The Beauty of the Character of the Lord Jesus

It is essential that we know the traits of the Lord's heart: His nature, His ways, the perfect beauty of the Lord Jesus. (…to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:2)

It is vital that we know His heart, because we will have to become like Him. We will have to grow until we reach the measure of the stature of His fulness.

In God's plan, made before man ever existed, it was ordained that His Son would come to earth and show us His ways, which are perfect. (Good and upright is the LORD: therefore will he teach sinners in the way. Psalm 25:8; As for God, his way is perfect. Psalm 18:30)

He revealed the perfect beauty with which He draws us to Himself, so that we would fall in love with Him and long to be like Him. (And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. John 12:32)

And yet the beauty of the Lord's heart, and the way He walked, are hidden from the eyes of most people. (Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Matthew 7:14)

The one Christians admire today is another Jesus. Today another Jesus and another way are being preached, and most people accept them very easily. (There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. Proverbs 16:25)

It is another Jesus, one who, they believe, is glad that people celebrate His birthday. It is a Jesus who would watch the news and soap operas just as they do, waste time on the internet and on Facebook, go to the beach to relax, drive over the speed limit, work off the books… a Jesus who would join the army, swear an oath, lose His temper… (For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. 2 Corinthians 11:4)

The true Jesus is the One we find described in Holy Scripture. He walked the narrow way, and He calls us to walk that same way. (If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Matthew 16:24)**The true Jesus** loved righteousness and hated iniquity. He did not joke around, He did not laugh at other people's jokes, He did not speak idle words, and He did not quarrel with anyone.

Not for a single moment did He live according to the flesh. This Jesus calls us, too, to crucify the flesh and to live as He lived.

In His relationship with the Father, He denied Himself, He was humble, He became an obedient servant even unto death, He was godly, and He loved the heavenly Father with all His heart.

The true Jesus was longsuffering when He was mocked. He was full of kindness toward those who crucified Him, He was full of meekness, and He loved His enemies. (Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously. 1 Peter 2:23)

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