

The Law of Gentle Persuasion

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2Timothy 1:12 For the which cause I also suffer these things: nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.

The past few days have been on the unusual side. So lets begin with supper. I couldn't find the ketchup in my fridge. It hadn't been taken upstairs. I don't remember moving or hiding it. So I figured a portal had opened up and some alien space ship had taken it for analysis because they wanted ketchup on their burgers.

All right. Yes I am. Its just that sometimes life is so strange you come up with weird ideas to explain things that seem unexplainable. Take for example the ketchup. It turned out to be hidden behind the big jar of syrup at the very back of the fridge. How it got there I can't explain. I know I can trace the reasoning though that mom comes down for the syrup and pushes it against the container of ketchup. Voila. An answer.

But there are reasons to things and sometimes we don't always understand who, what or why. Its like a Wisdom question. Two fools walked down a road. One stumbled on a pebble and scraped his knee. He knelt down and cried for pain. His companion said "How come you were so foolish not to see the pebble." And so the question is born "Who was the true fool..." For if Sin entered the first mans heart then Sin would cry out "There is no God" but would it be the man in pain or Sin who made the most noise? And who would the fool be? The man who berated his companion for not seeing the pebble? There is more to it but there are facts related to that ketchup. The ketchup was wanted but remained unseen until the entire fridge had been scoured. It was literally the last item found. Yet the ketch really was there and probably was there all the time.

For me it is like my desire for God. I desire God to be there for me when I need him. Like the man who cries for pain when he scrapes his knee or me when I cried for ketchup, so I cry for God to cover my day with His grace and love. Now God has been there for me but I couldn't see Him. Satan, like an unwanted companion, cries out "He's left you..." Sin cries out "There is no God". And yet all you want is a little comfort. A little love. A little joy to fill your day.

In 2005, at the very start of it, probably in February, I began a war with Time. Now you have to understand that scripture speaks of Time.

Ecclesiastes 3:11 He hath made every [thing] beautiful in his time: also he hath set the world in their heart, so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end.

The above scripture is super mysterious. God made everything beautiful in his time. He set the world in their heart or the heart of men. But man cannot find

the things that God made from the beginning to the end. Now this sounds like a paradox but if you understand it we read of two times. The first time is Gods time. This is the time where men spend their time with Him in prayer. As they seek God in prayer they begin to go into Gods time. As they do so their eyes begin to be slowly enlightened by spiritual things. But there is another Time and this is the Time the Bible says will be done away with. This Time we speak of has a heart filled with Sin. Sin is that which blinds man spiritual and to spiritual things. His Spiritual man sleeps or as the Bible seems to indicate "Dead to this world..." and perhaps to other things. So we have men who see naturally but their Spiritual insight is gone or removed depending on choices they make.

But there is another mystery here as well. God set the world in their heart. Think of it this way. Man is part of all creation. Not only is man part of all creation but the Bible shows us that that our heart is wicked. There is part of our heart that is so wicked that only one thing could cure that wickedness of what we'll call the nature of the old man. That is the blood of Christ. But, here is a mystery for you. Old speaks of Time and thus Time becomes that 'old nature' which befalls us. Nothing else can make us old. Now it is Time that is cursed because of Sin and Sin is like a spirit that is dangerous to hold. Like a radioactive element that is handled. The more you handle it the sicker you get until the end comes. And that is when death steps into the picture.

But lets go into this deeper. For if the old nature controls us then our will is submitted to that old nature. And we then submit ourselves to its ways. For some it is as if they curse others simply by being sinful with them. And that is where Time comes in.

Most people don't think that there has to be two Times. One is Gods time and the other is old time. Old Time is part of the curse that brings something to men and women called Age. Age is that which curses us because we inherit sickness and disease and eventually they turn into pain and suffering. Those are the curses of Time and the curse that fell on creation including this world.

Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

Now if Adam and Eve took on Sin they inherited multiple curses. A curse of Sin, a curse of Time and a Curse of Death. But the curse of Death hit man in the garden. God said Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Most people seem to forget that in the day they ate of it they would die. Now everyone talks about the Day of the Lord which is as a thousand years. So lets speak of the Day of Man as being like a Thousand years also. Now, the curse of the tree befell mankind. Man's spirit nature died or his spiritual connection to God. Sin entered in and Sin is like the guy who condemns your heart for the slightest indiscretion. Thus shame entered into their natural heart for that which was spiritual was put away into the grave. And that which was natural took on the flavor of the curse. And the curse became tainted flesh. Now it was not just tainted by Sin, which took up 1/3 of the heart. But inscribed in the pages of the flesh was a code written by Man's time. Man's

Time stated that man was cursed and as such would have their life span,, natural life span, separated from God.

Now Gods Time was based on near eternity. I say near because if you try to figure out how much time is in a year it works out to something like 360,000 years give or take a few thousand. So a child of 12, Gods time, would be four million, three hundred and twenty thousand natural years. And I believe that if a child wishes to remain a child that Gods time could be extended even longer. And that which we call aging isn't meant to bring us to a place of death but to a place of maturity, as in Wisdom and Love.

But Time was cursed by Sin and we know much of this story because of Gods teaching. But lets just say that Sin fell upon a man of God who was Time. And Time was part of the Tree which I believe was a grave site. And I believe this part of Eden was a cemetery. And that one didn't eat of the fruit from a cemetery unless they wanted death.

