

“For Judgment I Came into the World”

Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.”

Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?”

Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not be guilty; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.” (Jn 9:39-41)

That word *remains* is an eternal word. It remains forever and ever. If they claim to see, but don't see, or claim to know Him but don't keep His commandments (1 Jn 2:4), then their guilt remains forever and ever. This blindness could be stubbornness, blindness, or stupidity, whatever the spirits are that mingle in among religions, including Christianity and its offshoots. Every false religion is from an evil spirit. An evil spirit indoctrinates those who listen to it.

There is only one true religion that is linked to the source of the Creator, and they who have true religion abstain from the world and care for each other, especially the widows and orphans in their midst, and they guard their tongue. If not, their religion is useless and they deceive themselves.

If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless. (Jms 1:26)

He deceives his own heart. He is not *religio* — re-linked to God. Every religion claims to have a source to God and the Creator; even the American Indians claimed to have some mystical thing with the Creator. The religions always go off somewhere from the loving source of our Father to hurt, kill, and destroy.

An Epistle of Straw?

Is Jms 1:26 true or not? Or is James really an epistle of straw like Martin Luther said? Is Jms 1:26 really true? We might be talking here about how we used to be in other religions. Some have been in the offshoots of Christianity, which was not the restoration

of all things. There is only one restoration, and everything else is only reformation — just a new patch on the old cloth. They are just trying to patch things up. It is only a clone, from the same DNA but with a little different appearance — just a clone after all is said and done. It turns out to be the same old wineskin.

It seems like we could be the same way — complacent, self-satisfied, and blind, as the people our Master was confronting there in Jn 9:39-41. You can see the whole wonderful story about the man who was blind, and healed, and how the Pharisees confronted him. You are very familiar with that as you read the New Testament. Do you know what complacent means? It means laid back, self-satisfied, unable to contemplate and understand the truth.¹ A complacent one can't have revelation come into his heart like our Father wants it to. When people saw our Master they saw the one our Father sent. When people meet us they should see a true sent one.

He came to give spiritual insight and understanding and revelation. “*I have come to make the blind see; I have come to give sight to the blind*” (Jn 9:39). And this is what we are here for too. He has given that very same commission to us. He has created a body of people to do the very same things He came to do. He only did it in a small part of the world. We are supposed to do it worldwide.

Sin Blinds People

He came to give spiritual insight, understanding, and revelation. You can see this if you put your eyes back on John 9. He came that mankind might know Him. But sin itself blinds people. If we have sin and we are not confessing our sins, then we will misunderstand our brother. We will be offended. We will not speak the right way to that person. You are not going to contemplate how you are speaking to him or how you should receive what he is telling you.

¹ *Complacent* also means content with a fault.

So, sin blinds us. That is why it says that if we don't bridle our tongue, to make sure it is from the Holy Spirit, then we are not re-linked to God. We have come unlinked.

Hilkiyah – Sin blinds us from discerning the Body.

Shemuel – It is like the log in your own eye, keeping you from seeing the speck in your brother's eye (Mt 7:3-5).

Jn 18:37 – Whoever is of the truth will know whether the one who is speaking is of the truth or not. Sin blinds the one who is hearing the truth. The truth opens blind eyes, when you hear the word from a sent one, from one seeking the glory of the one who sent him (Jn 7:18). That is what He came to do — open blind eyes. Jn 12:45 – *“Whoever sees Me sees the one who sent me.”*

The word “sees” is to contemplate, not just to look with your blind eyes.² “Whoever receives you,” our Master said, “receives Me.” They contemplate you and see something, because you are of the truth, and they begin to hear our Master's voice. Something starts happening in them. The miracle starts to happen in them, as it is starting to happen in Tara. She is contemplating something, seeing something. Maybe she is one who wants to do our Father's will. Then her daughter is falling in love with us. They have been totally mistreated in every way in the past.

Your old friends notice. They tell you, “You're different! How come you're this way? What is it?” That is so wonderful when they notice that. It is confirmation of what's happened to us.

