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JEWISH APOLOGETICS (15)
ANSWERING JEWISH OBJECTION #6
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Objection #6: “You have your religion, and I have mind. Jesus is for the Gentiles, and if he helps them, great. In fact, Judaism teaches that the righteous of all nations have a place in the world to come. But for us, the Jewish people, we have the Torah. That is our portion.

Michael Brown’s short reply:

What an insult to the Gentiles! If Jesus did not fulfill biblical prophecy, if he is not the promised Messiah of Israel, if he was not born of a virgin, if he did not die for the sins of the world and rise from the dead, if he is not coming back as King of all kings to rule and reign forever, then he is the Messiah and Savior of nobody. He is a false prophet and the writers of the New Testament were either deceivers or deceived. If he did do all of these things, then he is the Messiah and Savior of everyone—both Jew and Gentile. As for the Torah, it remains our portion, but it is only through the Messiah that we can truly interpret it and live it out.¹

How do you react to this as a Gentile? Why don’t Jews believe in Jesus? Do they believe that He fulfilled the Messianic prophecies? No! Do they believe that He was who He said He was? No! How is it that the Jew can say in essence, “He is no good for the Jews because He is false, but He is fine for you because you are just Gentiles. He is not the true Messiah, He did not fulfill the Scriptures, and did not rise from the dead, but He is fine for you Gentiles—have at it!” Don’t you find all of this quite insulting? The idea that He is not good enough for the Jews because He is a false Messiah, but somehow He is good enough for you Gentiles is nothing short of patronizing and insulting nonsense.

¹Michael L. Brown, *Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus: General and Historical Objections*, 1ST ed. (Grand Rapids, Mich.: Baker Books, 2000), 15-18. In this work, Brown lists the objection and then gives a short response, which is followed by a more detailed response. This DDR series, for the most part, tracks the objection and his *short* response, after which you will find my comments. I highly recommend his book if you are interested in his detailed response (there is far too much material to include in the DDRs).

Deuteronomy 4:19 is taken by many Jews as a passage teaching that God has given the true God for the Jews to worship, but to the nations/Gentiles of the world God has “allotted” false worship:

And *beware*, lest you lift up your eyes to heaven and see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be drawn away and worship them and serve them, those which the LORD your God has allotted to all the peoples under the whole heaven.

Many Jews think that it is fine for Gentiles to enjoy Jesus and thus enjoy their deception and perhaps God will meet you in your darkness—just do not put that darkness on us Jews.

This brings us to the main issue of whether Jesus is the Messiah or not. And this brings us to Jewish apologetics which will demonstrate beyond any shadow of doubt that Jesus is the Messiah that the Old Testament promised. Jesus either fulfilled Scripture and is the only way to God, or He did not and is not. This is the principal issue. If this is true then follow Him, if not then do not. There is no place for the patronizing nonsense that He is good enough for the Gentiles but not for the Jews. No one should follow a lie and everyone should follow the Truth.

Blessed,

Pastor Don

Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,