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“MAY GOD HAVE MERCY”!

PART THREE

Dear sons and daughters of God, once again I greet you in the name of our only hope - JESUS CHRIST, who alone is worthy of our consideration. He is the fullness of the Godhead in bodily form. (see Colossians 2:9) In Him alone is the word of God the Father. (see Deuteronomy 18:18 and John 1:1 & 14) JESUS CHRIST had the first word when we mere mortals came on the scene and He will have the last word! When all has been said and done you and I will be judged by only one thing - The Word of God! (see John 12:48)

I am writing to you as brothers and sisters, and in no way do I speak to you as one who counts himself as being more mature or more enlightened than any one of you. I have said to you before and I remind you again that apart from JESUS CHRIST, there is in me, no good thing. My flesh wars daily with my spirit and far too often the flesh overwhelms the spirit and I can only cry out “Oh God have mercy on me!” Before God I tell you that I do not count myself worthy to deliver any message for our God to His people. However, I cannot keep inside what FATHER has placed in my heart. I cannot! One of my greatest fears is that FATHER would stop speaking to me and that the fire that burns within me might be reduced to not more than lukewarm coals that once were a blazing fire. I can think of nothing worse for we who are called by His name than to have run our race of life and finish with lots of religious form, but with no power. How sad, after all that JESUS has done for us, to have lived and died and not have ever become His friend. To wake up in eternity and find that instead of JESUS CHRIST having been our first love - instead of having given Him our total devotion - we learn that we had spent our life devoting ourselves to a person or an institution. We believed in Him, but we did not believe Him ! Instead we chose to believe a mere mortal man and follow his institution. Rather than separate ourselves wholly unto Him, we chose something less than the Best. May God have mercy on us all and wake us up before our time is spent and we rush headlong into eternity.

May the following message be used of FATHER to provoke us to repentance. May these words cause us to turn back to JESUS alone. May our FATHER bless us with a fresh revelation of His Sons’ sufferings and of His bloody cross that was endured for each of us. May this message be used of FATHER to direct us back to the highway of holiness.(see Isaiah 35:8) May our God have mercy on us all and bless us by allowing us to finish our race in a blaze of His glory! May the words on this paper bring only glory and honor to His name as the one who writes decreases and He increases!

Please read on with our FATHERS’ word close at hand and rely on the Holy Spirit to feed you His fruit and to protect you from the seeds of my flesh.

Since I last wrote to you we have continued to mock our Gods’ word and heap shame and reproach on His holy name before the pagan world. A few nights ago I turned on the ten o’clock evening news (Fox) and one of their lead stories was coverage of a Catholic service where they were blessing dogs, cats, monkeys and even a huge python snake, and all at the altar. It looked and sounded like a carnival side show and it reeked of the smell of death. The next day I ran into several people who saw the same news broadcast and they just laughed it off. Instead of tears, we just smile or laugh and go on our way, while the storm clouds of Gods’ holiness continue to build.

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For those of you who have not been entrapped in the mess that is being exposed in the Catholic or Episcopal Church, please be warned. Corruption - spiritual corruption has now spread throughout what we call the Church. This corruption has not passed over any denomination or religious institution. The spiritual war that now rages is inside the institutional Church. Hear me my brothers and sisters, the battle in the heavenlies is not over the nations - it is over the church! The forces of heaven and hell are fully engaged in the assemblies of those who are called by His name. This is no laughing matter! Life and death - blessing and cursing - heaven and hell are at stake. Lucifer is an ancient foe and we are not a match for him. Unless JESUS provides us protection, this ancient foe will devour us.

