

The Human Will and Flesh Are Strong (and Satan Gloats)

What we experience with our senses can be very, very pleasant. This includes sight, what we're hearing, feeling by touch, and tasting, even smelling. It is certainly by all these senses that we're ensnared into the initial actions of our growing but immature sexuality - and temptation gains strength as the mind comes along with its curiosity and desire for real experiences. All is followed by the reasoning and justification of "this can't be so wrong because what I'm feeling is so right". "God must be calling this bad to keep us from knowing and doing what really is soooo good. Nothing bad has happened to us. This must be what love is." By deceiving ourselves with what we want to believe, we've opened another gate to the dark lord who is always right there waiting. He is ever ready to gleefully lead us on into the darkness that imitates light, often called enlightenment by the academic. The logic he knows will work so well is what the world calls intelligent experimenting in the finding of our own beliefs and way in the world; and, of course, we're having so much fun. Those are tears of happiness, aren't they?not shame.

Jesus mastered the obedience of waiting; and as our Rescuer, Deliverer He has shown us the way to wait for God's provision to come - even possibly as the wait seems to us extreme. Do we believe He is truly just in time with just exactly what is perfect for our need, plus a little more? Could it be better than figuring out how to provide what we need on our own? What happened the last time you did that?

The human will and the flesh are strong; in the original they were perfectly created by the Master Creator. When sin entered in, these became adulterated, changed as man turned to his own intelligence/reasoning in making his decisions. They so much as told God to take a hike as they began to choose evil over the good and godly ways of their perfect God. These two, the will and the flesh, in the strength of their rebellious nature make it difficult, and not just once in a while, to surrender our control to another's authority, even if it's God's. Now think, the Holy Spirit always there in expectation of directing you and leading you in the way you need to go at all times. This is a real humbling, a coming down, to go from "I can do this myself." to "Show me, oh Lord, what you would have me to do." To choose to obey will, many times, mean getting into some really hard places of the soul - it can be very painful and not just for us. But obedience means freedom from bondage as the enemy of my soul will find nothing in me to attach himself to as there will be no dark, lawlessness in me in which he can hide. The Light that is Jesus exposes him.

Jesus did not use a credit card when He paid for us, but paid the full price with His blood and His beaten,bloodied body. We are not our own. We are gladly His and He lights the path for us to walk in; if we will walk looking to Him as the only dependable example, the One to look for, wait for, to follow immediately He speaks, beckons, we will be enabled to walk in the same manner as He walked and continues, by His Spirit and Word, to demonstrate.

Never, never, never, quit - get up, stand; look quietly; listen calmly; study the One who is the Word, the Truth, the Way. He puts up with all of us; He doesn't quit - no matter the hostility He faces. He always looked to the Father; and what the Father said and showed Him, He said and did. How very glad I am that He did and that He perseveres in doing the same for us. Is it His plan for us to quit?