

## #63 \*FORUM POST ON THE 1000 YEARS REIGN & SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

Dear All,

Those who pretend to know God and yet disobey His commandments, scripture says “is a liar, and the truth is not in him” (1 John 2:4), irrespective of any appearance to the contrary. We look at [Matthew 7:23](#) "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." which gives us a clue, let's look at how other translations have it.

[KJV](#) "And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

[ESV](#) "And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

[NIV](#) "Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'

[NASB](#) "And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; LEAVE ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS.'

[CSB](#) "Then I will announce to them, 'I never knew you. Depart from me, you lawbreakers!'

[NLT](#) "But I will reply, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you who break God's laws.'

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H

Dear H \_\_\_\_\_,

You asked:

The phrase in KJV "ye that work iniquity," literally means "you who break the law." So what does that mean for a Christian?

When a believer is converted, they are no longer under the Law. And if they are no longer under the Law, they cannot break the Law and be lawless.

In the verse you quoted, the "lawless" believers whom Christ is referring to are unconverted believers who remain under the Old Covenant of Law. This is true because these believers have only received the Early Rain of the Spirit.

The Early Rain is the what causes a person to believe. It is only a small measure of the Holy Spirit. Later, if the believer is also one of the Elect, Christ will “come again’ and give them the Latter Rain. The Latter Rain is the Holy Spirit of Promise.

**Eph 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of Promise (Latter Rain), 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance UNTIL the redemption of the purchased possession (immortal spiritual body), unto the praise of his glory.**

After a believer has received both the Early Rain and the Latter Rain, they will come out from

being under the Law and will produce the spiritual fruit Christ requires of His children:

**Jam 5:7 Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receives the EARLY and LATTER RAIN. 8 Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.**

Christ taught this truth in "type" by the events recorded in John 8:3-10:

In the story, the "woman" represents mankind and the scribes and Pharisees represent the Old Covenant of Law.

**John 8:3 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, 4 They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. 5 Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?**

In the first three verses of the story, a woman (mankind) is said to have been caught in the act of adultery. This event "typed" when Adam & Eve were caught in the act of adultery with Satan in the Garden of Eden.

The woman was then delivered to the scribes & Pharisees who were responsible for the administration of the Law. The Law says that the penalty for her adultery is death. When Adam & Eve committed adultery in the Garden of Eden, they, too, were judged by the Law and were given the penalty of death (both spiritual and physical).

However, since Christ is now ready to restore His marriage relationship with the woman (mankind) under the New Covenant, He will gather her with "great mercies":

**Isa 54:5 For thy Maker is thine husband; the LORD of hosts is his name; and thy Redeemer the Holy One of Israel; The God of the whole earth shall he be called. 6 For the LORD hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God. 7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee.**

**John 8:6 This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not.**

Christ's act of writing in the ground represents Him giving the Early Rain of the Spirit to the woman. By doing this, He is writing His Law of the Spirit in her heart.

This verse applies:

**Jer 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After**

**those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

The verse above is referring to the New Covenant of Grace through Faith which is Christ's spiritual covenant. Under the New Covenant, Christ will perform all the necessary "works" to restore the woman to Himself. And since it is a spiritual covenant, He will write his Law of the Spirit in the heart of the woman.

**John 8:7 So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her.**

After Christ first writes in the earth, the Pharisees continue to accuse the woman. They do this because the woman still remains under the Law after having received the Early Rain of the Spirit. She remains under the Law because the Early Rain is not sufficient to stop her from committing adultery with Satan. In other words, she does not have the ability to approach Christ strictly by faith alone yet. She is still compelled by her carnal nature and the deceptions of Satan to mix in her own "works" with faith. She tries to serve two masters, both Satan and Christ (**Mat 6:24**).

The Doctrine of Free Will is the primary lie which Satan uses to cause a believer to mix their own "works" with "faith". When a believer accepts Satan's lie, they are committing adultery with him just as Eve did in the Garden of Eden.

By continuing in her adultery with Satan, the woman falls away from faith and remains under the Law.

**Gal 5:3 For I testify again to every man that is circumcised, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. 4 Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace.**

Even just mixing in one "work" will cause a believer to fall from the grace of the New Covenant.

For this reason, the Pharisees do not drop their stones but continue to accuse the woman.

**John 8:8 And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. 9 And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. 10 When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee?**

In verse 8, Christ stoops down a second time and writes His Law of the Spirit in the heart of the woman again. This act represents the Latter Rain of the Spirit.

It is at this point that Christ heals the woman's spiritual blindness (**Mark 8:21-25**) and she comes

out from Satan's deceptions. At this time, she begins to walk by faith alone and as a result, the Law can no longer accuse her. After this change from the Old Covenant of Law to the New Covenant of Grace through Faith, the Pharisees drop their stones and leave.