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” (1Peter 5:8)

To those who have ears to hear - hear the word of GOD:

“Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a FATHER to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters. Says the Lord Almighty.” (2 Corinthians 6:17 & 18)

“Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.” (2 Corinthians 7:1)

Today there is a greater concern for the preservation and protection of the religious institution than there is in the individuals' spiritual growth. For the most part, the institutional church is nothing more than a service organization that at best attempts to maintain the status quo of the members spiritual immaturity. The institution today is full of religious ritual and form but has virtually no power. Very soon the institutional church as we have known it will become irrelevant in relation to its' influence on the nations, cities and states of the world. If you think this to be a harsh judgment of what we call the church, I only ask that you go back fifty years to 1953 and examine our spiritual maturity and morality, and then fast forward to our present day to examine the facts as they relate to the institutional church. Is there a greater fear of God today than there was in 1953? Is the divorce rate less today that it was in 1953? Is there less adultery and fornication in the church today than there was in 1953? Are there fewer homosexuals operating in the church today than there were in 1953? Is there less greed in the church today than there was in 1953? Is there a greater love for God today and less love for pleasure than there was in 1953? Is there less debt in the church today than there was in 1953? Are there fewer babies slaughtered in the womb of the church today than there were in 1953? Is there less division in the church today than there was in 1953? Is there less spiritual pride in the church today than there was in 1953? Is there more of the manifested glory of God and less of mans' flesh in the church today than there was in 1953? Examine the cold, hard facts of reality for yourself. Only a fool or one who is intellectually dishonest would answer these questions with a “yes”! If our decline in spiritual maturity and morality continues at the same rate over the next fifty years as it has just the last fifty years, what will we look like to GOD?

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The God that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob served - the God that Moses, Jeremiah and Isaiah served - the God that Paul, Peter and John served and that JESUS CHRIST revealed in the flesh is for the most part unknown in the church today. The God that struck Ananias and Sapphira grave yard dead for lying to Him is no longer the God that leads the institutional church today. The God that releases His wrath on mankind as described in the book of Revelation is no longer a factor in the modern day church. Today, we have a humanized god. We have a god that winks at the sodomites, that excuses our lewd behavior and our adulterous affairs. Today we have a god that no

longer requires obedience much less the pursuit of holiness. The god found in the average church today is a god of compromise who now places a greater importance on the preservation and unity of mans' institution than he does on repentance and the pursuit of holiness. The god presented today is not to be feared, rather he is here to spoil us by providing us with all of our hearts desires. After all, this god we find being presented today is our best friend, our closest ally and he delights in our current behavior. The only problem is that this god is Not the GOD found between Genesis 1:1 and Revelation 22:21. What we are now experiencing is the reality of Gods' warning which is found in 2 Corinthians 11: 14 & 15. Listen -

“For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into minister of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”

MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON US!

The great deceiver, Lucifer himself, has convinced us that we are O.K. with God. Our enemy has corrupted the message of God's grace and slowly led us away from the highway of holiness into the broad way of destruction. He has done it in the name of JESUS and in opposition to the very word of God. Sadly, we have allowed him to do his dirty work all the while unchallenged. But I declare to you today that the enemy and his darkness will be exposed and there will be a season of separation for those who have ears to hear. FATHER will raise up voices that He can trust to deliver His word. As the word is delivered there will once again be a demonstration of His power and much assurance flowing to the people. (see 1 Thessalonians 1:5)

What we are about to see as FATHER demonstrates His power will not be the typical charismatic demonstration that has become so common over the past few decades. No! The manifested power of a holy God will be anything but entertaining. The manifested power of our holy God will not come as we attempt to move Him thru song and other forms of manipulation, regardless of how well intentioned the efforts are. The manifested power of our holy God will not produce hysterical laughter among His people but rather it will produce tears of repentance. As our God once again visits His people as in days past, the atmosphere of the assembly will not be that of celebration, of tambourine rattling and dancing. No! The atmosphere of the assembly that is blessed with divine visitation will be marked by brokenness, humility and a deep, deep sense of repentance. All form of religion will burn up in a flash. The spiritual control, manipulation and domination that man attempts to exercise over God's people in the name of leadership, will instantly vanish. The great “cover up” that we are now engaged in will be exposed before the fire of His holiness. Nothing will be hidden! Listen to our brother A.W. Tozer:

“We also are guilty of hiding our inner state. The Bible plainly tells us to expose our inner state to God, but we would rather cover it up.

