

"THE WORDS OF THE LORD ARE PURE WORDS, LIKE SILVER TRIED IN  
A FURNACE OF EARTH, PURIFIED SEVEN TIMES.  
YOU SHALL KEEP THEM, O LORD, YOU SHALL PRESERVE THEM FROM  
THIS GENERATION FOREVER." (PSALM 12: 6 & 7)

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## “The Truth”

**“I am the way, The Truth, and the life. . . .” (Jesus speaking – John 14:6)**  
Emphasis Added

**“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know  
The Truth, and The Truth shall make you free.” (John 8:31 & 32)** Emphasis Added

**“The entirety of Your word is Truth, and every one of Your righteous  
judgments endures forever.” (Psalm 119:160)** Emphasis Added

**“You say rightly that I am a King. For this cause I was born, and for this  
cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to The Truth.  
Everyone who is of The Truth hears My voice.” (John 18:37)** Emphasis Added

Dear Saints, I am led to talk with you today, about the single most important issue that we Christians will face in this life. That issue is nothing more or less than –“**The Truth**”. I can almost hear many of you saying, “I know that!” But, I am fairly confident that most of us do not carry the revelation in our heart that “The Truth” determines our present and our future. If we did, our attitude of heart and outward behavior toward each other and life in general, would be quite different from what it actually is.

Webster defines Truth as: “The real state of things: Fact”. Jesus Christ defines Truth as Himself. In other words, all Truth that relates to life, and man’s relationship with God is, in fact, found in Christ. Every word that God has ever uttered to man is Truth! Our God is not a man, that He should lie (Numbers 23:19), nor is He even able to do so (Titus 1:2). Whatever God has said to man is Truth, and that Truth applies to each of us equally. It is as if we all (His Children) lived under the same roof and answered to the same Father. And we do. Father’s word to me, is the same word to you. One thing is certain; we can rely on Father’s word as being perfect Truth; and that word alone will lead and guide us safely through life on earth to our heavenly home. Man’s word (his opinion) is the exact opposite of Truth. The only time that man’s word is Truth, as it relates to spiritual matters, is when his word is in union with Father’s word.

**“Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written. That You may be  
justified in Your words, and may overcome when You are judged.” (Romans 3:4)**

Jesus Christ warned us clearly that the Truth (His word), and our response to the Truth, was critical to our good standing with God. **LISTEN ----**

**“He who rejects Me, and does not receive My words (Truth), has that which judges him ---- the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.” (John 12:48)**  
Emphasis Added

Our Lord also told us that to live life as Father intended that we live it, we must cling to His every word. Again, listen ----

**“It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4)** Emphasis Added

Finally, our Lord told us that if we did not eat His flesh (His word, i.e.: John 1:1 & 14) that we had no life --- no Truth in us. Listen ----

**“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.”**  
**“It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.” (John 6:53 & 63)**

The Word of God is Truth, and that word --- that Truth, took on the form of a Man who was given the name of Jesus by His Father. So pure and so true were the words that Jesus spoke that He never spoke anything that He did not first hear His Father speak, nor did He act on Father’s word except He first see His Father act.

**“Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.” (John 5:19)**

**“The word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.” (John 14:24b)**

“The Word of God and Truth, are One and the same. The Word of God and Truth are seen, and heard in Jesus Christ. You cannot separate God from His word; And you cannot separate the Word from God. We must never forget that when it comes to God’s word and Truth, They are inseparable. Truth, in its purest form, is alive and powerful (Hebrews 4:12). Truth in its purest form represents Life to man (John 6:63). Except man eat (feed on) the Truth, he cannot live life as Father intends for His sons and daughters to live it. He cannot! Not only can we not live life as Father intended for us to live it, apart from the Truth, but our very salvation and sanctification depend upon the Word of God --- the Truth. Listen to Truth ----

**“Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.” (James 1:21)** Emphasis Added

**“Sanctify them by Your Truth. Your word is Truth.” (John 17:17)**

**“Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word,” (Ephesians 5:25 & 26)** Emphasis Added

Father's thought toward man ---the intent of His heart, from the very beginning, was that man live in perfect peace, (Isaiah 26:3) which would include good health, soundness of mind, joy and love. Pain, suffering, death, strife, and division were never a part of our Father's plan for us. NEVER! We bring all of our troubles on ourselves when we set Father's word behind us (Psalm 50:17), and reject Truth in favor of the lie which was birthed in the reasoning of our mind. Our suffering today is the direct result of our parents' action in the Garden a few days ago (2 Peter 3:8). If this were not tragic enough, there remains an even greater tragedy.