The woman (the Elect) has now been made into a Chaste Virgin again and is ready for the wedding to Christ to take place (Parable of the Ten Virgins). This is the Day of Redemption when a believer is converted.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

The presence of evil seems to be an integral part of our development and edification. Removing it too soon by calling all people to Jesus before the time might be like pulling a pie out of the oven before it's done.

P

Dear P \_\_\_\_\_,

Yes! God uses evil for His good purposes. Scripture teaches that God created evil and that He uses it to humble us.

**Isa 45:5 I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: 6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. 7 I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things.**

**Ecc 1:13 An experience of evil God has given to the sons of humanity to humble them by it.**

God even created Satan to be mankind's destroyer:

**Isa 54:16 Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.**

After God has finished using evil, mankind will have a full knowledge of evil so that when Christ shows us the goodness of God, we can have a full appreciation for it. I believe this is God's ultimate purpose for creating and using evil in this world.

I also agree with your "pie in the oven" comment. Here is a scripture that best supports that mankind must be fully baked with evil before Christ comes to us and saves us:

**Mat 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.**

I am aware that you and others on the forum do not understand this scripture as a teaching on the

pathway to salvation the Elect will travel, however, I still wanted to point it out because the truth it teaches matches so closely to your pie in the oven comment.

In the verse, the phrase "this gospel of the kingdom" is not referring to the Gospel of Christ. It is referring to the "another gospel" Paul mentions below:

**2Cor 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.**

This "another gospel" is the one that Satan and his ministers in apostate church teach. This false gospel comes from the spirit of anti-Christ which indwells the churches the Apostles started. That spirit is still alive and well in the churches today. This is the apostasy Paul said would come and is the one Paul warned (with tears) everyone in his churches for 3 years about its coming.

**Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.**

Paul's knowledge of the coming apostasy greatly distressed Paul because he loved the churches he started. However, Paul knew that it was God's "will" for the apostasy to come so he accepted it.

Because the apostasy came and devoured the church, the parables and the end-time prophecies teach its coming. It is this apostasy that kills the saints and is why Satan is called the destroyer and the crooked serpent:

**Mat 24:9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.**

**Jer 4:7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of the Gentiles is on his way; he is gone forth from his place to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, without an inhabitant (the church is devoured and no one is spared).**

**Job 26:13 By his spirit he hath garnished the heavens; his hand hath formed the crooked serpent.**

Satan is called the "crooked serpent" because his gospel teaches the crooked way of "works". Mixing "works" with faith is the sin that leads to death and is how Satan kills the saints.

After an Elect believer has fully accepted Satan's "another gospel" and has spiritually died, they will be made "worse than the first (**Mat 12:43-45**) and will become a "Man of Sin" (the Seven Headed beast). This fallen away spiritual condition is the fully baked pie of evil that God wants

everyone to experience before He gives us the gift of salvation. Our time as a Man of Sin is mankind's "Day of Evil":

**Prov 16:4 The LORD hath made all things for himself: yea, even the wicked for the Day of Evil.**

**Jer 17:17 Be not a terror unto me: thou art my hope in the Day of Evil.**

Because the Elect fall away and accept Satan's "another gospel", it is necessary for a person to come to them in the spirit of Elijah with the call to repent from their works. John the Baptist fulfilled this role for the Nation of Israel and converted Elect believers will fulfill this role for the unconverted Gentile Elect. With the believer's repentance, they will begin solely approaching Christ by faith. When they do, it will make the path "straight" for Christ to come with the Latter Rain and salvation.

So you are right; mankind must experience evil and wait until that "pie" is fully baked until Christ "comes again" with our gift of salvation.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

This is an amazing, thought-provoking, post. I'm going to copy and read it again later because it's a lot to digest and I want to understand perfectly. Thank you my brother!

P\_\_\_\_\_

Dear P\_\_\_\_\_,

You said:

I think "coming" to God is a natural response of everyone once God has called them so, yes, those who God has called willingly go to him sort of like when a fish is placed in water it automatically begins swimming.

You are on the right track with this statement. But I do want to add this:

When Christ "calls" a person out from the world, He does so by giving them the Early Rain of the Spirit. With a small measure of the Spirit within them, they will (100% of the time) make the confession of faith. They will no longer be able to call Jesus accursed:

**1Cor 12:3 Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Spirit.**

The gift of the Early Rain is how Christ prepares their heart and gives them the answer of their tongue:

**Prov 16:1 The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD.**

When Christ is ready to call a person into the church, He will come to them and give them the Early Rain. This is the ONLY way a person can be called out from the world and make a confession of faith. Mankind's supposed "free will" ability to "choose" Christ is a lie from Satan and is a "work" which is the crooked way.

