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God Hated Esau and The Sale of Your Birthright

Coronavirus update: December 30, 2020 – 3,764 deaths in a single day – replaces Battle of Antietam – Civil War (Sept. 17, 1862) 3,675 deaths - as the new number two worst days in the U.S. for single event deaths. As of January 1, 2021, there are more than 125,300 hospitalized for COVID-19 (new record).

Do not despise your birthright. Hebrews 12:14 *Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord: 15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby many be defiled; 16 Lest there be any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. 17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.*

Do not despise God's heritage. Psalm 16:6 *The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage. Gill on that goodly heritage: the Lord's people are called, #1Pe 5:3; these are Christ's heritage, his peculiar treasure, his jewels, with whom he is greatly delighted and well pleased; more than men are with their gold and silver, houses and land, and their greatest wealth and substance: these persons are the inheritance with which he is contented and fully satisfied.*

Robert Haldane (on Rom. 9:13 *As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.*)

*In loving Jacob, God showed him unmerited favor, and acted towards him in **mercy**; and in hating Esau, He showed no favor to him, who was entitled to none, and acted according to **justice**. Had God acted also in justice without mercy towards Jacob, He would have hated both; for both were in their origin guilty in Adam, wicked and deserving of hatred. The apostle unveils the reason why this was not the case, when he afterwards says that God has mercy on whom He will have mercy. The **justice** of God in hating Esau was made fully manifest in the sequel by his abuse of the high privileges in the course of providence*

bestowed upon him. **Notwithstanding all the advantages of instruction and example with which, beyond all others of the human race (with the exception of the rest of his family), he was distinguished, Esau despised his birthright, fraught with so many blessings, the natural right to which had been conferred on him in preference to his brother Jacob, and lived an ungodly life.** If Jacob, who was placed in the same situation, proved himself to be a godly man, it was entirely owing to the distinguishing grace of God. If it be objected, why was not this grace also vouchsafed to Esau? It may as well be asked, why are not the whole of mankind saved?... Undoubtedly, God was under no more obligation to save any of the human race than He was to save the fallen angels. If He save any man, it is because He hath mercy on whom He will have mercy, or as seemeth good to Him. It was entirely **just** for God to **not** provide a savior for the fallen angels.

Rom 9:14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

The apostle anticipated the objection of the carnal mind to His doctrine. Does not loving Jacob and hating Esau before they had done any good or evil, imply that there is injustice with God? Is it **just** in God to love one who has done no good, and to hate one who had done no evil? By asking the question if there be unrighteousness with God, he strongly denies that in God there is here any injustice; and this denial is sufficient. In the exercise of His sovereignty, therefore, all that God wills to do must be in strict conformity with the perfection of His character. He cannot deny Himself; He cannot act inconsistently with any of his Divine attributes.

Rom 9:15 For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.

What is the ground on which the Apostle here rests his denial that there is unrighteousness with God? He makes no defense or apology for God, attempts no metaphysical distinctions, but rests solely on the authority of Scripture. He produces the testimony of God to Moses, declares the same truth that he himself affirms. This is quite enough for (true) Christians... How many go about to justify God, and thereby bring God to the bar of man! From the defenses of Scripture often resorted to, it might be supposed that God was on His trial before man, rather than that all shall stand before Him, and that the will of God is Supreme **Justice**. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. That is – I will have mercy on whom I please

– I will bestow My favors, or withhold them, as seemeth to Me good. God, by this declaration proves that He is a debtor to none; that every blessing bestowed upon the elect flows from gratuitous love, and is freely granted to whom He pleases... He pardons one and hardens another, without reference to anything but His own sovereign will, in accordance with His infinite wisdom, holiness, and justice...

If God was only just, there would be no place for mercy; if He never acted as a sovereign benefactor, there could be no place for the plan of redemption.

On the other hand, if God acted only out of mercy there would be no room for His justice, judgment, righteousness, holiness and perfection.





These are key attributes of God's character and neither can be extinguished by man. Beloved, this is THE issue. This world and Satan only want to talk about the mercy of Christ. They only want to talk about one attribute of God Almighty. That's it. They ONLY want to talk about the redemptive power of Christ. Do you hear me? Redemption, redemption, redemption. This is a deception. THE SKY IS RED! This is THEIR God - The faux Christ - a false God - The God Loves Everyone God with no exceptions. By the doctrine of God loves everyone – they are trying to change the very nature of God (to extinguish His attribute of judgment and justice). This is the spiritual equivalence of cocaine. This is





meth - this is the HIGH - this is drunkenness. This is the religion and commandments of men (Mat. 15:9 *But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men*). They do not want anything to offset this. This is not reality. Fred Sr. used to refer to this as “sloppy agape.” He would sometimes refer this as the Santa Clause god. But the metaphor limps because even

Santa says something about being naughty and nice. That implies a standard and they do not want any standard. What about the Sponge Bob Square Pants god? But, even Sponge Bob gets mad. So, I refer to this 1-attribute god as the Happy Sticker god.

