

"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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## “JUDGMENT?”

On Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, hurricane Katrina struck the Gulf Coast of the United States. In a few short hours this storm wreaked a measure of damage on the land unprecedented in modern times. The extent of the destruction was not fully realized three weeks after the event.

For the secular world this was just one more unfortunate event, just one more storm like all those before it, and no doubt, like all those that will come from time to time. After the initial shock wears off, the world's response is always positive and full of fleshly pride. *“We will build back! We will restore what was destroyed and create something better than what was lost! In the end, we will be a much stronger and wiser people! After all, we are the greatest of all nations on the earth!”* For the past four weeks these very words have been heard around the world as man boasts about his ability to prevail in all things.

The response of the secular world is what I would expect. After all, they are being true to what and who they are. But, what response to a destructive event such as Katrina is heard from the sons and daughters of God? What says the born-again child of God who is filled with (Ephesians 5:18), led by (Romans 8:14), or walking in (Galatians 5:16) the Holy Spirit of God? What says the Kingdom of God to a lost and dying world? Are we, those of us who call ourselves followers of Jesus Christ, and who worship Him in spirit and truth, not called to reflect His likeness and His image? If we do not speak for Him – if we do not express His word – if we do not defend His position – then who will? Who will declare the mind of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? Who will give direction to a world that is destined to experience the wrath of a holy God and be purified with fire (2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 1: 7 & 8 - Revelation 19:15)?

In times like these the people are in desperate need of hearing from heaven. Who should be better prepared to express the mind of God than His very own people? The world has no shortage of vocal supporters from the highest levels of government to the average man on the street. It would seem the voices who express the heart of God, in calling the Church to repentance, to holiness, to righteousness, and to obedience, for the commandments, precepts, and judgments of God are few and far between.

For four weeks, now, I have been listening to reports on the aftermath of Katrina. I have tried to listen objectively before coming to any conclusions about the state of our spiritual health. People have sent e-mails of numerous prophecies given concerning New Orleans, well before the devastation on August 29<sup>th</sup>. I have listened to several big name TV evangelists as they discussed the events of last month. I have also discussed the situation with numerous brothers and sisters in several states. These are brothers and sisters whom I hold in high esteem. They are devoted to our King and to His government and Kingdom. These saints have spent decades feeding on God's Word under the tutelage of the Holy Spirit. Their reports of what they were hearing confirms what I was hearing, where Father has planted me.

Dear saints, the world is heading into the face of the perfect storm where man's rebellion, doubt, nonbelief, and religion will clash with the holiness of God. The outer bands of the storm will fall first on the house of the Lord – on those of us who call ourselves followers of Jesus Christ. The winds are picking up. The storm tide is rising and the clouds are growing darker each day. Try as we might, there will be no escape from the storm of the Holiness of God!

Now is the time. This is the hour for the true prophet of God, the true watchman, to rise up and declare the word of God, that the sons and daughters of God would flee from Babylon and prepare themselves for the day when God will reveal Himself in such a manner that many will drop dead from fright.

**“And there will be signs in the sun, in the moon, and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.”**  
(Luke 21: 25 & 26)

As Jesus was on His way to His execution, the following account was recorded in Luke, Chapter 23, verses 27 through 30;

**“And a great multitude of the people followed Him, and women who also mourned and lamented Him. But Jesus, turning to them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for Me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For indeed the days are coming in which they will say, Blessed are the barren, wombs that never bore, and breasts which never nursed! Then they will begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us! And to the hills, cover us!”**

Listen, Saints. Our God has given us His word, with very clear commandments, along with His precepts and judgments. God's word is as holy as He because He and the word are One, and they are inseparable (John 1: 1-14). Only a fool would dare turn a deaf ear to the word of God – and yet, that is what most of the Christian community has done

today. We have openly mocked God in our total arrogance, even knowing that He has declared through His word that –

