

John 249 “Filled With Grief For Your Own Good ” *John 16:3-4*

Throughout the Lord’s discourse, His eleven remaining disciples become more and more grief-stricken being more concerned with themselves than what He is telling them.

And their emotions will block any further truth absorption when they need to be more objective than ever.

So, what at first appeared to be illogical to them, turned out to be exactly what needed to happen.

In the ultimate irony, some who have been created by God actually presume to judge Him.

For a creature to believe that he has the credentials to evaluate his Creator is the complete adaptation of satanic viewpoint from the devil’s five “I will” statements in Isaiah 14:12-14.

To this very day, anyone who encounters the Lord Jesus through His message and says ‘No Thank You’ has adjudicated Him guilty, charging Him with lack of veracity regarding His claims.

The Lord Jesus Christ’s evaluation of Himself is either true or the Sanhedrin’s verdict was right; it’s got to be one or the other.

What’s wrong with those who claim to be accepted by God due to their own self-righteousness? That rejects the righteousness of Jesus Christ, making Him a fraud in their minds.

In the Supreme Court of Heaven, the Holy Spirit convicts the entire world and that overturns all of the world’s convictions of the Lord Jesus including those in the court of the Sanhedrin.

The Lord Jesus wants His disciples in John 16 and us by application to remain joyous in Him, His Father and His Father’s plan just as He always did.

The Religious are so spiritually sick and so blind that they actually think they’re serving or helping God in destroying what they believe are His enemies.

Maximum rejection of God and His gracious truth naturally leads to some form of self-promoting religion which is highly threatened by anything and anyone connected with God’s free gift of His matchless grace.

The religious legalist’s mindset taken to the extreme, leads to a highly insecure reaction that breeds a desire to murder or wipe off the face of the earth, anyone who disagrees with Satan’s lie that going it alone without God is where it’s at.

The most irrational people in the world are the emotion-driven religious legalists who are led solely by what they or others they admire which they falsely promote in accordance with the devil’s masterplan to discredit the only true God and His loving grace plan.

The application of nothing to something is still nothing and we cannot apply emotion or its results (unrighteous anger fear, worry, hatred, anxiety, revenge motivation, violence or murder) to the problems of life and expect to come up with viable solutions.

All we have by applying these emotional sins to the problems of life is nothing or worse yet, the manufacture of greater problems, such as the desire to or the actual act of killing those we disagree with.

We simply cannot obey the Lord Jesus Christ and His plan for us through emotion-based activity.

Of course, we all have normal emotions but that’s not a part of our spiritual life, it’s a part of our natural life; our spiritual life functions on divine power only, never on human power.

We have to know God to love God.

Our response of love for God depends upon our knowledge of His biblical truth.

Religion blinds the soul toward God because religion assumes that what pleases God is the elimination of His matchless grace.

Biblical truth learned and applied, prepares us for anything.

To the extent that we follow the written Word today, we would have followed the Living Word back then.

Knowledge of biblical truth is our only preparation and provision for adversity to include religious persecution.

Our Lord's premise is that biblical truth understood, believed and applied prevents stumbling during intense persecution even to the point of martyrdom.

Life is a series of choices and for the believer in Jesus Christ, it's either scar tissue developing within the soul from a negative reaction to biblical truth leading to weakness and ineffectiveness or it's the edification that only comes from a positive response to God and His Word producing spiritually strong resilient muscle.

An ambassador for the Lord Jesus must have a well-stocked inventory of biblical truth in his soul.