



Divine Treasures For Worthy Vessels

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Dogs do not own holy things nor swine possess pearls, not because they are scarce or expensive, but simply because they do not recognise their value. In fact Jesus specifically commanded not to give them such items, not because He hates them, but because they will abuse them simply because they do not recognise their value. There is an important lesson for living here - that human beings fail to possess the things they do not value. A child who does not value education, or who sees it as the worst punishment a parent can give, will fail to make use of the opportunities to study, and ultimately become a failure in life. Consider the following scriptures:

- 1) John 9:41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye should have no sin: but now ye say, We see; therefore your sin remaineth.
- 2) Romans 1:21-22 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.
- 3) Luke 19:41-44 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, 42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. 43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, 44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.
- 4) Romans 10:1-3 Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. 2 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.

Some of the times that the Bible talks about dogs and swine, it is not just referring to animals but to human beings who have lost their true senses and purpose of life, and therefore live and behave like these animals. They not only fail to recognise valuable things, but they will abuse them and turn around to attack those that gave it to them. "But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire" (2 Peter 2:22).

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It takes divine transformation to change them back to normal, and with God, nothing is impossible! However, until the transformation takes place, this scripture is also warning us that any investment made on them is simply a waste of time, effort and resources.

It is for this reason that Jesus admonished the disciples not to waste their lives with people and places that would not celebrate but merely tolerate them, as illustrated in the scriptures below. Jesus did not waste time trying to convince those in Nazareth to believe Him.

- 1) Luke 10:10-11 But into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you not, go your ways out into the streets of the same, and say, 11 Even the very dust of your city, which cleaveth on us, we do wipe off against you: notwithstanding be ye sure of this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh unto you.
- 2) Matthew 10:14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, when ye depart out of that house or city, shake off the dust of your feet.
- 3) Titus 3:10,11 A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject; 11 Knowing that he that is such is subverted, and sinneth, being condemned of himself.

Their condition is often caused by wilful ignorance:

- 1) Matthew 13:15 For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.
- 2) 2 Peter 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:
- 3) Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.
- 4) Hosea 8:12 I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing.

Who are you - dog, swine or saint? May God open our spiritual understanding and deliver us from the danger of spiritual blindness due to wilful ignorance.