**“He has magnified His word above His name.” (Psalm 138:2)**

**“That His word will stand forever.” (Isaiah 40:8)**

In Psalm 89, verse 34, God declares:

**“My covenant I will not break nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.”**

One could go through Father’s word from Genesis to Revelation and fill several pages with scripture declaring the inevitability of God’s word. Jesus warned us that the Word was established forever when He said:

**“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”  
(Matthew 24:35)**

**“And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than  
for one tittle\* of the law to fail.” (Luke 16: 17)**

God declared to man what He expected when He placed him on the earth. Man elected to disobey God. As a result, his suffering continues to this day. You see, there is a spiritual principal as certain as the natural law of gravity. When man humbles himself before God, obeying His word to the best of his ability, he is blessed of God. It is such a man, in fact, whom God says He will look upon.

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

How many of us tremble at God’s word, today, or carry in our bosom a truly reverential fear of God, or declare with our lips that we love Jesus, but fail to receive and keep His word? He declares that only those who obey Him actually love Him. All others are liars! (see John, Chapter 14 and 1<sup>st</sup> John 2:4) Dear reader, are you a liar? It would be better to find out now than as you draw your final breath, for Father’s grace is being extended to us, daily, in hopes that we, God’s people, will repent and turn from our wicked ways.

One of the signs we are in serious trouble with God is the attitude of the modern day Church in relation to sin, believing if God is angry with man, it is not because of us, His people, who claim to follow Jesus Christ. It is due to the pagan court system, the abortionists, secular schools, sex and violence on television and in motion pictures. We believe the problem lies with “them”, not with us. We are the good guys. They are the bad. Many of us are so confident of our good standing before a thrice holy God that we believe He is going to rapture us up and out of harms way when He sends His heavy hand of judgment. May God have mercy on us! If this describes you, dear reader, go quickly to

\* tittle – smallest stroke in a Hebrew letter

read Ezekiel, chapter nine. There is a holy slaughter on its way to this earth. That slaughter will begin with the house of the Lord or the people of God. Believe it, dear reader, for God has so declared it. (see Ezekiel chapter nine and 1<sup>st</sup> Peter 4: 17 & 18) Difficult as it may be to believe, God's anger is directed toward His people when they mock Him, fail to fear Him or follow the dictates of their own hearts. His word is given to His people, to you and me. It is not given to pagans or non-believers. Pagans are true to who and what they are. God does not expect them to behave any differently than they currently do. In the end, they will be found eternal residents of Hell.

Today, the world of Christianity is full of carnal noise with voices appealing to every affection of man's heart. Most of these voices appeal to the desires of people to *feel good* about themselves. Religious spirits have assumed control of the majority and Jezebel rules and reigns in the modern day Church, and, sadly, the vast majority love it. The word of God is no longer the issue and is no longer the lamp which guides the feet (Psalm 119:105). Issues are no longer settled according to God's word, but according to the ones who control the system of men. We call it *leadership*. God calls it *control – manipulation, and domination*.

The Christian institution has become big business. We may deny it, but money feeds the root of our problem of rebellion against God's word – the fruit of having no fear of Him. Money – money – money – there is never enough for man's institution. Never mind that we are, for the most part, powerless or that we do not know God's word, or that our faith level is so miniscule that we cannot even believe God to heal a head cold. And never mind that we love our pleasures more than we love God or that we accept the words flowing from our Christian idols above those spoken by the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, or that the modern day Church has become a safe haven for every form of sin mentioned in the Holy Writ. *Never mind* says Jezebel; *just send more money and God will bless you a hundred fold!* The hiss of Hell grows louder by the day! Thus says the Lord of hosts:

**“Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you.  
They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the  
mouth of the Lord. They continually say to those who despise Me, The  
Lord has said, ‘You shall have peace’, and to everyone who walks  
according to the dictates of his own heart, they say, ‘No evil shall come upon you’.  
For who has stood in the counsel of the Lord, and has perceived and heard  
His word? Who has marked His word and heard it?  
Behold, a whirlwind of the Lord has gone forth in a fury – a violent whirlwind!  
It will fall violently on the head of the wicked.  
The anger of the Lord will not turn back until He has executed and performed the  
thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly.  
(Jeremiah 23: 16-20)**

Dear saints, the troubles we have witnessed during the past year are only warnings. Our God does not desire to inflict harm on us. He takes no pleasure in the death of anyone, but He must judge His house because His honor is at stake.

