific dog on the stage of creation is a one time deal; there can be another one like it, but not that one!

And so, the human individual if not having been "born again"; has the same status as the dog before the eyes of the *perfect LORD and God of Creation*.

Only a few with Noah, and the children of Israel were given redeemable assurance before the appearing of Jesus, and His sacrificial crucifixion; which was necessary to saved us and them of old, according to faith and promise! (*Refer to Matthew 15:21 through 15:28; John 3:1 through 3:12; 1Peter 1:17 through 1:25*) as follows:

Matthew 15 – The dog in the eyes of the LORD God:

Mat 15:21 Then Jesus went thence, and departed into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon.

Mat 15:22 And, behold, a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts, and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, *thou* Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil.

Mat 15:23 But he (*Jesus*) answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him (*Jesus*), saying, Send her (*the Gentile woman of Canaan*) away; for she crieth (*or bother*) after us.

Mat 15:24 But he (*Jesus*) answered and said, **I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**

Mat 15:25 Then came she (*the Gentile woman of Canaan*) and worshipped him (*Jesus*), saying, Lord, help me.

Mat 15:26 But he (*Jesus*) answered and said, **It is not meet (or the right thing to do) to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs.**

Mat 15:27 And she (*the Gentile woman of Canaan*) said, Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table.

Mat 15:28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her (*the Gentile woman of Canaan*), **O woman, great is thy faith (concerning My person; who I Am; and what I have authority to do, because My Father and the Holy Spirit are with me; and I do nothing except My Father agree!): be it unto thee even as thou wilt (or even as you have asked of me, be it unto you).** And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.

John 3 – Born Again:

Joh 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

Joh 3:2 The same (*Nicodemus*) came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see (nor even perceive\ imagine?) the kingdom of God.**

Joh 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him (*Jesus*), How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water (physical, or natural birth?) and of the Spirit (the Holy Spirit make His abode\ presence with, and in you), he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

Joh 3:6 **That which is born of the flesh is flesh (shall not enter the kingdom of God); and that which is born of the Spirit (born again) is spirit.**

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Joh 3:8 **The wind (a natural or physical example of the Holy Spirit!) bloweth where it listeth (or want to), and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit (or Holy Spirit of God). (But no one is born again (or born of the Spirit) except they ask and agree, or consent according to the Gospel and sacrifice of Jesus (it is not an automatic occurrence; Don't You See?) God does not override the will of anyone in this; remember John 3:16; John 14:6; Romans 10:9 and 10:10)! God want you with Him, but it is according to your accepting Him.**

Anyone that is "born again" has (of necessity, present with them!) the Holy Spirit of God; Jesus sent Him to His followers on the Day of Pentecost! Read Acts Chapter 2. If the Holy Spirit were not necessary Jesus would not have sent Him!?

However, one might ignore Him as so many do, and if you walk away from John 3:16/ John 14:6 (and the Judeo – Christian Word of God in general), the Holy Spirit shall not follow your leading! I am persuaded this would be somewhat akin to the action(s) of Judas walking away and betraying Jesus?

Joh 3:9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him (*Jesus*), How can these things be?

Joh 3:10 Jesus answered and said unto him, **Art thou a master (or elder, and leader) of Israel, and knowest not these things? (The Lord Jesus considered this should have been known among the leadership of the Jews. But they simply had not received his witness (nor even that of Moses; see Deuteronomy 18:15 through 18:22!), and as a result, they did not know!)**

Joh 3:11 **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We (God the Father; God the Son; God the Holy Spirit; and Moses) speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.**

Joh 3:12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you *of* heavenly things?

1Peter - Redeemed:

1Pe 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons (*or whosoever will, may call*) judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning *here* in fear: (*the primary work is to believe on the Lord Jesus!*)

1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, *as* silver and gold, from your vain conversation *received* by tradition from your fathers;

1Pe 1:19 But with the precious blood (*sacrifice*) of Christ (*Jesus*), as of a lamb without blemish and without spot (*or perfect sacrifice of God*):

1Pe 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world (*to be Kinsman Redeemer; the Sacrifice; the Atonement of human kind unto God; Savior of the world!*), but was manifest in these last times (*or was not manifest until these end times*) for you,

1Pe 1:21 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.

1Pe 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit (*or by following the leading of the Holy Spirit*) unto unfeigned (*or sincere*) love of the brethren, *see that ye* love one another with a pure heart fervently:

1Pe 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

1Pe 1:24 For all flesh *is* as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower (*or beauty*) thereof falleth away:

1Pe 1:25 But the word of the Lord (*Jesus, which is now in you*) endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you (*and without the word (or seed); the Lord Jesus Christ, no one shall continue!*). (*Refer to Isaiah 40:1 through 40:8!*)

Isaiah 40 – The grass of the field; not having been born again and redeemed, perishes forever:

The prophet Isaiah prophesy in Chapter 40 of the Biblical book which bear his name; that we: the human race, all of us, fit the category of grass of the field and the beauty of the flesh is as the flower of the grass. The Holy Spirit of God blows time upon the grass; the beauty (*or flower*) of the grass fades; the grass dies and wither, then is carried away of the wind, and it is no more, “forever”!

However, in that very same Chapter 40 of Isaiah, the prophet says: The God of Creation has provided the way of Jesus Christ (*whereby we may be born again, and therefore redeemed*). Also by this we know from study this is the Father’s sacrifice of His Son Jesus on the cross that surpasses every way of eternal loss to the human race, of them that believe. Let’s just read a portion of what Isaiah Chapter 40 describes of this:

Isa 40:3 The voice of him (*or voice of John the Baptist heralded the appearing of Jesus*) that crieth (*or shout, announces*) in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD (*Jesus*), make straight in the desert a highway (*or the perfect way*) for our God (*Jesus*).

