

Believing the Lie

The Lord has brought to my attention an event in WW2 that is heart breaking yet has a lesson that we must not ignore.

During the occupation by the Japanese of the Philippines the Japanese soldiers by their culture were especially brutal. Women were raped and men were decapitated. Yet when the Americans came to liberate the Philippines the Japanese told the civilian population that the Americans were especially terrible and they would experience horrors never imagined.

The result of this lie was that many civilians committed suicide by jumping of cliffs taking their children with them. Therefore because they believed the lie they never got to meet their saviors. We think, why, how could they believe such a thing. Yet let us compare our lives today with those people.

We live each day being abused by Satan and yet many still believe his lie and destroy their lives before meeting their Savior. Satan disguises his lie by distorting the truth about our Savior Jesus Christ. These are lies we cannot afford to believe especially in these troubled times when we feel so hopeless. Hope is the operative word here because the Lord says: "My people perish by a lack of knowledge"

The lies of Satan destroy hope. Maybe because of what some consider unanswered prayer. However many don't even know how to pray and expect the Lord to answer according to their expectations. That is just one way Satan creates hopelessness. Making a person think that the Lord just punishes without mercy and does not love. With knowledge they would understand that God is Love and sent His Son as our Savior. This is our Hope and it only takes a moment of humility to accept the fact that He took our punishment for us that we need not fear His Judgement.

Now the operative word is humility. Why would you destroy your life before you ever get to meet your Savior? Satan is the one who abuses you why would you believe his lie? Is your fear or pride so important that you would commit spiritual suicide before meeting your Savior?

Here are the questions. What hopelessness can we blame for our lack of faith? What amount of pride must we protect to say we know best and more than our Creator thereby rejecting His Love.

Remember this John 3:18 He that believes on Him is not condemned: but he that believes not is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Then go back to John 3:16 where our Savior's hope remains without fear of punishment or torment.

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