

Beginning Created to Match the End

Scripture reading: Genesis 1:26-31

Many times I ask God, why He made us spirit, soul, and body. If we were just a spirit, then we would be all right, we would be perfect. If we were just a soul, then we would be like animals, we would have no use but to eat, drink, be merry, and die. If we were all body, it would be the same. God, however, said that He made us after His image, and He is making us in His likeness. That means, we were made and we are being made. We are not yet completed.

The one marvelous and wonderful thing about God that we can rejoice in is that God sees the beginning and the end together. He actually creates the end before He creates the beginning. That is, the result that He wants here, He creates a beginning to match the end. So, looking at your whole life, God has the beginning and the end right before Him, and He is looking at it! God knows where all of us are going to end up, and yet, because He is God, He still ministers to us; and He gives us the opportunity to change our course and change our lives, change our ending, although He knows what we are going to do. That is crazy (but wonderful), isn't it?

Therefore, we are dealing with a God Who knows us in a way that we do not know ourselves, and He said that one day we will know as we are known (1 Corinthians 13:12). That is, we will know ourselves as He knows us.

He says that we are coming to a place spoken of in the book of Revelation as the "*sea of glass.*" Have you ever wondered what the sea of glass is in the tabernacle, or the temple? We are coming to the sea of glass wherein there will be nothing hid. Where, if you are at the bottom, you can look right through to the top! We will be able to see all through each other!

I think of Jesus, and as I think of Him, my heart goes out to Him as a man. He must have really suffered! Do you know that? Imagine, He is talking to a person and He sees what is in the person's mind. He can see that the man is talking to Him one thing with his mouth, but his mind is saying another thing! Jesus had to bear it. Praise God. You talk about bearing our infirmities!

We go to pray, "Oh God! Help us please, Lord God..." and then we go to sleep, or other things begin to come across our mind. He sees all kinds of trash coming across the mind. He is preaching the Word to people, and while He is preaching the Word, they are saying, "Yes, yes! Amen!" Yet, their minds are saying, "I forgot the pot on the fire at home."

God showed me that the men He has called are prone to distractions and to being turned off track because of the various cross influences that are like waves of the sea washing over them night and day. Can you see the fragility? Can you see how fragile we are in the presence of a God who knows all things? Then I went and said, "Thank you, God! Thank you that You did not tell me what tomorrow will be. Thank you that I am foolish and do not know what next year is going to bring, because I would start suffering from this year for the suffering of next year! I would start suffering today for the suffering of tomorrow! But, today I am glad because I am ignorant."

God is glad, not because of tomorrow, but because of the end. When God made Adam, He said, "It is good!" (Genesis 1:31). He looked at him and His heart rejoiced, "This Adam is good!" He made him good. He knew that the man was going to fall the next day, but He did not tell Adam. He was just being good with him, and Adam was rejoicing and being good. Do you know why God rejoiced at the goodness of Adam? He rejoiced because He saw the Adam at the beginning

and He saw the Adam at the end, and there was an improvement. So He said, "It is good!" He did not care too much about what happened in between, for the Adam that God made is good.

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Thought for today: Let us remember that God continues to ministers to us and give us the opportunity to change our course and change our lives, change our ending. Let us make use of this opportunity and reach the end that He has in mind for us.