

Jesus Is About the Father's Business

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". . . that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35).

"Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever." (Hebrews 13:8)

"And he said unto them, How is it that you sought me? Know ye not that I must be about my Father's business?" (Luke 2:49)

The way He was when He walked the earth will be the way He is in us in this present day. Whatever Jesus did a long time ago, He will continue to do today. When His parents wanted to know what was wrong with Him and why He was causing them to worry, He replied "I must be about my Father's business." Our explanation to our parents will be the same because the Life we have within us is the same: "I must be about my Father's business."

When Christ is my life, the Father and His concerns become most important to me. I find myself continually saying to people: "Did you not know that I must be about My Father's business?" (Luke 2:49). Jesus must be in contact with His Father. And the Jesus in me must continually be in contact with His Father. It is not an effort. It is like breathing or our heart beating – it comes naturally when Christ is in the ascendancy.

But many find being about the Father's business to be laborious and intrusive. Instead of being like the Son of God, we are more like the Inn keeper upon Jesus' arrive at his abode. We have so much of our own going on that we must reply: "There is no room here for God's Son right now." I am sure that Inn keeper was doing his country service, as he took in people for the census. There is no question that all this added increase of people into his Inn would bless his family. No question that he was a good provider for his family. But it seems that ONLY Jesus serves the Father faithfully. If we are to do so, the only hope we have is for the Life of Christ within, for we shall surely fail otherwise.

Is the Son of God in me bringing honor to the Father, or am I dictating my demands to Him? Is He constantly ministering in me or to me? Do I find that my life and priorities continually drift away from the things of God, therefore I must continually make adjustments in my life? So many question!

But the question is really not one of whether we are giving God the preeminence in our lives. Nor is it a question of defeating the lethargic flesh that always wants to put self first. The real issue is: who is living their life out through my body – is it me or is it Christ? If it is Christ then He WILL BE ABOUT THE FATHER'S BUSINESS. We know this to be a fact for Jesus is the same yesterday, and today and forever. ***

