

Diff. bet "what" + "why" - "Why" always? <sup>inward</sup> - <sup>inward</sup> - <sup>inward</sup> 273 on Bible - study!  
TOPIC (1). "How will we answer God's most solemn question?"  
JUL 21-10

Introd:- (1). I can scarcely imagine any greater verity of human life than the FACT that there is a set time..day and hour..when ev. one of us..individually..will STAND BEFORE GOD. Unmistakeable. Rom.14:12 "Every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Scare you? It ought to. Do you know what God will say to you..me? Ask His most solemn question..With my life-record before Him.."WHY HAVE YE DONE THIS?"<sup>4NEAR</sup> Tell me, what shall I say? Not "Have you done this?" Recorded..BUT WHY? What can I say..what shall I say?!!!! Begin to weep?

(2). That ques. is recorded in Bible..Read ~~out~~ with me.. Judges 2:1-2. That was a fearful confrontation bet. angel of the Lord and Israel. For that "angel" was God Himself..See how identified.."I made you to go up out of Egypt." Who? "I Brought you unto this land which I swore unto your fathers". Who took that oath..and fulfilled it? "I said I will never break my covenant with you" Who? Little wonder that we read this in vs.4<sup>5</sup> Began to weep! What will it be like when I meet face to face with God.. and hear this question at His judgment seat..? "WHY..THIS It means I shall answer for the MOTIVE of my life! WHY?

I. This is unpleasant, isn't it? Uneasy? Let's face it.

(a). Take time get story in perspective. First thing God said to these people.."I made you to go up out of Egypt." He did. Remember those gripping stories..of Moses going before Pharaoh..demanding release of his people from slave ?? How God sent ten fearful plagues,,clouds of flies.. frogs in bed, bread..locusts eating..hailstones (prob meteoric shower, with fire).disease..darkness..last of all death of ev. firstborn. AND GOD BROUGHT HIS PEOPLE OUT ON PASSOVER NIGHT..Blood of lamb marking doorway..and no destroying angel could walk in!

(b). About now ev. X'n ought be ready let go with a "glory hallelujah"! You know why? Bec. that is exact pic. of what happened to us in spir. sense..for we read "Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us" "Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world." We, born into slavery of sin..perishing ..fearful..oppressed of devil.. came to und. that Jesus shed His blood..God's Lamb..to redeem us..our Substitute Passover Lamb..and we came to shelter underneath that blood..Let Him apply it to heart and life..AND NO DESTROYING ANGEL OR DEVIL CAN GET IN! Isn't it wonder<sup>ful</sup> to be saved..redeemed...a Christian?

(c). SO out of Egypt went Israel..to begin new journey.. just as we do,,Born again..to walk a new kind of life..

*Another Hallelujah? - c/o Ekem - Desert - They on cross.*

First place they came to was Succoth.. "A flimsy booth of woven branches". Orthod. Jew today keeps this in rememb. every fall at Feast of Tab. No permanence.. They were on a journey. SO AM I.. "I'm on my journey home!"..

(d). Time forbids tell whole history. They crossed the Red Sea... a pic. of water bapt.. (I Cor. 10).. God led them that way for own good. There was another way round. A PERSON DOESN'T HAVE TO BE BAPTIZED TO GET TO HEAVEN! (Some teach, Greatr.. BUT GOD LED THEM THAT WAY! Which way lead you? Diff? So thru. wilderness they went.. headed for a glorious PROMISED LAND. A young man in crowd.. keen.. sharp.. smart.. vigorous.. Became assistant manager under Moses.. Finally succeeded. Born in Egypt.. slavery, like us. Nearly all people who entered prom. land were born in wilderness.. so missed first baptism exper.. SO God had to take them thru. another water crossing.. Jordan. I guess Caleb and Joshua.. two surviving.. bapt. twice! Real SOAKING WET BAPTISTS!.

II. Now nearly ready pick up story read in Judges 2.

(a). Second part of what God said fulfilled.. "I have brought you into the land which I swore unto your fathers." Under leadership of Joshua.. good share of land possessed.. conquered. Led across Jordan.. AND CAMPED EAST OF JERICHO AT PLACE CALLED GILGAL. Note this! THEY HAD ARRIVED! Where God wanted them. And this full of spir. significances. When crossed Jordan.. left 12 stones in stream bed.. to be buried. Typical of fact they had left an old life behind.. reckoned dead.. Then this: Josh. 4:19-24. Symbols of the new life in the new land of promise.. victory.. AND SET AT GILGAL.. where Israel camped. And Gilgal means "ROLLED AWAY".. Again:- Josh. 5:2,9,11 An act of separation to God... and again the Passover kept.

(b). Stop a while. HOW FAR HAVE WE GONE ON OUR LIFE JOURNEY TOWARDS PLACE WHERE GOD WANTS US? Out of Egypt by blood? Led by God thru. the water? To place of sep. unto God? Reckoned dead to old life.. now living resurrection life in X? Have we come to our GILGAL..? Place of victorious living? God grant! We are to be steadfast but not stuckfast!

*As land before Israel - World before us - God's plan*

III. But (THEN) Israel confronted by angel of the Lord.

(a). I don't think Joshua alive.. or only just. He seems to have diff. time getting dead and buried.. c/f Josh. 23:1-2, 24:29 Gone! But Judges 1:1.. 2:6-9 At last! But appears again vs. 21,23. AND ISRAEL SLIPPED BACK.. Began get involved with world.. vs. 10.. Critical 3rd gen.. Moses.. Josh.. and 3rd. Began worship what world around worshipped.. Lived for SELF. AND US? Isn't it easy to go that way? World lives to GET.. but God lives to GIVE. Which way we go?

(b). Israel had moved from GILGAL...place where world rolled away. Moved to BOCHIM. AND BOCHIM MEANS "WEEPERS" And the weeping came when faced God's soul-searching question.. "WHY HAVE YE DONE THIS?" NOT....THERE WAS NO ANSWER GIVEN!

Conclus:- 1. Do I have to press this any farther? Are you out of Egypt? Saved? Jesus cleansed you by His own blood? Are you SURE? If you are..then on journey thru. life...to life of victory that God has ready for you..Possible to leave old life behind...come to your Gilgal..strong in the Lord ..life given to Him... *Gratitude*  
2. BUT possible to move to Bochim..Gilgal to Bochim..the place of weeping! How? Forget what Jesus done for you.. Live for NOW..for SELF-LIFE. Grab..get..for ME! And let rest of world go to hell! God forbid!...

3. WHY HAVE YOU DONE THIS? There's a lost world waiting for what you and I can do...Today. And if I do it..I shall never have to go to Bochim..WEEPING in shame. Thank God for what we can do. TIME IS SHORT..WE MAY WELL BE THE LAST CHRISTIANS. I bel. God in our day in gathering in last loads of sheaves..last harvest..We are told 55,000 people become X'ns ev. day!..WE HAVE PER. ONE FINAL GLORIOUS OPPORTUNITY..To go, the give, to pray. Many of you ought to go. Most of us ought to give..and All of us must, MUST pray. (~~Some say~~) THEN WE SHALL HAVE AN ANSWER TO GOD'S QUESTION! YES!...."Lord Jesus, I did THIS..this going and praying and giving..because I love you..and bec. I loved the souls of men." And He will say....???..."My son..my daughter.. enter thou into the JOY of thy Lord." No weeping! JOY! Illus:- Girl and bank book..less than \$50.00..to John..R.

*By God's help - keep the light shining! This may be last formal deposit in BK of Heaven.*

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