

RIGHTEOUSNESS

I believe righteousness is the Divine characteristic that is the interlacing filament of communication between all elements of creation, from the simplest photon to cells to the human and to all that is in outer space and Creation. It maintains *shalom shalom* throughout, which includes and precludes health, order and stability in all forms and all realms. It is without question that the righteousness of God and His peace are twins. As Isaiah penned in 41:10, "...I will strengthen you, harden you and uphold you with my right hand (a Hebrew idiom signifying power) of **righteousness** and justice."

Righteousness is the incredible attribute of God that binds all things to work in unity. It also is what unites that attribute with all of His other attributes. To the point at hand, another grand attribute of His is knowledge. But that perfect, all-encompassing knowledge works in perfect symbiosis with all the others.

Humans on the other hand, are prone to push anything in which they excel away from this balance, particularly knowledge. The brightest of the bright acquire great volumes of information, necessarily so for the enactment of their profession, whether science or medicine or their offshoots. The numerous fields of science and medicine, like quantum physics, have reached unmanageable levels of knowledge. But in doing so, knowledge of these forms of Creation have displaced the knowledge and recognition of the Creator.

Things deteriorate rapidly when a man overly inflates any single attribute given him by God, whether looks, the ability to speak, athleticism, academics, knowledge or skills. The natural ease of his strength gets him out of balance by omission of other attributes such as wisdom, humility, or common sense. Inordinately large amounts of high knowledge, like large amounts of anything, particularly in one's field of vocation, result in being out of balance. And, like a tire out of balance, vibration and abnormal wear take place.

The most destructive derivation of all this is the artificial position that men acquire in accentuating one talent over another; they initiate and perpetuate the errant position that they **are** what they do. The inflated intellect or skill begins to be the mask; as someone said, "The mask worn long enough soon becomes the face". Thereby his dominant attribute no longer is in balance with all else, resulting in disaster, usually with his seed. Righteousness and its designed effect has been mutated and perverted.

There is a type of righteousness that has come down from the Almighty, first through Abraham, then Isaac, Israel, the twelve tribes, thence the ten who were expelled from the land into the hinterlands of Europe, the British Isles and finally into America. It was/is expressed as decency, doing the right thing.

The expression was particularly evident throughout the centuries; in fact, the descendants of the ten tribes, having lost their Hebrew identity, conducted business in a fair manner. This practice, along with music and dress, is one way the Hebrew descendants are traced throughout history. This decency, or doing the right thing, was present in WW II, when the Germans were well aware of this attribute of the Americans. It is the reason in the final days of the war they surrendered *en masse* to the Americans, as opposed to being captured by the Russians. The Russians were known for their cruelty to prisoners.

But this decency was/is only a moral form of righteousness, it is not the spiritual essence, as it were. Basically it is what is known as the 'good ol' boy' syndrome, or the American version taken to a high level of cultural acceptance. This attenuated version of decency keeps deteriorating to secret fraternities and many pseudo-Christian denominations. It essentially is a works thing, appealing to the many. It is a Second Realm form.

Biblical righteousness comes exclusively from the acceptance of and the spiritual rebirth in Christ. You can have moral decency without this God-inspired righteousness, but you cannot have the spiritual righteousness of God without expressing and practicing decency.

Righteousness is not merely a word, a concept, a stand-alone mental thought. It, like love, describes the complete spectrum between the thought and the completed action with the object. Said another way, it needs be seen to reveal the unseen, doing the right thing. Applied to the subject, Jesus was (and is through us) the "seen" of the unseen God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Reduced to simple terms, the righteousness of God the Father (more likely the Triune Godhead) is what initiated His sending His Son to earth to be born of a human woman. In the fullness of time in His 3½ years He expressed that righteousness by His obedience and faithfulness. Put another way, God the Father sees Jesus in us as we accept Him and His expiation. Thus He becomes our righteousness.

When God the Father **sees** Jesus, as He is in us, the **seeing** is both a physical seeing as well as an intangible "seeing". Therefore what we say and do is **seen** by the Father. We cannot merely think or just speak we are saved, we must act like it to be seen bearing appropriate fruit. That means being, saying and doing on a consistent basis what Jesus said and did, (faithfulness), it in turn is recognized as righteousness.

Back to the first paragraph re: health, or our ***shalom shalom***; Jesus stayed in that peace (was He ever sick?) because He made informed choices according to what His Father said and was doing-He obeyed. Therefore obedience is what inaugurates ***shalom shalom***, not lip service. We see what Paul said regarding this; “For the Kingdom of heaven is not food and drink, but righteousness, peace and joy.”

