

God's PRECIOUS Light

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God has been SO generous to us in giving us His Word. Jesus Christ taught many things through illustration - essential, eternal things! May we say "Yes" to God in taking in His light. Ps. 119:105

The past week my wife and I have had a visitor in the trees just outside our bedroom window. A beautiful robin - it's spring time - has decided to nest around the dark green needles of the baby Ponderosa Pines - about 10 feet tall now. Problem: It keeps flying into our bedroom bath window. OUCH! I even interpret its chirping after the contact as "ouch" cries. It's sad, yet frustrating too.

My wife - as we were praying together - said to the Lord: Lord, we are like that robin in that we insist upon hitting our heads, time and time again. Please forgive us. May we learn from our sins and STOP practicing wrong doing.

Even as I continue writing this blog today, the robin persists in flying into the window. Our prayers have not seen corrective answer. While we shoo it away (many times now), it continues its painful practice. While we have closed the blinds hoping that will dissuade it, this caring act on our part hasn't worked. While we have even gone outside to chase it away, it comes back for more. What persistence! And yet, for what? Again: OUCH!

Well, today, it seems almost mad in the way it's hitting the window. The thumps are loud and more numerous. Poor critter! It's going to kill itself if it doesn't stop.

My wife heard and observed the robin and went on to make the illustration as stated in her prayer above. I'd like to take it a step further, touching upon the response of the observer.

We are both saddened & frustrated by this. We don't like the noise & wish it to stop but we also feel sorry for the poor thing. I think our Lord responds in similar ways. He calls us to stop our foolish acts because they go against His wishes for us while at the same time feels sorry for (has compassion on) us. Mercy, Lord Jesus!

A few days after writing the above ... the robin report continues ...

What if I were to tell you: "I'm sorry. I found the bird dead at the base of the window today." ☹

Allow me to segue to more fully complete the Bible-based illustration:

In persistent practice of its harmful actions, the bird faced death. Scripture tells us, many times, this: Those who practice sin (especially specifically listed sins) will not inherit the Kingdom of God. Those who sow to the flesh will of the flesh reap corruption. Some who name the name of Christ are rejected by Jesus Christ, Himself telling them: "... depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" Mt. 7:23b WOW! Paul lists these sins in multiple passages. Keeping balance in mind, yes, those who are in Christ are saved BUT let's honor the full Counsel of God and affirm its full teaching. (Phil. 2:12, 13) Some fall away from the faith for [various reasons](#), deception and personal idolatry included.

Lord, please help us embrace the light of the full Counsel of Your Word as partial truth is one form of potential deception.

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