

MISSIV #3 - SACRIFICE OF CHRIST



In anser to a letter from Doug

TH: Doug, let's take a look at the idea that Cryst died for our sins, the idea that u find repellent. U find the idea ofensiv that God wood get mad at us, giv his favorit son a beeting, then wauk away dusting his hands off and feeling better. Cum now, do u think enny normal person, illiterat or not, takes the teeching that way? Eeven the simplest people ar smarter than that, if they hav enny openness of mynd.

"Cryst took our sins upon himself as a sacrificise, and thru him we ar forgiven if we repent," goes the preeching. A lissener hu has herd that, and herd also wot Cryst kept telling his heerers, that God is guhd and kynd, is gona hav tu stop and think, "Whot dus this mean, then? It cant mean that a luvving god wud punish his son for sumwun else's sin."

So then the lissener thinks further - unless he is an atheist or for sum uther reazen waunts tu sike himself intu denouncing and ridiculing the cristian teachings. If he is that, he wil stey happily with his ridicule, and whot's mor wil teech evriwun else he can reech the same poison.

To giv u a bit mor to think about, Doug, let's picture the conversation between God and Jesus befor Jesus sets out for erth.

God asks if Jesus is prepared for wot is likely to be the sacrifice of his life at an erly age. Jesus ses he is. "I wunder how bad it wil be this time, Father. Wot's the latest guess about the reception that's wating for me?" "It dusnt look bad at all for the first part of yor life. If all goes wel u wil be usherd in with sum fanfare as we hav hoped & pland - a lot better than sum of the preevius times." "Oh I agree. I dont mind the humble circumstances of birth...but I hav to admit I'm looking forward to being able to summon food that erthlings dont kno about wen I'm hungry."

"Take it eesy on the miracle requests, tho, son. Our resorces ar not unlimmited. U may find that sumtimes yor requests ar not anserd - especially once u start teeching uthers to ask for the miracles too." "Rite, I understand."

"As u kno, sooner or later yor words wil arouse jellusy & hate - the mor so as u ar mor successful in challenging the eevil in hy places. And u hav been good enuf to volunteer to bring this on on purpos this time."

"Rite. I'm tired of pussyfooting around. Wot we need is a martyr. A good man who preeches manely to wimmen & peece luvvers, livs a careful life and dies an onnord old man - I've been thare & dun that. It isnt enuf. As I told u, this time I'm going all out. I want to die a violent deth at the hands of men who cleerly hate me without reeson - who hate my exortations to luv, & also who hav no intention of losing their preestly status due to the competition. We both kno how that is, Father. Goodness knoes we've taken enuf of it heer. If I bate them, they'l rise to it. I want it to be my deth - sumthing with enuf violence in it that yung thugs wil pay atention."

"I kno wot u meen. U think that men who can be unmoved by woching the romans crucify ennyone who oposes them, can be moved by seeing u crucified...if that should happen" "Yes. I'm prepared for them to crucify me. I almost welcum it. I think sum people ar alreddy indignant at the cruelty of the romans. And they ar mor indignant if the victim has dun nuthing

rong but only good. I need to do something to touch hearts, to stir a reaction against the Beast in man. That's why I'm glad to be equipped as I am now - I think - with the power to heal sicknesses. That's a very tangible form of goodness, which will get through to the simplest minds as words might not, even very wise words."

"So it will be simple words, magical healing actions, building popularity, building a following, then, reaction sets in - maybe from the Romans, maybe from the Jewish establishment...maybe from both?" "Who knows, maybe from both. In fact better if it's from both. I have to stay alive & safe until the time is right. Then I pull out all the stops & get both of them mad at me at once, & get killed. Then I'm a martyr. And to crown it all, you resurrect me and bring me back to life afterwards."

"I'll do my best. We'll all be pulling for you to succeed, & hope when the time comes we can do our part & get you back into embodiment at least for a while. It will work best to have you come in and out at intervals after the resurrection, wouldn't you think, rather than to stay continuously?" "Definitely. Then I won't be imposing on them, & it will be easier on you. ...Can I eat & drink after I'm resurrected?"

"Better check with us before you try it. I'm not sure what our options will be. We'll see how things go, how much opposition they can raise against us here in the next 30 years. You said about 30, didn't you?"

Yes, early 30's. I don't want to be too young when I die, or I'll be ignored. I plan to move away from Israel for some years after childhood, then return for the big challenge.

"You know what you're doing, son. I have great faith in you. You have preached your message of salvation successfully in several different ways - you're an expert now."

"I'm convinced that in order to save them I must get their attention. Those I'm really going after this time are the heartless killers, the ones who don't care if they are in thrall to the Beast & act like wild beasts. They have to learn to feel guilt, remorse, repentance - both here and on earth. And finally they have to learn compassion."

"Yes. That is what will save earth from falling into the terrible condition we find ourselves in here in Sheol today. They must stop mistreating each other. If only we could get that here...."

"To do that for them I have to bring them out of their cocoon of selfishness. My violent death gets their attention, maybe gets a bit of sympathy from the evildoers. Then they are willing to listen to the evangelists who yell at them, who tell them they are sinners, that my death was the fault of them or others like them who are too full of hate & disregard. Maybe they come to scoff. But if my followers - whom I should have by then - do a good job, those scoffers will remain to pray. When they learn to love their neighbor as I and my disciples will teach them, that's what will do it. That's what, if our plans succeed, my life & sacrificial death in Israel will accomplish. And if they repent and begin to obey you & your 10 commandments, Father, they will straighten out their lives. Their sins & vices can be washed away, the record can be expunged, and not only earth but also

heaven will be able to throw off death, to survive & launch a golden age of the living."

