

Chapter 14. Mysteries or the Truth?

Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life.”

Some claim that things we do not understand in the Bible are "mysteries". This term implies that we are not able to understand, and so we should not even try. This is a huge lie. This thought is to justify their lack of understanding. God reveals and makes plain His commands for us. All we have to do is to read them and follow Him, knowing that everything He says to us is given because of His great love for us.

If God is painting a picture for us with words, why should we expect Him to use the same colors and brush strokes that we would use? We should leave the painting to Him and look for the effect that brings it to our minds. Are we comforted by the words? Is the painting inspiring? Does the painting console us and give us courage while we hear about His mercy toward us? Is it beautiful? Mysteries are not the events that raise the question, "Why did God do it that way?" The events that are recounted in the Bible and the words that depict a victorious life for us are not mysteries. Sometimes it is just good to look at a painting for a while to see what it means to us. We shouldn't expect God's paintings to be something like we would do. There is this that should be followed, however, we must not invent new doctrines. Stick to the Bible.

I have a friend of many years, and she is a very good friend, but she has the habit of telling me, whatever I say or do, how she would have done it, and this is how she starts: "You know what you should have done?" Her clear meaning to me is to say, "Well, it's already finished, but here is how it could have been done better." I am sure she is right in many instances, but sometimes we think those things about God as well. God wants us to know about Him. We can do that by just reading the Bible. It is a long letter to us, and I believe that God speaks English or whatever language you speak. If you search, He will not leave you out. He is not negligent, not telling us what we need to know.

Jesus spoke about that He would “pray the Father, and He will send you another Comforter”. This is the Holy Spirit. It is interesting that Jesus said, “another comforter”. I believe that His words are already signifying that He is our Comforter, already. Don't we feel comforted, when we read or hear His words? I do. I think, perhaps, that “Another Comforter” will be in addition of Him as he was leaving the disciples, and they needed to hear this.

Jesus always said things to help us believe.