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Pastors Thoughts:

They rendered evil for good.

Psalms 38:20 - 22 "They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow the thing that good is. (21) Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me. (22) Make haste to help me, Make haste to help me"

This world is not the Christians friend, the world system is under the power of Satan the Christians adversary. Paul said in 2 Corinthians 4:4 "*In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.*" Satan controls the world's functions and leaders, he control's the mind set of the world. Albert Barnes said: "*He rules in the hearts and lives of all wicked people - and the world is full of wicked people. They obey him, and submit to his will in executing fraud, and rapine, and piracy, and murder, and adultery, and lewdness; in wars and fightings; in their amusements and pastimes; in dishonesty and falsehood. The dominion of Satan over this world has been, and is still almost universal and absolute ... The world pursues his plans; yields to his temptations; neglects, or rejects the reign of God as he pleases; and submits to his scepter, and is still full of abomination cruelty, and pollution, as he desires it to be.*" As the world gets more and more evil, and as the world's continual hatred of God, Jesus, the bible, churches, and Christians, progresses it will bring more hurt to Christians and churches of truth. Never forget the empowerment of the lost, it is Satan, "*Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:*" Ephesians 2:2 Our battle is not against the lost, our battle is against our adversary Satan, and for us he is no typical opponent, fighting Satan is like fighting the wind. Therefore, the Psalmist prayed in verse 21 "*Forsake me not, O LORD: O my God, be not far from me.*" Our battle with Satan is not ours but God's, we cannot battle Satan, but we can battle for good in the world by keeping in step with God's word. We saw this in Job's struggle with Satan's persecution. But do not ever, never believe Satan is winning the battle, in the end victory is God's. Therefore, the Psalmist prayed to God for comfort and help, he knew that it is only God that can help. He did not pray for strength to defeat evil, he prayed for God to get him through the trials and temptations. He knew that God would not leave him alone to battle but still prayed for God not to leave him alone to fight the battle. The Psalmist asked the Lord to come quickly and help, "*Make haste to help me...*" none of us want to suffer like this, but sometimes God allows it. Then the Psalmist recognizes God as our Saviour, "*O Lord my salvation.*" God is our only help, without our Saviour we will fall, we will

not survive. Psalms 62:2 "He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved." Always remember beloved, God is not far from us, even if He allows us to suffer in this flesh, but they cannot kill the soul or spirit. Therefore, let us continually look to God as our Saviour, "*Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.*" Isaiah 12:2

MOSES OR JESUS CHRIST

By Curtis Pugh

Some professing Christians desire to put themselves under the Old Testament law of Moses. To attempt to please God and achieve righteousness by trying to keep Moses' law is, according to Paul, to fall from grace. His words in Galatians 5:4 are these: "Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace." Grace provides eternal life. In 2 Corinthians 3:9 Paul calls the law "...the ministration of condemnation." In Romans 8:2 he calls the law "...the law of sin and death." In the next verse in that chapter Paul wrote: "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh." Christ accomplished "what the law could not do," as that last verse says.

John 1:17 tells us "...the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ." There no grace to be found in Moses' law! Not only that, but the law was added because of sins and was only temporary. In Galatians 3:19 God says, "Wherefore then serveth the law? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise was made..." That "seed" was Jesus the Messiah. He came. With His coming and the attendant ministry of John the Baptist the law of Moses ended. Jesus said in Luke 16:16 "The law and the prophets were until John: since that time the kingdom of God is preached..." And in Romans 10:4 Paul wrote: "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth."

Again we are told of the temporariness of Moses' law in Hebrews 9:10 which says that the law: "...stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation." That "reformation" was the work accomplished by Jesus Christ. Paul made this clear in Ephesians 2:15 where he wrote that Jesus Christ, "Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances..."

So it is that Paul sums up the matter of the Christian's relationship to the Old Testament law of Moses. He wrote in Galatians 5:18, "But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law."

This hard school of painful experience

By J. C. Philpot

In times of trial and darkness, the saints and servants of God are instructed. They see and feel what the flesh really is, how alienated from the life of God—they learn in whom all their strength and sufficiency lie—they are taught that in them, that is, in their flesh, dwells no good thing—that no exertions of their own can maintain in strength and vigor the life of God—and that all they are and have, all they believe, know, feel, and enjoy, with all their ability, usefulness, gifts, and grace—flow from the pure, sovereign grace—the rich, free, undeserved, yet unceasing goodness and mercy of God.

They learn in this hard school of painful experience their emptiness and nothingness—and that without Christ indeed they can do nothing. They thus become clothed with humility, that lovely, becoming garb—cease from their own strength and wisdom—and learn experimentally that Christ is, and ever must be, all in all to them, and all in all in them.

Church News:

Happy Birthday to Sister Martha Mollette Monday April 19th