

Rethinking Gay Marriage | Part 3 | Is Religion GOD'S Idea?

Abraham is a prominent figure in Genesis. GOD promised him a son when his wife was too old to have kids so she arranged the birth of Ishmael from her handmaiden, Hagar. Sarah did not like her results! She had Hagar and Ishmael exiled into the desert where they would have died if our Good GOD hadn't rescued them. When Sarah later birthed Isaac, he fulfilled GOD'S original promise to Abraham and Sarah.

GOD'S original promise to mankind is helping us establish the whole Earth to be like the Garden of Eden. Like Sarah, we decided to orchestrate the fulfillment of GOD'S promise and we do not like our results! Each man-made gerbil wheel is an Ishmael. While no gerbil wheel can satisfy us or fulfill GOD'S promise, we can be satisfied by trusting GOD to fulfill His promise to us.

Our gerbil wheels are being burned to set us free. Our King Jesus' Fullness Kingdom is a complete paradigm shift and each one of us needs to plug directly into our Tree of Life, our Isaac. If you accepted His promise to you, then you are necessary in fulfilling GOD'S original promise.



As I mentioned in Part 02, humans seem to be introduced into our King Jesus' Story as a plot twist for GOD'S first family. If we don't understand what's happening from our King Jesus' Point of View, our understanding is limited. Wisdom is knowing we collect our dog's poop to dispose of it. A dog's wisdom

is thinking he's providing us with something valuable since we collect it so diligently.

There are some Bible passages that give us clues about what might be going on between our Good GOD and His first family. Here are three:



Second, Isaiah 43 tells us that someone, perhaps our King Jesus with His teammates Michael and Gabriel, paid a ransom of Egypt, Ethiopia, and Seba for Israel. Since Satan was the King of Earth after Eve refused to take accountability for her disobedience, Satan received this payment.

GOD purchasing Israel with Egypt, Cush (Ethiopia), & Seba:
<https://www.bible.com/bible/2079/ISA.43.EASY>

Third, Ezekiel 28 tells us that Satan got kicked out of Heaven by the abundance of his trade. As a high ranking cherub angel who delivered worship to our Good GOD for others, what did he have to trade? The obvious answer is access to our Good GOD. He set himself up as an expert guide between GOD and other angels and required a commission of (guessing here) ten percent of our Good GOD'S free gifts.

Satan kicked out of Heaven for trading and cheating: <https://www.bible.com/bible/2079/EZK.28.EASY>

This is the definition of Religion. It is allowing anyone or anything to come between us and GOD. While GOD wants us connected directly to Him, Satan wants to get between us and GOD to get his 10% commission. Therefore separation or religion was Satan's idea.

How did GOD'S nation, Israel, get religion instead of a direct relationship with our King Jesus? The new Israelite Nation that GOD brought out of Egypt understood Satan's religious system of having priests or sacred men between themselves and the gods. After the Israelites travelled to Mount Sinai, GOD asked Moses to prepare the Israelites to climb Mount Sinai to meet with Him Face-to-face. GOD invited every Israelite into a direct relationship with Him like Moses already enjoyed so His Israelite Nation could be priests to all of the other nations.

Visual Bible Exodus 19 & 20:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sBD3ueKjjoM>

The Israelites refused. They demanded a religion like they had in Egypt with Moses as their sacred man separating them from GOD. From then on, instances of being priests to other nations were rare and resisted heartily like Jonah did. The Israelites chose religion (their Ishmael) with good and bad sacred men between themselves and GOD instead of a direct relationship with GOD which was their Isaac.

Even with GOD working within King Satan's operating system while honoring the Israelites' choice of religion, GOD set His people up for success. The YouTube Channel Veritasium presents the work of Robert Axelrod that tested Game Theory strategies to win the Prisoner's Dilemma developed by Merrill Flood and Melvin Dresher.

Veritasium video on Game Theory and the winning strategy to win the prisoner's dilemma with Tit-For-Tat with 10% more generosity:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mScpHTli-kM>

The prisoner's dilemma tracks who gets the most points when we either cooperate or defect with another prisoner. If both prisoner's cooperate, they get 3 points each. If one defects, and the other cooperates, then the one who defects gets 5 points and the one who cooperates gets none. If they both defect, they both get 1 point each. Each prisoner acting in his own self interests for one round will usually defect gaining 1 point each. In real life, we rarely play one round. The

community member you betrayed today is often the same one we need help from tomorrow.

Robert Axelrod hosted a competition that shows us that the most consistent winning strategy for 200ish rounds of the Prisoner's Dilemma is Tit-For-Tat with 10% generosity for mistakes and errors. Tit-For-Tat is the same as Moses' Law of treating others as you would want to be treated, but if they gouge out your eye, you are authorized to do the same to them. Our Good GOD used Satan's 10% commission to teach us about generosity. When we add Tit-For-Tat's 10% generosity for mistakes, then we have a the best strategy for GOD'S people to survive until our King Jesus arrived regardless of how brutal King Satan & his teammates were.

Our Ishmael of religions are made in our own strength according to our own understandings of how our world works. Our Isaac is our direct relationship with our King Jesus. We can grab Him and not let Him go until He blesses us with a personal, trusting, and intimate relationship. It's not easy, but the reward/effort ratio of return on investment is worth it *if* you don't let Him go.

It's time to burn the ships that brought us this far. Let's plug directly into our Tree of Life through Holy Spirit. Only through our direct relationship with our King Jesus, can He fulfill GOD'S promise to us.

Please watch the fifth part in this series to discover what's at stake, it's more important than many realize!

Thank you for listening to Part 03 of Rethinking Gay Marriage. I hope you will join me for Part 04! Until then, keep your eyes on Jesus so you can be wiser than Satan and as harmless as Dovee and may our King Jesus' Force be with you!

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