

# Engaging Freemasonry

Recently, I had the opportunity to minister to an elderly man who had been in Freemasonry for about half of his adult life. He was a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason and was still looking for the answer that Freemasonry promised him. He had yet to find it.

When I dealt with him, I found him to be very intelligent, inquisitive and driven to learn. In fact, of all the traits he possessed, the love of learning was to me the most outstanding. I began to minister to him because his oldest daughter was gravely concerned for his destiny when he passed away. She saw no evidence that he had ever come to understand the Gospel, or that he knew the Lord Jesus Christ personally. I agreed to do a study with him, even though I really did not know what Freemasonry taught, or what its goals are. It proved to be interesting.

Out of that ministry to Sidney Max Beasley, Mr. Beasley ultimately ended up rejecting Freemasonry and the Freemason funeral rites. Now, the work is not mine as the LORD used a number of individuals over the years to minister to Mr. Beasley. However, apparently what Mr. Beasley lacked was the understanding of the fact that the truth is exclusive (meaning it necessarily excludes all things that are not true) and that two significant things are declared concerning the Lord Jesus Christ. The first thing Jesus declares about Himself, and the second was revealed by the Holy Ghost to the apostle Paul, for the benefit of us all:

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. (*John 14:6*)

For I would that ye knew what great conflict I have for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full

assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. (Colossians 2:1-3)

It is a fact that in Jesus Christ and in Him alone resides the truth, and that it is a single truth that has many facets. Moreover, there is no other truth, and that all other claims to the truth are false, no matter how "true" they may appear to be. As a part of this, is a fact that all, not some or most, but all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hid in the Lord Jesus Christ. If he is the truth, then it does necessarily follow that he is all the truth, and that all knowledge, all wisdom and all understanding are hid in Him.

*Hence, there is no other place to look for answers – no matter what the question.*

Now the revelation of this to Mr. Beasley followed on the heels of being shown that Freemasonry cannot possibly know the truth as they steadfastly refuse to say which religion or denomination is right, or even the most correct. How can it be that all religions that confess "God" are accepted equally and are equally valid when there is such variance in what they teach, even to the point of being diametrically opposed? Moreover, Freemasonry claims that they will make a better man out of anyone who joins the fraternity and follows the dogma, rituals and rites. However, that raised another question:

*How can an earthly organization of any sort make a better person out of someone if that organization refuses to accurately identify the truth, and instead opts to present a mishmash of religious teachings from different religions that don't even agree in their basic tenets?*

Added to that is yet another question:

*How can anyone improve upon what the LORD God does when he changes a person at salvation, and then continues to work in their life to conform them to the image of the Lord Jesus Christ? Can you really claim to outdo the LORD God and His ability to change a person's life and morals, especially since the LORD God made man in the image of Himself and knows more about how we tick than anyone else?*

Mr. Beasley had no answers to the above questions. I was not surprised. Moreover, my lack of surprise was confirmed after he passed away and I purchased virtually his entire library of Masonic books. The reason he had no answers is due to the fact that Freemasonry cannot answer those questions, and it cannot answer the basic question the LORD God would ask of anyone who is not born-again in Christ Jesus:

*How, and in what way, are you as righteous as the LORD God?*

With that question left hanging (and I am going to let it hang), let us then proceed to examine what Freemasons state about Freemasonry, its teachings and purpose. After all, there is no more valid testimony as to what a person or organization believes than their own words properly and rightfully cited in context. This I will ever endeavor to accomplish in every article addressing any topic, not just Freemasonry.

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