

The Mystery of the Two Enmities

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Recently in my studies I came upon an amazing fact; there are two great 'Enmities' described in the Bible and the study and comparison of them is most profitable.

First a definition of Enmity: Webster's Universal Dictionary says; "The quality of being an enemy; hostile or unfriendly disposition; hatred; ranqour; hostility; animosity; ill will; malevolence."

The first Enmity mentioned in the Bible is really the second and the other one is really the first; so I will talk about the one that is really first and the one that caused the second to be needed. First we must take a look at God's perfect, original government.

The very term "creature" implies a Creator; and as soon as any intelligent creature exists, he owes to the Creator his very existence; because of this fact, he owes to the Creator honor and supreme devotion. This in turn, implies subjection and obedience on the part of the creature and is the principle of God's government. Each intelligent creature owes to the Creator all that he is. So, the first principle of God's government is:

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength." Mark 12:29, 30.

Jesus said that this is the first of all the commandments. It is not the first of all the commandments because it was the first one that was ever given; but simply because it exists in the very nature and existence of every intelligent creature, and comes into being as soon as a single intelligent creature exists.

It is therefore the first of all the commandments, simply because it is the expression of the obligation in the first relationship which can possibly exist between creature and Creator. It is the first in the nature, the circumstances, and the existence of created intelligences. It is the first of all commandments in the supreme and most absolute sense.

It stands just as complete in the case of one created intelligence alone, as though there were millions; and stands as complete in the case of each one of future millions as in the case of the first intelligent creature, as he stood absolutely alone in the universe. No multiplication, of the number of the creatures beyond the original one, can ever limit the scope or meaning of that first of all commandments. It stands absolutely alone and eternally complete, as the first obligation of every intelligent creature that can ever be. This eternal truth sets apart individuality as an eternal principle.

However, just as soon as a second intelligent creature is given existence, an additional relationship exists, and this principle is expressed in the second of all the commandments:

"Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Mark 12:31.

This is the second of all the commandments for the same reason that the first is the first of all the commandments: it is there just as soon as a second intelligent creature exists. And also, this is complete and absolute the moment that two intelligent creatures exist, and it never can be

expanded nor can it be modified by the existence of the universe full of other intelligent creatures.

Each creature, himself alone, in his own individuality, is completely subject and devoted first of all to the Creator; because to Him he owes all. And each honors every other intelligent creature as his equal: as equally with himself occupying his place in the design of the Creator, and responsible individually and only to the Creator for the fulfillment of that design. Therefore, out of respect to the Creator, to his neighbor, and to himself, he loves his neighbor as himself. This second eternal truth, equally with the first shows individuality as an eternal principle.

This original and ultimate government is simply self-government; self-government in reason and in God. For it is the plainest, simplest dictate of reason that the intelligent creature should recognize that to the Creator he owes all; and that, therefore, subjection and honor are due from him to the Creator. It is likewise simple to see that, since his neighbor also owes all to the Creator, his neighbor must be respected and honored as he himself would desire to be respected and honored. So what happens when a creature rejects this government?

Now, with these principles, how alone could sin ever enter? Consider: If from the beginning of created intelligence unto this hour, every created intelligence had loved God with all his heart, all his soul, all his mind, all his strength, had freely chosen to exercise all his faculties and powers according to the will and within the purpose of God, there would have been unto this hour no sin, no evil, in the universe.

Then if at this moment any intelligence were to choose to exercise his faculties and powers contrary to the will of God and outside the purpose of God—if he should choose not to love God with all his heart, soul, mind, and strength, that would be a new and strange thing in the universe: it would introduce something that was not there before: and that thing would be sin.

Thus the only possible way in which evil could ever enter the universe would be by some intelligence choosing to exercise the faculties and powers of his existence apart from God, contrary to the will of God, and outside the purpose of God.

Lucifer, the most exalted creature, "the anointed cherub that covereth," who stood at such a height of perfection that it was his to set the seal to perfection itself, who was "full of wisdom and perfect in beauty," perfect in his ways from the day that he was created, (Ezekiel 28:12, 14, 15. 17; Isaiah 14:12-14) this exalted one did choose to exalt himself out of his place, did choose to exercise his faculties and powers contrary to the will of God and outside the design of God; and this was the origin of evil.