So, He came to open up blind eyes. The Jews whom He was confronting there (which carries over today to Christians) were shocked to think that they were blind. “Who, us? Blind?” They were shocked to hear they were the ones who were blind. Their blindness could have been in some cases stubbornness. In others, ignorance, for their

² The word “sees” in Jn 12:45 is #2334, the intensive form of #3700, and which “signifies an earnest but more continued inspection.” Its standalone meaning is “behold, consider, look on, perceive, and see.”

religion was not coming from God. They were blind and had grown apostate, just as Christianity has grown apostate.

Yowceph Rodriguez – It reminded me of what we have always said — Christianity is no more the Church than the Jews are the sons of Abraham.

That’s right. The Jews no longer had Abraham for their father. They had someone else for a father. YHWH was not their source anymore. They were apostate. The blind were leading the blind, as you can see in Jn 8:37-44. “If you were Abraham’s children, you’d be doing the deeds of Abraham.”

Apostate means fallen away from the apostles’ teachings. In Christianity they had fallen away from the original teachings of the apostles. They were not in fellowship with the apostles anymore. They had grown and developed and were not living in simple devotion to our Master anymore (2 Cor 11:2-4).

The blindness of the Jews meant that they were slow to apprehend, in a stupor, apathetic. They were spiritually and mentally apathetic. Something had happened to their will. They were in a stupor. (You have to look up what *stupor* means.)³ It was dysfunction of their will. When something happens to your will, you take everything wrong, you won’t love, you go around in a victim spirit, you go around slighting others all the time, thinking others are slighting you. When your will is dysfunctional, anything can happen in your life.

You have a spirit, a soul, and a body. It goes from the spiritual to the physical. Your will is part of your soul, and it activates your body, according to what spirit your soul is in communion with. That is why we have to answer for all the things we do or say. They come from deep within us.

We have to understand that people are in a stupor today, just like the Jews in our Master’s time. They are blinded by their religion, by the evil one, the enemy. But their

³ One definition of stupor is 1) the feeling of distress and disbelief that you have when something bad happens accidentally, and another is 2) marginal consciousness.

stupor is all according to their own will. Some people have a good will and are willing to do the Father’s will. They know and they contemplate the Father’s will (Jn 7:17). Our Master said, “They will know what I am saying.”

They will see it. They will gain understanding. Something will start going on inside. They will be brought out of that and into the light. The light shines on their sin, that which keeps them lost and going into the underworld. Their eyes were blinded by the evil one. Then, as you have a will to do our Father’s will (and everyone here has the will to do our Father’s will, unless there are tares among us) you love and are kind *and* we see others as loving and kind. We see our own faults and we don’t become indignant. If we are led by the Spirit we will love. If not, we will be in the slough of despond.

“So Yahshua was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.” (Jn 8:31)

They “believed” in Him, but what do the next verses say? What are you talking about?

They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never yet been enslaved to anyone; how is it that You say, ‘You will become free?’” (Jn 8:33)

They were really blind, in a double prison, thinking they were set free. But if the Son sets you free, you shall be free indeed.

“And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” (Jn 8:32)

They were still under a false illusion; under a religion that didn’t work. The truth will set you free from your stupor. They said they believed, but they didn’t *really* believe. Like Jn 2:23 says, “Many believed” but they didn’t entrust themselves to Him. You can tell, in the communities, who has entrusted himself to our Master and who hasn’t. What can you do about it? Nothing. All you can do is love them and speak the truth to them. They hear the gospel every day and you encourage them, so that for 365 days a year at the minchah they hear the truth. Tares will never surrender to our Master. They are in a stupor and lack a will. They have a dysfunction in their will somehow.

Blind Opponents of the Truth

Those who falsely imagine they have insight into the will and purpose of God become blind opponents of the truth. Who is it that always persecutes those who do the will of God? The religious people do. Righteous judges and public officials should say, “Don’t come to me with your religion. I don’t care what you believe.” (Acts 18:12-17)

The religious people kill people, claiming to know God. They believe they are doing Him a favor. They falsely imagine themselves to have insight, and like the Jews, falsely imagine they have Him as their Father. They are under a false impression like the Jews were who said Abraham was their father, but our Master said, “If you were the sons of Abraham you would do his deeds.” (Jn 8:39)

Shemuel – It reminds me of Tit 1:16 – *“They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.”*

That is right, by their deeds they deny Him. [Yoneq repeated this three times]

How did you receive what your brother said to you? Did you receive it right? Or was there an enemy there translating it into your soul? How’s your will doing? Can you combat this evil and receive things in the right spirit through your will? Did you interpret it correctly or did you say in your mind, “This person hates me”? Those thoughts come from a source and cause confusion in the Body.

