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"COME LET US REASON TOGETHER, SAYS THE LORD"

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A Place Where God Waits

God is absolutely and completely righteous and just in what He does. God never does anything wrong. Psalms 11:7 says that God is righteous and loves those who do righteousness. We often question God when something bad happens to us as though it was God's doing but we shouldn't. God is completely righteous.

Even though God is completely righteous, the amazing thing is that He invites us to come to where He is. In Genesis 22, God tells Abraham to offer his only son as a sacrifice on Mount Moriah. As Abraham was about to plunge the knife into his son, God says not to harm the child and provided a ram as sacrifice. Have you ever wondered why God specified Mount Moriah? The reason they went to Mount Moriah is because God was there. God invited them to a place where He would meet them.

Today, God invites us to another place where he will meet us. Good folks need to come to Calvary - to the cross of Jesus Christ. Here the righteousness of God was settled (see Romans 3:25-26.) We need to come to the cross and God will forgive us of our sins. But we must come by faith in Jesus Christ as the above text points out. Our faith will cause us to do what the Lord says, "*He who believes and is baptized shall be saved*" (Mark 16:16.) God wants to meet YOU at the cross of His son. Will you come by faith in the righteousness of God?

The Devices of Satan (Part 4)

Not only does Satan prey on what we think our needs are, he also is very good at exploiting our pride. As a result, we sin many times because we were puffed up in some way.

The ties of the flesh are strong because we live in the world and thus our focus becomes worldly. We like it here and there are so many things for us to please ourselves with. We seek great enjoyment in this life and when such is our attitude, Satan finds it even easier to prey on our vanity. This is why John tells us to not love the world (1 John 2:15.)

The whole alcohol industry is used by the devil to prey on our vanity. We seldom see the use of alcohol without it being presented as a good thing. Those who use it are pictured as being sophisticated and suave. We see our government officials using it at "state" dinners, our favorite ball players endorsing it, company names on the front of stadiums, and movie heroes enjoying it (right down to the martini "shaken not stirred".) Satan is trying to sell us that all the "big wigs" are doing it and if we want to be like them, we should to. Young men and young ladies especially fall prey to this as they seek to become "grown-ups" by imitating what supposed adults do.

There is a keeping up with the neighbors mentality among many. We constantly look to keep up with bigger houses, more expensive cars, and the latest gadgets so we can maintain "the image." Such pursuits take our eyes from God and the spiritual aspects of life. Sadly, we end up putting all of our worldly pursuits into bags with holes (Hag. 1:6.) Our attitude should be: *The world has nothing left to give, it has no new, no pure delight; O try the life which Christians live, Be saved, O tonight* (verse 4 from the song O why Not Tonight by Elizabeth Reed.) Don't let the devil lift you up with pride. The fall comes next (1 Cor. 10:12.)