## The Burdens of God

Have you ever said to yourself; "Why is God doing this to me?" or "What did I do to deserve this?"

If you think that our Father is putting burdens on you, then you have entered some very dangerous territory. If you think that, somehow, you have rubbed Him the wrong way and now He's making you pay for it, you've got a lot to learn and your lessons will certainly come the hard way.

Blaming our Father for the "burdens" that you bear is simply hosting a self-pity party for yourself. You need to get off your butt and do something selfless for someone else instead of wallowing around and wailing about how unfair life is to you.

What does our Father think about blaming Him for your burdens?

Jeremiah 23:33 And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of the Lord? thou shalt then say unto them, What burden? I will even forsake you, saith the Lord.

Our Father is talking to Jeremiah and He is giving Jeremiah a response that he should say to the people, prophets or the priests when they ask him about the "burdens of the Lord". Jeremiah has been told to say "what burden from the Lord?" Our Father doesn't place burdens on us.

Jeremiah 23:34 And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of the Lord, I will even punish that man and his house.

Our Father tells us straight out that if you believe that He has placed burdens on you that you can expect His punishment for doing so.

Jeremiah 23:35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbour, and every one to his brother, What hath the Lord answered? and, What hath the Lord spoken?

The people are asking this prophet what God has said when they tell each other that He has placed a burden on them.

Jeremiah 23:36 And the burden of the Lord shall ye mention no more: for every man's word shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of the Lord of hosts our God.

There's your answer; the very words out of your own mouth bring a burden on the speaker of those words. The very fact that you even think that our Father has placed a burden on you is a perversion of His words and deserves punishment from Him.

Jeremiah 23:37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the Lord answered thee? and, What hath the Lord spoken?

Jeremiah 23:38 But since ye say, The burden of the Lord; therefore thus saith the Lord; Because ye say this word, The burden of the Lord, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of the Lord;

Our Father has told them that He doesn't bring burdens upon His children and still they don't listen to Him.

Jeremiah 23:39 Therefore, behold, I, even I, will utterly forget you, and I will forsake you, and the city that I gave you and your fathers, and cast you out of my presence:

Jeremiah 23:40 And I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

Every sin that can be committed can be forgiven through sincere repentance with the exception of murder and blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, and even though blaming our Father for the trials and tribulations that we experience in this life can be forgiven, does He truly forget?

What? You didn't know about murder not being completely forgiven? Somebody told you that all you have to do is believe in Jesus and swoooosh....you're in heaven, didn't they?

1<sup>st</sup> John 3:15 Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that **no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him**.

That's "spiritual life" that's not abiding within you if you commit murder because, you see, taking the life of another removes every possibility of that soul being able to determine who he will follow in this life, our Father or Satan, and since we only go through this life one time the soul of the one that you murdered will have some say, on Judgment Day, as to whether you will enter into eternity unscathed or not.

So, while we're blaming our Father for putting burdens on us every day, what about temptations? I'll just bet that He puts a lot of them on us as well;

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

Well, I never. Doesn't look like He puts temptation in our way either.

James 1:14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

James 1:15 Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

James 1:16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Temptation has its way with us when the flesh becomes weak. The flesh and blood body demands catering to from time to time, it needs forbidden pleasures once in a while. We all know what they are. But they do not originate from our Father.

1st Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

It takes will power to resist temptation and there is always a back door to escape through, all we have to do is look for it and we'll see it.

Burdens and temptations. Blaming our Father for our human frailties. A very dangerous game.

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