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Jesus Is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah

Beloved, we cannot domesticate the real Jesus.

He refuses to be tamed by His people.

He is the Lion of the tribe of Judah.

He roars.

The Body of Christ has such a lame and tame version.

It is as though they are coming to this roaring lion and saying,

“Here, kitty, kitty, kitty! Come on in and get in your place.”

Yes, He forgave us.

Yes, He heals and

yes, He blesses.

Yes, He provides and

yes, He directs, but

He is so much more than that.

GOAL 1: THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IS POWERFUL

Here are the goals that we have in this post: to convince people that Jesus, or the knowledge of God, is the most powerful and pleasurable reality that anyone can experience.

GOAL 2: IT IS COSTLY TO GROW IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD

Number two: to convince people that to gain depth in the knowledge of God is the most costly thing you will ever be involved in; it will cost you everything. Not to be forgiven, that is free, but to go somewhere in God will cost you everything. To go a little ways, not so costly, but I mean to have the deep things of His heart, but it will be the most valuable and lasting treasure you will ever experience.

GOAL 3: THE MOST NEGLECTED ISSUE IN THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS GOD

Number three: to convince people that the most neglected issue in the kingdom of God, is God. The most neglected issue is God in the kingdom of God. We talk about everything besides God, unless we are talking about getting forgiveness.

The reason we need to know that it is the most neglected theme—God, the knowledge of God—is because if you think it is well-accepted and well understood, when you begin to pursue it in a new way, you will find hostility within the Church.

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They will be utterly perplexed by what you are doing.
They don't mind forgiveness,
they don't mind blessing,
but many believers, even,
don't want to connect with people who are obsessed with Jesus.
They say, "That is too intense.
Let's dial down. Let's get into the grace of God."
Beloved, I submit to you that the grace of God will empower you to be obsessed,
not talk you out of it.

PRAYER:

Father God, give us this reality of who Jesus is in all of His dimensions! Help us to realize that knowing Jesus in His magnificence is the most precious thing we can ever know.

Help me be obsessed with Him.

Jesus, remove all tendencies that desire anyone else other than You. Open my spiritual eyes to see Your beauty and majesty like I have never seen it before.