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NEWSLETTER

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## OHIO STATE IS NOT DESERVING

I KNOW I TALK ABOUT OHIO STATE A LOT, BUT REALLY, MORE PEOPLE SHOULD. I MEAN, FORTY-ONE BIG TEN CHAMPIONSHIPS AND EIGHT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS CAN'T BE WRONG. I AM ONE THAT BUYS INTO THE HYPE THAT IT IS, OHIO VS THE WORLD. THEY NEVER TRULY EARN THE RESPECT THAT I THINK THEY DESERVE.

CASE AND POINT; THEY JUST PLAYED CLEMSON IN THE SEMI-FINALS AND ALL THE TALK AROUND THE NATION WAS THAT OHIO STATE WILL NOT HAVE AN ANSWER FOR CLEMSON, BUT IF THEY DO IT IS BECAUSE OF THEIR DETERMINATION, NOT THEIR TALENT. WELL, THEY WON 49-28!

OHIO STATE WAS 6-0 IN THIS COVID-19 YEAR WHILE CLEMSON WAS 9-1. CLEMSON DID PLAY FOUR MORE GAMES THAN OHIO STATE. THE BIG TEN WAS DRAGGING THEIR FEET TO START THE SEASON, AND WHEN THEY DID, THE BUCKEYES HAD THREE GAMES CANCELLED ON THEM BECAUSE OF COVID-19. AS A RESULT OF THIS, CLEMSON'S COACH, DABO SWINNEY, CONTINUOUSLY PREACHED FOR TWO WEEKS THAT OHIO STATE DID NOT BELONG IN THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF. HE SAID, "THEY DID NOT PLAY ENOUGH GAMES. OTHER TEAMS WHO PLAYED TEN GAMES SHOULD BE LOOKED AT DIFFERENTLY THAN THOSE WHO PLAYED A LIMITED SCHEDULE". <sup>1</sup>

I KNOW THAT SOME MAY NOT WATCH COLLEGE FOOTBALL.

I KNOW THAT THIS TOPIC IS NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART.

I KNOW THAT COLLEGE FOOTBALL IS NOT ALL THAT IMPORTANT IN THE GRAND SCHEME OF WORLD EVENTS.

DABO SWINNEY'S RESPONSE REMINDED ME OF MATT 20:1-16. THE PARABLE OF THE LAND OWNER WHO PAID ALL THE WORKERS THE SAME (A DENARIUS) EVEN THOUGH SOME WORKED LONGER HOURS.

11 WHEN THEY RECEIVED IT, THEY GRUMBLED AT THE LANDOWNER, 12 SAYING, 'THESE WHO WERE HIRED LAST WORKED ONLY ONE HOUR, AND YOU HAVE MADE THEM EQUAL TO US WHO HAVE BORNE THE BURDEN OF THE DAY'S WORK AND THE SCORCHING HEAT.' 13 BUT HE ANSWERED AND SAID TO ONE OF THEM, 'FRIEND, I AM DOING YOU NO WRONG; DID YOU NOT AGREE WITH ME FOR A DENARIUS? 14 TAKE WHAT IS YOURS AND GO; BUT I WANT TO GIVE TO THIS LAST PERSON THE SAME AS TO YOU. 15 IS IT NOT LAWFUL FOR ME TO DO WHAT I WANT WITH WHAT IS MY OWN? OR IS YOUR EYE ENVIOUS BECAUSE I AM GENEROUS?' 16 SO THE LAST SHALL BE FIRST, AND THE FIRST, LAST." (10:11-16)

MAN HAS A NATURAL WAY OF COMPLAINING WHEN HE FEELS LIKE A SITUATION – THAT HE AGREED TO – IS NOT GOING IN A MANNER THAT WILL BENEFIT HIM ABOVE OTHERS. IF WE ARE NOT CAREFUL, WE CAN DO THE SAME THING.

PROVEN BY JESUS' MERCY ON THE CROSS, THE DYING THIEF WAS FORGIVEN AND ALLOWED THE SAME ETERNAL LIFE AS ANNA WHO FAITHFULLY GAVE OF HERSELF DAY AND NIGHT IN THE TEMPLE FOR MOST OF HER LIFE (LUKE 2:36-38). ETERNAL LIFE IS NOT DEPENDENT UPON HOW MUCH WE GIVE, BUT SOLELY ON THE ONE WHO HAS THE AUTHORITY TO GIVE IT.

OUR ATTITUDES SHOULD REFLECT THOSE OF OUR SAVIORS. NOT JUST FOR ETERNAL VALUE BUT FOR AN EARTHLY LIVING. HOW WE TREAT PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN GIVEN ETERNAL LIFE (JOHN 15:12, 17) SHOULD NOT BE BASED ON MANS PHILOSOPHY BUT GOD'S.

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<sup>1</sup>) SO TO MAKE HIS POINT CLEAR, WHEN HE VOTED IN THE COACHES POLE TO RANK THE TEAMS, HE RANKED OHIO STATE #11.