



**AND THEY
REPENTED
NOT**

Daily Devotional

Note for 20251011 - 1 Cor 13:4-7 - And They Repented Not

1. Opening

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Introduction

A seemingly "unfitting" title for today. Tell me... What do you do with a child you love, who insists on walking in the opposite direction you advise? Does the child not get corrected in love? And no, I am not promoting violence or anything like that, but I am looking at the misconception of what confusions may exist about love, especially about the kind of love these key verses on love speak about. It sounds good, so it is spoken about at every second wedding. (I should know, I use to be a Wedding Photographer)

2. Scripture Text

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 KJV

[4] Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, [5] doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; [6] rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; [7] beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

<https://bible.com/bible/1/1co.13.4-7.KJV>

3. Devotional Reflection

This, friends, speaks of neighbourly love.

You know, one of the hardest lessons I have had to learn the past few weeks is how little people care what others have to say. Fair enough, we must all work out our own salvation with the Lord, that I get. But, it has grown beyond that. While I know I am not the only one GOD instructed to write, speak and sing, I know how many were reached out to and how few received. Maybe it is me. Maybe I need an "Aaron." GOD knows the full of it, even where this message is coming from. If I had to act on feeling, I would close the door and only consider opening once someone knocked. But, I am not sent by feeling, but by the kind of charity Paul writes of here in this chapter to the Corinthians.

Yes, I do feel like a parent who is unheard by his children. I am like the disciple that was sent out and not received. Where do I dust off my feet? I was sent to testify, not forced conversion. But, my words will testify, even if it testifies only that they were not heard.

What is longsuffering, or patience (as a watered-down synonym of it) as common language holds it today? Or must I highlight the significant differences between charity and love, while both should be the same? Especially in not seeking self interests. Don't you know there are other matters of self interest I could attend to while I am writing here?

What, then, to do with those that would not hear? Shall I follow Paul's instruction earlier in this epistle? Because his words are more than mine when he says...

1 Corinthians 5:5 KJV

[5] to deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

<https://bible.com/bible/1/1co.5.5.KJV>

And in this moment I am given understanding why the dark night must come before the dawn. Maybe, if mam runs into trouble he will repent. If I read Revelation it is bleak, friends.

Revelation 16:9 KJV

[9] And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

<https://bible.com/bible/1/rev.16.9.KJV>

Fair enough, you could also find it in Revelation 9:20-21 and I chose the above. It appears, however, that the closer we get to the end, the more reluctant mankind becomes to repent and give God the Glory He is due.

As I was sitting here on the couch, I was reminded that I do not have to write here this morning, that my Sabbath afforded me rest. But, if we will raise ourselves to save a pet, why would we leave humanity to drown? And I become saddened, knowing that I will have to exchange these words here, later today or maybe tomorrow, for a watered down version of it, to place it in a song as my greatest hope that even some of this might be heard because of a melody.

The sun has set. Night has arrived, where the imaginations of the mind will come to manifest itself, while it could have remained darker shadows in the night. Hate will play distortions upon the faces of many loved ones, as they walk after a "sent dilution." How do I keep my cheeks dry? How do I keep my robe un-torn and ash off my head? Love, friends, have concern for others even when they themselves do not care, as they continue in the affections and lusts welcomed on the shadow side of earth. We may hide from the Sun for a few hours, still the sunrise comes, and when the Son of Man returns, there is no hiding at all. What, dear friends, is charity? Writing here, in the hope that one may see, maybe one will hear? Who does a thing like this for no reward in coin? A fool?

I am grateful for these verses in the Word of GOD, because it reminds me that in love we give without expectations of return. We give for the sake of giving. We go as we were sent to go, for the sake of Him that sent us. Who strengthens us when we grow weary and sustains us day-by-day according to His riches. Yes, He will even send the ungodly to meet the need of one of His children.

4. Closing Paragraph

So, I will continue, even with the drawn sword, blade hanging over my head, for if it is not my time, the blade will be blunt. And if the blade comes down, and removes my head from where it should be, in that moment, I will step into His Glory. Until then, I will walk after Him who saved me, inviting all I find to the wedding fest.

Selah, Shalom.

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