

Morning Has Broken



It is written,

"And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day."

Genesis 1:31

God is a god of order. Our Father plans out what He wants to do and then fulfills His desires through through speaking it into existence. Our creation is a marvel of intelligent design. When YHWH finished the heavens and earth on the sixth day, satisfied with what He had made, He said it was "very good."

The point I wish to make today is that God "intended." Our Father did not do things haphazardly but He created with intent. The plan of God is perfect and we should, as followers of "the way," submit to His intent for us.

To me, it has always made sense that the best way is always God's way. It matters not what that way may be but only that it is our Father's intended way. Any other way is automatically less than perfect and not worthy to follow.

We must give up what we intend to give ourselves over to what God intends. We do this by faith knowing that even if we cannot understand His ways that our Creator's intent for us is always

loving and good.

We are sometimes double minded people who say we believe one thing but do another. This type of Christian facade is considered normal and no one really even bothers to point out that this is compromise anymore. We are used to the emperor having no clothes and are, in fact, fine with it. Everyone else is believing a lie so why not go along to get along?

Such behavior, though common, is not true Christianity. This is a paper mache' substitute that looks a bit like the real thing but there is no real substance to it. We look like Christians but we act like the rest of the world. We have a form of godliness but deny the power thereof. We, in short, do not live as God intended.

So what then, brethren, are we to do?

How do we live as God intended?

Unfortunately, we are so far from God it is difficult to answer these questions in a way that we can understand. However, I will give you as much as I know about how to live as God intended.

1. We must desire to live by every word that comes out of the mouth of God today. This means that we all must give up living by what we think is good and start to live by what our Father's Spirit speaks to us every hour of every day.
2. We must consciously decide to believe the Holy Spirit more than we believe what we think it is true. We must forsake the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Every time God says one thing and we do another we sin.
3. We must allow God to join us to the other members of the body of Christ so that we can become one in Him. This is done through yielding to and being filled with His love. It is a spiritual experience that God wants to pour out upon all who will receive it.
4. We must let go of the fear of what may happen if we obey the voice of God in our lives. We must trust our Father more than we trust our five senses. We must have faith that if we do His will then our God will honor His will.

In practical terms this means that when we get up in the morning that will pray and ask God what He wants us to do. Whatever He says we do it when He says to do it. We have no agenda

because we are simply ready and willing to do His agenda.

In reality most people have a set routine which they believe they must do in order to survive.

Peoples lives are set up according to a life time of experience of doing things their way. To allow God to have complete control of our lives is a very unnerving feeling and can cause panic when what God wants to do disturbs our own rut.

Most people cannot "let go and let God" all at once. We are so used to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil that we fear to leave it for very long. What I suggest is that you set aside an hour or two a week (to begin with) and pray and ask God what He wants to do with that time. Whatever He says do it. Just haul off and believe and see what happens. In this way you will begin to give God pre-eminence in your life and you will begin to learn to hear His voice through trial and error.

As you begin to know what is and is not God you will begin to trust His voice. The reason that Jesus could walk on water is that everything that had ever happened between him and his Father taught him that if God said it he could simply believed it. So to with you, as you build a pattern of listening to God, hearing what He says, and doing it when He says to do it, you will go less and less by your own mind and more and more and more through His leading.

In conclusion, we need to live as God intended. We need to submit to His will not ours. We must learn to hear His voice and know it personally so that we can be led by our Father's Spirit rather than our own minds. This is the path forward. We can start out taking baby steps until we get our footing and then advance from there. It is ok to start small and work our way up as we gain more confidence in every word that our Father speaks.