信徒为人的几件事(玖)

A Few Matters Concerning the Living of the Believers (IX)

肆 交友

- IV. Making friends
- 一 交友的原则

A. The Principle of Making Friends

- (一)不可和不信的相交—'和不信的原不相配,····义和不义有什么相交呢?光明和黑暗有什么相通呢?···信的和不信的有什么相千呢?'林后四章十四至十八节。
- 1. "Do not become dissimilarly yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership do righteousness and lawlessness have? Or what fellowship does light have with darkness?...Or what part does a believer have with an unbeliever?" (2 Cor. 6:14-15).

信徒交友的第一个原则,就是不可和不信的人相交。我们是义的,是光明的,是属基督的,是神的殿,而他们是不义的,是黑暗的,是属撒但的,是拜偶像的,二者的性质、所属、与用途,绝对相反。所以我们必须与他们分别,不可相交,好使我们能与神来往,得作神所悦纳的儿女。

The first principle in the matter of making friends is that believers may not make friends with unbelievers. We are righteousness, light, of Christ, and the temple of God; unbelievers are lawlessness, darkness, of Satan, and idol-worshippers. The nature, use, and owner of a believer and unbeliever are completely opposite. Therefore, we must be separated from them. We should not have fellowship with them so that we can have fellowship with God and become sons and daughters who are pleasing to God.

- (二)不可滥交一'滥交是败坏善行'一'自取败坏'。林前十五章三十三节,箴言十八章二十四节, 十三章二十节。
- 2. "Evil companionships corrupt good morals"; "Evil pursues sinners" (1 Cor. 15:33; Prov. 13:21; see also 18:24).

信徒交友的第二个原则,乃是不可滥交。不信的人,固然不可交,就是信的人,也不可滥交,也不可随便交。若滥交而无鉴别,难免受到不好的影响,使自己受败坏、受亏损。

The second principle related to believers' making of friends is not to have evil companionships. While we cannot be friends with unbelievers, we must be careful and not make friends loosely even with a believer. If we make friends loosely without discernment, it will be difficult to avoid evil influences; thus, we can corrupt ourselves and suffer loss.

二 应交的朋友

- B. The Kind of Friends That We Should Make
- (一)主自己—'有一朋友,比弟兄更亲密。'箴言十八章二十四节,约翰十一章十一节,十五章十 三至十五节。
- 1. "There is a true friend that sticks closer than a brother" (Prov. 18:24; see also John 11:11; 15:13-15).

我们第一个应交的朋友,乃是主自己。祂比弟兄更亲密,我们当与祂相交,以祂作密友。

Our first friend should be the Lord Himself. He is closer to us than a brother. We should fellowship with Him and be His close friend.

- (二)清心爱主的人一'同那清心祷告主的人…'提后二章二十二节,约参十五节。
- 2. "With those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart" (2 Tim. 2:22; see also 3 John 14).

我们第二种应交的朋友,乃是那清心爱主的人。我们也该多和他们相交,一同追求主。

Our second friend should be one who loves the Lord with a pure heart. We should fellowship much with him and pursue the Lord together.

三 交友的榜样

C. Patterns of Friendship

(一)亚伯拉罕一'神的朋友'。雅各书二章二十三节,代下二十章七节,以赛亚四十章八节,参看创世记十八章。

1. "The friend of God" (James 2:23; see also 2 Chron. 20:7; Isa. 41:8; Gen. 18).

我们交友的最好榜样,是亚伯拉罕。他是与神相交,和神作朋友。神也称他作朋友,所以他得称为 '神的朋友'。他在创世记十八章那里接待神—尤其是末了送神一程那一段,真像朋友之于朋友。

Abraham is the best pattern in the matter of making friends. He fellowshipped with God and was the friend of God. God also considered him as a friend, so he was called the friend of God. In Genesis 18 Abraham entertained God just as a friend would receive another friend, especially when he walked with God to send Him away.

(二)约伯一'神待我有密友之情'。约伯记二十九章四节。

2. "Intimate counsel with God" (Job 29:4).

约伯也是我们交友的一个好榜样。他和神有密友之情。最晚从他'壮年的时候',就是这样。

Job is also a good pattern in making friends. He was an intimate friend of God from the days of his prime.

(三)约伯的三个朋友一与'敬畏神,远离恶事'的人相交。约伯记一章一节,二章十一至十三节,四十二章七至十节。

3. "Feared God and turned away from evil" (Job 1:1; see also 2:11-13; 42:7-10).

约伯的三个朋友,是和约伯那个'敬畏神,远离恶事的人'交朋友,结果他们就因着这位朋友,得以 更多更深的认识神。这也是我们交友的榜样。

Job's three friends made friends with Job, who feared God and turned away from evil. As a result, they gained a deeper knowledge of God because of Job. This should be a pattern to us in making friends.

(四) 迦勒和约书亚——同'专心跟从'主。民数记三十二章十二节,十四章六至十节。

4. "Fully followed Jehovah" (Num. 32:12; see also 14:6-10).

迦勒和约书亚,二人是'专心跟从'主的朋友。我们一尤其少年信徒一交友,该取法于他们。

Caleb and Joshua were friends who both fully followed Jehovah. Young believers should especially follow their example in making friends.

(五)约拿单与大卫一与'合神心意的人'相交。行传十三章二十二节,撒上十八章一至三节,十九章一至七节,二十章十二至十七节,撒下一章二十六节。

5. "A man according to My heart" (Acts 13:22; see also 1 Sam. 18:1-3; 19:1-7; 20:12-17; 2 Sam. 1:26).

约拿单不顾父子之情,不体贴父亲的肉体,反着父亲肉体的意思,而与大卫那个'合神心意的人'相交,结果就使他的家和他的后裔没有因他父亲受连累,反倒受了恩惠。这也是我们交友,该效法的榜样。

Jonathan did not care for his relationship with his father or for his father's fleshly will. He made friends with David, a man according to God's heart. As a result, he and his descendants were not affected by his father; rather, they were blessed. This is a pattern that we should follow in making friends.

(六) 但以理的三个朋友—与荒凉中的得胜者相交。但以理一章六至十七节,三章八至三十节。

6. Making friends with overcomers in a wasteland, like Daniel and his three friends (see Dan. 1:6-17; 3:8-30).

但以理的三个朋友,是与但以理那位荒凉中的得胜者相交,结果就在荒凉中,为神作了历代一直发光、一直说话的好见证。这也是我们在今日教会的荒凉中,交友的好榜样。

Daniel's three friends made friends with Daniel, who was an overcomer in a wasteland. As a result, they were a shining testimony and spoke for the Lord in the wasteland, and their testimony and words continue to shine

throughout the ages. This is a good pattern for making friends in the wasteland in which the church exists today.

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