

"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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## GREETINGS!

### IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Another year will soon have passed by and we will all find ourselves one year closer to our final destination. As the years come and go, I find myself reflecting upon the past, evaluating the present, and looking to the future. Now, more than ever, I find that Father's word gives clarity to this process of evaluating ones life and protects us from the spirits of deception. Not only that, but Father's word prepares us for the "tomorrows" of life. Only our Father knows what lies ahead, and He desires that each of us be prepared for His "suddenlys" of life. One thing is for certain, what God has declared "to be", will "be"! May He grant us all, the grace to hunger and thirst for the Truth, before our time is spent and we find ourselves caught up in His "suddenlys".

The longer that I travel this road through time, that we call life, the more I am convinced of the following truths:

First, in relation to the wholeness of God and the entirety of Truth, we know virtually nothing. To think otherwise, is to confirm ones spiritual immaturity and lack of knowledge, as it relates to God.

**"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,"** says the Lord.

**"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts."**  
(Isaiah 55: 8 & 9)

In our pursuit of God, I am persuaded that the deeper we go – the less we know. The less we know, the freer we become. The freer we are, the more child-like we become. The more child-like we become – the closer we are to God.

**"Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven."** (Matthew 18:3)

The second truth that I am convinced of is that man cannot live life as Father intended that we live it, except as we receive, accept by faith, and act on every word that God has spoken to us.

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

God’s word is literally alive and able to reproduce after its own kind. When the Holy Spirit inoculates a man’s heart with His word, it becomes a living word. Out of that man or woman will come the confirmation of God’s word through the accompanying signs (Mark 16:20). God’s word reproduces repentance, deliverance, restoration, salvation, healing, peace, joy, wisdom, knowledge, love, prosperity, unity and every other quality of life that Father intended that we have. Much of our lack, much of our trouble and much of our suffering today is due to nothing more than spiritual malnutrition. Most Christians have little or no appetite for God’s word, not realizing that with out it, they cannot live life enjoying the full blessing of God.

Another truth that governs man’s life on earth and determines his eternal destiny is “obedience” to what God has commanded of man. There is no salvation for man apart from a sincere desire of the heart to obey God. To obey Him, above all other voices including the voice of “self” (what I think). This obedience can only flow from the love of God that is produced in the heart of man when he or she is spiritually reborn, otherwise obedience is nothing more than legalism and has no life in it.

**“And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him.” (Hebrews 5:9)**

One of the most shocking truths that I have discovered is that just because I believe something to be true, does not make it true. A lie becomes truth to the man who believes it. JESUS warned us about the dangers of deception, especially in the latter days (Matthew 24: 4, 11 & 24). Sadly, many have ignored our Lord’s sober warnings applying them to “others”, while they themselves have become stone deaf to the voice of the Holy Spirit. Having no love for the truth (2 Thessalonians 2: 9 & 10) they are unteachable, blind and counted among the many who are on the road to hell.

An example of what I am talking about would be accepting as truth the following: “To be saved one must believe in Jesus, accept Him as Savior and join the church.” That statement sounds good and like the hiss of deception that was heard by Eve in the garden, it is a lie encased in what appears to be truth. Much could be said about this statement, evaluating it by Father’s word, which would expose the darkness that it contains. However, that is not my desire at this time. I would only point out the words “join the church” as an example of a lie that is believed by the majority of Christians. I personally believed this statement, accepted it as truth, and walked in it up until the past three or four years. It was not until the Holy Spirit put me in a place where He could correct me and lead me into truth (John 16:13), that I learned that one could not join the “true church” – it was impossible! The only way one could become a part of the body of Christ in the earth was to be “born into it”.

**“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.” (John 3:3)**

You cannot find in the entirety of God’s word between Genesis 1:1 and Revelation 22:21 even a hint of a basis for believing that one can “join” the church and as a result of that

“joining”, be saved. Man cannot join anything that will result in salvation. However, there is much said in God’s word about separating oneself from certain groups of people, which could include a church that was started by man. Your inward response to that statement might indicate just how teachable, or unteachable you are.

My final reflection upon the many truths of God involves the briefness of life. In relation to the wholeness of time here on earth, man’s life is like a brief dream.

**“As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. For the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.”**  
**(Psalm 103: 15 & 16)**

**“Indeed, You have made my days as handbreadths, and my age is as nothing before You; Certainly every man at his best state is but vapor.” (Psalm 39:5)**

The clock of time cannot be suspended, regardless of how hard we try to extend our time here on earth. In but a moment, you and I will be gone from this earth. With our departure, we will lose forever the opportunity to prepare for eternity. If we could only walk in the revelation of this truth, how different our lives would be in the “here and now”. How many blessings of God will we leave unclaimed simply because we lived a spiritually adulterous life with the world, and the lies that were designed to keep us from being conformed into the image of Jesus Christ? How much suffering and loss could be avoided if we only walked out life as our God has commanded that we do?

If our Father has given us “today,” – should we not seek Him “today” – with all of our heart? Should we not choose to believe Him “today”, rather than man and false spirits of religion? If our Father has given us “today”, should we not give Him ourselves “today” – with no strings attached? If Father chooses to give us “today” should not our purpose for taking up time and space, be to provide Him with our intimacy? Should we not be about serving His kingdom and government – today? Why else should we exist?

I close now, and as I do I would like to pray a blessing over you. My prayer is that you will be granted the grace to come into full spiritual bloom, and be all that you have the potential of being to our God. May you be found receiving Father’s increase – more and more – of Him – today. May you be found hungering and thirsting for “truth” all of your days. May you be set free, in the name of Jesus Christ, from all religious spirits that hinder your pursuit of truth. May you be filled with a passion for our Lord Jesus Christ, that grows in intensity day by day. Finally, when the clock of time ticks off your last second here on earth, may you cross over in peace, being received on the other side as His friend.

God Bless

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