

**"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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TRUTH

“Soaked In Blood”

“But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.” (Isaiah 66:2b)

“Who trembles at My word”! How many professing Christians “tremble” at God’s word today? How many professing Christians actually know what God has said to His people, even though, they have several Bibles lying around their home and office? How many? How many professing Christians that know what God has said to His people, actually believe Him? How many professing Christians, who say they believe Him, demonstrate a reverential fear of Him? How many professing Christians are “hearers” of the Word, but are not “doers” of the Word?

“For not the hearers of the law are just in the sight of God, but the doers of the law will be justified.” (Romans 2:13) Emphasis Added

“Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it.” (Luke 11:28)

“Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” (James 1:21 & 22) Emphasis Added

Dear saints, I am fully persuaded that when all is said and done --- after we have listened to our last sermon --- after we have read our last message or book --- after we have eaten our last meal and drawn our last breath --- when our race has been run and we pass from this life into the very presence of “YHWH” (Yahweh) --- The Word of God --- When at last we hear the audible voice of God --- “Like the sound of many waters” (Ezekiel 43:2b) and we see His hair – “white like wool, as white as snow” and “His eyes like a flame of fire” (Revelation 1:14) --- when we actually see – and make no mistake about it dear reader, you will see Him as He is! ---- When we see Him – “clothed with a robe Dipped in Blood” (Revelation 19:13) – when we finally see “The Word of God” as He is! --- we will join with the likes of Isaiah, Daniel, Ezekiel, John, Paul, and all who’s eyes fall on His glory --- Finally, we will be struck with

“fear and trembling” --- falling before Him as dead men --- awaiting the Word of God to speak! What will you hear dear reader? Will you hear what John heard and the “Few” who follow him hear? ---

“Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forever more. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.” (Revelation 1:17 & 18) Emphasis Added

OR WILL YOU HEAR

**“I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!”
(Matthew 7:23) Emphasis Added**

“Do not be afraid!”, or “I never knew you!” Sooner or later, each of us will hear these very words, or words similar to these. These words of Judgment --- Final Judgment. Once spoken, they are final, not open for discussion nor debate; They are sealed for all of eternity. To hear the words --- “Fear not!” Will bring a peace and sense of tranquility that no man has experienced, apart from those whose ears receive them. To hear the words --- “I never knew you”! --- will bring a gut-wrenching explosion of fear that no human knows, except those whose ears they fall upon. Words of final judgment, coming directly from the Word of God. Listen ----

**“I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and I will put My words in His mouth, and He shall speak to them all that I command Him. And it shall be that whoever will not hear My words, which He speaks in My, name, I will require it of him.” (Deuteronomy 18:18 & 19)
Emphasis Added**

“He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.” (John 14:24)

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

There is no way that one can overemphasize the importance of God’s word. Everything pertaining to Life, all of creation, and God’s relationship with man and man’s relationship with God, hinges on God’s word and on His word alone! Frequently, I am asked two questions by fellow believers. Why do you continually preach to the choir? And, why do you continually emphasize the Word, the Word, the Word? My response is always the same; first, the choir (the institutional church) is exceedingly sick and spiritually malnourished. I believe she represents a field that is ripe for harvest; Souls that are yet unconverted by Biblical definition, but who hunger and thirst for the Truth, as they are being wooed and drawn by our Father. (John 6:44) Secondly, I am directed to emphasize the Word from Genesis 1:1 thru Revelation 22:21, because it is the lack of receiving, and believing the Word that has led to the spiritual sickness of the church as most of us know it. Life began with the Word; and Life will end with the Word. There is nothing! I repeat; there is nothing more important to man, than the Word of God. Nothing!

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the First and the Last.” (Revelation 22:13)

“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

**“I am the Lord. I speak, and the word which I speak will come to pass;”
(Ezekiel 12:25)**

“God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?” (Numbers 23:19)

“For I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me, Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things that are not yet done, Saying, My counsel shall stand, And I will do all My pleasure, - - - I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.” (Isaiah 46:9b, 10 & 11b)

“I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass!”

Oh, that those of us who claim to be followers of Christ, the people of God --- Oh, that we believed those words that came directly from God, the Holy Spirit, through Isaiah’s pen. If we did, things would be quite different today than they are. To start with, we would Fear God, and walk in His blessing of Wisdom -----

**“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have all those who do His commandments. His praise endures forever.”
(Psalm 111:10) Emphasis Added**

Today, the overwhelming majority of those of us who claim to be God’s people are void of any fear of God. We do not fear God, because we do not believe God! We do not believe God, because we do not know God. We do not know God because we have rejected knowledge which can only be found in His Truth! You cannot say that we have not been warned of the consequences of such behavior. Listen ----

“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being “priest” (1 Peter 2:5 & 9) for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.” (Hosea 4:6) Emphasis Added

“The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart ; The commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.”
(Psalm 19:7 – 11) Emphasis Added

Yes, dear reader, we have been warned over and over again; and, many of us have turned a deaf ear to those warnings and have chosen instead to follow the dictates of our own hearts and the flesh of religious leaders that do not fear God nor tremble at His word. Our church --- our religion --- has become everything to us, and Jesus Christ has been relegated to the back row of the assembly hall. Oh yes, we still use His name liberally, loosely and irreverently. Religious pride has spread its deadly poison throughout the body; and we have become spiritually deaf, spiritually blind and spiritually drunk on our “Form” of religion that is void of the “Power of God”. We love ourselves, our families, our friends, our worldly possessions, our social position, our wealth, our food, and our pleasures, including our “practice” of religion ----- we love all of this and more, more than we love God (2 Timothy 3:1 – 5). Paul’s prophecy concerning these days in which we live has clearly come to pass. May God have mercy on us all, as He applies His judgment on us ---His house --- first!