If Christ wanted the entire world to enter the church TODAY, He could easily cause it to happen. No one can resist the "will" and work of God:

**Dan 4:35 And all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of the heavens, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou?**

However, Christ has a plan and it does not include everyone being saved in this age. Most of mankind is not called into the church during this age but "many" are. And from those "many", a "few" have been chosen from the foundation of the world to be saved as a First Fruit. They are considered blessed because they did nothing to deserve their early salvation. And because they are blessed, Christ will come to them a second time (during their "Day of Evil") and pour out the Latter Rain and convert them. This is the moment of salvation. Everyone will "fall away" shortly after they receive the Early Rain.

Mankind is totally at the mercy of Christ to save us, even the timing of our salvation.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

What do you think "*the spirit of a man*" is?

"For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them" (1 Cor 2:11, NIV)

D

Dear D,

That's good question and I have given it a lot of thought and study but with no conclusive results. However, scripture does give us a little information on man's spirit. But even with those scriptures, it is difficult to have a high confidence in understanding man's spiritual makeup.

Here is what I presently believe:

**Gen 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground (**man's body**), and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (**man's spirit**); and man became a living soul.**

**SPIRIT + BODY = A LIVING SOUL**

When our spirit is coupled with a body, we become a living soul (individual consciousness/self-awareness). Without a body, we have no consciousness and no life.

I also believe that mankind's spirit contains our "heart" and it is our heart which produces our spiritual nature.

From birth, scripture says that our spirit is "marred" and is subject to vanity:

**Jer 18:4 And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.**

**Rom 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,**

I believe the defect in man's spirit is in the heart and that flaw is spiritual weakness. For that reason, our physical body governs our heart whereby making our heart carnal and wicked (heart of stone). With this heart of stone, our mind becomes carnal as well.

In this carnal condition, mankind chiefly seeks to please the body's needs along with the needs of the carnal mind.

**1John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of this world.**

But since Christ came to save mankind, He will make us into a new vessel (give us a new spiritual makeup). He will do this great work within mankind by giving us a new heart and a new spirit (the Holy Spirit).

**Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.**

Notice in the verse it says that Christ will take away our stony heart but it does not say that it will take away our spirit. I believe the part of our spirit which contains our individual awareness and memories will remain intact. But the stony heart which gives us our spiritual nature will be replaced with a new heart and that new heart will be governed by the Holy Spirit whereby making our new heart strong and holy. With the new heart, the needs of our body will be secondary to pleasing God and we will then be like Christ.

Christ was born with the exact same physical body as mankind has but His spiritual makeup was different. Christ had the full measure of the Holy Spirit and because of such, He never placed the needs of His flesh over pleasing His Father. He was even willing to die rather than to displease His Father.

Consider these formulas:

**(SPIRIT/WEAK HEART) + BODY = A LIVING SOUL**

After Christ converts us:

**(SPIRIT/NEW HEART) + HOLY SPIRIT + BODY = A CHILD OF GOD**



With this new spiritual makeup, our mind is slowly changed from being carnal to being like Christ's mind (mind of Christ).

This spiritual change within mankind is called conversion and is accomplished by Christ baptizing us with the Holy Spirit and with Fire.

**Mat 3:11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and with Fire: 12 Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is what gives us a new heart and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The baptism of Fire (judgment) is what destroys our stony heart/carnal nature and carnal mind.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

I believe our spirit is our consciousness apart from our body: "For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them" (1 Cor 2:11, NIV).

In 2 Corinthians 5, Paul talks about our heavenly body waiting for us when we die (v1-4) and that when we leave this body (die) we are present with the Lord (v8).

In Philippians 1:23 Paul also says that to die is to be present with Christ.

I am aware there are Scriptural interpretations for "soul sleep" but I do not find them persuasive. In each case I believe sleep refers to the mortal body only.

D

Dear D\_\_\_\_\_,

Yes, many people think that we will be with Christ immediately after we die and there are some scriptures that seem to support this belief. But when you look at the whole of scripture on that subject, a person will find that it is not true.

Here is what I understand from scripture:

When a believer dies, they enter into "sleep" (the state of death). In this state of death, a person has no consciousness. They will remain in this state of death until the resurrection from the grave occurs for them.

Now look at what Paul said to the Thessalonians about this subject:

**1Thes 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with**

**the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.**

Paul is evidently responding to some concerns on the state of death by the Thessalonian church. In verse 13, Paul says believers in the church who have died "are asleep". And then Paul mentions that they have hope, unlike unbelievers who have no hope (they don't believe in the resurrection).

The "hope" that believers have is in the resurrection of the dead:

**Acts 24:15 And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust.**

If the Thessalonian believers who had died had already been resurrected from the grave to be with Christ, Paul would have said so to the Thessalonian church. But Paul stated no such thing because the resurrection of the dead (both just and unjust) had not yet occurred. When it does (verses 16 & 17), Paul says that the Lord Himself shall descend and raise the "dead in Christ" (those who are asleep) first and then those who are still alive will be "caught up" to join them in the clouds. Paul ends his comments by saying that this truth should give the Thessalonians "comfort".

