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New Radio Programs

Four new programs on the Book of Ephesians have been uploaded to the radio archive:

Ephesians 2:1 Creation of Life

Ephesians 2:1-3 Dead or Alive

Ephesians 2:2-4 The Sin of The Law

Ephesians 2:5-7 Our Place in His Kingdom

A Question from November

In November I wrote about being forgotten in Hell. The feedback was really interesting, and there was one question that really stood out to me. One person asked, "Will we remember people we once knew, who did not go to Heaven with us?" I could tell they were thinking of people they loved. I can understand the feeling of loss when someone close to you passes away, and you know they rejected Jesus. Not only is there a deep sense of finality, but there is also the recognition that it is a decision between every person individually and the Lord.

This final decision is a permanent change in the relationship between each person and the Lord. When we are living our lives before embracing Him and surrendering to the New Covenant, we have a certain kind of relationship with Him. The relationship is about Him allowing us to be a part of His creation, and His invitation to be saved. In this way, everyone has a kind of relationship with their God, regardless of whether or not they acknowledge it. If they fail to embrace the salvation He offers, this relationship will change when they physically die. The change is of course the relocation of their soul and spirit to the unpleasant place, and there will no longer be any connection between them and the Lord. The relationship is in effect, the total absence of any further relationship. It is a relationship of total separation.

The relationship of total separation is an alignment with reality. No one ever knows if a person will embrace the Lord and surrender to the Gospel. It is my opinion that the Lord Himself chooses not to know, and waits until a person believes in Him or dies. The time when a person is physically alive is a time of uncertainty, not knowing if they will be saved or not. There are many testimonies of people becoming believers later in their lives, and we know some people who claim to believe the Gospel are being dishonest or are terribly confused. Any uncertainty will end when a person goes before the Lord after death. That is when a final decision will be made by Him.

When a person is sent to the unpleasant place, it is an acknowledgment of their total rejection of their God. It is God's acceptance of their choice. It is a way of accepting that this is the way things truly are. There was uncertainty when they were physically alive, and now there is certainty when they are physically dead. The decision is about

accepting the way things really are. This is the alignment with reality, and this is when the Lord can get on with His life and no longer use His effort to call this person to Himself for salvation. He will continue His efforts with others who are still physically alive, until the time when it is decided that this present world comes to an end.

This continuation of life and purpose gives the Lord new experiences, relationships and memories. He will not just abandon the Universe and spend His time thinking about those who rejected Him in the past. We experience a similar continuation of life when we are rejected. When our relationships end we begin new ones with others. We continue our lives and pursue goals and interests we have.

Paul spoke about his own life and failures in his letter to the Philippians:

Philippians 3:12-13 ¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but I press on, that I may lay hold of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead.

In the radio programs on forgiveness, I spoke about the time involved in forgiving others. The process of forgiveness involves acknowledging the violation, and recognizing there is nothing that can or will be done to correct or compensate you for the pain and suffering you feel. It could take most of the day to work through this issue when you begin this process. When you are reminded of it again a day or two later, it could still take you most of the day to think about and accept the way things really are. A few months later, you might only spend an hour going through this issue when you are reminded of it. Perhaps a year or two later, the amount of time you spend is five or ten minutes. When several years pass, and you are reminded of the issue, it could just take a matter of seconds to let go of what happened. Getting on with your life and

living in new purposes, goals and relationships is a big part of getting past previous violations and changes in your life. You build new things to establish importance and priorities, and there will no longer remain a place for the old experiences or relationships in your new life.

The example of forgiveness can help us to understand how the Lord and we can easily forget about those who end up in the place of the forgotten. The Kingdom of Heaven is going to be a new place with a new life and new opportunities. We do not know many details about what our eternal life will be like there, but I do feel there is more than enough evidence to show we will have new relationships and new purposes and goals. It will not be long before we forget about our entering stage, and the discovery of who is with us and who is not. When we accept the reality of who is there and who is not, it will only be a matter of time before our memory of those lost will fade.

I have a friend who lost his son to cancer at a very young age. He lives in the Los Angeles area, and they had a special visitor when his son was admitted to a hospital. They got a visit from Harrison Ford. My friend works in a department related to public service, so word got around to officials who just so happened to have access to Harrison. He showed up with a lego set of the Millennium Falcon, and the whole family put it together during his son's last days. His son put together the landing gear. They keep it as a memorial in their living room.

My friend told me about how he made a special commitment to remember his son every day. In some ways he felt his son was still alive through remembering him. Time continued to pass, and after a while, he found that a day would go by and he would forget to remember his son. Then, another day would pass like this, and more as time continued to go on. Initially, he felt a sense of pride in being the father who remembered his son, then, he would have to work through the guilt and shame in failing to do so later. It took some time, but eventually he felt

that it was ok to not remember his son every day. His experience gave me several life lessons

This example of my friends experience was what I first thought of when I was asked the question about forgetting people who don't go to Heaven. I have no way of knowing if his son will have a place in the Kingdom of Heaven, but this example leads me to believe that even with our sincere intention and desire, our memory of those we lost will fade and eventually be forgotten. Perhaps we can build our own personal libraries in Heaven, with photographs and stories. With those, we could perhaps keep our memories alive longer. I do feel that over time, our new life will overtake the old, and the future will occupy us from our past.

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