

OPTIONS

Our society runs on reason, logic, and natural understanding. I've noticed over my lifetime, that when situations are negative, there's always some bright person, that figures out a workaround.

For example, when the stock market takes a major downturn, there's always some very smart guy looking at charts and graphs, and comes up with the idea, that if we just invest in this stock, or that stock, it'll be a hedge against the downturn and we will come out better than before it ever happened.

Unfortunately, in this current pandemic, we don't know what it is, we have no solution for it, and all of the human logic and reason available can't seem to come up with the work around.

I was reminded by the Holy Spirit, of the Jews that Moses led out of Egypt. Egypt in the scriptures, is a type of the bondage of the flesh. God let them out of Egypt with all the gold, silver, and riches of Egypt. He led them into the wilderness where none of their riches would do them any good. You can't eat gold, silver, or precious jewels. They had no food, they had no water, and they were completely dependent on God to provide their livelihood.

In Deuteronomy 8. 2 Moses said,

You should remember all the way which the Lord your God has led you in the wilderness these 40 years, that He might humble you, testing you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. And He humbled you and let you be hungry, and fed you with mana that you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you understand that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord.

Your clothing did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these 40 years. Thus, you are to know in your heart that the Lord your God was disciplining you, just as a man disciplines His son.

Verse 16 states,

In the wilderness He fed you with mana which your fathers did not know, that He might humble you, that He might test you, to do good for you in the end.

God said, I want to teach you only one thing. Not 2 things, not 10 things, not a big volume of systematic theology. Just 1 thing, you live by every word that I speak. You are ultimately, and completely, dependent on me for life.

We may say, yeah, I can see that might be the way it is in the wilderness, but when we get to the promised land that will all be different.

The promised land in the scriptures, is a type of the presence of the Lord, and His

Look with me at Deuteronomy 11.10.

For the land, into which you are entering to possess it, is not like the land of Egypt from which you came, where you used to sow your seed and water it with your foot pumps like a vegetable garden. But the land into which you are about to cross to possess it, a land of hills and valleys, drinks water from the rain of heaven, a land for which the Lord your God cares, the eyes of the Lord your God are always on it, from the beginning even to the end of the year.

And it shall come about, if you listen obediently to my commandments which I am commanding you today, to love the Lord your God and to serve him with all your heart and all your soul, that he may give you the rain for the land in its season, the early and the late rain, that you may gather in your grain and your new wine and your oil. And He will give grass in the fields for your cattle and you shall eat and be satisfied.

If you look through the book of revelation, you notice there are some things that there is no need for. It says that you will have no need for a light, (v.22.5) for the Lord shall be an everlasting light. There's no need for a temple, (v.21.22) because the Lord shall be the temple.

From the day that we are born on this planet, as sons of Adam and Eve, to the day that we are saved and redeemed into the family of God, and are translated out of the kingdom of this world into the kingdom of His beloved Son, we are completely, and utterly, dependent on God to be our life.

When there are thousands of options available to us, trusting God with our whole heart, all of our mind, all of our strength, seems unnecessary, and even a bit foolish.

But when there are no options or workarounds available, and our reason and logic are hopeless to find them, trusting God like little children trust their loving father, is the best and wisest thing we can ever do.

God bless you.

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