If as you believe, believers die and go immediately to be with Christ, why would Paul not have said so to the Thessalonians who were concerned about their loved ones? Would Paul not have told them that their loved ones are already with Christ? Wouldn't this knowledge have been more comforting to them rather than Paul saying that their hope is in the coming resurrection?

As for the verses you quoted:

**2Cor 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 9 Wherefore we labor, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him. 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.**

Paul is not teaching that when we die, we are present with the Lord. He is saying that is it better to be absent from the body and to be present with Christ. Paul then immediately mentions the judgment seat of Christ (White Throne judgment) which is the event that occurs immediately after the resurrection of the dead takes place. This is when Christ will separate the sheep (the Elect) from the goats (all unsaved).

**Phi 1:21 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 according to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ will be magnified in my body, whether by life or by death. 23 For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain.**

In this statement by Paul, Paul is saying basically the same thing that he said in 2Cor 5:8-10 - it is better to die and be with Christ than to remain in the flesh. He is not teaching that He will go immediately to be with Christ after He dies. He knows that he must wait to be resurrected.

One other comment: when we die, we have no consciousness. So after we die, the next conscious event we experience is the resurrection. It will seem to us that no time has passed.

Joe

Dear D \_\_\_\_\_,

I forgot to comment on this statement of yours:

You said:

I am aware there are Scriptural interpretations for "soul sleep" but I do not find them persuasive. In each case I believe sleep refers to the mortal body only.

The mortal body returns to dust; it does not sleep. When we are resurrected, we do not receive that same body again that returned to dust. It is gone forever and is not merely asleep. It is the soul that sleeps because it has no life or consciousness. When we are given a new body upon our resurrection, our consciousness returns. Without a body, we are dead and our spirit returns to God from which it came.

Let me ask you this: did you have consciousness prior to God placing your spirit into a body?

Joe

I never heard back from D \_\_\_\_\_.

Dear All,

I have an idea. Please post scriptures that support millennial rule along with those that seem to say otherwise. PLEASE do NOT provide your own opinions or interpretations, ONLY the scriptures. Thank you in advance. I'll get it started with this.

Revelation 20:1-15 ESV

Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while. Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended. This is the first resurrection. ...

P \_\_\_\_\_

Dear P \_\_\_\_\_,

Consider this verse:

**Ecc 6:5 Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known anything: this hath more rest than**

**the other. 6 Yea, though he live twice a thousand years, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?**

This verse is speaking about carnal mankind. Mankind is spiritually dead and does not know anything, nor has mankind ever seen the "sun". The scripture continues and mentions that even that even if mankind lives a "thousand years" twice, he still sees no good and will still go to the same place (death).

So what is this scripture teaching?

It is written in Christ's spiritual language which uses words which have meanings that are different from what man's wisdom teaches (**1Cor 2:13**).

Here is the scripture's spiritual meaning:

Mankind is carnal and it is mankind's carnality which veils him from knowing Christ. Christ is the Sun (**Psa 84:11**) which mankind has never seen. If this verse is to be understood carnally, mankind has surely seen the sun. But because the verse is spiritual, it is teaching that mankind is so spiritually blind, they have never "seen" Christ. Next comes the reference to the thousand years which relates to the Thousand Years reign of Christ. It says that even if a man live a thousand years twice, he will still see no good (Christ) and will still end in one place (death).

To understand what this scripture is teaching, one must understand that the Thousand Years reign of Christ happens "twice". It is a spiritual reign which happens in two different ages. Both times the Elect will reign with Christ.

In Revelation 20:1-5, the Thousand Years reign is teaching on the first time it occurs. It occurs in this age within ALL the Elect at their time of conversion. The Thousand Years reign is a spiritual symbol for the Judgment of Christ which is also called the Day of the Lord. However, the Thousand Years reign carries a deeper meaning to teach more of what happens during that time of judgment.

Here is what happens during the first time the Thousand Years reign occurs (as presented in Revelation Chapter 19):

In this age, the Elect will be "born again" as a child of God. This happens when Christ comes to them a second time and pours out the Latter Rain. This is the same event as represented by the symbol "Marriage of the Lamb" presented in Rev 19:7. At the time of the new birth, the believer's spiritual blindness is healed and they come out from seeing Christ carnally. They now see Christ spiritually which is the only way anyone can "see" the true Christ. Once they do, the Marriage Supper of the Lamb (Rev 19:9) will begin. This event occurs when Christ feeds the new child of God His truth for the first time. Once the child of God is sufficiently nourished by the truth, the Day of the Lord will arrive. During this time of the Elect believer's judgment, the new child of God (who is sinless and spiritual) will symbolically ride with Christ over their own

judgment. The judgment is on the believer's chaff/tares which represents their carnality which was made "worse than the first" (Mat 12:43:45) by the spirit of anti-Christ. Since the believer is now a child of God, they are not judged, but will instead, reign with Christ for a "thousand years" during their own judgment. After the thousand years are complete, the believer will be converted. Rev 20:5 calls this entire spiritual process of conversion the "First Resurrection". This term represents the spiritual resurrection of an Elect person and is when they are "saved". It all happens during their lifetime before they physically die.