Below are some of the false gods found in the Bible. False religious systems are nothing new. Man is constantly inventing new deities like “mother nature” and the like.

No.	Name	People	Description	
1.	Dagon (Jud. 16:23)	Philistines	A Philistine deity of fertility. Possibly represented with the face and hands of a man and tail of a fish.	
2.	Chemosh	Moabites and Ammonites (Nu. 21:29)	“Subdoer” “baal-peor”, “Mars” and “Saturn”	
3.	Baal	Zidonians (1 King 16:31)	“Lord” - A supreme male divinity of the Phoenicians and Cananites. Illustration is Baal as a storm-god, brandishing a club and grasping a lightning bolt.	
4.	Molech	Ammonites and Phoenicians (Lev. 18:21)	“King” – sacrificed children to at the Valley of Hinnom	
5.	Bel	Chaldeans and/or Babylonians (Isa. 46:1)	“Lord”. Associated with Merodach/Marduk and Nebo.	
6.	Ashtaroth	Jud 2:13 Canaanites	“Star” – False goddesses in the Canaanite religion – fertility cult. Mother goddess of fertility, love and war. Also associated with Astarte.	

7.	Milcom	Ammon (1 Kings 11:4-5) and Phoenicians	“Great King”	
8.	Remphan	Israelites Acts 7:43 (associated with the planet Saturn)	“the shrunken” – as lifeless – the name of an idol worshipped secretly by the Israelites in the wilderness.	
9.	Diana of the Ephesians	Persian and Ephesians (Acts 19:24) The Greek name of this goddess was Artemis. She was worshipped at the daughter of Zeus and Leto, and twin sister of Apollo.	“Complete Light.” Goddess of moon and hunting. Was fused with a fertility cult of the mother-goddess of Asia Minor. Her temple at Ephesus was one of the 7 wonders of the ancient world.	
10.	Rimmon	Syrians of Damascus 2 Kings 5:18	Deity of wind, rain and storm. Also known as the storm god Hadad.	

The inconvenient truth is that the happy sticker god is not the God of the Bible and creation. You cannot truly see God’s mercy, without first seeing His righteousness and judgment.

Titus 1:15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. 16 They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.

The God of the Bible starts out in Genesis 7 and destroys every living creature off the earth, except Noah and his family and the animals on the ark. The Flood is the most destructive thing ever to happen to this planet. The Bible ends with the book of Revelation – and the de-creation of the world (woe – woe – woe). The Bible ends badly

for this world. If you can't see that God has more attributes than a happy sticker this year, then you never will. God dispatched 346,894 Americans and 1,824,272 people with families and loved ones out of the world this year - different than the normal 55,000,000 he kills every year. This is wrath from God like we have not seen in our lifetimes. This is not just about the redemptive power of Christ. Here is what I say to that – get thee behind me Satan.

Deut. 9:1 Hear, O Israel: Thou art to pass over Jordan this day, to go in to possess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fenced up to heaven, 2 A people great and tall, the children of the Anakims, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the children of Anak! 3 Understand therefore this day, that the LORD thy God is he which goeth over before thee; as a consuming fire he shall destroy them, and he shall bring them down before thy face: so shalt thou drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the LORD hath said unto thee. 4 Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee. 5 Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 6 Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou art a stiffnecked people. 7 Remember, and forget not, how thou provokedst the LORD thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou didst depart out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against the LORD. 8 Also in Horeb ye provoked the LORD to wrath, so that the LORD was angry with you to have destroyed you.

Psalm 11:5 The LORD trieth the righteous: but the wicked and him that loveth violence His soul hateth. 6 Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup. 7 For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.

Psalm 33:4 For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth. 5 He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of the goodness of the LORD.

Psalm 45:6 Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever: the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre. 7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness:...

Psalm 98:7 *Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. 8 Let the floods clap their hands: let the hills be joyful together 9 Before the LORD; for he cometh to judge the earth: with righteousness shall he judge the world, and the people with equity.*

Isaiah 5:13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst. 14 Therefore hell hath enlarged herself, and opened her mouth without measure: and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth, shall descend into it. 15 And the mean man shall be brought down, and the mighty man shall be humbled, and the eyes of the lofty shall be humbled: 16 But the LORD of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.