We disguise the poverty of our spirit. (Revelation 3:14-17) If we should suddenly be revealed to those around us on the outside as Almighty God sees us within our souls, we would become the most embarrassed people in the world. If that should happen, we would be revealed as people barely able to stand, people in rags, some too dirty to be decent, some with great open sores. Some would be revealed in such condition that they would be turned out of Skid Row. We disguise our poverty of spirit and hide our inward state in order to preserve our reputation.”
(A.W. Tozer - “I Talk Back To The Devil”)

Brother Tozer saw clearly the spiritual condition of the Church and he openly grieved for what he saw. Since Tozer's death in 1963 we have declined to a level of spiritual poverty that I believe would even shock Tozer. As one brother from North Carolina said, in a recent letter to me - *“This nation is in spiritual freefall.”* My brother is correct and I would only add that the church is now in spiritual freefall with the world. Some of us may cover our ears, mock the warning of God and continue on in our adulterous affair with the spirits of religion. We may continue promoting our own agenda and spreading the gospel of cheap grace as we finish our race in absolute spiritual denial, just as the drunk declares that he can stop drinking whenever he wants, because he has no problem. But know this, saints. There is a spiritual payday of reckoning coming and in that day neither you nor I will have

any excuse for having turned a deaf ear to the warnings of a holy God. No excuse whatsoever!

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**“If a trumpet is blown in a city, will not the people be afraid?
If there is calamity in a city, will not the Lord have done it?”**

**Surely the Lord God does nothing, Unless He reveals
His secret to His servants the prophets.” (Amos 3: 6 & 7)**

My study Bible includes the following editorial comments concerning Amos 3:6&7, Listen: *“Understand that God sent calamity to turn the people back to Him. Understand that God never does anything He has not announced beforehand through His prophets. God’s judgments should never be a complete surprise because we already know what His standards are. His word will announce beforehand any judgment to give His people ample opportunity to repent and turn from their sin. (see 2 Chr. 7:14).”*

The parallels between the people of God in the days of Amos and the people of God today are frightfully similar. It is almost as if we are a mirror reflection of those days when God spoke clearly through Amos. Once again I quote the Biblical historians that have studied those days in detail.

“The middle of the eighth century B.C. was a time of great prosperity for both Israel and Judah. Israel and Judah had reached new political and military heights, but the religious situation was at an all-time low. Idolatry was rampant; the rich were living in luxury while the poor were oppressed; there was widespread immorality; and the judicial system was corrupt. The people interpreted their prosperity as a sign of God’s blessing on them. The people of Israel had broken their covenant with God. As a result, God warned them that their sin would be punished and the punishment would be severe.”

The problem today among God’s people is not their sin. The problem today in the church is not sodomizing the children or slaughtering the unborn. Our problem today is not our lack of fear of a holy God nor our loving pleasure more than our love of God. The adultery, fornication, divorce, greed and idolatry is not our real problem. Strife, division, jealousy and the practice of lying, while hated of God, is not our greatest problem. My brothers and sisters, all of the above sin and more can be forgiven and forgotten before you can finish reading this sentence. The Blood that spilled from the Body of JESUS CHRIST on that day washes away all of our repented of sin. However, the Blood of God never washed away His commandment that the heart of man must obey Him. Obedience to God has never and never will be done away with. Only the spirit of the antichrist would tell you differently. Only Lucifer would tell us that we can play the whore in Babylon and be accepted in heaven. Only Lucifer would tell us that we can practice lawlessness and be accepted in heaven. (see Matthew 7:23) Only Lucifer would tell us that so long as we attend church, are baptized and give some money, we will be accepted in heaven. (see John 3:3) Only the spirit of the antichrist would tell us that we need not take God’s word literally. (see Matthew 4:35) Only the ancient foe of JESUS CHRIST would tell us that we are good people and that God would never send us to hell. (see Matthew 19:17)

Much of what we hear today sounds so good to our flesh and human reasoning. It sounds so sweet, so reasonable and at times it sounds like love. These were the same sounds that were heard by Eve in the garden when the “hiss of hell” mimicked the voice of God - and man took the bait, just as many of us today are taking the bait. Nothing has changed. The spiritual war rages on and once again the people of God find themselves right where their spiritual forefathers found themselves. Their problem was the same problem that is now once again coming into full bloom. They became drunk on the sin of “religious pride”! “Pride” caused Lucifer to fall from heaven. Not only that but one third of all the angels of heaven were also overcome by pride and fell with Lucifer. Adam and Eve, who actually walked with God and knew no sin, were overcome by the spirit of pride as they desired to know

as God knows. God says to man - "You cannot!" - man says - "I can". As it was in the days of Noah, and in the days of Amos, and in the days of JESUS of Nazareth - so it is today, and the flesh of man loves to have it so!