Though evil had never yet been originated, any intelligence could originate it by making that choice; and though Lucifer did originate evil, and all the flood of it had followed, yet everyone who now makes the choice to exercise his faculties and powers apart from God, does by that declare that even though evil had never yet been originated, he himself would now originate it; and that since it has been originated, he now puts upon it his stamp of approval.

It is sad that in our world today the pagan lie reigns, that good and evil are principles, properties of a being or object; and so comes the idea that things are a mixture of good and evil. Many believe that these principles must be in balance; you can't be too evil or too good,

but a little of each is alright. We say things like, "Well, I don't see any harm in this" or "What's so bad about that?" and so confusion reigns, often even among God's people. Yet the truth is so simple! Anything in harmony with God's will, equals good; while anything contrary or outside of God's will equals evil, and evil is sin. How do we know His will? By His Word!

SATAN'S Enmity; Evil in a nutshell:

"For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." Isaiah 14:13, 14

"Because thine heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a God, I sit in the seat of God, in the midst of the seas; yet thou art a man, and not God, though thou set thine heart as the heart of God:" Ezekiel 28:2

The Enmity of Satan against God arose back before this world was created, and came about through Proud selfishness in the heart of one Lucifer, whose place was near God's throne. A mixture of envy, resentment, jealousy, ingratitude, covetousness, and rebellion festered there as a result, and gave birth to this monster depravity—Enmity. If you think about it, this is the very opposite to the First Commandment, isn't it? Notice that this property changed Lucifer, who was a light bearer, into Satan; the adversary or enemy.

A highly contagious disease, this enmity soon spread to many of the other angels in heaven. It shows itself as resentment against God, His Law, His Authority, His government, and it takes His love and throws it back in His face with vicious defiance. It cannot be reasoned with, and when fully developed, it has no cure.

This Satanic attribute was what was communicated to Eve at the 'Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil' and then to Adam as he made the choice to believe that God was not truthful. Basically to simplify the story of the two trees and their effects; the 'Tree of Life' was trusting obedience to the Creator; the 'Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil' was "I'll do it my way, I know better than my Creator; I don't have to listen to Him; Nobody can tell *me* what to do!" this attitude gave birth to the Enmity in humanity's first parents that Satan and the fallen angels already had.

This is confirmed by revelation; for when God had said to the man whom He had formed and placed in dominion over all the earth and over every moving thing upon it: "Of all the trees of the garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the tree which is in the midst of the garden thou shalt not eat of it, for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die," Satan came with the words: "Ye shall not surely die; for God doth know that, on the day ye eat thereof, your eyes will be opened and ye will be as God." The woman believed this satanic word, and so believing the lie, she 'saw' what was not really true—that the tree was "to be desired to make one wise," a philosopher; and "she took of the fruit thereof and did eat and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat."

Thus it is plain that vanity, self-love, self-exaltation—in short, selfishness—is the root of the philosophy of the immortality of the soul. It was this that led them to consider themselves to be, in their 'souls', "immortal and imperishable" and so, essentially a part of the Deity; which

was what Satan himself aspired to. It seems that this lie of having eternal life in one's self must be believed by any creature that rebels against his Creator. The thought that this is not so—is intolerable to one who refuses to submit to his Maker.

Fallen man naturally has Enmity to his Creator; that is what is spoken of in Romans 8:7: “Because the carnal mind is Enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.”

Notice this description in Fundamentals of Christian Education, pg. 299: “We have a powerful enemy, and not only does he hate every human being made in the image of God, but with bitterest Enmity he hates God and His only-begotten Son Jesus Christ.”

God's Law is so much a part of Himself, being His very character, that Enmity against Him includes Enmity against His Law and everything He stands for.

The Enmity against God and His Law, the rejection of the first great principle, ‘Love to one's Creator’, also is the source of Enmity with one another; because as soon as the First Commandment is cast aside, the second is meaningless. If I don't care about my Creator, if I have Enmity towards Him, I certainly will have no respect for my fellow creatures!

