

The Trinity Of Human Relationships

An old rabbi named Hillel was once asked by a pagan worshipper, “*Rabbi, teach me your faith while I stand on one leg.*”

Hillel did not get angry at this apparently frivolous request, but replied, “*Certainly, my son, this is my faith, ‘That which is hateful to you do not to your neighbour, the rest is but an elaboration of it.’*”

Matthew 19:19 [New King James] “... you should love your neighbour as your self.”

Jesus Christ gave a similar command in the context of receiving the gift of eternal life.

Matthew 22:35-40 [New King James] “*Then one of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, and saying, ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the law?’ Jesus said to him, ‘‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’’ This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: ‘‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’’ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.’’*”

These two commandments are the key to obeying our Creator God.

With a little amplification we can see how this forms a trinity of relationships for all humanity.

1) The fatherhood of the Creator God –

We are to believe that God created the world and everything that we see in it.

John 1:1-5 [New King James] “*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.*”

Life and all the physical creation was through our Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, [verse 14], as He fulfilled the will of God the Father, [Matthew 26:36-40, 42].

This makes God the Father of all humanity.

God created humans, **not** white, black or yellow humans, just humans.

The first human in the Garden was **not** an American, Englishman, Frenchman or German, he was just a man.

From this man we all descended.

Therefore we should believe in –

2) The brotherhood of all humanity:

That is no distinction of colour, race or creed, for the Creator God made us all, and as a perfect Father God loves His children with equal and impartial love, [John 3:16-17; Matthew 5:45].

God expects all His children to love each other and help each other, [John 13:35].

1 John 4:16-21 [New King James] “*And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But*

he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us. If someone says, 'I love God,' and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also."

It is by the love we have for other human beings that the Creator God judges our love for Him.

The concept of an ideal home includes parents, brothers and sisters in an abode where love, harmony and peace is found.

3) The homeland of the world –

The whole world is our home and we must treat it as such, in all aspects of our life.

Genesis 2:15 [King James] *"And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it."*

It is human responsibility to care for the environment in which we live. The two Hebrew words used give us a clear picture of how our attitude should be towards the environment.

"Dress" Hebrew *"abad"* meaning to till, work for and serve, then the word *"keep"* Hebrew *"shamar"* literally means to hedge about, to protect and preserve by watching over it.

We are not to tear to pieces and thus break up this beautiful home in which we live. Not to poison or pollute it in any way, but to live in harmony with the laws that control the whole environment.

These three areas must always work together, not one divorced from the other two.

There have been in past history and still are in present times when one or other of these ideals have been stressed at the expense of the other two.

There have been times when the fatherhood of God was emphasised and the brotherhood of humans ignored, when human religious leaders told the people to believe certain things or be burnt at the stake.

Times when humans were **not** allowed to believe as their own consciences taught, but had to accept beliefs thrust upon them by those who happened to be in authority or suffer the consequences of refusal.

Many in history accepted martyrdom rather than submit to such tyrants, both secular and religious.

At other times in certain areas of the world the brotherhood of man was stressed, people were fired with commendable idealism to help their poorer brethren.

Seeking to improve the social lot of humanity, and make the world a happier and better place to live in.

All this is very laudable, but the Creator God was forgotten in the process, or rather, He was removed.

Churches were closed, all religion was forbidden to be even taught, let alone practiced.

Atheism was inculcated into the minds of the young, which turned out to be a very grave mistake.

It is fine for humans to live as brothers but when the motivation does not come from a Creator and Father it is bound to fail.

As for the homeland of the environment, because of the greed of humans, not submissive to their Creator God and sustainer of their lives, it seems never to have a chance at all.

The human made deserts around the world are the proof of this greed and rejection of the Creator God.

As for the homeland of the human family, how often has this been broken up?

Wars, all kinds of wars, wars of aggression, wars of so-called defence, even civil wars where brothers living on the same small plot of land, have maimed and killed each other with fiendish barbarity.

James 4:1-8 [New King James] *“Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures. Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. Or do you think that the Scripture says in vain, ‘The Spirit who dwells in us yearns jealously’? But He gives more grace. Therefore He says: ‘God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble.’ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.”*

When the fatherhood of the Creator God is left out of our decisions, and the blinding effect of Satan [2 Corinthians 4:4] is not overcome, and Satan’s world control is not resisted, then wars between humans, who are brothers and sisters, is inescapable.

Through this mist of satanic deception and misconception other people appear, and act as animals and brutes.

When this deception and misconception lifts and we take a closer inspection we come to realise that all other human beings are in reality brothers, whom we should love and care for.

We must **not** allow misunderstanding or prejudice to create a barrier of hate between us and other human beings who are all children of one Creator and sustaining Heavenly Father.

There are many things in this world that need the “*dressing*” and “*keeping*” [**Genesis 2:15**] that our Creator God tells us in a vital part of our lives.

There are many improvements we can make in our worldly home, both environmentally and in human relationships, if we would only stop quarrelling and remove fear from our hearts.

If we had **no** reason to be afraid of each other, there would be **no** need to waste time, energy and money in making the weapons with which to defend ourselves by killing other humans who in reality are our brothers, with one Father.

Matthew 24:3-8 [New King James] *“Now as He sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, ‘Tell us, when will these things be? And what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age?’ And Jesus answered and said to them: ‘Take heed that no one deceives you. For many will come in My name, saying, “I am the Christ,” and will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and rumours of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.”*

Here we see that the very nature of human beings, influenced by Satan, will **not** be able to solve this human problem, [**Matthew 24:12**].

It is going to take the unlimited power of the Creator God to solve the problem.

Matthew 24:21-22, 29-31, 42-47 [New King James] *“For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. And unless*

those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened." ... "Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." ... "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming. But know this, that if the master of the house had known what hour the thief would come, he would have watched and not allowed his house to be broken into. Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect. Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his master made ruler over his household, to give them food in due season? Blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing. Assuredly, I say to you that he will make him ruler over all his goods."

Only after this very dramatic intervention by the Creator God will this human problem be solved.

2 Peter 3:9-14 [New King James] *"The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night, in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of persons ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells. Therefore, beloved, looking forward to these things, be diligent to be found by Him in peace, without spot and blameless;"*

All that is evil in the sight of the Creator God will be burnt up, only those who are looking forward to the new earth and heaven, [the original created environment restored both on earth and in the atmosphere], will remain.

This is the future we desire but as humans are failing to bring about, that we should be preparing ourselves to be a part of, working under Jesus Christ the coming world ruler.