

RUMINATIONS OF A FORMER HEATHEN

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Who hath believed our report? And to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed? That was the cry of Isaiah, long ago. Very few, indeed, will believe the report, and to a very few, indeed, will the arm of the Lord be revealed. Some will believe the report and the arm of the Lord will be revealed to them. But many others will hear it but they won't believe it. A majority of humanity, by far, will be lost. He knows that, he accepts that. But it doesn't hurt him any less. He grieves for the loss of any, partly, because he has made it so simple for us to be saved. He has given us the blood that makes the atonement for our souls. The blood of Christ has been given to us. It is a fact, it has already happened. The blood of Christ, the death of Christ, is what makes the payment, the buy back, the redemption, for our souls. There is no other way. Do you think that if God were to adhere strictly to his own Law that you would survive another minute? Please, don't think for a moment that you deserve the love of God. What we deserve is totally no good for us. No, the only refuge is his lamb, the lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world. It tortures my mind to think of all the people all over the world who have heard the Gospel, or will hear the Gospel, and still will be lost. What an incredible opportunity neglected! The opportunity slips by, at the end of life. And it's not that I knew this all the time. I wandered for years in the desolation that exists outside of the God of the Bible. He is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is The God, and there is none beside him. The more I know of him, the more I love him. What a blessing it is to know I can go to him and no one can hinder!

Who has believed the report, and to whom does God reveal his arm, his almighty arm? Are people lost because God does not reveal himself to them? How can God be just and fair if he does not reveal himself to everybody? He could not say, "You did not worship me, so, you will go to Hell," if he had withheld the information necessary to know him. No, God has to make himself known to every human being who has the ability to reason. Or else, he is not fair. And we know he is fair, absolutely fair, to his own suffering, fair.

How about those who cannot reason, those who have some kind of impediment, a mental condition that impinges on their reasoning? Well, personally, I am not too worried about those who cannot reason. God bends over backwards to give us every break, to us, the ones who can reason, the ones who reject him and push him away as if he were nothing, inconsequential, one of many, he gives breaks to those of us who think that all religions are the same. Other gods are the same. Well, no, they are not the same, those other gods are no gods. They flat out do not exist. And we compare him to those which are no gods? How offensive is that? Yet, when you push him away he waits, and waits. For me,

having a sort of short fuse, his patience is absolutely amazing. If the universe had been in my hands, I would have burned it up long ago, seeing the offense of all of us, the people, the very people he has created, rejecting him, dismissing him, spitting on him. Would I have stood for that? Believe me, I would have fried the whole lot in an instant. Had I been God, I would have given up on this creation, the universe and the whole human race. But he is not like me, he is long suffering, he is compassionate. In the Law he has put many, many, sacrifices to allow us to escape his wrath. He has done so much, for us who can understand, that I have no doubt he will provide his loving kindness to those who cannot understand. God will figure out a way for those who cannot understand. Because he is like that. So, what is the job of the believer? If we know that God grieves for the loss of any, how can we alleviate the suffering of God? Can we alleviate the suffering of God? I am going to risk being a fool, but I think we can alleviate the suffering of God. Everyone to whom the Gospel is explained, and is saved, is balm in his wounds. And he has them, wounds, that is. Can we drill into people's heads The Gospel, the Good News that our saviour has come and accomplished his task? That the payment for all the sins of any individual has been made, and anybody can take advantage of this opportunity? If not, one could at least challenge people's assumptions about the existence of the universe. How did it come about? You don't believe that there is a supreme being that created all this? Fine, but, if something cannot come out of nothing, then, you have to tell me how this happened, how life started, etc. And don't tell me that a bunch of inorganic things became organic at some point. From non-life to life when we know that a thing cannot come out of no-thing? The things that are seen give testimony to the existence of a being the likes of which we have no conception. How can anybody produce something by speaking it into existence? It cannot be grasped. But creation is not the only way that God makes himself known. There is this other curious thing that we have come to call the unconscious, and a lot of guilt resides there. This is an area we cannot control. Recitations, meditations, affirmations, mind control techniques, cannot get a firm hold on guilt. There is an underlying awareness of deserving punishment, a terrible sword hanging straight above our heads, waiting for the moment to come hurtling down. There is such a thing as a conscience. And this conscience is constantly bringing to mind that there is a debt that has not been paid, and that lack of payment is ominous.

Blessed are those who know they deserve punishment, blessed are those who know they have no recourse of their own! God himself has provided for them, he has bridged the impossible chasm. At the moment of their worst weakness, they are strong. Because they go and rely on the sacrifice, which stands for all time.