

I. THE FLAT TIRE AND THE PATCH

“BUT NO ONE PUTS A PIECE OF UNSHRUNK CLOTH ON AN OLD GARMENT; FOR THE PATCH PULLS AWAY FROM THE GARMENT, AND A WORSE TEAR RESULTS. MT. 9:16

A. HEARTS THAT CAN CARRY YHWH’S TESTIMONY

- a. Ezekiel and John- The scroll is sweet as honey, and the scroll is bitter.

B. THE FULLCRUM OF KNOWLEDGE AND THE INTERSECTION OF PRACTICE

II. 2012 ISRAEL CONVOCATION

A. TWO THINGS

1. These things are holy to the Lord
2. My Prayer

III. The Holiness of YHWH

- A. Exodus 3:5- Then He said, “Do not come near here; remove your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”
- B. Lve. 10:1-2
- C. The temple and all of its objects and practices were *holy*. *People died when they didn’t do things the way YHWH said.*
- D. *How much more so the very concepts and actions of YHWH?*
 1. These are His very own thoughts we are looking at. These are the words He said, that He has bound Himself to with an Oath, swearing upon Himself to fulfill them. These things are holy to Him and we must treat them as such.

IV. PAUL’S SPIRIT

A. Romans 9

1. I am telling the truth in Christ, I am not lying; my conscience testifies with me in the Holy Spirit, 2that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. 3For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of my countrymen, my kinsmen according to the flesh, 4who are Israelites, to whom belongs the adoption as sons and daughters, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the Law (Torah), the temple service, and the promises; 5whose are the fathers, and from whom is the Christ according to the flesh, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.
2. A few questions are elicited from this passage:

- a. Why does Paul *feel* this way?
- b. What does Paul know that produces this emotion?
 - (1) Why are Paul's feelings contrary to the emotions many feel towards the people of Israel today?
- c. Does anyone else feel this way?
- d. Great Sorrow: 3077 lypē – properly, distress, vexation; (figuratively) physical or emotional pain; heavy, heart-sorrow (grief) that brings a person down.
- e. Unceasing Grief- 3601 odynē – intense emotional pain (personal anguish); consuming grief, which is emotionally lethal if experienced apart from God's grace which comforts.
- f. “In my heart...”

V. The Prophet Jeremiah's Spirit

A. Jeremiah 8:18-9:1

1. My sorrow is beyond healing. My heart is faint within me. Behold, listen! The cry of the daughter of my people from a distant land: “Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not within her? Why have they provoked Me with their graven images, with foreign idols? Harvest is past, summer is ended, and we are not saved. For the brokenness of the daughter of my people I am broken.; I mourn, dismay has taken hold of me.... Oh that my head were waters and my eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughter of my people.
2. Jeremiah 10:19- Woe is me because of my injury! My wound is incurable. But I said, “Truly this is a sickness, and I must bear it.”

VI. The Effect of Daniel's Visions of the End

- A. Daniel 7:28 - At this point the revelation ended. As for me, Daniel, my thoughts were greatly alarming me, and my face grew pale, but I kept the matter to myself.
 1. This is a good place to be
- B. Daniel 8:23-27- 23“And in the latter period of their dominion, When the wrongdoers have run their course, A king will arise, insolent and skilled in intrigue. 24“And his power will be mighty, but not by his own power, And he will destroy to an extraordinary degree And be successful and do as he pleases; He will destroy mighty men and the holy people. 25“And through his shrewdness He will make deceit a success by his influence; And he will make himself great in his own mind, And he will destroy many while they are at ease. He will even oppose the Prince of princes, But he will be broken without human agency. 26“And the vision of the evenings and mornings Which has been told is true; But as for you, keep the vision secret, Because it pertains to many days in the future.” 27Then I, Daniel, was exhausted and sick for days. Then I got up and carried on the king's business; but I was astounded at the vision, and there was no one to explain it.

- C. Daniel 10:1-3 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a message was revealed to Daniel... and the message was true and one of great conflict, but he understood the message and had an understanding of the vision. In those days, I, Daniel, had been mourning for three entire weeks. I did not eat any tasty food, nor did meat or wine enter my mouth, nor did I use any ointment at all until the three weeks were completed.

VII. Jesus Spirit

A. Luke 19:41

1. When He approached Jerusalem, He saw the city and wept over it, saying, "If you had known in this day, even you, the things which make for peace! But now they have hidden from your eyes. For the days will come when your enemies will throw up a barricade against you, and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and they will level you out the ground and your children within you, and they will not leave in you one stone upon another..."
2. Luke 23:27- And following Him was a large crowd of the people, and of women who were mourning and lamenting Him. But Jesus turning to them said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, stop weeping for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children, For behold the days are coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed."
 - a. There is a time coming when the grief of what has happened to those who have been born will cause the utterance of, "I wish I had never given birth for their sake!"
3. Matt. 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

VIII. Joseph

- A. Gen. 45 (After dealing harshly with His brothers) Then Joseph could not control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried, "have everyone go out from me." So there was no man with him when Joseph made himself known to His brothers. He wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard, and the household of Pharaoh heard. Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at His presence.

1. Joseph had hidden his face (his identity from them) though surely he had longed to reveal himself to them
2. What does a person do when they weep?

