**R903\_(85) Rumination for May 15, 2022**

The **T**heme: **The East** [berita-bethel-ung.com](http://www.berita-bethel-ung.com)

The **T**ext: *So He drove out the man; and He placed at* ***the east*** *of the garden of Eden Cherubims,*

 *and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.* Gen. 3:24

The **T**hots:

1. **The Exit out of Eden was by way of the East Gen. 3:24** [See above]
2. There was only one way by which man went out – by way of the **east**.
	1. It led away from the **S**ecure and **S**afe presence of the LORD. Gen. 4:16

 *Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the* ***east*** *of Eden.*

* 1. It led to the **S**in at Babel and being **S**cattered all over the world. Gen. 11:2, 9

 *As they journeyed from the* ***east****, that they found … Shinar; and they dwelt there.*

*Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.*

* 1. It led to the **S**in of **S**odom and Gomorrah and their destruction. Gen. 13:11-13; 19:28, 29

*Then Lot … journeyed* ***east****: … and pitched his tent toward Sodom…*

*And he looked toward Sodom and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain…*

*And it came to pass…God destroyed the cities of the plain.*

1. There was no other way back, all returned routes to this one **E**xit/**E**ntrance were guarded.
	1. By **A**ppointed **A**rmed cherubim – they guarded every *way* in. Gen. 3:24

 *Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every* ***way****, to keep the way of the tree of life.*

* 1. Only God’s **A**ppointed Way could possibly allow a return. Jn. 14:6

Cf. *Jesus saith*… *I am the* ***way****, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me.*

1. **The Entrance into the Tabernacle was from the East.**

 F*or the* ***east*** *side* ***eastward*** *fifty cubits. The hangings of … the* ***gate*** *were fifteen cubits.* Exo. 38:13, 14

 The Tabernacle had only one Gate to the outer court.

1. The **E**ntrance would always and **E**ver face the **E**ast – F*or the* ***east*** *side* ***eastward****…the gate*
2. All must **E**nter in by way of that appointed gate facing the **E**ast Jn. 10:9

Cf. *I am the door: by Me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.*

1. The **S**prinkling of the blood on the mercy **S**eat on atonement day was toward the **E**ast. Lev. 16:14

 *he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat* ***east****ward*

 *Cf. Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:*

 *Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation [*lit. = mercy seat*] through faith in his blood*

1. **The Exaltation of the Lord will be from the East to the West.**

The **East** is synonymous with the rising of the sun – *on the* ***east*** *side toward the rising of the sun.* Num. 2:3

In the coming day, the Worship of the Lord will be Universal from the East to the west.

1. The **S**ervants of the Lord shall **S**ing praises to Him. Psa.113:1-3

 *From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised*.

1. All Israel shall then **know** there is **no** God beside Him. Isa. 45:6

*That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside Me.*

*I am the LORD, and there is none else.*

1. **E**ven the **E**nemy shall fear the Lord: Isa. 59:19

 *So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun.*

 *When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.*

1. All **G**entile **N**ations shall praise the Lord and **G**od’s **N**ame shall be **G**reat. Mal. 1:11

*For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same My name shall be great among the Gentiles…for My name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts*.

In spite of what Israel had said: Mal. 1:12

* *The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible*.
* *Behold, what a weariness is it!* Mal. 1:13

No wonder the Lord said:

* *ye have snuffed at it, (you sniff at it contemptuously, NIV)* Mal. 1:13
* *ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering:* Mal. 1:13
* *should I accept this of your hand*? Mal. 1:13

Let the above not be our attitude towards the Lord’s Table and the Lord’s Supper!

Let us be like the wise men from the **east**; let us say this day*:* ***we … are come to worship Him****.* Mt. 2:1, 2

Sages, leave your contemplations; Brighter visions beam afar!

Seek the great Desire of nations, Ye have seen His natal star:

Come and worship! Come and worship! Worship Christ, the new-born King!

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**REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK R. 903**

1. **When God Forgives the Sinner…**
2. What does God do with the Sinner’s sins?
3. Psalm 103:12 **–***As far as the* ***east*** *is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.*
4. Hebrews 8:12; 10:17 ***–*** *For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.*
5. Isaiah 1:18 –*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.*
6. Romans 6:23 *– For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
7. What does Jesus do with the Sinner’s sins?
8. John 1:29 – *John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*
9. I John 1:7 – *If we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*
10. I John 2:1 – *If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:*
11. I Peter 2:24a – *Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree…*
12. What should the Sinner do with his Sins?
13. Psalm 66:18 *– If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:*
14. I John 1:9 – *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins,*

 *and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

1. Romans 6:11 *– Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin,*

 *but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

1. Romans 8:2 – *For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free*

 *from the law of sin and death.*

1. Galatians 3:22 *– But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise*

 *by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.*

1. I Peter 2:24 *– Who his own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead*

 *to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

Study the above texts and reflect what your relationship with sin should be. **REFLECT**

1. The East is not only important because it is the direction where the sun rises, it showed the wise men from east Jerusalem where the Saviour of the world, the King of the Jews would be born, i.e., in the east.

Matthew 2:1-2 –*Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen* ***His star in the east****, and are come to worship Him.*

Matthew 2:9 – …*and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was.*

Jesus is coming again. He will return as the Morning Star

Matthew 24:27 – *For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth*

 *even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be*.

Revelation 22:16 –*I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star*.

Each morning as I go for my morning walk in the early dawn when the sky is still dark, the morning star in the east shines out in all its brightness without even a twinkle to remind me of the steadfastness of the promised return of my Lord and Saviour as the Morning Star. Have you been awake to see this star and consequently be reminded of the imminent return of our Lord? **REFLECT**.

**Points To Ponder:** *When the Morning* ***S****tar* ***A****ppears in the* ***East****ern* ***S****ky, Will He find you*

***A****wake to* ***W****elcome Him or* ***A****sleep for Him to* ***W****ake you up?*