

John # 33 “He’s Angry” *John 2:11-23*

THREE TYPES OF PEOPLE:

1. The Natural man is an unbeliever who generally has himself on the throne of his life or if he’s demon possessed, he’d have Satan on that throne.

2. The Spiritual man is a believer who has the Lord Jesus Christ on the throne of his life and he glorifies God to the maximum when he’s filled with the Holy Spirit.

3. The Carnal man is also a believer who has self on the throne of his life because he’s constantly being inundated by satanic strategies through demon influence which he buys into.

The carnal believer is indistinguishable from the unbeliever because we either imitate God or lost people. And so, the carnal man loses his experiential peace but never his salvation.

Every believer is responsible for his own sinfulness under the law of free-will responsibility and when God initiates His three stages of divine discipline on the carnal believer (warning intensified and dying), it’s always with a desire for the believer to recover experiential fellowship using His grace recovery technique from 1st John 1:9.

When a believer refuses to acknowledge his carnality, a loving and gracious God must get his attention because as long as he’s involved in carnality, he is in a position of intense weakness which always leads to intense fear.

Just as God’s grace through our faith in Christ for salvation defeats our status of spiritual death, 1st John 1:9, gives us recovery of the FHS and separates us from carnality and in each case, God does all the work and that’s grace.

Isaiah 55:6-9

“Seek the Lord while He may be found (and to be quite honest, we only have today to do that); call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the un-righteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord and He will have mercy on them and to our God, for He will freely pardon. For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

If there’s one thing that angers Jesus Christ, it’s that someone would denigrate and disrespect the only true and living God!

Love is meaningless until we first realize our lost condition and our own need for love which only God can provide.

It’s water to wine which represents joy, an indescribable inner happiness, peace and power for all six of Jesus’ disciples and not only that, for us too!

The very purpose of Jesus’ Incarnation brought out the worst in the religious who quickly adopted an attitude of antagonism toward Him and everything He stood for which was, of course, the grace and mercy of God.

So, now it’s religion versus the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ in which He’s claimed to be Israel’s only Savior, the God-Man, through a creative miracle used as a sign of His authority in turning water into wine and He now promotes Himself as One totally opposed to Israel’s self-righteous religion.

In Exodus 12:11, it was *the Lord's Passover* but like so many well-instituted spiritual functions, the Passover has now been infiltrated by man-made religion with its selfish promotion.