

## 1 Corinthians 10:7

How do you see yourself? How does God see you?

v.8 Paul says that his authority is for edification and not for destruction

v.12 comparing ourselves by ourselves we always look ok, it is not our standard but God's that we need to match ourselves up to

v.13-18 certain movements and leaders put a good deal of emphasis on their authority and Nicolaitan attitude- true spiritual authority does not lord it over but edifies- But authority will be used in those spheres where it must be used

v.17 (*Jer 9:24 NKJV*) *But let him who glories glory in this, That he understands and knows Me, That I am the LORD, exercising lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.*- the context is that they have rebelled and forsaken

**v.18 It's Him we are to please and serve and because of that Paul says..**

## 2 Corinthians 11- how God sees us

v.2 betrothed- only place the New Testament this Greek word is used,

- fitted together, like a carpenter's joint
- arrange music
- tune an instrument

- see *Hosea 2:14-20*

I will allure her . . . speak comfort to her: Once Israel has felt the discomfort of her deprivation, then she will listen to the voice of God once again, and He will allure her back to Himself.

Spurgeon on I will allure her: "This is a singular kind of power: 'I will allure her;' not, 'I will drive her' not even, 'I will draw her,' or, 'I will drag her;' or, 'I will force her.' No, 'I will allure her.' It is a very remarkable word, and it teaches us that the allurements of love surpasses in power all other forces. That is how the devil ruins us; he tempts us with honeyed words, sweet utterances, with the baits of

v. 15 The Valley of Achor as a door of hope: Achor means “trouble,” so the Valley of Achor is the “Valley of Trouble.” It was a place of trouble, where Achan’s sin was discovered and judged (Jos\_7:26). God’s restoration is so great that He will transform the “Valley of Trouble” into a door of hope.

She shall sing there, as in the days of her youth: When Israel is restored, she will be restored to joy. The passing pleasures of sin are forgotten and the true pleasures of God are restored.

v.16 You will call Me “My Husband”: With great anticipation, God looks forward to the day when relationship is genuinely restored with His people. He wants an intimate love-relationship with His people, and longs for the day when His people will have a marriage-like love and commitment to their God.

And not longer call Me “My Master”: God was not satisfied with a fear-based, obedience-focused relationship with His people where they thought of Him primarily as Master. He wanted a relationship where they thought of Him primarily as Husband.

v.17 I will take from her mouth the names of the Baals: In Hebrew, the name “Baal” comes from the word “Master” and the two words sound alike. It was the Baals, the idols of the nations, that wanted this “master-slave” relationship with man. But not the LORD God; He wants a love-based, commitment-based relationship with His people.

v.19 I will betroth you to Me forever: When relationship with the LORD is ultimately restored, it will never be broken again. Relationship will be restored on a solid foundation (In righteousness and justice, in lovingkindness and mercy), and will result in deeper and deeper relationship (you shall know the LORD).

v.22 They shall answer Jezreel: The name “Jezreel” means “Scattered,” and could be used in a negative sense (as in Hos\_1:4-5). But it was also the word used to describe the good scattering of seed, “Sowing.” Here, the LORD promises glorious redemption of the name Jezreel, which was first given as a sober reminder of scattering in judgment. Now it becomes a prophecy of the promise, “I will sow her for Myself in the earth.” God will restore His people to abundance and blessing. Scattering will be transformed into sowing.

v.23 blessed promise

## Back to 2 Corinthians

v.3 How did serpent deceive Eve ? back to Genesis and *(1 John 2:16 NKJV) For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world.*

- simplicity in Christ- For God so loved the world

v.4 a different Jesus

- not according to His nature - servant hearted- see Phil. 2

- moved with compassion for the people

- *(Mark 10:45 NKJV) "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."*

- washed the disciples feet

- or the Father's nature- Jesus came to reveal- what is the Father's nature ?  
grace, mercy, compassion, love

- not according to what has been revealed concerning His pre-existence, His incarnation, physical resurrection, coming back

A different spirit

- comes to comfort alongside, - *Isaiah 61: "The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to those who are bound;...."*

- different gospel- other than salvation by grace through faith alone

- we have had people that wanted to move into legalism or into works

Give simple gospel