
Subject: Re: Gleanings from the "Gospels"
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william wrote on Wed, 04 November 2015 22:15Quote:When the disciples of Jesus turned back away from His teaching, He asked the twelve will you leave me as well, and Peter stated; where would we go, You have the words of eternal life. They chose to stay while the others chose to leave. Can we then say as Calvin; they left because God ordained them to eternal damnation?

I think it is the last statement that makes people squeamish.

The Bible gives us a lot of evidence that it is God who chooses the elect but the converse of that statement is unpalatable to most Christians. Listen to how it sounds: "God chooses those who are to be damned by not choosing/electing them for eternal life."

Blessings,
William

Very well put, because its hard to say in words what is taking place with those who end up lost.

If the Lord loves all men then "He" as a just God extends salvation to everyone. Men make the choice through free will whether to reject God or to follow Him. Those who follow Him find out that He elected them to serve Him. There's a fine line there, how everyone could look at that scenario.

I think those scriptures I keep referring to implies men's choices, hearing they can hear but cannot understand,

Quote:
Hearing you will hear and shall not understand,
And seeing you will see and not perceive;
15
For the hearts of this people have grown dull.
Their ears are hard of hearing,
And "their" eyes "they" have closed,

Maybe I'm stretching this scripture but it shows "they have closed "their" eyes", (Is this Willingly?), in other words they just don't want to hear what God has done for them.

Kind of like a rebellious teenager that hears what their parents say but they don't want to hear it

because they want to do their own thing.

Concerning this thing about error or differences of opinions on scripture in the church world. The real issue is carnal/fleshly sin and disobedience, I think that if men are born again and they abstain from immorality (adultery, fornication, sodomy, etc.), and serve God in what capacity they choose to serve Him, that they will go to Heaven. I don't believe the Lord will cast out a man who loves the Lord and comes to Him. Come to think of it, there are a lot of other sins that will keep a man out of heaven as well:

Quote:

14 Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city. 15 But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

Jesus said; the last would be first and the first last. Some may come into the fields to work and not have the time on their side of getting to know God better, if they repent and turn to Jesus their sins are forgiven. He paid the price for all those who come to Him.

Anyway good point, I wished I would of thought of it. LOL

Gary