Almost as soon as Adam and Eve sinned, they began to quarrel and accuse each other. There is no harmony among Satan and the fallen angels, or among natural hearted people. Once man had chosen to obey Satan rather than God, he then had no power to resist the suggestions of the fallen angels. It is strange, that when the being rebels against the mild and benevolent law of respect to his Creator, he becomes slave to Satan's hosts and all other beings, and there is then a constant struggle to rule, control and manipulate one another. There is no ‘rest’ day or night; Jude 13 “Raging waves of the sea, foaming out their own shame;” there is no ‘Peace’ in any of them. Even the name Baalzebub, means ‘Lord of the restless ones’; ‘the god of the flies’. Only a rigid, hierarchy rule of the strongest over the weak, achieves any semblance of peace, but it demands mindless obedience and is perfect slavery.

Natural man and Satan's host have no natural enmity between them and yet it is the nature of this Enmity against God that rules them both, to set each at variance with the other, competing for the highest place. The ‘Jungle law’ of competition and hierarchy is where each fellow creature is looked upon as a means to one's own goals; as one to use, manipulate or climb over to get to a higher position. This so called “law” of survival was not something of God, but rather the working out of the principle of rebellion and Enmity against God.

The one-thing natural men and fallen angels can always agree upon—is hatred for God, His Law and any who follow Him. This is the one thing that allows them to unite their forces and co-operate. Notice what spirit this Enmity creates; here is Satan after his fall:

“Satan stood in amazement at his new condition. His happiness was gone. He looked upon the angels who, with him, were once so happy, but who had been expelled from heaven with him. Before their fall not a shade of discontent had marred their perfect bliss. Now all seemed changed. Countenances which had reflected the image of their Maker were gloomy and despairing. Strife, discord, and bitter recrimination were among them. Previous to their rebellion these things had been unknown in Heaven. Satan now beheld the terrible results of

his rebellion.” Signs of the Times January 16-79

Brothers and sisters; Sin does not bring anybody lasting happiness! When this Enmity against God came into Man at the fall, the situation would have been forever hopeless if God did not do something. There is no way that even the death of Jesus could have helped anything. Man would have killed Jesus and not one heart would have even been touched by the great display of unfathomable love!

The First Enmity mentioned in the Bible that is really the second, is found in Genesis 3:15:

“And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

This new ‘enmity’ is the great gift of God that made the other greatest Gift possible. This was the power of the Redeemer working on the mind of man to exert a sense of right and wrong; the “Light that lighteth every man” John 1:9. Man now had Two Enmities, a natural Enmity against God and His law and now a God given Enmity against Satan and sin.

This is where War was set into the heart of man; these two Enmities are at variance and man has the deciding vote with the Power of Free Choice, given by God to all His moral creatures. Without the free choice, there can never be any true Love; and without true love, there can never be real Happiness. Please notice though, that although we have the power to choose whom we will serve, we do not get to choose the consequences of our choice! Our choice in sowing determines what we will reap.

It is only by the gift of Christ that any man in this world ever has opportunity to breathe at all. And the sole object of man's having an opportunity to breathe, is that he may choose life, that he may live and escape the certain death that is due to sin.

“God declares: "I will put enmity." This enmity is not naturally entertained. When man transgressed the divine law, his nature became evil, and he was in harmony, and not at variance, with Satan. There exists naturally no enmity between sinful man and the originator of sin. Both became evil through apostasy. The apostate is never at rest, except as he obtains sympathy and support by inducing others to follow his example. For this reason fallen angels and wicked men unite in desperate companionship. Had not God specially interposed, Satan and man would have entered into an alliance against Heaven; and instead of cherishing enmity against Satan, the whole human family would have been united in opposition to God.” *Great Controversy, pg. 505*

Jesus said; “I am not come to send peace” (Matthew 10:34); conflict and striving is the only way that man could be wrested back out of the control of Satan. Conflict is not all bad; it is only through ‘much tribulation’ that fallen beings can be rescued for eternity. (Acts 14:22)

“When men give themselves over to be the slaves of Satan, he does not manifest the enmity toward them which he does to those who bear the name of Christ, and give themselves to the service of God. He hates them with a deadly hatred. ...Satan will permit those to have a degree of rest who are bound as slaves to his chariot, for they are his willing captives; but his enmity is aroused when the message of mercy reaches his bondslaves, and they seek to wrench themselves away from his power, that they may follow the true Shepherd. Then it is that he

seeks to bind them with additional chains to hold them in their captivity. The conflict between the soul and Satan begins when the captive begins to tug at the chain, and longs to be free; for it is then that the human agent begins to co-operate with heavenly intelligences, when faith takes hold on Christ. Then it is that the Stronger than the strong man armed, is the helper of the soul, and the poor captive is strengthened by the Holy Spirit to obtain his freedom.”

