

"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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GOD'S WORD WILL PREVAIL !!

(Part Three)

As this series of messages emphasizing the certainty of GOD'S word prevailing in all things has unfolded, I have been overwhelmed by the awareness of how helpless I am apart from His word. Not one of us can escape FATHER'S word – not one! Whether we realize it or not, our FATHER'S word regulates life in all forms, including in man, as well as all of creation. Realizing this spiritual truth causes us to have a greater appreciation of our Lord's words as recorded in Matthew 4:4. Listen –

"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God."

Saints, we cannot ever escape the consequences of God's word by pleading ignorance to that word. A lack of knowledge concerning FATHER'S word will not keep His word from prevailing.

"My people are destroyed for lack of Knowledge." (Hosea 4:6)

Today, there is much sickness, disease, strife, division, religious bondage and all sorts of corruption among those who call themselves God's people – all because of a lack of knowledge as it relates to our FATHER'S word. On the other hand, blessed are those of us who walk in the full counsel of God's word. Listen –

**"Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the Lord!
Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, who seek Him with the whole heart!"
(Psalm 119: 1 & 2)**

"Blessed is every one who fears the Lord, who walks in His ways." (Psalm 128:1)

Our FATHER'S formula for living a life here on earth as FATHER desires that it be lived, is found in His word, and no where else. That formula is so simple. When all has been said, and man has expressed his own opinion, it comes down to the following; Knowledge of God's word and a heart set to obey that word brings blessing. The lack of

the knowledge of God's word, or having the knowledge but lacking a hearts desire to obey His word results in a loss of blessing. Either way, God's word prevails, every time. Our FATHER has given each of us a "free will" and allowed us to choose – either His word or man's religion. Sadly, rather than choosing His word, the vast majority of us have chosen man's religion. We have made our choice in opposition to His word, and we have done it all in the name of JESUS. By using the name of JESUS we are confident that God is well pleased with us. Many would say that God's grace excuses us from obeying Him, especially when we believe in JESUS. To those, God would say:

"- - - if you do not obey ME, but walk contrary to ME, then I also will walk contrary to you in fury;" (Leviticus 26: 27 & 28)

Dear saints, man has never profited by knowingly or unknowingly rejecting or ignoring God's word in favor of their opinion or that of their particular religious group. Obeying God has always resulted in man being blessed. While disobeying God has always resulted in the loss of blessing. God's word is filled with examples of what happens when His very own people disobey His word. From Moses, to the sons of Aaron – from Ananias and Sapphira to the Church at Laodicea, we are reminded that obedience is better than sacrifice.

"Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, - - - " (1 Samuel 15:22)

Our Lord had so much to say about obeying our FATHER and His word. According to JESUS, there was only one way to demonstrate our love for Him and that was by obeying Him. Please read it for yourself in John 14: 15 through 24. As you read take special note of verses 21 and 23. There He promises a blessing that few of us have experienced. I must confess, that as yet, I have not experienced this blessing to the degree that He desires that I experience it. However, I am greatly encouraged, as you should be, that as we set our hearts to obey Him, His word will prevail and the blessing of His manifested presence will be our experience. Praise God, for the truth of His word.

When it comes to an example of one obeying His word, there is none greater than JESUS CHRIST, Himself. Listen to the writer of Hebrews:

"who, in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him, called by God as High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek, of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing." (Hebrews 5: 7-11)

Have we become so dull of hearing, or worse, have heard and rejected God's word believing that we are not expected to fear God and obey Him? If God has declared that His Son JESUS is the author of eternal salvation to all who have hearts set to obey Him, what about those of us who do not have hearts that have chosen to obey Him? What

about those of us that obey man's word and man's traditions where they defy God's word? Are we now so spiritually blind and spiritually deaf that we have lost all sense of who God really is? Do we dare mock Him to His face just because He is at present silent? Have we come to the place where we believe God is just like us? I believe that most of us have no more fear of God than we do of a family pet, and precious few will ever tremble before His word. To our generation the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob says:

**"These things you have done, and I kept silent; You thought that I was altogether like you; But I will rebuke you, And set them in order before your eyes."
(Psalm 50:21)**

May God have mercy on us all, as His word prevails.