Today, for the most part, instead of profiting from the mistakes of our forefathers, we continue to repeat the very same mistakes that they made, and suffer the very same loss as they did. Instead of cultivating a love for the Truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10) we have embraced our religious traditions. Instead of seeking the Truth as a little child (Mark 10:15), we have followed the religious line of least resistance.

The end result of our spiritual complacency (Zephaniah 1:12) is that we have become no more than programmed participants of various forms of what we call Christianity and the Body of Christ. Without realizing it, our loyalty and devotion is not toward Christ, it is toward our form of Christianity --- It is toward our religious doctrine --- It is toward what we personally believe to be truth, regardless of whether or not it is Truth. Once programmed, we become certain that "we" have truth; therefore, we refuse to consider that we might be deceived. At that point, we are no longer teachable; we have become prisoners of the very real, and very demonic religious spirits that our Lord faced when He was here in the flesh. The frightening thing in this behavior is that the mass of believers not only do not care a whit about Truth, but they are willing to suffer loss in this life, and risk an eternity separated from God, rather than to take God at His word and devote their life to seeking the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth. It is one thing to risk a short-term loss, but quite another to risk eternal loss. I cannot imagine anything more frightening.

What about you, dear reader? Do you have a love for the Truth in your heart? Are you a Truth seeker? If so, how far are you willing to go in setting aside your practice of religion, and your own personal opinions, in your pursuit of the Truth? Are you willing, if necessary, to give up your religious friends, your family? Are you willing to be considered an outcast by the religious world in which you live, that you might gain the Truth, and be called by the Angels, a "Friend of the King"? Have you counted the cost that one must pay to obtain Truth and to serve as a Disciple of Jesus Christ?

**"For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it --- lest after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build and was not able to finish."**

**"So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple."**  
(Luke 14:28, 29, 30, & 33) Emphasis Added

Seeking Truth is a very costly pursuit that few of us will endeavor. In today's world of fast food and finger-tip conveniences the practice of Christianity has become, for the most part, a conscience soothing, "self" seeking and "self" gratifying practice of religion; A practice that has adapted itself to the world, and like the world, is now driven by the efforts of the money changers. One needs look no further than John 2:13 – 17 to find out what our Lord thought about such behavior.

Paul understood fully what our Lord meant when He spoke about “counting the cost” of becoming one of His disciples. Listen to His own words:

**“Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the Knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as Rubbish, that I may gain Christ ----.” (Philippians 3:8)**

Sadly, I have come to the conclusion, that the vast majority of those of us who call ourselves Christians, when presented the choice of pursuing the Truth, or holding on to our own affections, (religious traditions, family, hobby, money, social status, creature comforts, etc.), we will turn away from Truth, join the rich young ruler (Mark 10:17-22), and hold tightly to our own affections. We then wonder why we are so spiritually limited? ---Why we are so spiritually powerless? ---Why do we never seem to get beyond the earthly and into the heavenly? The answer to such questions, as always, is found in Father’s word. Listen ----

**“O Corinthians! We have spoken openly to you, our heart is wide open. You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted by your own affections.”**

(2 Corinthians 6:11&12) Emphasis Added

**“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.” (Colossians 3:1 & 2)**

God’s people have always struggled with truth. When truth confronts our flesh (self) a great confrontation takes place. We either yield to Truth or we yield to “self”, our flesh. This involves a great struggle, and Father’s word clearly tells us that only a “Few” of us will actually end up embracing and walking in Truth. This truth alone should humble anyone who believes God and loves Truth!

**“Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.” (Matthew 7:14) Emphasis Added**

**“For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.” (Galatians 5:17)**

One of our brothers, and I believe a true servant of God, Oswald Chambers, understood fully what a struggle takes place when a man is confronted by Truth. Brother Chambers, writing in his diary, tells of being born again as a young man, and enjoying the presence of Jesus Christ. He was tutoring Philosophy at Dunoon College when he prayed for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, knowing that ----

**“When He, the Spirit of Truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth;” (John 16:14)**

Following Brother Chamber’s request for the Spirit of Truth, he tells us that God used him for the conversion of souls. At the same time, while unknown by those around him, from 1897 to 1901 --- four long years ----Oswald was in a major struggle --- a confrontation between his flesh and Truth. Listen to his own words; *“From that day on for four years, nothing but the overruling grace of God and the kindness of friends kept me out of an asylum.” Oswald Chambers (Abandoned to God Chapter Seven)*

