

Remembers

The Preeminent Multitasker

- God's wisdom is so great that whenever He does anything, many things are accomplished. God is the preeminent multitasker.

Restructuring Everything

- In God's time, the Son will provide God's people with an entirely new earth, where nothing but righteousness dwells.

Reserved for Fire

- The present state of things everywhere in this creation has been arranged and is maintained by the Son.
- The first time the Son came, he set things aright everywhere except here, where we live. When he returns, he will reign on this earth a thousand years, and then set things aright everywhere.

Judgment Day in Heaven

- The purging of heaven after the risen Son was glorified was Judgment Day in heaven.
"Rejoice, O Heavens! Woe to the Earth"
- Jesus let us know how the Father dealt with evil while it was in His presence, and with his patient and kind treatment of Judas, Jesus showed us how to follow the Father's example.

Jesus Is for Us

- The Accuser being cast out of heaven does not mean that Satan has stopped accusing; it just means that his accusations now mean nothing in heaven.
- Men's accusations against the righteous are often completely untrue, but to fabricate accusations has never been Satan's way.
- When someone errs and will not repent, to bring up that error against him is prosecution, but when someone errs and then repents, to bring up that error against him is persecution.
- Paul straitly warned his beloved Timothy never to receive an accusation against an elder unless two or three witnesses were present

Purifying with Blood

- Since the Son consecrated heaven with his blood, nothing unclean is allowed in it.

The Hedge

- God had also erected a hedge around him, to protect him and his angels from the judgment which His hidden Son would one day execute against them.

Everything Ruined

- Satan's prosecution of transgressors and all his other efforts to maintain God's favor had been done with all his heart, but his heart was perverse.
- What fool ever thinks that he has been treated fairly when he reaps what he has sown?
- The resurrection and ascension of Jesus ruined everything, from Satan's point of view, and when he was cast out, Satan was neither afraid or ashamed, but furious.
- If righteous judgment ever seems right to a fool, it is only when it is applied to someone else.
- Rather than humbling themselves and crying out to God for mercy, proud fools like Satan respond to God's righteous judgment by pitying themselves as victims of it.

Mysterious Fellowship

- What angers Satan most is something he cannot understand: the mysterious, sweet fellowship of the Father and the Son, the same fellowship they share with those who “walk in the Spirit”.
- There is nothing Satan would not do to destroy the fellowship of the Father and His children. At the same time, there is nothing he *can* do to destroy it.
- The wicked want God’s children to feel as they do about them, that they are misguided and missing out, but it is the ungodly who are misguided, and they are missing out on life itself.

The Life of the Creator

- On the day of Pentecost, God’s life completely re-created those who received it.
- Nothing is impossible in God’s kind of life.
- The miraculous was the norm for the earliest believers.
- As they grew in the knowledge of God and His Son, Jesus’ disciples must have lived in a constant state of amazement.

Paul

- After giving the first apostles time to mature in knowledge, God called a young man named Saul and revealed to him a gospel which Peter and the others did not anticipate.
- Peter acknowledged the great anointing that was on “our beloved brother Paul,” but he admitted that Paul preached some things that were hard to understand.
- Paul’s gospel was the next step in the knowledge of God, a knowledge which Jesus’ own apostles did not have until Paul brought it to them.

“The Witness that God Has Given”

- A primary purpose for God sharing His life with mankind is to provide proof of His acceptance of the Son’s sacrifice.
- The love for mankind that attended the grace given at Pentecost came at such a price, and the mercy shown was so completely undeserved, that to refuse it is a damnable offense.
- Whoever refuses to receive God’s witness to His Son, the baptism of the Spirit, is calling God a liar.
- Whoever humbles himself to receive Jesus’ baptism of life “has set his seal that God is true.”
- God would much rather enjoy fellowship with us than to sit on His throne and watch us perform ceremonies.
- God called His seat in the sanctuary the “mercy seat”. Had it been up to Satan, he would have called it the “judgment seat” instead.

Knowing, not Believing

- The plethora of religions on earth makes it obvious that humans can be talked into believing almost anything about God.
- Throughout history, untold multitudes have given their lives and/or taken the lives of others because they passionately believed the wrong ideas about God which they were taught.
- Without God’s life, provided for us by the sacrifice of the Son, we can sincerely believe in God, but we can never *know* Him.
- Anything we believe can be a lie *as far as we know*.
- A newly born child of God knows his heavenly Father no better than a newly born human knows his earthly father.
- The apostles were grieved when those whom they had brought into the kingdom of God did not grow in the knowledge of God, and they were thrilled when they did.

Satan Lost His Job

- Satan was not cast out of heaven merely because he was wicked. Satan had been wicked for thousands of years before he was cast out.
- God cast Satan out of heaven because a new covenant of “grace and truth” had replaced the law.
- God’s people are still governed by a law, but it is “the perfect law of liberty”, which means that we will be judged by what the Son has liberated us to do.
- Proper form was crucial to Satan because proper form provided him with a standard by which he could make judgments, but the standard of “commandments contained in ordinances” is what Jesus abolished on the cross.
- When Jesus did away with handwritten rules and rites, he rendered Satan useless as a Prosecutor.
- The Son does not judge anyone or anything by appearances.
- If we judge by what we see and hear instead of being led by the Spirit, we can only make judgments “in the flesh”.
- The eye and the ear cannot detect the condition of someone’s heart.
- Righteous judgment is never wrong, for it comes from God’s kind of life.

Accepting the Son

- God’s life being shared with men on earth was not the result of the Son’s offering himself to God, but of God’s acceptance of the Son’s sacrifice.