The second time the Thousand Years Reign occurs is when the "lost" of the final age are judged. This verse applies:

**Rev 20:6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.**

Joel chapter 2 describes the Elect as they reign with Christ during this thousand years:

**Joel 2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand; 2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations. 3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them. 4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. 5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.**

Before the thousand years reign is completed over the "lost", Christ will have "pity" on them and He will pour out the Early and Latter Rains:

**Joel 2:18 Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people...23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the Early Rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the Early Rain, and the Latter Rain in the first month.**

The new child of God will then be born in heaven. The judgment of the "lost" will then continue in the Lake of Fire until it is complete.

Consider what Christ said to the Pharisees concerning the Law:

**Mat 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.**

Christ's administration of the Law in judgment is not like the Pharisees' judgment. Christ will not pervert judgment (**Job 34:12**) and will not omit mercy and faith when He judges a person. For this reason, Christ will give the "lost" of the final age the same salvation that He earlier gave to the Elect.

In the end, after the last person of mankind is saved, mankind will cease to exist. Mankind, because of their sin, is condemned to die:

**John 3:18 He (the child of God) that believeth on him is not condemned: but he (all mankind) that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.**

But because of the work of Christ, the Kingdom of Heaven will be that much fuller.

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

I read you post to P\_\_\_\_\_ and decided to reply.

Oh my goodness, there's the Alexandrian mystics again!

The simplicity that is God's Word is not for us to 'spiritualize', just because God uses allegory, metaphor, and parable in His Word.

Spiritualizing God's Word is what got Origen (of the Christian school at Alexandria, Egypt) excommunicated. It is what later ones like Jacob Boheme did, a poor shoe cobbler that wrote mysticism books loosely based on The Bible. It is what many have done that have wrongly fell to darkness with mysticism.

V\_\_\_\_\_

Dear V\_\_\_\_\_,

You (like all called out believers) are spiritually blind. It is unavoidable. Paul dealt with this same issue with the churches he started;

**1Cor 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, *even* as unto babes in Christ.**

God's Word is written in "spirit" words:

**John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are SPIRIT, and they are life.**

The reason it is written in Christ's spirit words is to keep the truth hidden from all but the converted Elect who have received both the Early and Latter Rains:

**Isa 28:9 Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little: 11 For with stammering lips and another language will he speak to this people. 12 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.**

A believer can only understand the spiritual language of Christ after they receive the Latter Rain and have been "born again". Carnal mankind and carnal believers in the church (Early Rain only) cannot understand the "another language" which Christ uses in scripture. For this reason, the church has fallen "backward" and has been "broken, and snared and taken" by the spirit of anti-Christ. They are following "another Jesus" and "another gospel":

**2Cor 11:4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.**

**Acts 20:29 For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. 30 Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. 31 Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.**

Though Paul did not write much about it, he did verbally warn (with tears) his churches for three years that the apostasy was coming.

Nothing has changed in the church since it became apostate. Satan is still masquerading as Christ and is still killing the saints by his "another gospel" which teaches a mixture of works and faith.

This false gospel is so deceptive that Christ said that it could even deceive the very Elect if they had not been converted prior to its coming into the world.

**Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.**

Because Satan's gospel is so deceptive, it is accepted by all unconverted believers. Once they have accepted it, they will only "buy and sell" (be taught or teach) from those who likewise have the mark of the beast:

**Rev 13:16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name. 18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the**

**number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six.**

The number for mankind is six. The number for fallen away believers in the apostate church is 666. The number six is repeated three times to represent the spiritual process the spirit of anti-Christ causes a called out believer to experience. After this process is complete, the believer will be made "worse than the first":

**Mat 12:43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. 44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. 45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself SEVEN other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is WORSE THAN THE FIRST. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.**

The spiritual symbol of an unclean spirit represents a spirit which teaches Satan's false truth through lies and deceptions.

Since a new believer remains spiritually blind (**Mark 8:21-25**) after receiving the Early Rain of the Spirit, they cannot replace their worldly false beliefs with the truth of Christ. ONE unclean spirit leaves but comes back with SEVEN more. The number "seven" represents perfection. In this case, the number seven represents the perfection of Satan's lies/deceptions which come to a believer by the indwelling of the spirit of anti-Christ. Now, instead of ONE unclean spirit within the believer, they now have EIGHT. The number eight is a spiritual symbol which represents a new spiritual condition. In this case, the new spiritual condition is worse than the first.

This "worse than the first" spiritual condition causes the believer to become a False Prophet/Man of Sin/Minister of Satan and a Seven Headed Beast with Ten Horns & Crowns.