“For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?” (1 Peter 4:17)

“What will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?” What will be the end of those who do not obey God’s word, who do not believe His word, who do not tremble at His word? What will be the end of those who add to and take away from God’s word, according to their own affections (2 Corinthians 6:12)? What will be the end of those who fail to become as little children (Matthew 18:3) and simply choose to “believe” Father; who instead choose to believe their Priest, their Pope, their Pastor, their favorite teacher, an elder, a deacon, or some television idol that promises them peace --- When there is no Peace; what will become of them? What will become of them who fail to heed God’s clear warning?

“Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;” (Philippians 2:12b)
Emphasis Added

Dear reader, the question before us is of eternal importance. It applies to you personally, as well as to me. A. W. Tozer is reported to have frequently asked his listeners: “How can you be so cock sure that you are saved?” That question is seldom asked of professing believers today. Why is that? Why are some offended by my questions, even though they follow closely Father’s word? Why are we so quick to defend our religion and so slow to contend for the faith (Jude 3 & 4)? Why do we show more zeal, love for, and allegiance to our religious leaders and institutions than we do for Jesus Christ? Why? If

we do not change, what will become of us? Has Father addressed a people such as I have described? Yes!, He has. Listen to Truth -----

“To whom shall I speak and give warning; that they may hear? Indeed their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot give heed. Behold, the word of the Lord is a reproach to them; they have no delight in it. From the least of them even to the greatest of them; everyone is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely. They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, saying, Peace, Peace! When there is no peace.

Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? NO! They were not at all ashamed; nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time I punish them, they shall be cast down, says the Lord.” (Jeremiah 6:10, 13 – 15)

Dear saints, for those who can read God’s warning as written in Jeremiah chapter 6, in light of our present spiritual condition, and calmly say that the warning does not apply to us today --- To you, God declares ----

“Hear O earth! Behold, I will certainly bring calamity on this people ---- the fruit of their thoughts; because they have not heeded My words, nor My law, but rejected it.” (Jeremiah 6:19)

For those of us who choose to believe our Father, who have a love for the Truth in our hearts, and are willing to follow Truth where ever Truth leads us, Father would say ----

“Therefore thus says the Lord:”

“Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls.” (Jeremiah 6:16)

**“By humility and the fear of the Lord are riches and honor and life.”
(Proverbs 22:4)**

Now, I am sure that there are those readers whose confidence is so strong in their Pastor, their church and its leadership, that they will reason in their heart, that their form of religion, while not perfect, is none-the-less acceptable in the eyes of God; after all, they say “grace” will cover up our rebellion against the full counsel of God. To those who fall into this category, Jesus declares:

“Hypocrites! Well, did Isaiah prophesy about you saying: These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips, but their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.

Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.

Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.” (Matthew 15: 7, 8, 9, 13 & 14)

Sooner or later “time” will answer all of our questions pertaining to God’s word. Is “the way to Life” as narrow and difficult as Jesus said it was in the Sermon on the Mount? (Matthew 5-7) Will God excuse our failure to heed His warnings? Will God set a precedent with us by treating us differently than He has those who preceded us? Is His word that literally thousands of believers down through time, poured out their blood to defend ---- is it true? Sooner or later, these questions will be answered for each of us. That revelation alone should drive us to our knees in fear and trembling.

What about you dear reader? Where do you stand in relation to God’s word? Are you willing to risk your eternal future on your feelings or opinions rather than on God’s word? Do you put more faith in your religion, your church, your pastor or friends, than you do God’s word? Do you fear God? Do you? Someone asked: How do you learn to “fear God”? My answer is simple; choose to believe God’s word as literal truth, and every man a liar (see Romans 3:4). That’s all anyone of us need do ---
- Just Believe God.

God’s word was sealed by His own Blood as it flowed from His veins; and many, many saints who followed, also spilled their own blood over the pages of God’s word as they defended the Faith, declaring His word to be true. They chose to believe God and die as a result, rather than compromise His word and live. Truly, the Word of God from Genesis 1:1 to Revelation 22:21 is soaked in Blood. I cannot help but wonder what William Tyndell, Polycarp, Paul and all the others who spilled their blood for the sake of God’s word ---- I cannot help but wonder what they would think about our generation of professing Christians, as it relates to God’s word. May God have mercy on us all!

God Bless,

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