Fundamentals of Christian Education. pg. 299

This is a real battle and we need to take it seriously! There are powerful forces clashing in the war for the soul. Those who think they can just drift along, enjoying life and not have upsets or trials are showing a great lack of understanding of how things operate in this world. Unless God put this opposing enmity in place, there would be no hope for man. Satan is determined to utterly deprave human nature through making of none effect the commandments of God. He originates traditions and through his maxims he succeeds in assimilating to his own nature those who do not yield allegiance to the law of God.

Remember that God’s Law is the very essence of His character and so Enmity against the One is Enmity against All. This helps us to understand better this verse:

“Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.” Psalm 119:165

Now we see all this warring of enmities and this verse says someone has great peace! Who has this peace? “They which love Thy LAW”. Why? Because to truly love God’s Law, the person has chosen the good Enmity against sin and has rejected the Enmity against God. Then Peace and heavenly Joy come into the soul.

Now look at the other aspect that we mentioned came with the Enmity against God; conflict and variance between people. When the Love of God has truly come into the soul and the Enmity against God and His Law is truly surrendered to Jesus; then hatred and envy no longer exist between people. It is a good barometer of the soul; do you get offended easily? Do you like some people but hate others? Then you are not yet free of the Enmity against God and His law. When you are, you will have Great Peace. This does not mean others won’t hate you, but you will not resent it, you will pity them. This helps us to understand what James is telling us here about Judging the Law:

“Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge.” James 4:11

In other words, you are still at Enmity with God and God’s Law if you have evil thoughts towards others; for when the Enmity against God is gone, so will all evil thoughts and feelings against your fellow beings. These texts add to this understanding.

“For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.” James 2:8

“If ye fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself, ye do well:” Galatians 5:14

Have you ever wondered why it only talks about our relation to our neighbours? Well, the reason is that before our relation with our neighbours can be right, our relation to God must be

healed; however, the relation to our neighbours is easier for us to see.

“If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen?” 1 John 4:20

Our relation towards our fellow man is the indicator of our relation to God; enmity against people equals Enmity against God and His law.

Now some will object; “I don’t hate the person, I hate what he does.” Well, the ability to hate sin and love the sinner is a divine gift. Jesus was completely that way; but if we truly are like that, we will have the tenderest regard and compassion for the sinner no matter what he has done. Jesus did; witness His tender respect for the feelings of Simon the Pharisee!

So how do we get rid of the bad Enmity that is the birthright of the natural heart? We can’t; but that is where the Stronger Man comes in to the picture, the Seed of the woman who bruises the serpent’s head.

“The enmity referred to in the prophecy in Eden was not to be confined merely to Satan and the Prince of life. It was to be universal. Satan and his angels were to feel the enmity of all mankind. "I will put enmity," said God, "between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed." The enmity put between the seed of the serpent and the seed of the woman was supernatural. With Christ the enmity was in one sense natural; in another sense it was supernatural, as humanity and divinity were combined. And never was the enmity developed to such a marked degree as when Christ became an inhabitant of this earth. Never before had there been a being upon the earth who hated sin with so perfect a hatred as did Christ. He had seen its deceiving, infatuating power upon the holy angels, and all His powers were enlisted against it.” Lift Him Up, pg. 28

Now we can understand these texts describing the work Christ did:

“Having abolished in his flesh the Enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:” Ephesians 2:15, 16

This is more than just the fulfilling of the ceremonial laws pointing to the Lamb of God here; it is the removal of the barrier (Enmity) between man and God, and thus also between man and man. By paying with His blood the price of our redemption from sin, the way was opened for the ‘oneness’ to be restored; the At-One-Ment. But the Genesis 3:15 enmity barrier, between man and Satan (sin) gets stronger in Christ. Notice again this sentence: “Never before had there been a being upon the earth who hated sin with so perfect a hatred as did Christ.” When “This mind is in us that was in Christ Jesus”, (Philippians 2:5) then this will be true in us also.

