Parson to Person 1 Corinthians 15 (The Resurrection) – Part 19 (The Millennial Age)

As we continue our study in Millennial Theology, we will note several oddities of the Kingdom Era.

We have already learned that many believers reject the idea of a Millennial Kingdom due to the false idea of Replacement Theology. Others reject the described era as the result of non-Levitical attributes concerning the temple and activities—not to mention a literal temple unlike any other described in the Bible. Some reject the concept of the sacrificial system and how the Jews can (with the command and endorsement of the Lord) have sacrifices offered at all. Feast days are observed but with the omission of Pentecost, the Feast of Trumpets, and the Day of Atonement. Sabbath days, new moons and the year of Jubilee will be observed. Many wonder why for Jesus is our Sabbath, He set the captives free, and all debts have been paid!

I should also mention that Satan will be bound, natural and social life will be altered, and (of special blessing) the Curse will be restrained! Some people will live beyond 1000 years, and anyone who dies at 100 will be thought a child (see Isaiah 65:20).

All of these attributes are delineated in the Bible—along with Israel's full restoration, spiritual blessing, and, best of all, the fact that Jesus will be living here on the planet for every eye to see!

However, the most disturbing to many is that mortals and immortals will be living here on the planet together. It seems so "science fiction." Therefore, for many—even believers—this is just too much to believe; so, the Biblical truth is rejected.

I mentioned that Jesus will be living here on the earth. I mentioned that The Curse will be restrained. However, I did not mention that a great number of the mortals who will be here on earth will repopulate the earth and after the thousand years, en masse, will turn against the Lord. This is the true mind-blower for me! However, it should not be so surprising. Mankind is wicked to the core—and without the gracious illumination of the Spirit, and fragrant work of Christ, no one, no one, no one would believe and no one would be saved.

As for me—I believe! You?

"Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years" (Revelation 20:6).

A Personal Note:

Today is our daughter Danielle's birthday. She lives in Hudson, New York, with her husband Gordon.

Several years ago Danielle was diagnosed with a serious form of breast cancer that required a complete mastectomy. Moreover, Danielle subjected herself to chemotherapy and follow-up psychological counsel/support. During that time Danielle was informed that she will never have children.

As the result of the above—assisted by demonic influences something changed in our daughter. She cut off all family, many friends, and has indicated her refusal to believe the Gospel and trust the Lord—she has a painful view of God and seems to associate me (her dad and pastor) with the Lord, and thus... Danielle has indicated her support for the LGBTQ+ community, declares herself as non-conservative politically, and has embraced YOGA as a regular part of her life. She has taken over 100 hours of training and now apparently teaches the Hindu/Buddhist practice.

Would you be willing to pray for her today? As mentioned, today is her birthday. Today she turns 37.

I hope you don't mind my (our) personal heart's cry today. It is the prayer of both Brenda and I every day. Dear Lord, please turn Danielle back to you and allow her to embrace all You have for her.

Thank you our friends!

I love you all, Pastor Paul –and Brenda