When Christ comes a second time to one of His Elect who are in this fallen away "worse than the first" condition, He will pour out the Latter Rain and heal their spiritual blindness. When He does, the Man of Sin will be revealed to them and they will find that he is the one who is looking back at them in the mirror.

The spiritually blind church does not understand the truths that I presented above. They are following Satan instead of Christ and are "dwelling in peace and safety" (**1Thes 5:3**) in his apostate church.

Everyone (includes the Elect) who is called into the church in this age will experience this Day of Evil in the apostate church. It is a step on the pathway to salvation the Elect will follow. I experienced it just as you are experiencing it now. It cannot be avoided:

**Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**



For the Elect's sake, their days in the apostate church will be shortened (**Mat 24:22**), but for those who are called and not chosen, they will remain in the apostate church until they physically die. They will then be resurrected to judgment with the unbelievers. And as I pointed out in my first post, Christ will eventually have "pity" upon them and will pour out the Early and Latter Rains. After the last person is saved, God will be "all in all" (**1Cor 15:28**).

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

I actually do... understand the difference.

When Apostle Paul was speaking of 'spiritual' matters he was pointing to the things of that 'other' dimension of existence, the Heavenly dimension. Some of Paul's most spiritual writings can be found in 2 Corinthians 5 and 1 Corinthians 15 where he revealed about the heavenly "spiritual body" that we all have in addition to our flesh body.

So don't try to tell me I don't understand the difference between carnal thinking and spiritual thinking which deals with HEAVENLY things.

What has got brethren like you trapped in the wrong... thinking is that word 'spiritual', which in your mind it is NOT the same idea that God's Word is talking about, no matter how many verses you 'try' to use to back yourself up. Here's why I say this, which I'm trying to teach you something here... not mock you:

You said:

*"Mankind is carnal and it is mankind's carnality which veils him from knowing Christ. Christ is the Sun (Psa 84:11) which mankind has never seen. If this verse is to be understood carnally, mankind has surely seen the sun. But because the verse is spiritual, it is teaching that mankind is so spiritually blind, they have never "seen" Christ. Next comes the reference to the thousand years which relates to the Thousand Years reign of Christ. It says that even if a man live a thousand years twice, he will still see no good (Christ) and will still end in one place (death)."*

Man is not flesh (carnal) only, he has a spirit and soul also. What separates man from Christ is the sin in the Garden by Adam and Eve, which all have been concluded under so that the promise by Faith might be to those who believe on Jesus Christ. **And Jesus Christ is DEFINITELY NOT THE SUN**, even though you may think the sun can be used to represent Christ as Light because of verses like Malachi 4:2 which is often mistranslated. Pagans worshiped the sun, and God does not like being compared with the objects of His creation (Romans 1; Ezekiel 8).

And the whole point of the Ecclesiastes 6:5 verse that you are 'spiritualizing' is much more simple than you are making it. Solomon is simply showing how life in this world, according to his 'personal' view, is vanity. Well, it is not complete vanity, not for those who do The LORD's will. So when reading Solomon's writings, one has to take a lot of what he says with a grain of salt. After all, God rent the kingdom from Solomon because of his fall to paganism by allowing

his many pagan wives to influence him, and bring their idols in among the children of Israel. Solomon had succumbed to use of cannabis, probably gotten from some of his many pagan wives. Solomon simply was comparing this temporary present world with God's perfect world to come. He was comparing the concept of 'death' with Life. That is where 'spiritual understanding' with 'eyes to see, and ears to hear' comes in. It's not about some mystical interpretation like the Occultists did back in the dark ages with their many comparisons of Christ with things of creation.

And Solomon's reference to 'twice' a thousand years is NOT a reference to Christ's future "thousand years" reign of Revelation 20. Just because you see the word 'thousand' in Scripture does not necessarily mean it is pointing to Christ's future reign. Solomon is simply giving a long period of time in comparison to those without God and His goodness. It's not a reference to Christ, but a comparison between good and evil...

So staying... with the FLOW of the Scripture, one should be able to grasp that Solomon is simply comparing an 'evil' with what is 'good'...

**Eccl 6:1 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is common among men: 2 A man to whom God hath given riches, wealth, and honour, so that he wanteth nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but a stranger eateth it: this is vanity, and it is an evil disease. 3 If a man beget an hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years be many, and his soul be not filled with good, and also that he have no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he. 4 For he cometh in with vanity, and departeth in darkness, and his name shall be covered with darkness.**

V \_\_\_\_\_

Dear V \_\_\_\_\_,

No, you don't understand the difference between spiritual and carnal. I'll explain why below.

You said:

So don't try to tell me I don't understand the difference between carnal thinking and spiritual thinking which deals with HEAVENLY things.

You need to re-read my post to you. I am talking about God's Word and that it is written in "another language". Christ says that the words used in that language are "spirit" – they are heavenly things. The words mankind uses are "carnal" – they are earthly things.

