



But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. -

Matthew 15:9

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Me Head Bones Are Dry

Yes, I know, that is incorrect grammar. I frequently write that way and it's intentional. I will also write in LOLspeak. So let me explain what the title of tonight's blurb means. Simply put, I have a writers block. There are two things that I want to write on but don't feel like it's the time to write them yet. I have this gut instinct that there is more to learn. And did I say two things, there's actually three things.

Because of my dry head bones (empty brain syndrome?) I've decided to do something a bit different and that is to refer you to a question and answer session that I am in the middle of listening to. Dr.'s Greg Boyd and Paul Eddy are both involved in this session. Their topic is dealing with the picture of God the Old Testament presents vs the picture of God that Jesus presented. Jesus presented a God that loves without measure while the OT presents a God that is a bloodthirsty killer.

For the most part I concur with what I'm hearing them say, though I admit I haven't finished listening to the presentation yet. After they speak about the topic they begin taking questions. One of those questions is asking why we're told that it's easy to understand the Bible yet it takes a Ph.D. to figure it out. I don't remember the exact wording but it was something along those lines.

They had an explanation and it made sense but I would have answered it differently. They both have Ph.D.'s and I don't. My highest educational achievement was to pass the GED. My experience has been that the Bible is easy to understand and explain even for someone who has very little education as long as you are searching for how the passages that seem to indicate that God is acting in a way that is unloving are an act of love. That's a difficult

sentence, let me try again.

For someone who has a lower level of education, it is still easy to find a loving God in the Bible if you stop and question what those passages are really stating. Stop and ask yourself how the passage shows God to be acting in a loving way. If you don't find any love there then you need to research it and find a different way to interpret it. So far that has enabled me to stop and ask the questions that need to be asked and the answers have come. Frequently I will go to Elkanah when I don't understand something and he is able to help me but not everybody has an Elkanah in their home and the Holy Spirit knows that. He will give you the guidance that you need if you ask then trust him to do so.

But I will agree with the idea that it takes someone with a Ph.D. to understand and teach church doctrines. Church doctrines are confusing. When you look into them with the aide of a magnifying glass you'll find that they don't make sense. Frequently the church will pull texts out of a passage and misuse it to make a point that the Bible doesn't support. I'm not smart enough to figure out that kind of hoey and have no desire to go get the church training to be able to understand that sort of thing.

Jesus came to mind when I wrote that last statement. He didn't attend the schools of his day so he didn't receive training at the hands of fallible humans. His heart and mind was open to the teachings of the Holy Spirit. By listening to his Father he gained a knowledge of God and heavenly things that the erring humans rejected.

Who do I want teaching me? A christian institution that is passing along falsehoods and brainwashing you in the process or do I want the Holy Spirit teaching me? I'll follow in the footsteps of Jesus and let the Holy Spirit teach me.

I'll give you the link in just a moment but I want to ask if you caught what I just wrote? I just called the Holy Spirit Jesus's Father. Were you aware that the Holy Spirit is Jesus's Father? Here's the text:

[“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?”](#)

[The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. – Luke 1:34, 35](#)

And that text alone should prove that we don't have a clue about God's powers. But we do have a clue about his character and his DNA. God is the embodiment

of Love. It's what he is, it's what he does. Period.

And it seems I had a bit to say after all. I love to talk about my God. He is awesome! And as promised I'll share the link that I'm currently listening to. Enjoy and Happy Sabbath to all.

Love to all,

Hannah

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnPCX0XatNU>