In a religious sense, those who are less informed, less religious, are more able to discern the truth, for they haven’t been stupefied (indoctrinated) with that religion. That is the evil of religion. How are you going to present Messiah to a Muslim? It would be a difficult thing.

Dodavah – What you are saying reminds me of Tit 1:15, *“To the pure, all things are pure; but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled.”*

That is right, very good. Outside the religious people become opponents, blind, thinking they are doing God a favor. 1 Cor 3:16-17 — Even in the Body some can become blind opponents, doing the same thing:

“Do you not know that you are a temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If any man destroys the temple of God, God will destroy him, for the temple of God is holy, and that is what you are.”

The Temple equals the Body of Messiah. And “let no man deceive himself” in verse 18; whoever defiles the Temple will be destroyed. If any man destroys what is going on here, he will be destroyed. Mt 12:30 says some are with Him and some aren’t.

“He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.”

Some gather and some scatter. Some build and some tear down. We hear of the builders and others who come and tear down. It happens all the time. There are the wise and foolish virgins, and the natural man, and some are tares. The natural man can’t understand the things of the Spirit, for they are spiritually discerned (1 Cor 2:14). Why? I don’t know. They just can’t understand it. Whatever was there holds their will in a dysfunctional state or condition.

Yowceph Rodriguez – It made me think of Jn 8:43, *“Why do you not understand My speech? Because you are not able to listen to My word.”* It was due to the dysfunction in their will.

The Will is the Motivating Factor

It is Jn 8:37 through 47 that talks about those things — mental and spiritual apathy. *Apathetic* means laid back. Those who think they are okay are less able to recognize Messiah than those who are needy. They are proud and tell the sent ones, “I’m all set. I don’t need anything.” Christianity or the Jehovah Witnesses have defiled them. They have heard people say, “Repent or perish” and all these thieves and robbers, as in our Master’s day, have gone before us. He even told people, “Don’t tell them I am Messiah” because they’d heard so much, too.

Jn 12:45 and Jn 13:20 parallel one another. Together they say that, “Whoever sees you, sees Me, and sees the One who sent Me.” In that you can see the essential value of each and every person.

Why can't you understand what I am saying? It is because you are unable to do so! For you are the children of your father the Devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning and has always hated the truth. There is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. So when I tell the truth, you just naturally don't believe me! Which of you can truthfully accuse me of sin? And since I am telling you the truth, why don't you believe me? Anyone whose Father is God listens gladly to the words of God. Since you don't, it proves you aren't God's children. (Jn 8:43-47)

You can see where that religion was. It was those leaders who were underneath the evil one. This is the reason He came, to bring judgment, and this is the judgment, as Jn 9:39 says:

And Yahshua said, “For judgment I have come into this world, that those who do not see may see, and that those who see may be made blind.”

That is why we are in the world as well — for judgment. “I have come into the world to give sight to those spiritually blind and to make blind those who claim to see.”

This is like Jn 3:17-19:

For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. He who believes in Him is not judged; he who does not believe has been judged already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. This is the judgment, that the Light has come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the Light, for their deeds were evil.

The judgment was based on this fact: that light has come into the world and men hated the light, for their deeds were evil. Men have to be judged there. Some love the light and some hate it. If our Master came, people would either love or crucify Him. What if you come into contact with one of the sons of God and you rejected Him? What happens?

He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me. (Lk 10:16)

To receive him is reconciliation. To reject one of our Master’s servants, one of our Father’s sons, that is seeking the glory of our Master, and not his own glory (Jn 7:18, for when you see him you see our Master), is to reject our Master. And when you reject our Master you reject our Father. There is no way to the Son except through us. They can’t go to the Son through a Bible, can they? Is that a sent one? Can you be saved through a Freepaper? No, but it can draw you to where the holy ones are.

