

GOD Talk # 8
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He Paid The Price - Part 1

In this exposition, I will discuss two separate topics, and the relationship between them. The first one addresses the subject of vengeance, and what The Messiah Teaches about it in The Word of GOD, The HOLY Bible. The second topic is in regard to The Names of The Messiah.

Billions of dollars have been, and continue to be spent in the making, and in the viewing of movies and books which advocate the pursuit of “getting even.” (Vengeance) Convinced that ‘somebody needs to teach that *!%@^# a lesson’, the proponents watch (or read) with smug self-righteousness as the “hero” executes the sentence. This attitude is quite antiquated, and I here’s the reason why.

Over two thousand years ago, GOD Replaced the Covenant that He Made with Israel and Judah with a new one. (Jer 31:31-4) Through the Atoning Life of JESUS, GOD Has Superseded the “eye for an eye” justice system with this one: “...Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you. To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also.” (Luke 6:27b-29b)

The letters in red were spoken by The Only Begotten Son Of GOD, YESHUA (JESUS), The Christ (which is the transliteration from the Hebrew word Mashiah, which means Messiah). “Therefore, be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful. Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.” (Luke 6:36-7) Vengeance is Mine, and recompense;” (Deut 32:35a) “... I will repay, ... says the Lord.” (Jer 51:24) “Repay no one evil for evil... Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath;” (Rom 12:17a; 19a, b)

Retaliation may be at the top of mans list of responses to the trespasses of others, but it is at the bottom of our Merciful GOD’s. Inasmuch as He Is Eternally Benevolent, He Sent His Only Begotten Son to suffer the consequences of our transgressions, and to make Atonement for us. JESUS Has Borne the weight of the sins of the whole world. He Knew that He Would Have To Do This before any part of our Universe was even Created. He Knew that man was incapable of ruling himself, which is why He Was Saddened when Israel asked Him for a King (like the Gentile nations set up for themselves). We were never Meant to live outside of Communion with

GOD. He Purposed for us to Become One Spirit with Him, right from the beginning of His Decision to Create us. (in His Image and Likeness.)

Fortunately, though... In His Infinite Wisdom (Knowing that we would fail in our attempt to self-govern), GOD Has Made This Pardon available only to those who will Believe, and not be ashamed to admit that they have faith in GOD's Son as their Redeemer and Savior. After all, if we didn't need a Savior... One Wouldn't Have Needed To Have Been Given.

Praise GOD for His Omniscience! (His Ability To Know All Things, including the future.) Readers, please remember this Truth from The Holy Word Of GOD: "... if you confess with your mouth The Lord JESUS and believe in your heart that GOD Has Raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." (Rom 10:9) (caps ours)

Halleluiah!! (Praise be to GOD!!) Honor, and Glory, and thanksgiving Belong to The King Of Glory!!! Amen. ☺