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Job 32:21 – 22

“Let me not, I pray you, accept any man’s person, neither *will I* give flattering titles to men. For I know not how to give flattering titles; in so doing my Maker would soon take me away.” Job 32:21-22

“I won’t play favorites or try to flatter anyone. And if I tried, my Creator would soon do away with me.” Job 32:21-22 NLT

It is far too easy to flatter men, especially if they are in positions of power, authority, or advantage over us. Why is that? Why do we offer ourselves before men in such demeaning and personally unbecoming ways? Is it because we have yet to become secure in Christ – to realize His acceptance and love for us? Could it be that we are striving on some level to be pleasing to men rather than to God? Is there some longing in us yet to be satisfied that reaches out to men and not to the Saviour? Could it be that we have yet to perceive we are the sons of God?

“And David perceived the Lord had made him king over Israel...” (1 Chronicles 14:2).

“Then Peter opened his mouth and said, “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.” (Acts 10:34). Our calling, in deed our high and holy calling, the calling above all others is for us to be like Jesus! He has loved us without respect or partiality to our station in life, our talents, our wealth, or our appearance – and He expects us to do the same with others. To do otherwise is sin – “...but if you show partiality, you sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.” (James 2:9).

Yes, it can be difficult to not show partiality to our friends over strangers. Yes, it can be hard to not show preference to those who hold power and sway over our lives. But the Christ within – as we live out a crucified life – will rise to the occasion for us and in us. Through us Jesus will reach out with His love as well as His truth. Wisdom and impartiality will be our help and the fear of man will fall to the wayside.

“Lord, keep me from flattering with my lips. Rather help me to speak the truth in love!”

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