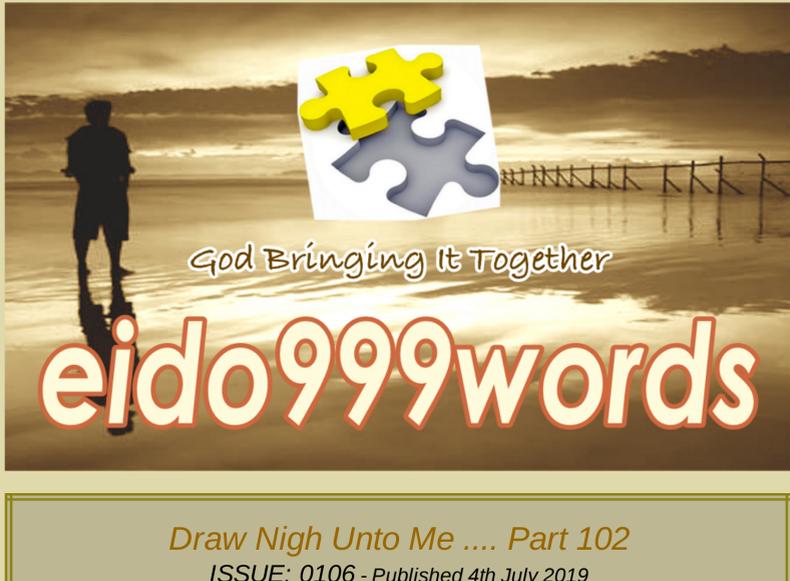


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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 41

So how do spiritual longings retard the growth of Spiritual Desire? (continued)

Last week I shared a link to the internet article "Who Wrote Ecclesiastes and What Does It Mean?" by Professor John Walton that ended with:

"How do you live? - Ultimately, Ecclesiastes is a book about how you make your way through life. We've learned to think in our world that it's all about the pursuit of fulfilment. But the author of Ecclesiastes has a powerful message for us: fulfilment is God's business. We should accept what God sends our way, whether blessings or adversity. Because, ultimately, the gifts we enjoy aren't meant to bring us fulfilment."

If even for a fleeting moment, any one of us could actually perceive fulfilment is truly God's business, a horizon of new perspective would open up to us.

Thus providing a vantage point from where Ecclesiastes becomes clearer by revealing how the concept of self has bound us to the senseless pursuit of fulfilment.

Ecclesiastes holds nothing back in pointing out the endless circles of life we engage ourselves in to aspire toward a fulfilment that can only ever be temporal & futile. Ecclesiastes 1-11

In the relentless striving for a sense of fulfilment in everything we do, how much do we understand of what we are constantly driven to aspire to?

Self creates the need for accomplishments of all sorts to serve to bolster self-worth through a sense of achievement, whether it be real or imaginary.

On the other hand, any failure to accomplish such can produce or maintain a contrasting lack of self-worth through a sense of failure to achieve, again whether real or imaginary.

Because the knowledge of good & evil is all evil, life in this world is a continual contest of wills, that we are either found relishing in, entertaining or refraining from, as dictated by our ever changeable whims.

No one escapes its deceptive power whether openly displayed in full consciousness, or deceptively concealed within the subconsciousness of our being.

All in an effort to fulfil our needs & wants through self, which answers the question of why we have great difficulty in accepting that fulfilment is God's business, not ours.

*To gain our own sense of fulfilment, all of us constantly look for ways to take action by trying to: **fulfil, verb. 1. accomplish, achieve, execute, carry out, effect, effectuate, bring about; consummate, attain, realise, perfect, complete. 2. obey, observe, follow, mind, heed, keep; acknowledge, respect; perform, discharge; comply with, abide by, agree in, adhere to, cling to, live up to, be faithful to, keep faith with. 3. satisfy, meet, answer; fill the bill, deliver the goods. 4. end, terminate, conclude, finish, complete; close, bring to a close, wind up, clinch; crown, cap, round out, dispatch; knock off, dispose of, put the finishing touch to.***

As required we employ any of the above, or combinations thereof, first to create a resultant sense of fulfilment within ourselves.

In the hope of producing a general perception of us as successful & triumphant in life rather than one of being nonfulfilled & nonperforming within it.

In the long term when artificial or deceptive fronts [facades] are created we deceive & fool ourselves more than we do others, which can develop into mental disorders.

Even in knowing our fulfilments are temporal, self keeps us striving in this world while blinding us to the fact we are travelling in endless circles.

All remains as it was known by man in the beginning, apart from the serpent's subtle deceit that convinced man that he could find fulfilment within himself.

Genesis 3:4-5 KJV

4 And the serpent said to the woman, You shall not surely die,

5 for God knows that in the day you eat of it, then your eyes shall be opened, and you shall be as God, knowing good and evil.

Surely good & evil became known to man, but it brought no lasting fulfilment for its knowledge, in Truth, is all evil in his hands.