God did not attempt to bring man back under His government by force, manipulation, or coercion—No! Those ways are the ways of Satan’s kingdom of Enmity. God strove to make the most incredible demonstration of the Love of the Godhead; the greatest Gift He could possibly make, to show fallen man, and the universe, the truth about His character and the fallacy of Satan’s accusations and Enmity against Him. Jesus says:

“And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.” John 12:32.

Notice it says 'draw'; we are also told the Holy Spirit woos fallen men;

"Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her." Hosea 2:14.

He displays His great love and then allows us to choose whether to accept Satan's lies or return to Him. Although God is honest and has to inform us of the eventual results of our choices, He does not try to manipulate or threaten us into obedience; what a shame that many who claim to speak in His name do this type of thing and thus the claim of Satan, that God is cruel and a tyrant, is fastened in the minds of millions. The results of sin are inevitable if the remedy is not accepted, but it is not God's wish that any should perish, it is their own free choice.

What does 'believe' really mean in John 3:16? Well, look at the beginning of the whole Enmity thing; God is accused of being a liar and selfish; the paying of the price to redeem man is God's display to the universe that He is not a liar and is not selfish. Those who are saved by 'believing' are those who see this evidence, accept it, and return to loyalty because they now Believe that God is true. They allow God to remove the Enmity from their hearts through a process of re-education in the school of Christ. They learn there to be meek and lowly, like the Godhead, and they have the Love of the Law and the Peace of the loyal universe restored to their hearts. Just a mental ascent that Jesus was real and died for man is not what it means; Satan believes all that and it does nothing for him.

This Enmity between man and God and His Law is where all the racial hatred; the family feuds; sibling rivalry; wars between nations; the 'party spirit'; is born. It is where the 'us and them' mentality comes from. Everything and everybody with this Enmity is fractured into fragments. Again Jesus is the only answer:

"For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us;" Ephesians 2:14.

In Christ the Enmity is broken down, the barriers sin has created are removed. This Peace that comes from the removal from our hearts of the Enmity against God and His law, is not merely an outward thing that depends on outward circumstances; No! This is the "Peace that passeth understanding" (Philippians 4:7) that Jesus gives and nothing on earth can take away! Jesus makes us 'whole'; with God and His law; with others; with our families; and He restores our shattered and confused minds to soundness. The Enmity of Satan and those still serving him will be greater against us when we are Christ's, but it can't actually get at us any more when we are hidden in Him.

This quote explains it so well:

"Blessed are the peacemakers." The peace of Christ is born of truth. It is harmony with God. The world is at enmity with the law of God; sinners are at enmity with their Maker; and as a result they are at enmity with one another. But the psalmist declares, "Great peace have they which love Thy law: and nothing shall offend them." Psalm 119:165. Men cannot manufacture peace. Human plans for the purification and uplifting of individuals or of society will fail of producing peace, because they do not reach the heart. [*They don't remove the Enmity!*] The only power that can create or perpetuate true peace is the grace of Christ. When this is implanted in the

heart, it will cast out the evil passions that cause strife and dissension. "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree;" and life's desert "shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose." Isaiah 55:13; 35:1." The Desire of Ages, pg. 302

It is a serious thought to search our hearts about, to see if we really free of the Enmity against God. Have we become 'reconciled' to Him entirely? Well, if we feel resentment over anything God asks of us, then the Enmity between our hearts and God has not been broken down. If we are inclined to say when faced with clear inspiration that we have a duty to obey, "I don't see why I should have to ___." Or "God doesn't expect me to give up all my fun." "God won't keep me out of heaven for such a small thing".

How small was a bite of fruit? It is not a question of the size, it is a question of whether we freely accept God, our Creator, as Authority in our lives, and thus give up all the Enmity against Him, or are we still at the 'Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil' trying to bargain with God; wanting to 'do it our way!' With God's universe it's either all or none; halfway measures will never set you free.

