

1. The Glory of God.
2. The Purity of the Bride
3. The Salvation of the Individual

In all that God does, there is an order and priority as to what is important to Him. The above three areas and the order they come in, encompass all that God is about.

1. The Glory of God is His first passion. This one area on which He will not compromise. He will not share it with another; He will not tolerate any hindrance to its fulfillment. He will be glorified, come hell or high water, and no thing or no one will stand in His way. He is God. He is worthy.
2. The Purity of the Bride is His second passion to be maintained at all costs. God has said she will be spotless and undefiled. When she strays she is disciplined and if she repents she is cleansed. IF she will not, He will spew her out of His mouth because He will not, He cannot deny His glory. The bride of Christ, the church, does not take priority over God's glory.
3. The salvation of the individual, God's final passion, is perhaps His best work, His most costly endeavor. Without the saved sinner, there can be no church, without the church God's glory would be greatly diminished. We individuals are so important that the Son of God Himself died for us. In ALL that God has done and will do from Eden to Gethsemane to Armageddon, He has dealt with this "salvation." It is man who gives God His greatest glory out of all that He created. Man, by exercising the imperative element of free choice chooses to love God, to obey God, to honor God. In return, the love with which God loved mankind flows into his being and he is reborn.

Through faith in the atoning blood of the Son, man is reconciled to the Father. By this, God is ultimately glorified. His purposes have been fulfilled, His work not spent in vain. The blood of His Beloved Son has not been poured out uselessly and His wisdom, grace, and mercy are magnified eternally. This is His will, this is His glory.

Unfortunately most Christians with all this attention have thought themselves to be something they are not. In their pride and selfish natures they have stepped out of their rightful place in this sequence.

They often place their will above His will, their needs above His needs. They exalt their desires and happiness above the revealed will of God. They no longer tremble at His Word, but twist it and dilute it to fit their fancy. God is now there for them, instead of them being there for Him. Seemingly, God is mocked.

The church, now comprised of these individuals, reflects their perverted priorities. She now is foremost, she is preeminent. She no longer exists to give Him glory, to do His will, to keep His word, but she now lavishes in her own vanity, her desires, and her priorities.

She now holds the salvation of the lost as supreme and her ranks are full of those who have not repented and have not been broken.

Her own purity is often sacrificed that men might not be offended. Discipline is counted as extreme instead of the norm. She unwittingly dishonors her Lord, and Master, her God and King, by showing tolerance for a multitude of sins and condoning acts of the flesh in the name of God's grace and mercy. She now reflects the same arrogant attitude of ancient ISRAEL.

The priorities of the Father are reversed or ignored. When His word calls for separation and holiness, it is counted as harsh and intolerant. When His work calls for discipline and adherence to His absolutes, she looks for a "balance" which will always manifest itself as leniency, mercy and forgiveness. His ways are perverted. Seemingly, God is mocked.

The Spirit of the Lord is calling the church to repentance, to once again acknowledge Him as supreme, His will as her will, His life as her life. It is a fact of life, that God has always considered men expendable, when His glory was at stake. Christians once considered themselves expendable and proved it by not loving their own lives, not even unto death.

While once Christians were martyred because they would not deny their God, they now will not even lay down their own happiness, their own reputations, or their own friends that God might be honored as Lord and King, and His church remain pure and spotless.

Men seldom realize it, but the church is His bride, and our hands are not to touch her, for the Lord is the avenger of such things. Be assured God is not mocked, for whatsoever men sow, so shall they reap.

“Repent and return to your first Love, lest I spew you out of MY mouth.”

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