

Separated from God?

Since I have been on Facebook these last 6 years, I have seen a number of discussions and messages about whether we have ever been separated from God. I would like to share a few thoughts that have increased in my mind over many years. For me, reading the works of others stirs my thoughts and seeking of truth.

For decades the two-edged sword has been a recurring subject for me to write about, and has gone deeper and deeper to reveal greater understanding. “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.” The word of God... when we receive His Word in us, it is living and active in us... it pierces as far as the division of soul and spirit.

We first must understand there is a difference in the soul and the spirit. So many refer to the soul as if it is the spirit. I read somewhere the other day, “We are to starve the ego and feed the soul”, rather than feed the spirit. The soul is the ego! The scripture says, “... the division of soul and spirit.” Why?

Where that division is, marks the spot where lies the problem. The Lord wants to heal us, first of all from our hurts, and then our independence from Him. As deep as those hurts go the Light of God goes, and the same for our independence and it’s cause. He sheds light in the darkness; not for Him to see, but for us to see, for He knows us through and through.

The “division of soul and spirit” should reveal to us that they are different. The separation in the “garden” came when the man received a soul and chose to join himself to it and separate from the spirit, the greatest of all divorces! The greatest of all adulteries! Causing an “adulterous generation”(morally corrupt and spiritually unfaithful).

You see? We have never been separated from God. By our soul and spirit being separated, we have been separated from His kingdom... they must be united in marriage. Jesus said that the kingdom of God is in us, in other words His spirit is in us. When that “marvelous light” shines in (by His word) we awaken and see the truth more and more as we can bear it.

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