Also, when Christ teaches us with "spirit" words, you are applying the message He is teaching "carnally" (outwardly) rather than "spiritually" (inwardly).

Here is an example of what I am saying:

**Mat 26:52 Then said Jesus unto him, put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that**

**take the sword shall perish with the sword.**

Does Christ really mean that if you use a sword to kill others, then you must likewise be killed with a sword?

I hear that verse quoted quite often by others but they understand its message carnally. They really believe that Christ is talking about a literal steel bladed sword. So if we understand this verse carnally, Christ's statement can easily be proven to be FALSE. There are countless examples of people who have used violence to kill others but then do not die from that same type of violence - it almost goes without saying.

Is Christ mistaken or is His message something else?

The spiritual language of the Word of God utilizes the Hebrew and Greek languages. However, Christ assigns meanings to the Hebrew and Greek words which are different from how they are commonly defined:

**1Cor 2:13** These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

In **Matt 26:52**, Christ is using the word SWORD to teach us a spiritual message. To understand what the spiritual symbol "sword" represents, we must look at how it is used elsewhere in scripture. In other words, we must compare spiritual things with spiritual.

**Eph 6:17** And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

**Heb 4:12** For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edge sword...

**Rev 1:16** And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword...

From the verses presented above, it is easy to understand that the spiritual word "sword" represents the Word of God who is Christ.

Christ's hidden spiritual point He is making in **Matt 26:52** is that all who take up the Sword (those who are "called out"), must perish (death of the carnal nature) by the Sword. This death is a necessary part of the conversion process which happens when the Word of God (Christ, the Sword) comes to a person.

When Christ gives an unbeliever a blow to their head with His Sword, He does so when He gives them the Early Rain. However, the Early Rain leaves them spiritually blind. Because they are blind, Satan quickly and easily deceives them into accepting "another gospel". After they accept

this false gospel, the deadly wound to their head is healed. In other words, their carnal mind does not die. However, to be saved, it must die so that the believer can have the mind of Christ.

Christ is the head of the church but Satan heals the wound by his deceptions and the believer remains a child of the Devil. And with the indwelling of the spirit of anti-Christ, the believer becomes an even worse child of the Devil.

This truth is presented by the spiritual symbol "Seven Headed Beast" used in Rev chapter 13. The Seven Headed Beast represents a fallen away believer who is under the control of the spirit of anti-Christ. Contained in the description of the Beast, it shows that one of its heads has a deadly wound by a sword which has been healed:

**Rev 13:3 And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.**

Because it is healed, the believer is still a child of the Devil (mankind). For this reason, Christ must "come again" to His fallen away Elect and give them the Latter Rain. With the Latter Rain, Christ gives them a second blow to their head by His Sword. With this blow, they will die and be converted into a child of God.

This spiritual message is what this verse is also teaching:

**Isa 66:16 For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.**

So when I tell you that your understanding of God's Word is carnal and not spiritual, what I have explained above is what I mean. You define the words of Christ as man's defines them and then you apply those words carnally (outwardly) rather than spiritually (within). This is why "end-time" prophecy is so greatly misunderstood. Carnal believers define Christ's "spirit" words as mankind defines them. They then apply the message "outwardly" into the world rather than "inwardly" into a believer.

You said:

And Solomon's reference to 'twice' a thousand years is NOT a reference to Christ's future "thousand years" reign of Revelation 20.

As I explained above, you are defining the words of the verse carnally, as mankind's does. You must use the spiritual meaning of the words used in the verse.

Understanding the verse as you do, the verse contains an obvious falsehood:

**Ecc 6:5 Moreover he hath not seen the sun, nor known any thing: this hath more rest than the other. 6 Yea, though he live twice a thousand years, yet hath he seen no good: do not all go to one place?**

Has mankind not ever seen the sun? Has mankind not ever known anything?

By trying to understand this verse carnally, a carnal believer will make the first part of the verse is FALSE.

Unbelievers who read this scripture will do the same. When they do, they will point out this glaring error and use it as an example of why scripture is unreliable. They will also do the same thing with Mat 25:62.

Can you now understand the difference of understanding God's Word "spiritually" rather than "carnally"?

Joe

Dear FaithWillDo,

*FaithWillDo said:*

*No, you don't understand the difference between spiritual and carnal. I'll explain why below.*

Oh but I do... and I well understand the Occult connections with what you are calling 'spiritual'. It's you that does not understand the difference nor its source.

*FaithWillDo said:*

*You need to re-read my post to you. I am talking about God's Word and that it is written in "another language". Christ says that the words used in that language are "spirit" - they are heavenly things. The words mankind uses are "carnal" and they are earthly things.*

I read that, but it's not true, it's only something you've picked up from others on the 'social' circuit, so to say.