In Oswald Chambers case, as well as in every other person's case who finally sets their heart on seeking Truth, Father was faithful to see him through his life and death struggle (Philippians 1:6). The end result for Oswald was that he received much revelation of Truth. Truth became his central focus and the love of his life. Brother Chambers had much to say about Truth, and I would like to share a few of his quotes that are included in a collection simply titled "Oswald Chambers" which is published by Oliver Nelson, a division of Thomas Nelson Publishers. I highly recommend this book for the library of every Truth seeker. Please listen ----

*"The one great Truth to keep steadfastly before us is the Lord Jesus Christ; He is the Truth. Only the whole truth is the Truth, any part of the truth may become an error. If you have a ray of light on the truth, never call it the whole Truth; follow it up and it will lead you to the central Truth, the Lord Jesus Christ."*

*"The only way to prove spiritual truth is by experiment."*

*"The truth of God is only revealed to us by obedience."*

*"Truth is not discerned intellectually, it is discerned spiritually."*

*"If you only take your own ideas, you will never know the Truth. The whole Truth is the only Truth, and the whole Truth is Jesus Christ --- "I am the Truth". Any bit of truth is an error if taken alone."*

*"There is no one in the world more easy to get to than God. Only one thing prevents us from getting there, and that is the refusal to tell ourselves the truth."*

All I can say concerning Brother Chamber's comments relating to Truth is --- Amen! He had much more to say on this simple subject, but time and space does not allow me to share more of his thoughts. I encourage you to review for yourself what he had to say. I believe you will find your time well spent.

As I begin to draw this message to a close, there are several comments, and observations that I would like to make. First of all, I am not writing to you to tell you that I have discovered Truth, and attempt to persuade you to embrace my truth and follow me. Nothing could be further from the truth. I am simply a man that God chose to woo and draw to Himself. A man, born again, not of the will of his (or anyone else's) flesh, but rather of the will of God Himself through His Spirit. I am nothing and have nothing that has any eternal value, except that which our Father may have given me. Any truth that I may have, is not mine, but His alone. Apart from my union with Him, I am a creature of no value.

**"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning."**

**(James 1:17)** Emphasis Added

Approximately 23 years ago our Lord woke me up spiritually, even though I had made a commitment of faith and been baptized as an eleven year old boy, I was not spiritually awake. For the past 23 years I have spent hours each day feeding on Father's word and seeking Him through prayer and worship; and I tell you in all honesty, that today I know less than I thought I knew ten years ago. The greater revelation that I receive of God, the less sure I am of "self", and the less faith and trust I place in any man – I do not

care who he is or how spiritual he seems to be. I no longer have any faith in man's religion, regardless of how well intentioned it may be. I have made a covenant with God to have but One Lord, One word, One Savior, One Teacher, One Hero, One King, One Master, One Kingdom, One government and One Head ---that being --- Jesus Christ --- The Truth.

Secondly, let me share with you, the purpose of my writing. I believe that Father led me to start writing. Hopefully, there is fruit to be found in these messages. However, I know full well that my flesh has and will (though I do not desire it to do so) express itself from time to time. Therefore, I invite the reader to eat the fruit and discard the seeds.

If I have an agenda in writing, it is to provoke, to challenge, to encourage my brothers and sisters to "think" outside man's religion --- To separate yourself from the world and the things of the world --- To flee from anything and everything that hinders your walk before a Holy God. Dear reader, I tell you in Truth, that your potential in Christ far exceeds your present experience. I don't care if you are 20 years old or 90 years old --- you have a potential that is beyond anything you can imagine; And your Father desires that you come into full bloom before He calls you home. This high calling of Love between God and man will never be achieved through the practice of religion, and the performance of good works. Never! This high calling can only be obtained by the pursuit of Truth, and that, by His grace.

To have lived and died and never have obtained The Truth, the whole Truth and nothing but the Truth, is to experience the greatest loss in Life. Seeking Truth must start with an awareness that Truth exists. Once realized, one must choose to pursue Truth, having determined to go wherever Truth leads them. If a man is to launch a search for Truth, he must do so with Jesus Christ. Otherwise, he is doomed to the world of deception or madness – Either of which is a good reason to have never been born.

Man's highest calling is to know God, in Truth; And to walk a separated life in union with God --- being separated from events, things and creatures --- where God reflects Himself, His likeness, and image, in and through the separated one. This is our highest calling, and is possible for all who are reborn of the Spirit of God.

*"God is the Truth and a light in Himself. When He enters the temple, He drives out ignorance and darkness and reveals Himself in light and Truth." (Meister Eckhart C. 1300)*

Until next I write, may Father bless you with an increased hunger for Truth and the grace to Follow Him.

God Bless,

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