There is nothing new under the sun capable of providing meaning to life other than declaring Jesus as the Son of God & to receive Him as Lord & Saviour.

For only then can hope live of finally realising in God the Spiritual Truth that our fulfilment is & always has been, His business.

The pleasures of this life cannot fulfil or give true satisfaction, however, as gifts of God, we can enjoy them.

As Christians, any lack of truly understanding fulfilment is God's business causes us to view adversity as frustration, but in fact, it can also assist greatly in making us the faithful people we should be.

Ecclesiastes 7:14 KJV

14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, but in the day of adversity take note that God also has set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing after him.

Our true fulfilment is God's business for in Him is the ultimate fulfilment we all seek.

This life does not come forth with answers to the difficult questions we carry within ourselves.

And we all carry a continuous stream of hopes & desires, some already met, some in the process & yet others that may never be fulfilled.

We constantly find ourselves feeling it necessary to fulfil them or find some answers to establish & maintain a sense of self-assurance and/or acceptance.

We tend to see this as the ups & downs of life we need to find ways to cope with, yet at the same time, we find ourselves assessing or judging each other on how well or not we cope.

A God-centred life does not immunise us against this human turmoil, but in Truth lessens the effect of the disease upon us the more we can embrace it.

Jesus the Word Of God is the antidote against the poison that infects us in this world & our deliverance lies in His Coming Again when His Glory shall reveal all.

Thus providing answers to our every question & to complete God's business in the ultimate fulfilment.

Fulfilment noun

The act or state of fulfilling: to witness the fulfilment of a dream; to achieve fulfilment of one's hopes.

the state or quality of being fulfilled; completion; realisation:

Now fulfilled by being entered into a state of the complete realisation by coming into Conscious Awareness of God, His Kingdom & True Unity & finding the Fulfilment of all Truth there.

We, man, is destined to again stand at the crossroad encountered once before, but now with the lie fully revealed through the giving of the spirit of wisdom & revelation in the knowledge of him. Ephesians 1:17

To be led as One With Him, to become One With Our Father God & finally See&Know The True Fulfilment.

Ephesians 1:3-14 KJV

Spiritual Blessings in Christ

Eph 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenlies in Christ;

Eph 1:4 according as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love,

Eph 1:5 having predestined us to the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will,

Eph 1:6 to the praise of the glory of His grace, in which He has made us accepted in the One having been loved.

Eph 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace,

Eph 1:8 which He caused to abound toward us in all wisdom and understanding;

Eph 1:9 having made known to us the mystery of His will, according to His good pleasure which He purposed in Himself,

Eph 1:10 for an administration of the fullness of times, to head up all things in Christ, both the things in Heaven, and the things on earth, even in Him,

Eph 1:11 in whom also we have been chosen to an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His own will,

Eph 1:12 for us to be to the praise of His glory, who previously had trusted in Christ;

Eph 1:13 in whom also you, hearing the Word of Truth, the gospel of our salvation, in whom also believing, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,

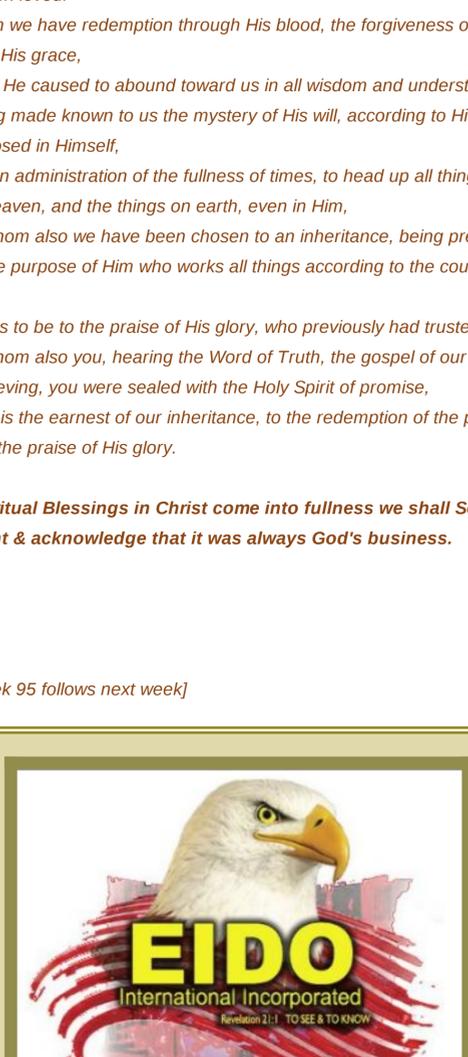
Eph 1:14 who is the earnest of our inheritance, to the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.

When our Spiritual Blessings in Christ come into fullness we shall See&Know The True Fulfilment & acknowledge that it was always God's business.

Love,

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[Defaced - Week 95 follows next week]



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