God's Word is written in 'simplicity' in easy to understand languages. What you are 'trying' to point to is actually nothing but the idea of allegory, parable, metaphor, etc. But those things exist in ALL... languages of the world.

God's Word often uses those methods of allegory, parable, metaphor, etc., in order to make understanding in His Word MORE SIMPLE and easy to understand. But when He speaks of Heavenly things using those SAME words of simplicity, that is where those not given to understand become lost in confusion.

*FaithWillDo said:*

*Also, when Christ teaches us with "spirit" words, you are applying the message He is teaching "carnally" (outwardly) rather than "spiritually" (inwardly).*

There's no such idea as "spirit words" in God's Word.

Now His Word was given via The Holy Spirit, but the way you are trying to say it is like there's some mystical 'spirit language', like the gibberish of those who claim to speak the cloven tongue, but really just speak gibberish from another spirit.

Thus those in Christ may speak 'under influence of The Holy Spirit' words easy to understand, like Apostle Paul said, but not in some mystery language idea like you're trying to create that doesn't exist.

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***Mat 26:52 Then said Jesus unto him, put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword.***

*Does Christ really mean that if you use a sword to kill others, then you must likewise be killed with a sword?*

**You are lost in your own mind if you think Jesus was not talking to Peter about his literal steel sword!**

I guess you never read Revelation 13:10 either that says those who kill with the sword must be killed with the sword, pointing to the latter days at the end of this world.

**The meaning is simple. Those who live a life 'by the sword', will likely die that way also. Nothing else to it, no mystery spirit language either.**

The rest of your post is just too silly to address.

V \_\_\_\_\_

Dear V \_\_\_\_\_,

Your beliefs are not coming from scripture.

Christ clearly says that His words are "spirit" and scripture is a record of His words.

Isa 28:9-12 also says that Christ speaks in "another language".

But when Christ came, didn't He speak in Hebrew? Yes, of course, He did. But since His words are "spirit", and since spirit words have meanings which are different than what man's wisdom teaches, the Hebrew Christ spoke became "another language".

You said that "**God's Word is written in 'simplicity' in easy to understand languages**" but that is a teaching of the apostate church and is contradicted by scripture.

**Isa 28:12 But the word of the LORD was unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; that they might go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.**

**Mat 13:10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11 He answered and said unto them, because it is given unto you (the **Apostles/Elect**) to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.**

But at the time when Christ answered the disciples' question (before they were converted on the Day of Pentecost), the disciples could not understand His teachings:

**Mark 8:15 And he charged them, saying, take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod. 16 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, it is because we have no bread. 17 And when Jesus knew it, he saith unto them, why reason ye, because ye have no bread? perceive ye not yet, neither understand? have ye your heart yet hardened? 18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? 19 When I broke the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve. 20 And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven. 21 And he said unto them, HOW IS IT THAT YE DO NOT UNDERSTAND?**

And just as the Apostles were spiritually blind and had no understanding before they were converted, so are the churches in the world who are full of unconverted believers. For that reason, there is no unity of understanding in the church. The church has become apostate and are places where the blind lead the blind. This has caused the church to splinter into around 2,000 different sects/denominations - all with their own particular false understanding of God's Word.

Where is the "simplicity" of understanding that you say exists?

And even AFTER a believer receives the Latter Rain and is given "eyes that can see" (**Mark 21-25**), finding the truth is still a painstakingly difficult process:

**Prov 2:1 My son, if you receive my words and treasure up my commandments with you, 2 making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; 3 yes, if you call out for insight and raise your voice for understanding, 4 if you seek it like silver and search for it as for hidden treasures, 5 then you will understand the fear of the Lord and find the knowledge of God.**

After I was converted in 2005, it took years of studying on my own to find the hidden treasures of God which I have been presenting to you. I do not get my understanding from "**others on the 'social' circuit**" as you like to believe. My understanding of the truth is a gift from God and I value what He has given me above all the earthly treasures of men. For this reason, I consider myself highly blessed by God and one of the richest men in the world.

Finally, your carnal understanding of God's Word makes Christ out to be a liar. Christ says that those who take up the sword will die by the sword. He does not say "will likely". You are changing God's Word to support your carnal understanding of that verse. That is a very common practice by spiritually blind believers who can't let go of their carnal beliefs.

This verse applies to you:

**Mat 7:6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.**

Since you do not understand the spiritual language of Christ, I will explain this verse to you.

"Dogs" is the symbol for Gentile unbelievers. "Swine" is the symbol for called out believers who are spiritually blind - both Jew and Gentile. A "Pearl" is a symbol for the truth of God which is found in Christ.

I have presented you the truth of God, but as this verse warns, you have trampled the truth of God under your feet (rejected it) and have insulted (rent) me.

You have also spiritually fulfilled Revelation chapter 10 for me and my belly has turned bitter.

I will end this discussion with you now since Christ has not prepared your heart to receive His words - He is the only one who can heal the blind.

Joe