Isaiah 28:14 Wherefore hear the word of the LORD, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. 15 Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us: for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: 16 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste. 17 Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. 18 And your covenant with death shall be disannulled, and your agreement with hell shall not stand; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, then ye shall be trodden down by it.

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God may be considered under two different aspects, either as judging with equity, or as disposing at His will of His benefits; in other words, as a **judge (justice)** or a **sovereign (mercy)**. Sovereignty, when this word is applied to God, signifies the arbitrary will of a benefactor, because that under the other aspects there is no place for the exercise of arbitrary will... When therefore, He acts as **judge** and Supreme Ruler, His acts are founded upon equity; but when He acts as **Sovereign**, His acts are founded upon His free favor and dispensed with wisdom.

The human mind takes offense to both of these notions (justice and sovereignty). Human wisdom denies that sin has been done or anything has been done wrong and worthy of punishment or repentance. But, if any wrong was done, then mercy **must** be granted by Divine sovereignty in a limitless manner, equally to all. The world of man expects and absolutely demands it. When Farrah Faucet was dying, I heard her with my own ears DEMAND from God that He immediately perform a miracle and save her life. It was most disrespectful and demeaning. He did not save her life.

If indeed God was subject to man's will, He would be in servitude to man – the creature! The potter would be in subjection to the clay, which He formed. It would be like us building the big toy, where we create and gather and assemble the resources out of our own will and determination, and then solely through our fruition and labor and imagination create it, and then the big toy comes to life and demand that we bow down, give obeisance, and cower to its will. How utterly absurd.

Can anything be more presumptuous than for the creature to pretend to greater wisdom than the Creator? Any wisdom the creature possesses must have been received from the Creator; and if the Creator has the power of forming rational beings, must He be infinite in wisdom? Let the Lord's people be satisfied with the Apostle's answer, and let it be sufficient for them to know that God has willed both the salvation of the elect, and the destruction of the wicked, although they are not to fathom the depths of the ways of God. Ro 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!



Formalist and Hypocrisy trespass over the Wall of Salvation.

There is something else regarding Esau and the sale of his birthright that I think a lot about. I have witnessed with my own eyes those that try and take a shortcut to the Kingdom of Heaven. They want to indulge a little bit in the sins of Esau but still try and find repentance with tears. Heb 12: 17 *For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.*

They would bypass many of the trials and tribulations on the strait and narrow way and obtain heaven unlawfully. I think about Formalist and Hypocrisy in *Pilgrim's Progress*, who jumped the wall of salvation and take a shortcut instead of going lawfully through

the Wicket Gate. When Christian raises doubt about their reception at the Celestial Gate, they tell him not to bother his head about that; their reception would be as good as his. They later perish trying to go around Difficulty Hill. This is a reference to John 10:1.

John 10: 1 *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out.*

Gill - ***He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold:*** *the sheepfold, with the Jews, was an enclosure sometimes in the manner of a building, and made of stone, and sometimes was fenced with reeds, and in it was a large door, at which the shepherd went in and out, when he led in, or brought out the sheep. ...By the "sheepfold" is meant the church of God; see Joh 10:16; and a good fold it is, Eze 34:14. The church may be compared to a sheepfold, because it is separated from the world: it is where the people of God, and sheep of Christ are gathered together; where there is a strict union between them; have society with each other; keep one another warm and comfortable; and where they are fed and nourished, and are preserved; and where they lie down and have rest; and which, like a sheepfold, will be taken down, and not always continue in the form it now is: and by "the door" into it, is meant Christ himself, as appears from Joh 10:7,9; faith in him, a profession of him, and authority from him.*

but climbeth up some other way; by hypocrisy and deceit: or, like the prophets of old, who ran and were not sent; prophesied when they were not spoken to, but took their place and post by usurpation:

the same is a thief and a robber; steals into the church, or into an office in it, and robs God or Christ of their power and authority; and such were the Scribes and Pharisees: the Persic version renders the words, "whoever does not introduce the sheep through the door of the sheepfold, know that that man is a thief and a robber"; which these men were so far from doing, that they would not suffer those that were entering to go in, Mt 23:13. The difference between a thief and a robber, with the Jews, was, that the former took away a man's property privately, and the latter openly {p}.

2 Tim 2:1 Thou therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. 2 And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also. 3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. 4 No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. 5 And if a man also strive for masteries, yet is he not crowned, except he strive lawfully.

We must strive lawfully beloved and call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and suffer hardness now and war against this fleshly world of sin and lust and not become entangled in the affairs of this life so we may please him that called us. If we do not do this beloved, we will not have a wedding garment and we will be cast out into utter darkness like all the rest that take Esau's path.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost be with you. I love you all. Amen.