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When the people of God were overcome by religious pride in the days of Amos, and after they turned a deaf ear to the warnings of God and His call for repentance, He then declared the following:

"Behold the days are coming, says the Lord God, That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the Lord. They shall wander from sea to sea, And from north to east; They shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, But shall not find it." (Amos 8:11 & 12)

The famine is upon us. The words of the Lord are now seldom heard as evidenced by our behavior. Christians are now wandering from north to east and from coast to coast, from meeting to meeting and conference to conference in an effort to hear the word, but they do not find it. The famine or "lack" is not of the word of the Lord. We have more of God's word available today than ever before in the history of mankind. The famine is the spiritual deafness of God's people. Most of us can no longer hear what God is saying through His prophetic voice. Clearly God Himself has sent this famine and He has done so because of our refusal to heed His prior warnings and the increase in our attitude of spiritual self confidence which is nothing but pride. We now know more than God. We certainly do not take Him at His word, except when we think we will receive something that we want from it.

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Whenever God's people turn their ears away from His call for repentance and the pursuit of holiness and righteousness only judgment follows. When the vast majority of those who are called by His name lose all of their fear of Him and speak of Him as if He was their very own blessing machine or personal servant, you can expect the sword, pestilence and famine to soon follow. When the voice of repentance, holiness and righteousness is silenced in the assembly as it is now, know that all restraints have been removed and what will follow will cause today's headlines of sin in the church to pale in comparison. Sin will now abound beyond anything that we have imagined. With the restraints removed, it will not take long for us to see just how wicked and evil the human heart really is. For those of us who cannot imagine more spiritual corruption in the church than we have now, I can only say that I believe we have only seen the beginning. If FATHER delays in applying His full judgment to us we may be assured of a further decline in our spiritual maturity. Confirmation of this spiritual certainty is found in FATHER'S word. Isaiah chapter 26 speaks clearly to the issue of God's judgment. Listen -

"With my soul I have desired You in the night, Yes, by my spirit within me I will seek You early; For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

Let grace be shown to the wicked, Yet he will not learn righteousness; In the land of uprightness he will deal unjustly, And will not behold the majesty of the Lord." (V's 9&10)

The fact that we are so confident that we, as the church, are not counted by God as being included with those who are called wicked, is sufficient proof that we are now drunk on spiritual pride, the one thing that God will not tolerate.

"Know therefore and see that it is an evil and bitter thing That you have forsaken the Lord your God, And the fear of Me is not in you, Says the Lord God of hosts."

"Yet you say, Because I am innocent, Surely His anger shall turn from me.

Behold I will plead My case against you, Because you say, I have not sinned.”(Jeremiah 2:19 & 35)

Almighty God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God who dwells in unapproachable light, upon whose Face no man can look and live, the one true God of all time and eternity is now pleading His case against us. This is the time for you and I to decide who we will believe - God or a mere mortal. FATHER’S remnant is now being assembled, and for those of us who are found worthy to be included in this latter day remnant, there is great hope. Always remember that our FATHER’S heart desires above all things to bless us, and bless us He will, if we will only acknowledge our corruption, repent and turn to Him alone. Nothing moves FATHER’S heart more than true repentance. Sadly, the institutional church, as a whole, will not repent, but that does not keep you and I from separating our hearts wholly unto Him.

As our hearts are separated wholly unto God, discipleship soon follows. Are you qualified to be a Disciple of JESUS CHRIST? The message that will soon follow addresses this question. Until then -

GOD Bless,

Tom

P.S. In the past several weeks I have received many calls and letters of encouragement. I want to thank each of you who have taken the time to write or call. I especially appreciate the Ministers who have written to endorse the message as “truth”. Our FATHER has been so faithful to encourage me at just the right time. Your call or letter, when received, is much like having a dear friend come by for a visit. I am so blessed. I love each of you - I really do - and I just want to see you in heaven. Beyond that, I have no other agenda.