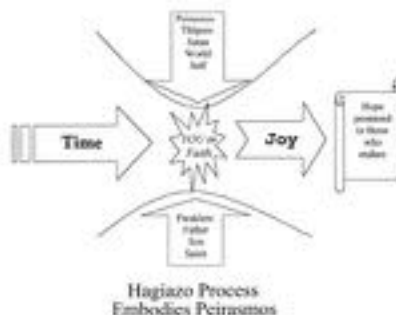


John 22 – Two Apostles: One Saved and One Not

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John 6:60-71

Hagiazo – Peirasmos Schematic

- Peirasmos (Trial) - Thlipsis (Tribulation) integral to Hagiazo Process
- God Allows Trial-Man Chooses Flesh-Trial Reveals man's sin & need to Rest in Spirit, Christ & Father-Spiritual Maturity



John's Thematic Conclusion

- Everything John has written in this chapter has only one purpose: reveal the futility of man's works for life
 - Man did not think to pray to God to feed the Crowd
 - Man did not think to pray to God during the storm
 - Man cannot think outside of his sinful worldview
- Trapped in his worldview man can only envision pleasing God by works - Strengthens the flesh {Trap}

Christ's Revelation of Trinity

- Jews never conceived of the presence of the trinity
 - God was the only force at work in their understanding
 - Spirit was *imagined* as a different mode of God
 - Any different interpretation was labeled as idolatry
- Christ challenged their 1440 year old theocracy with the revelation that He was Son of God - They rejected His word which meant they rejected His salvation

Disciples Falling Away

- When Jesus revealed His truth, Crowd withered away
- When Christ repeated these teachings many of His disciples fell away (Jn 2:19)
 - When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a **hard** saying; who can listen *{accept}* to it?" (Jn 6:60)
 - Jesus was a *revisionist* - Challenged accepted theology
 - Fleshly mind cannot envision God's plan (Isa 64:4; 1Co 2:9-10)

Back to the Grumbling

- The disciples grumbled about His new trinity theology
 - If they were truly seeking God's truth they would have pursued this knowledge with questions seeking clarity
 - Instead, they muttered among themselves like the "*Blind leading the blind until both fall into a pit*" (Mt 18:14)
 - Their actions were from the flesh leading to: (Jn 6:19-21)
 - Dissensions - Disunions caused by sedition (grumbings)
 - Divisions - Heresies, fleshly result of rejecting God's truth

Jesus Confronts The Grumblers

- Jesus breaks into their grumbling with clarity of truth asking them if they are scandalized hearing His truth; He would push their incredulity even further
 - Would they be scandalized if they saw Him ascending back to the Father where He was before?
 - This would push those who tried to cling to the old traditions further away from Him (Not good witnessing techniques by *modern* church methodologies)

No Proof Acceptable to Man

- Many would use “proof texts” or “logical arguments” to *prove* Christ’s truth but these must fail
 - There is no proof they will accept as sinners (1Co. 2:14)
 - Only the Spirit gives life (spiritual life or New Covenant)
 - Flesh is worse than worthless, it rejects God’s truth
- Acceptance of Christ’s truths is proof of God’s Spirit and therefore of His new life from Heaven within

Christ Reinforces Election

- Christ repeats that only those whom Father calls can hear and accept His truth; all others fall away (Jn. 3:16-22)
 - Christ challenged them: many who heard Him did not believe; i.e., search their heart to find unbelief (Jn. 3:22)
 - This was not unknown to Jesus; it was unknown to the individuals until Christ revealed His truth which they rejected; i.e., they hardened themselves – sort of...