**“Therefore I will judge you, Oh house of Israel, everyone according to his ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, so that iniquity will not be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions which you have committed, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. For why should you die, Oh house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of one who dies, says the Lord God. Therefore turn and live!”**  
**(Ezekiel 19: 30-32)**

God has always preferred for His people to repent, avoiding the pain of His discipline. Our God is a loving Father and He takes no absolute pleasure in punishing us, but, punish us He will if we fail to obey Him and do as He commands us. He is not like us. He does not “say” and then not do. He has made His position in this matter of sending His rod of discipline to His people so clear that even a child can understand. To turn a deaf ear to God’s clear warnings and to disobey His word will result in His responding to the disobedience in the same manner as He always has.

**“For I am the Lord, I do not change;” (Malachi 3:6)**

**“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)**

Whenever God’s people behave in a certain manner, His response is the same – always the same. He shows absolutely no partiality (Acts 10:34). This undeniable truth should strike a holy fear in each believers heart, and because it does not, God’s true prophetic word (2<sup>nd</sup> Thessalonians 2:3, 11 & 12 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3: 1-9 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Peter 3: 1-18) is confirmed. Our present states of spiritual immaturity and corruption were clearly prophesied in God’s word. As He declared it, so it is. Of the “many” who have entered the Christian community through the wide gate (Matthew 7: 13 & 14) and now walk the broad way, God would say:

**“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priests for Me; Because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.” (Hosea 4:6)**

God’s judgment is as certain to fall upon us as the sun to rise and set, and that judgment will increase in waves of frequency and intensity. The majority of His people will refuse to repent just as they always have. Judgment will increase seven fold in severity as our God attempts to turn us from our rebellion (read Leviticus 26:3-39). The pride of our nation will be broken, but not before He breaks the religious pride of the Church. The lying priests, prophets, preachers, and evangelists who continue to lie to the people and fail to warn them of the wrath to come will be dealt with severely by a holy

God. Their blood will soak the altars as God releases His anger against all who lead His sheep into darkness. Oh, the holiness of God is greatly to be feared, my brothers and sisters. Believe Him! I plead with you, in the name of Jesus Christ. I beg you to believe God. Flee from the honey-dripping lips of the lying ones whose hands are covered with the blood of saints! (Ezekiel 3: 17 & 18) Fear God before it is too late!

**“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”  
“For our God is a consuming fire.” (Hebrews 10:31 & 12:29)**

Dear readers, I realize that these words are hard, gut wrenching, and unpleasant. They leave me with a sickened feeling and an inward cry of “Oh God, have mercy! Have mercy!” Being fully aware this warning will fall on many deaf ears with closed minds, I know that I will be labeled a fanatic and may be rejected by friends or family. I cannot deny what God has entrusted to me nor called me to do. I have no agenda than to defend the honor, Name, and the word of my God. I will press on.

I close on a positive note with the 91<sup>st</sup> Psalm. Father has always had a remnant – always. He has a remnant today that has heard and continues to hear His merciful warnings and are fleeing spiritual Babylon. His covering, His blessing, His protection – all of His love and goodness toward man awaits those who hear and flee to Him – and to Him, alone!

**“He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High  
shall abide under the shadow of the almighty.”**

When the perfect storm of the holiness of God makes landfall, may you and I be found resting in His shadow where peace flows like a river and our joy is beyond expression.

Your Brother,

Tom

