



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

**Matthew 15:9**

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# NEWSFLASH

## WE ARE ALL MEAT

Yep. We are all meat. That makes us all the same and yet , we are all different. We are unique. There isn't another one of us anywhere.

Think for a moment what our bodies are. We are flesh, blood and bones, and inside our skulls there is an organ that gives us some sort of awareness. I have no clue how that works and doubt that anyone does. In our individual awareness we all have our own stories. Nobody has the same story. If we were to be cloned our other self wouldn't be us because they wouldn't have the same story that we have. They would be someone else.

Since we are unique individuals with different backgrounds and traveling a different path, none of us think exactly alike. We may agree on a lot of different things, but there will always be things that we don't agree on.

OK, I will admit I just got my head bit off because I said something that someone didn't agree with. I belong(ed) to some sort of Adventist group on Facebook. There was a discussion about how they are afraid of having to live without an intercessor just before Jesus comes. They were confused, not knowing how to deal with their fears.

To me this wasn't an issue. In years past I had wondered about that teaching. If we were going to have to live without an intercessor while we're still here on this earth, who will be our intercessor in heaven? The teaching didn't make any sense to me. We have to be sin-free in order to have that intercessor and yet we

cannot be sin-free.

My goal is to share the God that I've come to know and that isn't the god that the church teaches. The Adventist church teaches that just before Jesus returns we'll have to stand before God without an intercessor. That teaching comes from Ellen White.

When you can recognize that the Father ALSO loves us and is in the business of trying to heal us, not destroy us, then you need also to recognize that there is something wrong with that teaching.

Let's look at the passage that is used to promote this false belief:

In heaven the semblance of the rainbow encircles the throne and overarches the head of Christ. Ezekiel 1:28; Revelation 4:2, 3. When man by his great wickedness invites divine judgments, the Saviour, interceding with the Father, points to the bow in the clouds, to the rainbow around the throne, as a token of mercy toward the repentant sinner.{EP 62.4} – *From Eternity Past*, page 62

Does it not occur to you that there are two ways of reading this passage? You can read it through the lens that God is angry and wanting to destroy us or you can recognize that God is wanting to heal us. I believe he is wanting to heal us so how can we read this passage to understand it in a way that shows God's love? How about we turn Jesus around to where he and the Father are both facing us. If we do that, then Jesus and the father are both interceding with us, or Jesus is interceding (along) with the Father.

I don't have skin that is thick enough to be doing this, yet I keep on sharing what I have learned about God. There is no need to fear someone who loves us so much that he will do anything within his power to rescue us, and God has a vast amount of power. No, his power isn't limitless. He cannot force us to love him against our will and keep our freedom of choice. He values our freedom so much that he is willing to allow us to choose for ourselves whether or not we will believe the truth about him or continue to believe he is wanting to harm us which causes us to fear him.

Nobody is required to believe in the God that I promote. You are free to continue to worship a god that wants to harm you. If you enjoy being afraid then by all means, continue to be fearful. But please stop swearing at me because I think differently than you. Please stop telling me that I don't know God and need to start reading my Bible. You don't know where I've been or where I am in my

journey to know God. Neither do I know what's in your heart or where you are in your own journey. Name calling is inappropriate. It hurts. And when you resort to swearing, accusing, and name calling, it tells us a lot about you. It tells us that you don't have anything to base your belief on so you have resorted to shaming tactics.

That may work for some people. In the past it worked for me, but it did a major amount of damage. When you treat people like that you are doing more than harming them, you are also damaging your own psyche. You are believing that it's OK to trash the beliefs of others and to continue doing that will sear your conscience. As for me, I won't allow you to change my belief system based upon your hate mongering. When you speak to me in a way that is demeaning you mess with my head and I experience depression. And I won't put up with that nonsense any longer.

If you don't want to know a better picture of God then please don't be reading what I write and post here. The God I worship and share will be overjoyed and welcome me with open arms. And he will be pleased that I'm anxious to see him, to meet him face-to-face.

See **what great love the Father has lavished on us**, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. **But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.** All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. And in him is no sin. **No one who lives in him keeps on sinning.** No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. **No one who is born of God will continue to sin**, because God's seed remains in them; they cannot go on sinning, because they have been born of God. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not God's child, nor is anyone who

does not love their brother and sister. – 1 John 3:1-10

This passage tells me that God loves me and those who are his children will no longer sin. How can that be? According to Pastor's Morris and Lee Venden, sin is living your life without God and sins are the results of living your life without God. If we are God's children then we are living our lives WITH God therefore we no longer sin. We may still be committing those pesky, sinful acts, but we no longer sin.

And that makes perfect sense to me.

That was my rant and writing it out helped me to shove aside the depression that was trying to settle down upon me. I don't have time to mess with depression, there are too many things to do. I have plans to post something else by morning.

Have a wonderful evening.

Love you all,

Hannah