Lets go into this a little deeper. God set the world in their heart. Now that seems like a major play on words. How could God set the world in the heart of men? And if he did so how could it prevent them from understanding God from the beginning to the ending? There could be one answer that would make sense. That when men fell into Sin they, man, inherited the curse that had fallen upon creation. Now some think creation is just earth but think about this for a moment. We know scripture says "whole creation" and if we are honest we will admit that whole means all. And all means all of the Universe. Which means that Sin either infected man in the Garden of Eden and spread to the universe or the Universe was infected already by Sin and man reinfected himself by eating of the fruit. I tend to chose the latter explanation because it makes more sense. Sin destroyed the old universe and so God reignited it. And Sin set about to spread out but there was a curse that fell on mankind that separated our world from the rest of creation. Call it the Twist of Time. The twist of time fell on man as a curse but was for a reason.

Lets say that when God placed the world in mans heart he spoke of what I believe to be the curse of Sin. Sin rode reign over the flesh nature of man. And men died naturally because Death was part of the result of Sin or the Sting of Sin. But there was also a hopeful promise.

Its ironic because I've read and heard this scripture thousands of times in my life but until today I never really understood its significance. "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son...."

Now lets go into that. Most think that God has no interest in Earth just man. Now I believe God loves both. Scripture says earth is His footstool and a footstool is there to relax your feet on. And you relax when your not at war or when you need to rest. But if Earth was Gods place of rest it became not just a battleground but a war zone so that His footstool was taken away. It also fell under the curse of Time old or as we might call him Father Time. I don't really see God as Father Time so much as Father love. Loves basics goes on for Trillions of years and yet Time as we men know it took our eternity and knocked it down so men grew to hate Time in all its forms.

Thus saying this I believe Gods time will continue for all eternity but Time Man will someday cease to exist.

Lets go back to that promise for in it is, I believe, a secret which we need to look at. He placed the world in their heart. That world would be earth and if earth was placed in mans heart then they had to bear the price of sin earth. If all of creation sinned then man would have a couple of purposes for having the sin of this world bourne in their hearts. One is so that when they overcame this world 2Peter 2:20 For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

men would have hope. And Hope is like a shining star which brings men to Faith. And Faith is that which moves mountains even the bitter wormwood of Sin.

So we then go into the question of authority and a question of power. They are part of the things God desires for us as Christians and as we overcome Spiritually so it is Gods desire that we overcome naturally. Natural is that realm where our heart dwells but spiritual is where Sin dwells. Now there are interrelations between these two realms and the end result is that we are twisted and turned by Time Man so we become ever deeper into the Curse of Sin. But once we have turned aside from Sin by accepting Jesus into our lives that blood sacrifice restores the spiritual connections to God.

But we have to pursue God so that we can develop greater spiritual authority. Though what I'm to say may sound contrary to your teaching listen carefully. Jesus covers us from the works of Sin but the fleshly body, the Sin nature are still part of our flesh. We still want to sin. Thus there arises in every Christian a battle between the flesh and the spiritual side. Each time we Chose for God Truth takes the place of the lie. Think of the lie like being part of Sins nature. Sin fullness is like a worm or a lice. So if we believe lies we are filled with Sins lice. Sounds crazy but its not. You see the more of Mans Time that you spend seeking Gods time the more lies are cast out or crushed out of your life. This isn't done for you by Christ. I think a good way to put it is Jesus is there to help you towards the truth. But he doesn't force you to spend time praying or seeking after his father. Its his desire that you do so but many who claim to know Jesus have no problem returning to Sin and to fleshly ways.

Now he, Christ Jesus, is there to help you overcome the world. He guides you into that relationship with His father and from there it becomes a battle over the spiritual lies (lice) that infest your life. As you overcome the lies you are given by God spiritual authority. That Spiritual authority is not given to those who seek after Sin but only those who seek after God.

Now God spends His Time dwelling with you and in a funny way making his heart his footstool or place of rest. At least I like to think of it that way. So when your spiritual flesh is crucified and the law says your flesh is dead then your spiritual man comes awake spiritually but not yet naturally. A good way to see it is to think that you've fought the works of Sin but haven't yet conquered Time man, Death, or men's authority or power. Those things are

part of another article.

Now we need to try to organize this story for I tend to get carried away with excitement.

So I'll skip to my life. God brought me to a place where I had overcome Satan, the main liche maker but Satan didn't like that I was free of lice and tried to put his lies back on me. It worked for a Time and I went into a spiritual battle that somehow hit me in the Natural realm. Spiritual doors started opening around me. I was shown things that were impossible to explain. I experienced things that were impossible to explain. I went into a spiritual story that lasted for well over a year and a half. And that story came to a conclusion last night when I was shown the Sin of Time. Soon after this I felt Time being pulled from me. This may sound strange but there is no other explanation for it. I didn't know what it meant except at the time I experienced great 'fear' as Time was being pulled from me.

Today as I was praying, and just after I had found the Ketchup, God showed me something that made me weep. For years I had a dream that showed me rising up from the grass (referring I believe to the scripture that speaks of all flesh being as grass.) A man and a woman came to me and spoke to me of my plans and then took it to a young man, perhaps in his late thirties or forties. His back was to me and I couldn't see his face. When I asked God what it meant and who this person was He said "If I showed you their face you would know who it was." I spent years speculating on who it might be. Was it a President for in the dream they had great power. Was it someone forbidden like the President from Russia or the Prime Minister of Canada? I didn't know until tonight when God indicated that the man and woman who took my plans to this man referred to the Holy Spirit and Wisdom. And that the man was Him. God. I started weeping because I know, to a decree, that the Holy Spirit was with me during this suffering I went through. And so was Wisdom. And it makes sense.

But He ended it with this. I took out Mans Time so that I could bring you to my time. You are in Gods Time now and though I still struggle with the King of Lies and the King of Lice I am not afraid. God is still in control and I am no longer subject to Mans Time.