Yahshua said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” (Jn 14:6)

But how are they going to get to Him? Through us, the priests and the priestesses, we bring people to the Son so that He can take them onto the Father and become one of His sons. And judgment comes upon those who reject the good news because they, as Paul said, “judge themselves unworthy of eternal life” (Acts 13:46). They are then judged already and they don’t have to be judged at the judgment of Rev 20:11-15. This is the situation for those who come upon a sent one and reject him. Think of all the people who never even heard the good news.

Yoceph Daniel – We need to pray to be clean vessels, because it is not just our words, but our presence speaks to people and affects them. It is the Spirit that is actually here that brings the judgment.

They can’t just read the Freepaper and go on.

Havah Hadashah – If it was we could put the sinner’s prayer on the back of it.

That’s right. I hope people aren’t reading our papers and thinking they can be saved. Maybe we ought to put that on our papers, “Beware! You can’t be saved by reading this freepaper!”

The Will is the Motivating Factor

If there is a dysfunction of the will, that person can never do what is pleasing to our Father consistently. Our prayers can’t be answered if we are not doing what is pleasing to Him (1 Jn 3:22) or carry out His good pleasure (Isa 53:10); nor can we do

anything consistently good for God or man. The will is the driving force, driving the ship. It is the elective inclination. It elects what is right and what you are going to do. If it is not functioning right, it leaves you in a soup. It is the resolve you have within you to do what is good. This *will* is #2309 in the Greek. It is the good will of men.

When they see a sent one, they see something. Their will starts to function in them. “For this reason I have come into the world, to give sight to those who are blind and to make those who see blind.” (Jn 9:39)

The will is the motivating factor of the whole man. The will and the spirit interact to direct the mental faculties and so control the body. That is, what comes out of your mouth and shows the functioning of your will in connection with your spirit. It shows whether your spirit is functioning in communion with the Holy Spirit. If our spirit is in communion with the Holy Spirit, it comes over into our will and emotions and we don't have to take Prozac. We hear the truth and we speak the truth in love to our brothers and therefore we grow up in Him. We speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15-16).

If our will is dysfunctional, we will speak something other than the truth. The prophets have to know whether what is being spoken is from God or not. Then they go and tell that person, “That was not of the truth.”

Jn 18:37 — “Those who are of the truth hear My voice.” He came to bring light and understanding for those willing to do His will. So, if they were blind, and they admitted it in Jn 9:41, they would not have been guilty; but they did not admit it.

So that is a little bit of what we have to understand and have inculcated into our soul and intellect. Then it can come forth out of our brain by our tongue go into others. What comes out of your mouth is the overflow of your heart, right?

“Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things. But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give

account of it in the day of judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” (Mt 12:34-37)

“By your words,” which is according to what your will is like and what you are connected to, “you will be justified or condemned.”

Ha-êmeq – When Martin Luther said it was an epistle of straw, I don’t know if he had control of his tongue or not. For many things we know he didn’t. And you can see why he hated it. It came against his evil doctrine of Gnosticism and the way he didn’t bridle his tongue.

But if we were to say, “James is not part of the Bible” we would be considered heretics. But they can disconnect, the whole Lutheran Church, the whole Protestant Reformation, has made a complete disconnect from reality. That is why some cognitive people can throw the whole thing in the garbage can, for they can see that things have no reality. I am thankful that our Father has opened our eyes. We love the book of James. We love the whole Bible.

You ought to write an article about that.⁴

Ha-êmeq – Calvary Chapel would be ashamed of the way some people we know are, but they are the fruit of Calvary Chapel. They would get mad at us if we preached the message of James. Their foul mouths are the natural outworking of having a worthless connection to God (Jms 1:26).

Every other word that comes out of their mouths is a curse word, and they don’t even know they are doing it. They don’t see it as bad. *Religion* is one of those words that has changed its meaning. Nowadays people think they have it when they don’t.

⁴ (See, “Epistle of Straw?” in the Winter 2003 edition of “It Takes a Community — Why She Didn’t Fly, Part 2”.)