Deut. 28:1-13 addresses this to perfection in patently clear language. “If you obey my commandments, statutes and precepts, then blessings will come upon you.” This is real clear, real simple.

“If you do not obey, then all the curses and calamities (in verses 16-66) will come upon you.” (Cancer is the 1st realm manifestation of imbalance and disunity between the 2nd Realm middle brain and the 3rd Realm Spirit. There is a connection between rebellion to what God said and the abnormalities in our minds and bodies). Real clear, real simple.

I Cor. 11:29-30 speaks of any believer taking the cup of communion in an unworthy manner, not examining himself, will incur upon himself a sentence of judgment of sickness and death. Real clear, real simple.

I Cor. 3:17 says exactly the same thing; “If anyone destroys the temple of the Holy Spirit, God will destroy him.” Real clear, real simple.

Therefore disobedience is the opposite of obedience, thus the opposite of righteousness. Righteousness is doing the right thing; disobedience is doing the wrong thing. Real clear, real simple.

The rub here re: righteousness, knowing what it means and what it entails; how can we obey unless we know what it says and means? Along the highways there are road signs that say this or that, speed limit 60 MPH, Yield to oncoming traffic, etc. It is superfluous to make the point we must know what “yield” means, as well as “MPH”.

By the same token, obedience to God’s laws, rules and commandments is the same-how can we obey and make informed choices unless we know what it says and means? Righteousness, therefore good health and blessings, and ***shalom shalom*** are dependant upon understanding, enacted by obedience.

When we fail to make those correct, informed choices, here comes the *righteous* judgment of God the Father. When His judgments are in the earth, men learn righteousness. Guess what is incorporated in His judgments? You guessed it-sicknesses of all kinds, along with famine and war. Real clear, real simple.

Various examples of unison come to mind; 1. the large flocks of swallows of Capistrano all turning on a dime in the air at once. 2. Scattered fireflies coming back together begin to start firing at the same time. 3. Disrupted cells from an embryo will begin to beat at the same time.¹ 4. The human cells all operating in tandem and in unison for the good of the whole. There is a resonant frequency that exists, or is supposed to exist, in all of nature that is pulled into beating or vibrating on the same frequency with one another, that is, with the same frequency as the Creator. This is righteousness.

The “thrill” I had the first time upon meeting my wife was the physical sensation of the cells in my being vibrating at the same frequency as those of her. Some call that a “witness”. Indeed it is.

The same phenomenon occurs when the Spirit within each one of us vibrates at the same frequency as that of the Holy Spirit; put another way, vibrating at the same frequency as the Jesus whose essence dwells within each of us that are reborn by the Spirit. We use the term “witness”.

Righteousness and *shalom*, especially *shalom shalom*, is when the spirit and mind within each of us agrees, is in harmony, and vibrates at the same frequency with what God said. If we say we are reborn by the Spirit, then that Spirit will urge our new spirit to eat the Word for health’s sake. It is impossible to agree with God’s statutes if we do not know what they are. We cannot know what they are unless we read and study them.

The supreme sphere of influence is that of God the Father overseeing all of mankind, both the just and unjust. He decides on a scale even larger than the Body of Christ, equally for the good of the whole, but this time for the total of mankind. That is why He expressed Himself in Jesus. The whole of Mankind was the recipient of His goodness, His righteousness, doing right by everyone.

Just as in the case of the human body, the Body of Christ is supposed to operate as a unit, in a stable and orderly state.

When I come to this state, I run into a mental wall; I never had a definitive answer until this morning. The answer came, as usual, from a passage of scripture, specifically Psalms 11, verse 7: “For the LORD is righteous, and He loves righteousness; the upright shall behold His face, He beholds the upright.” There are two words herein that defined things. One is the word ‘righteousness’; that word is #6666, *tsednaqad*, which is a Hebrew legal term signifying where each party is to be faithful to the expectations of the other party. ‘Upright’ means straight, forthright, level, honest, upright.

¹ Yancy, Robert, *Fearfully and Wonderfully Made*. A story about Dr. Paul Brand and lepers.

This dawned on me that the interaction of the rightful behavior of cells at all levels is the functioning *for the good of the whole*. In other words, functioning as expected by all involved. Righteousness is a characteristic of God Himself that causes each element to want the best for each other, and therefore the best for the whole, the best for the Whole, the best for Mankind, the best for the Captain of the Host. This characteristic has lasted like a scarlet thread for millennia, but is waning again.

I believe this righteousness of God is the mechanism underlying the communication between the elements of a cell, the interaction of all the human cells, and the interaction of all the 'cells' of the Body of Christ. It certainly was the case with His sacrifice in Jesus....

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