

Deuteronomy Chapter 1 2nd sermon 4/16/2023

WOKE Philosophy is nothing new. It promote "PRESENTISM" as a view of history. It assumes that if they were there, all those years ago, they would have done things differently and better. They feel superior to all others who have come before, and smarter, and admit to making no mistakes themselves. They arrogantly stand in judgement of all others.

We have change as individuals over time, we find that same principle true, in society at large. The work of God has a providential blessing for every person whether they acknowledge it or not. It is a very stupid and dangerous position to take a WOKE position. The WOKE feel they should have dictatorial powers over others. They have no concept of live and let live; or obey agreed upon laws, and then proceed in civil ways to change them if needed.

The truth is that God works with us where we are, and tries to bring us to the full truth, step-at-a-time. (Acts 17:30-31). Sin can accumulate to such a degree, however, that He must take steps to keep sin under control until the consummation, when sin will be removed.

Think of the Genesis Flood or Sodom and Gomorrah, for example. To think God likes slavery, or polygamy is false. In fact, Deuteronomy is about freeing slaves from Egypt, in mass. Both I Corinthians 7:23 " „do not become slaves of men," and the entire book of Philemon are instructive of the end view, as is Matthew 19 on the polygamy question.

A wise view would be to humble admit that if you were there, in the days of Deuteronomy, you probably would have had the same attitudes and perhaps worse.

Remember this as you study any book of history, yet remember that the God who wants the reality of love as we see in I Corinthians 13, knows the direction, is patience in securing it, and is not learning as He goes. At every stage in history; men knew better, but chose to go their own way, no matter how much knowledge they had. Romans 1:18, 3:19-20.

Review First Sermon -(4-2-2023) - Chapter 1:1-18

Get an organizational structure. Set up a way to judge disputes. A unique feature- "Equal Justice Under The Law."

Today: Deut. 1: 19-46 The fear of the Lord should cast out the fear of man. But if we don't seek to know God, then the fear of man increases because we merely glance at God, but focus on our problems. So God will begin to look small. This is one reason Israel would fold up like a lawn chair at the least temptation. It is the story of everybody, so let's pay close attention.

So much easier to serve one Lord instead of many. Deut. 3:2, 22 20: 2, 4 31:6,8

The pattern: (Your results may vary. Lol.) Ignore God= fear of man and circumstances=hopelessness= depression= grumbling (1 Cor. 10) = defeat= bitterness=hardened heart.

1: 22-29 The greatest blessing God could give them, and they think He hates them.

Every parent has been at this place.

Ex. Gideon Judges 6: 13 . Bad logic = " Then Gideon said to him," Oh my lord, if the Lord is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, 'Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt?' But now the Lord has abandoned us and given into the hand of Midian." WOW!

1:29 In prayer- Gaze at God and glance at your problem.

1:30 You can't just say, "I will not go!"

Ex. Jet plane video. "Watch the small screen! Keep moving! It gives the big picture; the overall plan."

1:30-40 Caleb is a great example! **Joshua 14:11** "I am still as strong today as I was in the day Moses sent me; as my strength was then, so my strength is now, for war and for going out and coming in."

1: 41-47 They thought pragmatism was as good as faith. God will have none of that attitude!

Just do the deed, they thought, does not matter what attitude you have. YES IT DOES!

Image over character is no good. Delayed obedience is disobedience!

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