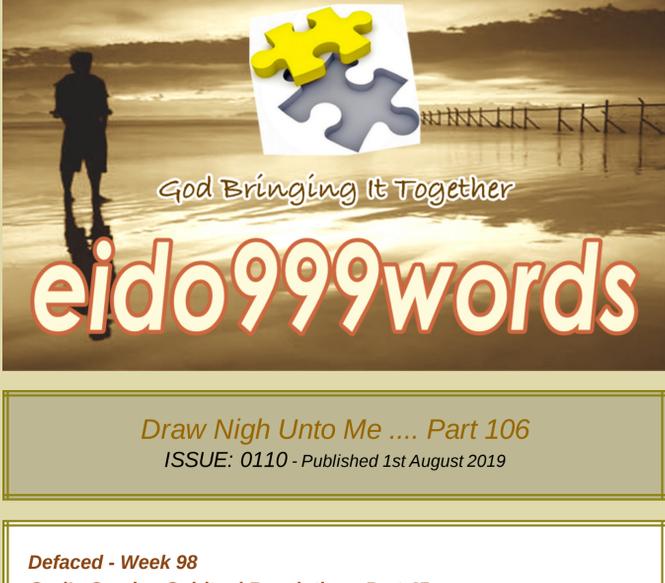


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Draw Nigh Unto Me Part 106

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God's Coming Spiritual Revolution - Part 45

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

Continued from the last issue:

Last week we concluded with **John 10:11-16 NKJV** where Jesus declared himself the good shepherd in **Verse 11** "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep."

I believe that if more of today's pastors & leaders were to inwardly memorise, recite & live by the second half of verse 11, the relevancy they preach to seek would be found.

And if we the sheep would learn to accept the endless struggle laid before us in following Christ's footsteps, relevancy would be re-established.

God Is Love, Pure Love & comes only within a Pure Acceptance of us all.

For it is founded upon who He made us to be, not upon what we have become in this world.

And only true acceptance can give rise to a complete circle of love between us.

The Purest Act of Love this world will ever see was likewise preceded by the Purest Acceptance known to mankind, or ever will be known.

It transpired in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus, the Son of Man & the Son of God, accepted to drink of the cup.

Psalms 75:6-10 NASB

6 For not from the east, nor from the west,

Nor from the desert comes exaltation;

7 But God is the Judge;

He puts down one and exalts another.

8 For a cup is in the hand of the Lord, and the wine foams;

It is well mixed, and He pours out of this;

Surely all the wicked of the earth must drain and drink down its dregs.

9 But as for me, I will declare it forever;

I will sing praises to the God of Jacob.

10 And all the horns of the wicked He will cut off,

But the horns of the righteous will be lifted up.

A 'cup' meant for us that Jesus in purity accepted to drink on Calvary's Cross for the redemption of those who would believe he is the Son of God & Lord.

It is no wonder then that our Lord became "sorrowful and very heavy" (**Matthew 26:37 KJV**) & Jesus the man said to his disciples "My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death." (**Matthew 26:38 KJV**).

Not because men would abandon him to ridicule, pain, torture & finally death, but rather in knowing he would be laid waste to abandonment by God His Father in those dark hours he was to drink of the cup of suffering.

With sweat like drops of blood falling to the ground, Purity itself willingly agreed to be abandoned & laid waste to impurity.

So that the purity (Righteousness before God) lost by one man (the first Adam) could at once be reconciled & restored by another (the last Adam).

It is His Righteousness that is the only true righteousness we have.

Hebrews 10:10-12 New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

10 We have been made holy by what God wanted. We have been made holy because Jesus Christ offered his body once and for all time.

11 Day after day every priest stands and does his special duties. He offers the same sacrifices again and again. But they can never take away sins.

12 Jesus our priest offered one sacrifice for sins for all time. Then he sat down at the right hand of God.

To give the power of God now freely available to everyone & anyone who truly accepts in their heart that Jesus, Joseph the carpenter's son, was not only the son of man but also the Son of God & now Lord of their life!

Romans 6:10 (NIRV)

10 When he died, he died once and for all time. He did this to break the power of sin. Now that he lives, he lives in the power of God.

The only way the impure of heart can receive God's Pure Acceptance of them is through Jesus Christ, by declaring in their heart that Jesus died for their sins once & for all.

1 Corinthians 15:35-49 KJV

The Resurrection Body

35 But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?

36 Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not quickened, except it die:

37 And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat, or of some other grain:

38 But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him, and to every seed his own body.

39 All flesh is not the same flesh: but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fishes, and another of birds.

40 There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

41 There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.

42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption:

43 It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power:

44 It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

46 Howbeit that which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

48 As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly.

49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

Jesus declared that He Is The Way, The Truth & The Life.

John 14:6 (NIRV)

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

He also declared himself as being The Door.

John 10:9 (NKJV)

9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

Everything that we now have, that is pure & true in Christ, comes only through Christ, in truth the one door to all things God asks of or has for us.

John 20:19 KJV

19 Then the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled for fear of the Jews, came Jesus and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you.

How he did that we don't know, nor are we here to discuss it, for it is not important.

What is of great import here is that, though a door was available, albeit locked, he demonstrated no real need of it, for He was now The Door to Everything!

For all that aligns with God's Will for & Call upon us are now made possible through Jesus who declared I am the door.

Not a door but The Door!

Now, to think that all this & so much more began that night in the Garden of Gethsemane when Jesus came with the full intent to purely accept the Will of God.

It was nothing new to him for at birth he knew he was destined to die & for what he was to die, the salvation of men.

He did not ask the Heavenly Father to take the cup from him, for he was always prepared to do it & was still just as resolute that night as before he was born.

I believe, he was 'checking-in' with God for a final time to ensure his will was perfectly aligned with God's Will & that this was still the only way for men to Live!

For he would only drink of it in obedience to the Divine Will, not the will of a man, no matter how pure.

His anguish was not over what was going to happen to him physically, but rather spiritually, for he knew the Cross would set him apart from his Father until it was finished.

There in the Garden when three times he came to his disciples only to find them sleeping, each time he exhorted them to watch & pray, lest they fall into temptation.

The temptation of which he spoke is one common to us all.

The human inclination to perceive a situation with personal ambition & desire accepted as true or valid then distorts any true perspective previously given.

For the disciples, in not watching & praying, may have been tempted to create a different perception, contrary to what they had been taught, of just how & when the kingdom was to come.

This is always the danger to us, that something once perceived & received as the truth can so easily be distorted in light of personal ambition or desire.

So Jesus' exhortation to 'watch & pray' is as relevant to us today as it was to his disciples that night on the Mount of Olives.

Matthew 26:36-46 KJV

Jesus Prays in Gethsemane

36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt.

40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

Though for Jesus, his acceptance of God's Will was just as resolute upon his entering the Garden as when he was taken away, betrayed into the hands of sinners.

To establish The Truth that Pure Love is found embodied in Pure Acceptance.

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Love,
Mwesigwa

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