- B. Revelation 15:8 "... and the temple was filled with smoke from the glory of God and from His power; and no one was able to enter the temple until the seven plagues of the seven angels were finished."

- C. Nathaniel and Matthew 23:37

IX. The Face of Bitterness

A. There were those in the past who's gospel took a form, a shape, and it grew legs and walked about. Corrie Ten Boom was such a person. She saw others where others saw themselves. She saw people, when others saw Jews. She saw Jewish people and drew near to God sacrificing herself as a witness of Jesus.

B. Photos

X. Practically Walking This Out- What it Means to be a Watchman and Carry a Prophetic Spirit

A. Ezekiel 33:7-9 "Now as for you, son of man, I have appointed you as a watchman for the house of Israel; so you will hear a message from My mouth and give them a warning from Me. 8When I say to the wicked, 'You wicked person, you will certainly die,' and you do not speak to warn the wicked about his way, that wicked person shall die for his wrongdoing, but I will require his blood from your hand. 9But if you on your part warn a wicked person to turn from his way and he does not turn from his way, he will die for his wrongdoing, but you have saved your life.

1. You Decide to Carry This Cross With Him

- a. Ex. 3:3 "So Moses said, "I must turn aside now and see this marvelous sight, why the bush is not burned up. When LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, "Moses, Moses."
- b. There is a turning aside from other things that must take place to look upon these things with the Lord.
- c. This allow these things to remain holy to Him. This isn't the candy thrown out at the parade from the float, this is a burning bush that must be peered into deeply.

2. There is a marked moment between you and the Lord where you consecrated yourself to His testimony and to walk with Him in whatever this means.

- a. Sometime this week, ask Jesus if you're ready to have this patch sown on.

3. Ask Him For This Spirit

- a. I continually pray for strength to carry this with Him. I cry out for the nearness of His Spirit, and for a tender heart towards those who do not understand.
- b. Ask for what Paul, Jeremiah, and Daniel felt and then sit with Him saying nothing.

4. Study it

- a. I am intentionally reading, and rereading, the Scriptures and making notes and charts. I do this so that I carry it with understanding, check to see where I might be off, and give Him the opportunity to correct me.

5. Pray About it

- a. What I study in His word I talk to Him about in a continual conversation.

- b. I also set aside intentional prayer time for these things, but this time is usually geared more towards asking for His help to understand and help to continue to carry these things.
- 6. Sit with Yeshua in it
 - a. Weep with Him over Jerusalem. Ask for tenderness in your heart. Ask for what Paul, Jeremiah, and Daniel felt and then sit with Him saying nothing.
 - b. He desires friendship in these things. He appreciates when we understand.
- 7. Ask the Holy Spirit for help
- 8. Talk to others about it (when you are driven to)
 - a. When you cannot contain yourself speak
 - b. When the Holy Spirit leads you speak
 - c. Learn when to hold your tongue
- 9. When you get away from it, intentionally come back to it
 - a. As I've said I go through seasons. There are seasons where I feel this is too intense- where I am viewing the coming tidal wave, and I cower away from it. The hidden part of His face, the part I don't like feels too intense to continue looking at it. So I bail. I turn to movies, and beer, and food, and I tell Him, "I just can't look at that right now." I think He understands but I could be wrong. I want to mature to the place where I can stay with Him there but I assure you it is a very hard place.
 - b. Usually I'll ask Jesus to help me to come back to it
- 10. You Fast to Remain in a Spirit of Mourning
 - a. Matt. 9:15- "... and Jesus said to them, 'The attendants of the bridegroom cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? But the days are coming when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast.'

XI. The Challenge of Dt. 28 and Lev. 26

- 1. Why so intense?
 - a. I know the in-seam but this doesn't solve the deeper ethical issue that we see.
 - b. Why the shedding of blood? Why children? Why such horrific events?
- 2. 28:63 "It shall come about as YHWH delighted over you to prosper you, and multiply you, so YHWH will delight over you to make you perish and destroy you."
- 3. The issue runs even deeper because, "But YHWH was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief, if He would render Himself as a guilt offering..."

- B. These particular passages force us to wrestle over some of the most profound and quintessential truths about YHWH, His judgment and His wrath and come to grips with whether or not we trust Him.
1. Don't evade this wrestle. Do not side step these components of His nature.
 - a. Mission Field and Marriage
 2. You may think you already understand this but I assure you that if you think this you likely haven't dug deep enough. When in the scenario of the end of the age we might look at each other and confess, "I did not know how deeply these things would offend me." It is at that time that the wisdom of looking at the inconsistency within us now will be justified.
 3. If you read Dt. 28 and Lev. 26 and thought, "God is good," it might be possible that you have not yet been made aware of the wrestle you need to begin.
 4. I began wrestling with those passages in 2011. In 2016 my friend said to me he was wrestling over why Jacob's Trouble was so intense. I thought to myself, "well because God is just!" What I realize now is that he had been wrestling over this for many more years than I. And now, here I am 5 years later understanding finally what he meant.
- C. Keeping Perspective
1. The resounding song at the end of the age: Rev. 15 "Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God, the Almighty; Righteous and true are Your ways, King of the nations! 4"Who will not fear You, Lord, and glorify Your name? For You alone are holy; For ALL THE NATIONS WILL COME AND WORSHIP BEFORE YOU, For Your righteous acts have been revealed."