- Isa 40:4 Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low (*because He is God, and because of His sacrifice*): and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough places plain (*or made smooth*):
- Isa 40:5 And the glory (*unimaginable power, wisdom, ability, mercy, grace, love*) of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see *it* together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken *it*.
- Isa 40:6 The voice said (*or the voice of the LORD said*), Cry (*or shout*). And he (*Isaiah the prophet*) said, What shall I cry/ (*or what shall I shout; announce*)? (*These next verses are what shall be shouted by the prophet!*) All flesh *is* grass, and all the goodliness (*or beauty*) thereof *is* as the flower of the field:
- Isa 40:7 The grass withereth, the (*beauty of the*) flower fadeth: because the spirit (*Holy Spirit*) of the LORD bloweth (*time*) upon it (*or upon the grass and all things*): surely the people *is* grass.
- Isa 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word (*Jesus, the Son*) of our God shall stand (*or continue*) for ever. *And whosoever is in Him (or is of His seed) gets to continue forever, too!*

It is only in the Judeo – Christian Scriptures that Almighty God tells us over, and over, and over ... what He is doing; what His plan is, “if you will”!

And Israel was commanded to declare the presence of Messiah, the Redeemer Christ Jesus at His appearing.

But today, we know only those like Apostle Paul; the other apostles; and followers that were in the immediate circle of Jesus obeyed the Holy Spirit, as follows:

- Isa 40:9 O Zion, that bringest good tidings (*of Messiah\ Christ Jesus appearing*), get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift *it* up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God (*Son of God; the Lord Jesus Christ; Messiah; Redeemer: the Atonement ...*)!
- Isa 40:10 Behold, the Lord GOD will come with strong *hand* (*or exceeding great authority*), and his arm (*the Son; the LORD Jesus*) shall rule for him (*the LORD God of Creation*): behold, his reward (*salvation; offer of eternal life*) *is* with him (*Jesus*), and his (*Sacrificial Atoning*) work before him.
- Isa 40:11 He (*Jesus*) shall feed his flock (*followers, or believers*) like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry *them* in his bosom, *and* shall gently lead those that are with young.

He is the Creator:

- Isa 40:12 Who (*God; Son of God; Savior; Redeemer; Jesus*) hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out (*or spread out*) heaven with the span (*or from end to end*), and comprehended (*or specified the amount of*) the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance?
- Isa 40:13 Who hath directed (*or instructed*) the Spirit of the LORD, or *being* his counsellor hath taught him (*the Holy Spirit of God*)?
- Isa 40:14 With whom took he (*the Father; the LORD God of Creation*) counsel, and *who* instructed him, and taught him in the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?

Isa 40:15 Behold, the nations *are* as a drop (*of water*) of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles (*or far away places*) as a very little thing (*and no distance at all is too far away for Him*).

Isa 40:16 And Lebanon *is* not sufficient (*or have enough wood*) to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient (*or plentiful enough*) for a burnt offering.

Isa 40:17 All nations before him *are* as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity (*or excessive in self pride!*).

Graven images and false gods are of no comparison with Him!

Isa 40:18 To whom then will ye liken God (*or the Son of God; the Lord Jesus Christ*)? or what likeness will ye compare unto him?

Isa 40:19 The workman melteth a graven image, and the goldsmith spreadeth it over with gold, and casteth silver chains. (*The rich man's false god is no comparison with Him*)

Isa 40:20 He that *is* so impoverished (*or poor*) that he hath no oblation (*or offering*), chooseth a tree *that* will not rot; he seeketh unto (*search out*) him a cunning workman (*or craftsman*) to prepare (*fashion, or make*) a graven image, *that* shall not be moved. (*The poor man's false god is no comparison with Him*)

Don't You Know? And Have You Not Heard?

Isa 40:21 Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?

Isa 40:22 *It is* he (*the LORD God of Creation*) that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof *are* as grasshoppers; (*it is the LORD God of Creation*) that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in:

Isa 40:23 (*It is the LORD God of Creation*) That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity.

Isa 40:24 Yea, they (*judges of the earth*) shall not be planted (*or allowed to continue*); yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their stock (*their product, or what they are proposing*) shall not take root in the earth: and he (*the Holy Spirit of God*) shall also blow (*time*) upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble.

Isa 40:25 To whom then will ye liken me, or shall I be equal? saith the Holy One (*of Israel, the LORD Jesus Christ!*).

Isa 40:26 Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these *things*, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that *he is* strong in power; not one faileth (*the purpose God intended*).

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Isa 40:29 He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength.

Isa 40:30 Even the youths (*or those of great stamina*) shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall:

Isa 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD (*of Creation*) shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.

But if we do not come to the place of believing and obeying it (His Word(s)/ His plan/ His Son Jesus), we shall die as the grass of the field, and never know life again for ever and ever, just as the dog!

So what is holding the world back, and/ or getting in its way: Is It Unbelief Because Of PRIDE, or PRIDE, Because of Unbelief? And just what do you suppose pride shall get anyone on their last day of this natural life?

But faith in the Gospel and our Lord Jesus Christ (*the sacrifice of Christ Jesus on the cross*) brings benefits not yet fully known; Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, and Amen! RETURN LORD JESUS!