

DIFFERENT ATTITUDES TOWARD GOD

Mark 14:1-15:47

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: It has been said that everyone is different in one way or other and there are just not two people exactly alike. Jesus encountered many different kind of people with different reactions to Him. There were some who plotted to betray and even murder Him. There were some who loved and adored Him and even anointed his feet at a supper. Then there were His disciples who went with Him everywhere. There were different attitudes toward Jesus and there always will be. What is your attitude toward God?

I. THERE ARE MANY WHO OUT OF FEAR BACK AWAY FROM BEING USED BY GOD

1. *Mark 14:29-31*
2. Peter thought he had faith in Jesus but when that faith was put to the test, he failed out of fear.
3. Fear is a terrible enemy and everyone fears at some time or other.
 - Fear causes failures to try.
 - Fear causes one to not complete something.
 - Fear causes one to doubt him/herself.
4. Fear causes one to not benefit from all that God can do through his/her life.
 - *"...I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me..."*
5. Fear causes one to not be beneficial to the Lord or to others.

II. THERE ARE THOSE WHO WANT TO DO THINGS THEIR WAY AND NOT GOD'S

1. *Mark 14:41-46*
2. Many are afraid of change and don't want to be involved in things which cause changes in their lives.
 - Most people want to stay in their "comfort" zone.
3. Jesus was not turning out like Judas thought He should and was disappointed in Him, leading him to betray Jesus.
4. The religious leaders didn't care for Jesus because He didn't believe as they did.
 - They had their own ideas of what the Messiah was to be like and Jesus didn't fit into their mold so they wanted Him out of their way.
5. Sadly, many Christians also want God to do things their way and have their own ideas as to what the Lord should do or not do and therefore have their own interpretations of God's Word.

III. THERE ARE THOSE WHO WANT TO CHANGE GOD'S KINGDOM

1. *Mark 15:1*

2. God's Church was not built on man's ideas and ways nor is it to be controlled by people but there are those who want to change God's Kingdom into what they want it to be.
3. Some people saw Jesus as the one who was going to deliver them from the Romans.
 - Some saw Jesus as the great prophet that had been promised.
 - Some saw Jesus as a great miracle worker/healer.
 - Not all that many saw Jesus as He wanted to be seen.
4. The religious leaders saw Jesus as a threat to their religious ways by deceiving those who were following Him with His "magical ways." He was a manipulator and needed to be removed.
5. Jesus was sent by God for a specific purpose but there were those who refused to accept His reason for being there and wanted to change things to fit what they wanted, therefore they crucified Jesus.

CONCLUSION:

1. As in the days of Jesus, there are people today who are skeptical of God's ways and plans.
2. There are people today who see Jesus as just someone they might call on when they get into some sort of need.
3. Some see Jesus as being very demanding and His blessings and love must be earned.
4. However, there are some who see Jesus as He wants to be seen and that is as a friend, a companion and a Savior.
5. What is your real attitude about Jesus?
 - Are you afraid to stand up for Him?
 - Do you want to live as YOU want to and not how Jesus wants?
 - Are you satisfied with the way God's Church is or do you have some ideas God needs to listen to you about, some changes you think He needs to make?
 - Or perhaps you are among those who deeply care for the Lord and stand up for Him publicly often and live your life by His Word without question and have totally surrendered your life, your existence to Him?