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**Slice of Life**

Genesis 6:1-3 And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them, (2) That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose. (3) And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years. (KJV)

We talked last week about the love of God and His plan and intention for mankind. This week we will look at some other attributes of God which may help shed some light on His love that He has for His people. What we see above in the beginning with man is something that continues to this day. We see where man intermingled with things that God never intended for them to get entangled with; and it grieved our Lord because He had such a better way for them to follow. Today the same still holds true with many in the Church who intermingle too much with the world; and it grieves the Holy Spirit when they no longer choose the plan of salvation that God had mapped out for them before the foundation of the world.

Genesis 6:4-6 There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown. (5) And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. (6) And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. (KJV)

Hey parents, can you relate to what we see above, your precious little child grows up and decides that they are in love with someone you know is nothing more than a deadbeat? Oh how it grieves the heart because you know there is so much better out there for them if only they would walk away. Well, this same premise holds true with many in the Church today, who rather than grab a hold of the promises of God and seek His perfect will for their lives they end up settling for way less than what God intended for them.

Zechariah 1:14-16 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. (15) And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction. (16) Therefore thus saith the LORD; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem. (KJV)

When people think of the wrath of God they picture our Lord like some angry lunatic dictator rather than realizing how it hurts our Father to see His creation get duped into things and relationships that He never intended for them to be in. It hurts Him when we don’t receive His word and blessings into our lives and end up living like pigs.

Zechariah 8:1-3 Again the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, (2) Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. (3) Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain. (KJV)

Our Lord would like nothing better than to see His people accept His love and forgiveness and come back to Him who is waiting with open arms like the prodigal son. With all that God planned and provided for His people so that He could love and fellowship with them, why don’t you just simply accept His love and compassion today?