



But in vain do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. – Matthew 15:9

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These Days We're In A Daze

My title tonight was kinda stolen from someone else. His sermon title was something else and I thought it to be quite appropriate for the time we are living in. Tonight two things happened that brought that sermon title to mind and I decided to change it up a bit and use it for myself.

Earlier I saw a post on Facebook where someone was recommending 199 Ministries, or it may have been 119 Ministries. Sorry, but I don't remember which it was. The post about this ministry intrigued me enough to go check out what they are preaching. I won't tell you not to go there. In fact, I'll encourage it. As I recall the premise of their ministry is designed to encourage you to stop believing what you've been taught just because you've been told to believe it. They want you to know for yourself if what you've been taught is reality or is it a manmade doctrine.

They had some interesting topics and I listened to a couple sermons. And I will admit that their ministry isn't what I'm looking for. While I felt it good that they are encouraging people to think for themselves, I failed to find any sermons that were teaching about Jesus. For me, that's what this is all about. Let me know more and more of Jesus. The more I know about Jesus then the more I know about the Father.

Perhaps there were sermons on that site that did in fact teach about Jesus and the Father, but I failed to find them. Check them out for yourselves. I Googled them. And if you're curious, the sermon title I “borrowed” was something like, The Last Days The Last Daze.

In the past I've mentioned that we host a Bible study in our home on Friday evenings. Currently we are going through the book of John and tonight we read through and discussed the 16th chapter. Something we read and Elkanah talked about reminded me about that sermon title. Sorry, but I can't remember what it was that we discussed so I can't share it. But I do remember we talked about how the disciples seemed to fear Jesus. Jesus told them in a little while they wouldn't see him then they would.

At this, some of his disciples said to one another, "What does he mean by saying, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,' and 'Because I am going to the Father'?" They kept asking, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We don't understand what he is saying." – John 16:17,18 NIV

They had spent 3 years living with Jesus. Why did they ask each other what Jesus meant instead of asking Jesus? It sounds a bit like they feared him.

And that has nothing to do with what I'm writing about.

Tonight my son sent me a link to an article written by someone who was claiming Biblical grounds for his and his wife's plans to eat the placenta when their child is born in two months from the time he wrote the article. Forgive me please, but I won't share this link with you. Nor will I comment. I don't feel that a comment is necessary. But when society has reached a point that they are claiming it's within the realms of christianity to practice cannibalism then we truly are in a daze.

Does anyone have the truth? I seriously doubt it. And that has reminded me of what was said in our study tonight that reminded me of the sermon title Last Days Last Daze.

But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. – John 16:7 NIV

Earlier I had listened to a Bible class taught by Dr. Jean Sheldon. There was a bit of discussion about the word Advocate. Some translations use the word Comforter.

When we read that text I brought up the comments I'd heard about the two different words used. I pointed out that Advocate was someone who would listen and suggest that you might consider your actions; someone who would step in

and act as an arbiter. A comforter is someone who would throw his arms around you, give you a hug and console by telling you everything will be all right.

Elkanah said that they could be understood in a way they were similar but he thought that neither word gave the true meaning of what John was trying to convey.

The Advocate or Comforter that Jesus spoke of was the Holy Spirit. I don't know that the English language has a word that would encompass God. I believe Jesus had it right when he told Moses that he was I Am. The term I Am can mean much more than our meager brains can fathom.

Well, that's it for tonight. Drivel is now over and the pillow beckons. Happy Sabbath everyone.

Love to all,

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