

Jesus' Lament

Luke 13:34-35 ... "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, but you were not willing!"

If you follow these devotionals, you know that I frequently like to demonstrate the Lordship and kingdom authority of Jesus; how he was present at creation and how he visited prophets and others in ancient days. Jesus did not just appear as a baby in Bethlehem. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are different roles of a single God who has always existed. In today's verse, Jesus is quoted as lamenting the rebellious nature of the Jews. He says, "How often I wanted to gather your children together," in a statement that clarifies that Jesus has been broken hearted over Israel's mistakes since it was established.

The same thing can happen to us if we reject Christ's authority and Lordship. Christ came to save both Jew and Gentile and to offer us the same rewards and blessings. It is wise for us to review the ups and downs of the Jewish people throughout their history; how they were in favor with God one moment, then out of favor and punished by God the next moment. We can experience a similar roller coaster relationship with Jesus when we rebel against him.

Jesus is always willing and ready to accept us back after we disobey him. But it is a much better life if we try our best to obey and honor him every day.

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