Process of Hardening

- The disciples stated earlier that Jesus' truth was *hard*
 - It would be hard only to one whose heart was *hard*
 - Sinner's heart is already hardened against God's truth as it makes no sense to the empirical only (sinful) mind
 - God *allows* the hardening by *giving the lost up to his mind*
 - Thus, God *respects* the Lost's request to be left alone; He does not enlighten them, they remain in their sin (Jo. 9:41)

God Violates the Will of the Saved

- Lost accuse God of *unfairness* because He does not violate their will forcing them to be saved though they accuse Him of forcing them to be moral or punished (Ro. 1:18-32)
- God *does* violate the will of those whom He has chosen
 - Removing the *scales* from their eyes so they see the truth
 - They are saved crying, Abba or Daddy (Jo. 6:18)

This Chapter Turns on One Word

- "... no one can come to me unless it is *granted* him by the Father." (Jo 6:65)
 - *δίδωμι* - Middle Voice: to give through the efforts of another; i.e., God, the giver of eternal life to us
 - We do not give ourselves eternal life nor do we do anything that requires God to give us eternal life
 - Receiving His gift is totally independent of anything we do but totally dependent on God's choice alone (Ro. 9:14-18)

God's Giving is God's Choice

- This one word epitomizes Christ's truth received from the Father that He now gives to mankind
 - God's call goes out into the world and those who hear {saved} will come but those who do not hear {lost} will not come, it is foolishness to them {makes no sense}
 - Christ clearly announces this and the truth is confirmed by their rejecting His word {majority} and those who continue following Him by accepting His truth {few}

Peter Demonstrates His Faith

- After the majority, if not all, of His disciples left Him Christ turns to the Twelve {Apostles} and asks if they will leave also {not for His edification but for theirs}
 - Peter answers, "Lord, to whom shall we go? **You** have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One {Messiah - Son} of God." John 6:68

Matthew Adds Clarification (Mt 16:16-17)

- Though spoken at a different event {Feeding of the Four Thousand} Peter confirms what was said in John
 - Christ exclaims that this did not come from Peter but from the Father {revealed by His Spirit to Peter}
 - Reinforces truth Christ has been proclaiming which was rejected by nearly all His early disciples seeking a conquering human Messiah for their own personal power {Statist}

Position No Security of Faith

- Christ reveals that among the Twelve one will not believe because it was not revealed to him by the Father
 - Judas was the ideal man to prove truth of Arminianism
 - Judas saw nearly ever miracle of Christ
 - Judas participated in missionary journeys with healings
 - Judas heard the words of Christ over and over again
 - If one could come to Christ on his own - It was Judas

The Devil is in the Flesh

- Christ called Judas "the Devil"
 - Here was a man who, like Adam, made choices consistent with his flesh without interference from God
 - As he thought in his heart so was he in his life (vs 23,7)
 - All who are not saved remain dead in their sin and thus are of their father the devil
 - Thus, all who are lost are also antichrists, as were we until God violated our sinful wills bringing us to Him

Judas Foretold in Psalm (vs 41:9)

- One cannot charge God with determinism {making those not chosen go to Lake of Fire as they had no choice} because He brought Himself close to Judas
 - Judas had every opportunity to save himself, to ask Christ for mercy and forgiveness
 - He had a personal relationship with Jesus but his foolish heart was darkened by sin; i.e., he agreed with his sin

Two Men – Two Results

Judas – Not Called of God

- Walked with Christ
- Saw Christ's miracles
- Heard Christ's teachings
- Agreed with his sin betraying Christ to His death

Peter – Called of God

- Walked with Christ
- Saw Christ's miracles
- Heard Christ's teachings
- Saved of God, though still sinful; forgiven of God, given gift of repentance

Religion Demands Works

- All religions demand works to *prove* one is adequate, meets the criteria for righteousness – Failure (Ro 2:1-11, 17-24)
 - Ignores the truth of God placed in everyone (Ro 1:18-21)
 - All sin comes short of God's righteousness (Ro 3:12)
 - You shall know them by their fruits
 - Lost produce the "Works of the flesh" (Ga 5:19-21)
 - Spirit produces in the saved "Fruits of the Spirit" (Ga 5:22-24)

Peirasmos No Guarantee of Faith

- Peirasmos also functions to separate the saved from the lost as in the case of Judas and Peter
 - In the end Peter underwent peirasmos that caused him to deny Christ though Christ did not deny him
 - Judas underwent peirasmos betraying Christ, remorse could not undo his choice (Remorse is not repentance)
 - Your reaction to peirasmos reveals your relationship with Christ – What do your peirasmoi reveal about you?