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PART 21: WHO CAN BE SAVED?

SOME BACKGROUND ON JESUS

I want you to think about the mindset of the God-man when He interacted with the people in Galilee. When Jesus was in heaven and the Godhead performed the virtual time run of the creation, they knew that Lucifer would destroy what they planned to create and subsequently set out to accomplish two things:

1. To prove their righteousness. They stood accused by Lucifer when Jesus sentenced him and the other fallen angels to the Lake of Fire. **Romans 3:21-26**
2. To save and harvest as many souls as possible for the new earth in the next universe. **2 Peter 3:10-13; Revelation 21:1-2; Luke 10:1-2**

As Jesus listened to the people, they were clueless as to why the Son of God was incarnated. They were more concerned about the Roman occupation, the different political parties, the economy, their income, etc.

No one on earth knew about the war in the heavens. This event would not be revealed until some 60 years after the ascension of Jesus and it must have frustrated the God-man to teach in increments. He spoke in parables that often required an explanation to the apostles afterwards.

As we examine the situation today, Jesus does not care about climate change and the world coming to an end. He is not concerned about getting rid of fossil fuels or making sure that a certain fish species are preserved from extinction.

Jesus only cares about proving His righteousness and stacking heaven with repentant sinners. He wants us to diligently work with Him to harvest as much as possible during our lifetime on this earth.

THERE IS NOTHING NEW UNDER THE SUN

The Godhead has always existed. They dwell in an environment so advanced and beautiful that we cannot even begin to comprehend what heaven is like. When Jesus started our creation, there were certain things that already existed such as mathematical laws that function in the spirit world as well as the physical world.

Specific laws were written to govern electricity, gravity, chemistry, physics, etc. Jesus would allow humans to discover and develop technology that had been designed before the creation. This means that our technology has always existed and humanity is only discovering what Jesus already created.

- ❖ When Jesus walked on the dirt roads of Galilee, He could look into the future and see roads paved with asphalt and automobiles driving on them.
- ❖ When the God-man saw farmers plowing fields with a single plowshare pulled by an ox, He could see a huge powerful tractor pulling a set of disc plows behind it.



- ❖ When the Son of God came to people's homes, He could see houses with electricity, indoor plumbing, bathrooms, and heating/air conditioning.
- ❖ Compared to the primitive homes in that day, Jesus could see homes equipped with televisions, people using smartphones and working on computers.

While the Romans were adept at making roads with concrete in the days of Jesus, humanity wasn't even close to replicating the rest because it was predicated upon harnessing electricity. The God-man never said a word about advanced technology and lived a humble life while expounding upon spiritual truths.

You and I can look around and understand that the technology we have today has always existed. There is nothing new. Everything we have discovered already existed because the Godhead created it. Mankind continues to discover more and more as Jesus allows it.

A man living in the United States lives in a society that does not exist in the jungles of the Amazon rain forest. Conversely, the man in South America has no clue what it's like to live in a rich suburb of America. The differences are staggering in terms of technology.

We only have a glimpse of heaven from snippets in the Bible. What exists in heaven? We won't know until we get there.

As a result, when Jesus stood in front of the Galileans, the God-man had departed from the most advanced place to relocate among primitive people that had just emerged from the stone age.

"I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it: and God doeth it, that men should fear before him.

That which hath been is now; and that which is to be hath already been; and God requireth that which is past." (Ecclesiastes 3:14-15)

WHO CAN BE SAVED?

As Jesus continued to teach the people from the mountain, He moved from subject to subject and did not go into great detail. He was simply laying out His agenda for the future church.

The Jewish people were ignorant of the fact that Jesus was going to pay for the sins of humanity on the cross. **Matthew 16:20-23; John 3:14-16**

The people listening to the God-man's teaching had no clue that salvation was achieved solely by grace. **Ephesians 2:8-10**

Salvation would be given to anyone who repents and confesses Jesus as their Lord and Savior. **Acts 3:19; Romans 10:8-13**

Everyone was unaware of the need to be born again. **John 3:1-8**

Jesus said that people in the future would prophesy, cast out demons, and perform good works even though they were not born again. You can claim to know Jesus, but does He know you? **Matthew 7:21-23; John 10:14, 27**

Is your name written in the Book of Life? **Revelation 20:12, 15**

The bottom line is that you must be born again or there is no salvation.

BUILDING ON THE ROCK

Jesus continued teaching on salvation with a parable of two people. One built his house on sand and the other constructed his house on a solid foundation. The rock foundation infers that Jesus is unmovable. **Matthew 7:24-27**

The apostle Paul expanded on the fact that Jesus is the foundation we must build upon. **1 Corinthians 3:11-15**

Jesus is the foundation that is established when we are born again. The house that sits upon this foundation consists of the works we do in the Kingdom of God. Every believer will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ and either receive rewards or take losses. **2 Corinthians 5:10-11**

SUMMARY

In the first parable, Jesus makes it clear that every human being must be born again to enter heaven. Religion and good works simply don't measure up to grace and faith.

In the second parable, the God-man said the footing which we build our life upon is important. Constructing on the wrong foundation will bring eternal loss. There is only one foundation mankind can build upon and that is the Lord Jesus Christ!

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?