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is Enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." James 4:4

If we are trying to hang on to the Enmity that is in the world with one hand, the 'do it my way' spirit; and trying to reach out to Jesus for salvation with the other, it just won't work. Having a 'form of godliness' is Satan's specialty. He is the author of ceremonialism, ritualism, church busy-ness, criticism, self-righteousness and legalism. Man grabs these things to try and convince himself he is fine and on his way to heaven, when they all only reflect the great Enmity that lies unresolved in his own heart.

As we study carefully these two enmities, we see they are a true indicator of where our heart is standing. Take a good look at this:

"Those who truly unite with Christ will be found doing the same work that Christ did while on the earth,--they will be found magnifying the law and making it honorable. But those who stand to vindicate the honor of God's law will be objects of Satan's enmity; for he was a despiser of the law from the beginning, and his seed will war against the righteous, and the wicked will endeavor to exterminate the good from the face of the earth.

"Satan ... is filling the hearts and minds of men with fables, and causing them to turn away their ears from hearing the truth. ...When nominal Christianity is pronounced wanting and is found insufficient, and practical godliness is alone declared genuine religion, the enmity of Satan is aroused at once, but his anger is an evidence of his bruising. He is seeking to hold the people in the deception of a form of godliness without its power; to keep them satisfied with a profession of piety, when their hearts are carnal and at enmity with the law of Jehovah. When the advocates of truth reveal the efficiency of truth in their life and character, a blow is struck against the kingdom of Satan." The Youth's Instructor 10-11-94

Friends, genuine conversion, surrendering completely to Jesus and casting away forever the wicked Enmity, brings real Power into your life. Not power through man, not through organizations, nor earthly trappings; but the genuine power of the Mighty God of the universe;

the Life Giver. No words can tell of the joy and peace that such surrender brings to the soul. You then sit as a student in the School of Christ and are taught personally one on one by the Holy Spirit! No education can hold a candle to that essential training. Worldly education is worthless without it. But to have it, we must do it His way; our own ways will not do.

Soon there is coming a time when that enmity spoken of in Genesis 3:15 will be no more; it is happening gradually now already. The other Enmity against God and all things right and holy is becoming well-nigh universal in this earth. People, nations, and organizations are reaching the place where rebellion and Enmity against God becomes hopelessly incurable. How does it happen?

Well, it is not through some great horrible deed; in most cases it is a persistent, day-by-day refusing of the sweet pleading of the Spirit who is prompting us to give our all to Christ so we can be healed and retrained. It may be some little indulgence that every time you do it, you feel a twinge of guilt, but you rationalize it away, and do it anyway. Some TV program full of sin or worldliness and you feel that twinge of guilt, but you say "Oh, I have to relax sometimes, I can't think about religion all the time."

Friends, that twinge is the Holy Spirit that is prompting you. If you can't serve God all the time—you don't serve Him at all! The Enmity against Him and His Law is still ruling in you. No one will ever enter heaven who is not overjoyed to be holy all the time! No Enmity will ever get back in there again; Never!

Many are experiencing "victory" over guilt feelings, and they reach a place where they feel so good about themselves and they 'celebrate' in the churches and elsewhere; but what has really happened? The precious enmity that God gave us has been grieved away! No more nagging small Voice to 'spoil our fun'. Gradually all the people in this world will reach either the place where the enmity against sin and Satan is withdrawn and that Voice is silent forever; or they will be completely surrendered to God and the Enmity against God will be entirely gone from the soul.

God will, because of His incredible, vast, measureless love, make one last pouring out of His enmity against sin; He will woo and call with a mighty, Loud Cry, and then just like Jesus on the cross, He will shout; "It is finished!" and the enmity will plead no more with guilty man. The silence then will be terrible! When Jesus pronounced this on the cross, then hung His head and died, there followed a terrible earthquake. The same thing will happen again; this earth will be rocked to its very foundations with strife and commotion. The world will be completely given over to the destroying power of demons.

Only the Children of God, sealed forever; 'certified Free of Enmity against God', will stand and see what sin really is. (Psalm 91) They will never forget the lesson; thus the universe will be rendered forever safe from it ever happening again.

Brothers and sisters please take this subject seriously; none of us need perish. The Stronger Man is able and eager to pluck you from slavery and make you His child. Don't wait or delay, won't you surrender all today?