

John # 66 “Disorder In The Court”

1st Timothy 6:3-5; John 5:17-23; John 10:30-33; 1st Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 23:1-6

Jesus is minding His own business, taking a stroll under the covered porch of the temple; so of course, the religious leaders are quick to find their perceived opposition in an attempt to expose His weaknesses in front of His growing group of followers which is an affront to their pseudo-power base.

And better than His wonderous miraculous signs was the fact that He's been teaching the Word of God which even more so, revealed Who He was.

Jesus is saying in effect: “I gave you the truth to validate Me and My message as coming from the Father and I gave you concrete evidence to back it up in the miracles I performed.”

Notice that first He mentions the message because it's His message that saves people and then He brought up His works, the miracles which were designed to focus attention on the more important thing, His identity as the God of Israel, His Words!

Satanically motivated teaching of his lies is assigned to demons and sadly, not only unbelievers enter the world system and learn and live the doctrines of demons.

Consistent negative reaction to God produces a condition similar to scar tissue in the body except it's scar tissue in the soul; a result of loving Satan's world system more than the plan of God.

It's Satan's greatest distraction technique to draw mankind from establishing any momentum in the Christian life.

The world system is a cunningly orchestrated trap to enslave the human race; it's Satan's genius factory for producing losers who are full of themselves just like he is.

The negative reaction that the Pharisees demonstrated led to their full-blown rebellion which further led to their apostasy which is the direct result of their residence and their function inside Satan's world system.

This position rejects and attempts to abuse genuine objects of love like God, husband or wife, friends, family, neighbors, so all become enemies, objects of hatred and vicious cruelty.

And strangely enough, continued involvement in Satan's world system makes it easy to give attention, love and affection to the wrong people because of preoccupation with self which creates an insatiable desire for hedonistic behavior.

We are challenged not to become experiential spiritual casualties by remaining occupied with Jesus Christ which should be the normal Christian life for the spiritually mature.

There is nothing more vicious than a self-righteous legalistic religious person and when religious bigots are motivated to kill someone they hate, they're the most prolific murderers in history so, if God the Father was not sovereignly protecting our Lord, the Gospel of John

would be wrapping up shortly but wait a minute, Jesus Christ had a wall of protection around Him while surrounded by the most hateful people in the world at that time and perhaps at any time proving that the plan of God is greater than any and all opposition. From eternity past, Jesus knew every Jew who'd respond to His message and based on that He made provision for them in eternity past to lead them to green pastures; yes the deity of Christ knew His sheep from before they were born and knowing them meant He provided for them and when we get to know Him, it's because we've learned of Him through His Word and trusted in Him and His Words but from His perspective, He knew us (His sheep) in eternity past before we even existed and sheep follow their shepherd only; so when the shepherd leads his sheep, there is something they have to do and that is follow him and he certainly doesn't lead them to wolves but outside the gate into green feeding, bountiful, peaceful pastures!

It was grace from start to finish for King David and he knew it full well and that's why he wrote Psalm 23.

David had a complete relaxed mental attitude of peace from being oriented to the mind of Christ or biblical truth which is designed for us to solve our problems using God's grace solutions.

Sheep who know they are loved by their shepherd are fearless.

David, like all spiritually mature believers knew that he didn't have to chase the blessings of God; he knew that if he simply followed the Lord, the blessings of God would chase him! To follow Jesus Christ, we must first know Him and knowing Him is knowing Him from experience through having a distinct knowledge of our mutual loving relationship with Him, knowing that the Lord Jesus Christ loves all His sheep and it is possible for His sheep who know His Word to love Him and His Word teaches us that the Father and the Son's love for us is understood by the illustration of the love of a shepherd for his sheep and as Their sheep, we share in Their love which has existed from eternity past; God the Father and God the Son have always had a love for each other and we as believers in Jesus Christ share this love as recipients of it and sometimes with enough spiritual growth, as responders to it!