*Thursday, November 10, 2011*

**Vain Repetitions**

John 4:22-24 Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. (23) But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. (24) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. (KJV)

Vanity vanity all is vanity when it is outside the realm of the Spirit and in the flesh. Without faith it is impossible to please God; because you won’t be on the path of life that He ordained for you, rather you will be walking a dead end trail that leads to a ditch with all the other religious people who were following the blind guy in front of them.

Romans 1:20-23 For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: (21) Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. (22) Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, (23) And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. (KJV)

Do take note of the fact that mankind is without excuse concerning God and His plan of salvation. His plan for each and every one of us is there for the taking, and some day we will have to give a personal account of what we did with that plan. Salvation is not like a group rate, where God will judge you by the church organization that you attend; rather it is something personal for you to grab onto and not let go of, like a lifeline to keep you from drowning. As we see above, many change their attention from a Spiritual God and back to carnal things hoping to find the answer, which for them results in a vain search.

1 Peter 1:18-20 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; (19) But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: (20) Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, (KJV)

Oh, and please for your own sakes don’t be taken in by these false prophets who equate salvation with gold and silver; you know, like the more you give the more you get. Too much of that junk has gotten past many people’s spiritual radars, and they are getting hit with a direct fiery dart in the form of, pity party guilt sermons concerning their own love of money and where they fell from grace and back into disgrace, vanity.

Ephesians 5:6-8 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. (7) Be not ye therefore partakers with them. (8) For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (KJV)

It’s up to you personally to exercise your Spiritual senses and know the difference between what is vain and carnal, and what is in Spirit and in truth. Oh, and once you realize the truth, that is the time that you should be heading for the exit and not patting them on the back and supporting them in their folly.

Romans 10:2-4 For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. (3) For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. (4) For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth. (KJV)

The problem with the old law and those that are still holding to it (you know like when they claim that you need to get dunked in water), is that when you hold to the law as well as support those that still hold to it, well along with that law comes the curse also. Christ is the end of all those old silly outdated rituals, as well as the curse of the old law, but only when you choose to please Him and not the congregation; that would be considered in the vain and empty column, one that you don’t want your name written in.