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Posted by: mystery- man Feb 6 2007, 11:28 PM

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Posted by: roxe Feb 7 2007, 12:08 AM

mystery-man and pickle,

i've been pleading with God for this to happen since i started reading here last november... what a TRIUMPH for the LORD and a black eye for satan should that happen...

praying, praying, praying... never stop...

Posted by: Bystander Feb 7 2007, 12:11 AM

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I notice that you are saying "if" now instead of just making the allegations a statement of fact like you usually do. Hope you're not a day late and a dollar short but anyway....

question: Something was brought to my attention that was on wikipedia. You were challenging something about the catholic church but you signed your name Dr. Pickle. I know you are not a medical doctor so I was wondering what your education was and what you are a Dr. of?

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Your last paragraph only mentions Danny. Shouldn't your thoughts include Linda as well?

Posted by: inga Feb 7 2007, 12:20 AM

Thank you, MM, for suggesting a **good** possible outcome.

As Bob Pickle has pointed out, a little more is needed than you suggest in your scenario below, because **many others have been hurt!**

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Just a small but very important correction re the biblical story:

Solomon was not the illegitimate son. The child born out of wedlock died! That was the penalty for David's transgression. Even though David was forgiven, the child still died, as God had said. There was much more fall-out from David's sin, and God did not prevent the consequences of his sin from happening. Just so, today we may be forgiven, but that does not mean that there is no

price to pay -- often the natural consequences of our transgression. However, this price is small indeed compared to the temporal and eternal consequences of being unwilling to repent and seek forgiveness.

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Amen!!



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Posted by: husbandoftheyear Feb 7 2007, 12:47 AM

One of the greatest challenges that we, as Christians, face is to love our neighbors. This is the greatest of the gifts of God and yet, it is more often than not, the most difficult for us to live and share. After all that has happened, after all that has been said, after all the fighting and threatening, and yes, even horribly-unchristian comments, I believe, I MUST believe that deep

down, we are all here for one common purpose - to see resolution. Unfortunately, there is no single act that can appease all parties and perhaps that is understandable considering the amount of hurt that has been done and the number of people involved.

I think we all know how difficult it is to forgive those that we love, perhaps out of pride, or anger, or plain stubbornness. Now think of forgiving those that we do not love, those that have hurt us, perhaps even the ones that are supposed to love us the most. How does one begin to forgive them? It would be nice to think that we would be able to treat them like Christ treated us. It would be nice to think that after a single conversation all wrongs would be righted as God allows us to do through prayer. But, that is not going to happen. So people are left to their "sides", their "corners", their "teams" to decide what their next step will be and what will cause the most damage.

What happens if, in the end, we are left with people who are more broken than before, just divided?

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Posted by: Richard Sherwin Feb 7 2007, 06:45 AM

I've seen people on here for ages saying there needs to be repentence and forgiveness, and this is so, however there also needs to be restitution and even punishment for wrong deeds. If Danny is really the man of God as is claimed then he would step down and let others take his place (remember David was not allowed to build the temple because of his sins.) The lease on the jet needs to not be renewed etc.

Richard

Posted by: Pickle Feb 7 2007, 07:37 AM

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Bystander, your user name is "Bystander," which is defined as "a nonparticipant spectator." Obviously, you are not a nonparticipant, and you are more than a mere spectator. If user names aren't necessarily a factual description of reality, why your question?

Posted by: Green Cochoa Feb 7 2007, 08:12 AM

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Thank you Greenie for pointing this out. And let's also not forget that restitution is part of confession and repentance, without which we may consider the confession and repentance to be mere forms and not the kind that God considers true repentance.

Zachaeus is probably the most specific NT pattern for the appropriate restitution.... not only restoring what has been taken, but restoring it "four-fold". When Danny ... and the rest of 3abn admins.... take seriously THIS pattern...

when they restore to their lower echelon employees what they should have received in fair wages through the years...

when they restore to the ministry coffers the value of the "perks" they have taken through the years from both donated funds and employee labor for their own personal benefits...

when they restore to the church from which they have diverted funds through the years the funds and property into which these funds have been converted...

when they have voluntarily... BEFORE they are forced to do so by the courts... restore to ex-employees the value of the lost employment and advancement opportunities they have caused them after their leaving 3abn...

when they have restored peace of mind to those who presently fear to make their identity known because of past harassment.....

When they have done all of that... and admitted that they are not fit to even be associated with a world wide ministry that claims to represent the Adventist church and its message to the world...

Then and only then can we all relax and give thanks to God for raining down justice and mercy upon the earth.

Until then, we must continue to pursue every means possible to achieve justice... knowing that we are working as God's hands upon the earth... and knowing that He will dispense mercy without our begging him to do so.

Forgiveness has nothing to do with any of the above. Forgiveness on the human side has nothing to do with restoring relationships, excusing error, or making the one forgiven feel all warm and fuzzy inside. Forgiveness on the human side can be unilateral... completely independent of any confession or repentance or restitution. But forgiveness on the human side is only for the benefit of the one who is doing the forgiving... it does nothing at all for the one who needs the forgiveness.

And it has nothing to do with the salvation of the errant one in need of forgiveness. That is solely between God and the erring.... and God is not deceived by any display of exterior "confession or repentance"... nor by any partial "restitution".

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Not at all. It means that he recognizes the truths that are being said about him, and he is beginning to feel trapped and desperate.

Posted by: Pickle Feb 7 2007, 09:03 AM

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Good points. But notice how David's own sentence called for his own death too, but his prompt confession to Nathan upon rebuke led to the promise, "You shall not die." Of course, there may still be consequences even if we confess, and given everything, those consequences have to include Danny's dismissal, as well as many of the board members.

Posted by: ex3ABNemployee Feb 7 2007, 09:34 AM

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QUOTE(mystery- man @ Feb 7 2007, 02:14 AM) □

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Yes, you are correct that Solomon was the son of Bathsheba. It does demonstrate the astonishing mercy of God and how he can bring good out of evil. (Solomon was born to David and Bathsheba after they were married; thus he was not "illegitimate.")

However, the "illegitimate" son resulting from David's adultery was specifically taken by God as a judgment on David -- in spite of his long days of fasting and lying prostrate before the Lord.

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I do appreciate your posts very much. □

God is, indeed, incredibly loving while still being just. In fact, that's why Christ had to die -- that God could be just as well as merciful. Such self-sacrifice is something the minions of hell can never comprehend. □

Posted by: Aunt B Feb 7 2007, 07:22 PM

It is so true that forgiveness does not erase consequences. The first example we have of that on earth, is Eden.

God forgave Adam and Eve, yet they still had to leave the garden. They were never allowed to enter it again before they died. God restored them with the plan of salvation, but here on earth they had to live with many consequences of their sin. Leaving the garden was only the first

What God does is stay with us as we experience the consequences of our sin after we have repented. He is able (Romans 8:28) to work the consequences out for our good, and accomplish his plan as if we had not sinned.

It is also true that restitution is part of true repentance. It is one way to know that the repentance was genuine.

Aunt B

Posted by: PeacefullyBewildered Feb 8 2007, 04:22 PM

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Well put, Duane!

My own message to Danny and Tommy:

There can be freedom from the dark burden, stress and shame of past sins when one accepts responsibility and allows accountability. This is where healing can begin.

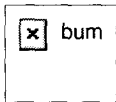
Posted by: seraph|m Mar 16 2007, 04:04 PM

The following bears repeating:

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