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God's Not Winking

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"24God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; 25Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; 26And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; 27That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us: 28For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. 29Forasmuch then as we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and man's device.

30And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: 31Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead." Acts 17:30

God is versatile. He laughs, cries, sings, silent, smiles, frowns, light hearted, and serious and much more. We can count on Jesus to have a well-rounded personality.

I know Jesus has a sense of humor, because He called me to write. If you knew me years ago, you'd know that the task that Jesus handed out to me was not in my list of abilities. The English grammar doesn't make sense to me. And thank the Lord for spell check!

I don't understand my native language syntaxes, yet, here I am writing this. My writing has changed throughout the years; at first it was full of blunders with sketchy rough edges now, today, I write smooth with fewer errors, well-conditioned; by most part; I think. That is what the Lord does. He takes a really funny joke and turns it into something He can work with.

In the Old Testament God was fierce and punished the children of Israel. They were constantly getting into trouble with God. But at times, God ignored certain things that His people did. God chose not to punish them because they did things in ignorance. It seems like Christians frown at them nowadays. However, we must consider that they didn't have the privilege of the Holy Ghost at the time.

In the Old Testament, the children of Israel built idols to worship. They melted gold and silver to craft idols they set in their homes so they can dedicate their time and thoughts to it. This



was never the way God chose for man to worship Him.

God chose blood sacrifices in the beginning because of Adam and Eve's sin, their eyes were open to the fact that they were naked. They suddenly became knowledgeable to the things that were right and knowledgeable to the things that were wrong. Before that, they had no idea they were naked. Consequences weren't experienced with the first couple. [If I do this, then that will happen.] Punishment wasn't a thing to think about. They chose what to do ignorant of consequences. They were carefree. Just like a child, until punishment happens, they have no clue their actions are wrong. You can talk all you like, but they are clueless and carefree.

God, to cover their sin(nakedness), killed animals to use the skin to cover Adam and Eve's sin. (thus the beginning of animal sacrifices & consequences). Blood was shed to cover sins. In the Old Testament, the way to worship was to kill an animal. There were specific animals for specific offerings. Then a specific way God chose to submit that offering.

"This is the law of the burnt offering, of the meat offering, and of the sin offering, and of the trespass offering, and of the consecrations, and of the sacrifice of the peace offerings;" Leviticus 7:37

Today, we no longer sacrifice animals. We are in the dispensation of Grace. Which means, after Jesus Christ died on the cross, he shed His own blood to be that perfect blood sacrifice for us. That blood covers our sins. We apply that blood of Jesus to our lives when we are baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then our sins are forgiven (remitted).

Of course, when it comes to graven images (idols), common sense tells us if we make it with our own hands, how could it possibly be "God"? Not possible at all. It is a "god" however. If we bought it at the store, it couldn't possibly be "God". There is no way if I pray to my candy dish that it will respond to anything I could say or do. We have that intelligence to know better. However, the Israelites had this conception in their minds that making an idol was the right thing to do. But God winked at that at times.

They thought they were doing the right thing.

"There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." Proverbs 16:25

How much more should we consider our ways.

"Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Consider your ways." Haggai 1:7

We are accountable for what we see, hear, say, and know.

"But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment." Matthew 12:36





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That is what Paul was saying; don't think that you can continue in those foolish thoughts and foolish ways, that are contrary to the Word of God. You know better. So God is not winking today. He does have a sense of humor, but, when it comes to salvation and eternity, He is dead serious.

"Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." John 3:5

