How can a man be just with God?

How big is God to you?

2 Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man or woman of God may be fully capable, equipped for every good work.

Colossians 1:15-17

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation: 16 for by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones, or dominions, or rulers, or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.

Luke 19:37-40

And as soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, shouting:

"BLESSED IS the King, THE ONE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And yet some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, "Teacher, rebuke Your disciples!" Jesus replied, "I tell you, if these stop speaking, the stones will cry out!"

Matthew 27:50-51

And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice and gave up His spirit. And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook, and the rocks were split

Seems to me that the abandoned Jesus was not getting the praise He deserved from the people So The rocks cried out!

But that isn't what I wanted to bring to you today ©

Then Bildad the Shuhite answered, "Dominion and awe belong to Him Who makes peace in His heights. Is there any number to His troops? And upon whom does His light not rise?

How then can mankind be righteous with God? Or how can anyone who is born of woman be pure?

If even the moon has no brightness and the stars are not pure in His sight, how much less man, that maggot, and the son of man, that worm.

. How then can a man be just with God?

Or how can he be clean who is born of Woman?

- . How much less man, that maggot
- . And the son of man, that worm

How much less man, that maggot,

<u>Maggot</u>

Hebrew: rimmah

cause and sign of decay

How much less man, that maggot,

At the cross, at the cross where I first saw the light,
And the burden of my heart rolled away,
It was there by faith I received my sight,
And now I am happy all the day!

Isaac Watts. Born 1674. Died 1748. England. Wrote many hymns and songs including; "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross", "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past", "Joy to the World"

This is the refrain of his Hymn 'Alas, and did my Savior Bleed'

How much less man, that maggot,

Alas, and did my Savior bleed?
And did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I?

Here is the first verse of the Hymn with the original words of Watts. Newer Hymn Books substitute 'worm' with 'sinner'

As bad as 'sinner' sounds it is not as bad as calling oneself a 'worm'

Rimmah – the cause and sign of decay

How much less man, that maggot, Worm Hebrew: towla-ath Scarlet / Crimson

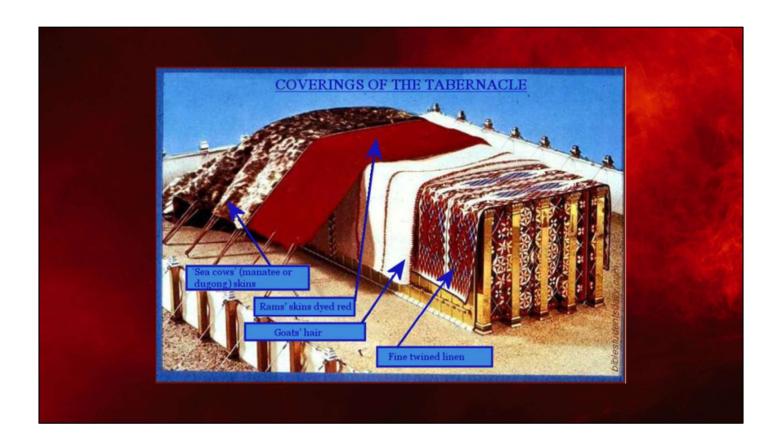
This worm or grub was what was used to make Scarlet Dye



- Pea sized / grub like insect found in the Middle East
- Even today they are harvesting these creatures in anticipation of the 'Messiah's' return and the desire to make all things to their original design



- The veil of the Temple
- The High Priests Garments



3rd layer – Ram skins dyed red (Exodus 26, 36) – representing the ransom sacrifice which covers our imperfect humanity

There are exact measurements for the 1st and 2nd layer.

No measurement for the 3rd layer – maybe be showing <u>God's love</u> manifested toward the world in the sending of Jesus as a ransom for all <u>is immeasurable</u>!!

Then men said to her, "We shall be free from this oath to you which you have made us swear, unless, when we come into the land, you tie this cord of scarlet thread in the window through which you let us down and gather to yourself into the house your father and your mother and you brothers and all you father's household.



Joshua 2:17-18

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole Roman cohort around Him. They stripped Him and put a <u>scarlet robe</u> on Him. And after twisting together a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed on His right hand; and they knelt down before Him and mocked Him, saying, "Hail, King of the Jews!" They spat on Him and took the reed and began to beat Him on the head. After they had mocked Him, they took the scarlet robe off Him and put His own garments back on Him and led Him away to crucify Him.

Matthew 27:27-31

We just were remembering this last week. Even the Romans used the scarlet dye from these worms. This time to mock Jesus.



Read vs 1-8

Vs 1 – My GOD, My GOD, why have you forsaken Me? – Matthew 27:46

Vs 6 – I am a worm (towla-ath)!



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- Lays eggs under body to protect & nourish

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- Lays eggs under body to protect & nourish
- Secretes crimson dye that stains the tree and covers the young

Young literally eat their way out

I am a worm

Luke 9:51

When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined (set his face) to got to Jerusalem

Peter telling Jesus not to go to Jerusalem -

Matthew 16:21-23

I am a worm

John 10:11

"I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep.

I am a worm

Hebrews 2:10

For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the author of their salvation through sufferings.



Read vs 11-18

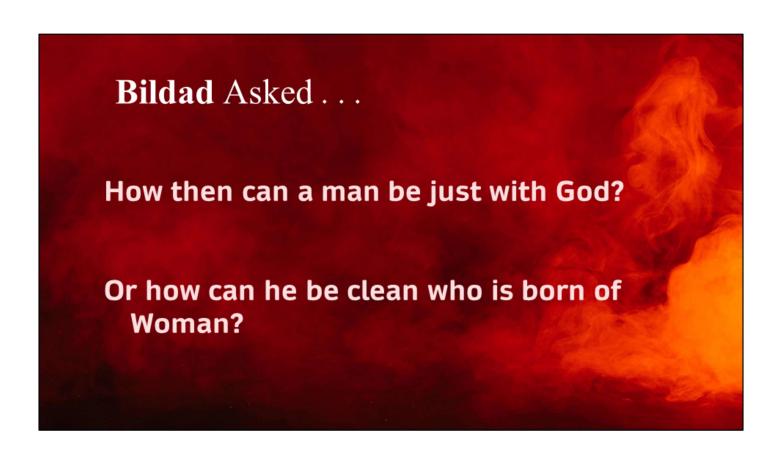
Vs 14 – My heart is like wax

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- After 3 days it loses its crimson color and turns into a waxy, white substance that will blow away much like snow

"Come now, and let us reason together," says the LORD, "Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson they will be like wool

- Isaiah 1:18 -



Admit you are no more than a worm, a rimmah (decay)

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Put your Faith in the 'worm', the Towla-Ath!