Today the most serious sin confronting the Christian community, is not the fact that we are not living our lives in perfection, even though we are commanded to do so (see Matthew 5:48 and Colossians 1:28). As I have said before, FATHER knows that we are in a struggle against the weakness of our flesh (see Galatians 5:17). He knows that we are in a process of being perfected and that He, not we, but He will complete the work of perfection in us by His very own Spirit (see Philippians 1:6). No saints, our lack of perfection is not our greatest problem as we live out our lives before the great I AM. Our greatest sin is not choosing GOD, rather than man and man's religion. Please know that we cannot choose GOD and at the same time reject His word. We cannot! God and His word are one and the same. If we reject the Word, we reject GOD.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with GOD, and the Word was GOD." (John 1:1)

"And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the FATHER, full of grace and truth." (John 1:14)

It is obvious in this present generation that many believe they have chosen GOD and at the same time they have rejected His word as the Truth. They claim to love GOD, but in truth they do not. Their love is far greater for their tradition, their local religious group or Church, their leaders or their own personal beliefs, than it is for GOD. Therefore, according to GOD, if they say they love GOD, they are counted before Him as liars (see 1 John 2: 3-6). When we fail to take Him at His word, it is the same as mocking Him, and that never has been in the best interest of man. We can be assured that GOD'S reaction toward His people who mock His word is the same today as it was at any time prior to today. May God have mercy as He judges our rebellion against His word. Never forget, in the end God's word will judge each of us, and His word will prevail.

"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)

Yes dear saints, our FATHER'S word will prevail on that last day when HIS Word judges us. However, we do not have to wait until the last day to witness our GOD'S

word prevailing in the lives of His people. Right now, at this very moment in time FATHER'S word is prevailing. Whether we recognize it or not – whether we believe it or not – nevertheless, what GOD has declared to be in our day – Is! The sooner His sons and daughters come to grips with this truth, the sooner we will be restored as a people who walk before Him in meek humility and who tremble before His word. At present, many have lost their way. While they claim to be followers of JESUS CHRIST, they have been deceived into following the spirit of deception. Now, instead of walking as a disciple of JESUS CHRIST that reflects His likeness and image, they are a part of a people of "form" but who have no power. And so, GOD'S word prevails.

**"Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many."
"For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and
wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect." (Matthew 24: 11 & 24)**

Saints, it is not as if we have not been warned. JESUS spoke clearly in Matthew 24 verse 4 when He warned us –

"Take heed that no one deceives you."

Our Lord said that deception would come through "many" who would use His name. (see Vs 5) Just because a man uses the name of JESUS or fills an office in the church does not – I repeat – DOES NOT guarantee you that he or she is not an agent of deception. This should shake us to our very spiritual foundation and cause us to separate ourselves from man's religion and to flee to JESUS. The fact that it does not, demonstrates just how little faith we actually have in God's word. But then we should not be surprised at our present condition, for our FATHER declared it to be as it is – and His word has prevailed. Before our Lord would return to the earth one of the things that would precede His return was a "falling away" from the faith by His people. Listen –

**"Let no one deceive you by any means; for that day will not come
unless the falling away comes first, - - -." (2 Thessalonians 2:3)**

The falling away from faith was lamented by our Lord as He asked the following question:

**"- - - Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will
He really find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8)**

Once again, God's word has prevailed. Just as our GOD prophesied through His word, we are now living witnesses to that word prevailing in these days in which we live. The "falling away" from the faith is now increasing so rapidly that apart from Divine intervention, the true New Testament church would become invisible within just one more generation.

According to the latest statistical data compiled by the Barna Research Group only 51% of the country's Protestant pastors have a biblical worldview. (Barna defines a

biblical world view as believing that absolute moral truth exists, based upon the Bible and the accuracy of biblical teaching.) Only 44% of pastors of charismatic or Pentecostal churches have a biblical worldview. Barna also discovered that the pastors least likely to have a biblical worldview are those who are seminary graduates (45%). So much for the pastors. What about we Christians as a whole? Well, it only gets worse.

Just 9% of all born again adults and just 7% of Protestants possess a biblical worldview. Non Christian people of faith are twice as likely as Christians to engage in fasting. Christians are more likely to invest their money in lottery tickets than are non Christians. Of Christians who profess to be born again, 45% approve of gambling – 49% approve of living out of wedlock – 35% approve of adultery – 24% get drunk – 20% are homosexual and 11% approve of using drugs not prescribed by a doctor. (You can review the sad condition of Christianity in America yourself by going to [WWW.Barna Research.org](http://WWW.BarnaResearch.org)) May God have mercy on all of us.

Just prior to Paul's execution, he wrote a second letter to Timothy in which he described the days in which we now live. Paul declared that in the last days perilous times would come. Indeed, perilous times have come. Paul declared that we would be lovers of money. Who among us would deny that money is now our earthly manna? The modern day church can compete with the best of corporate America in raising money. We now produce the best religion that money can buy. And God's word continues to prevail.

Paul also declared that we would be filled with pride and that we would be unholy, unloving, unforgiving, without self-control and lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God. He further declared that we would always be learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Today, what GOD declared through Paul's pen has prevailed. God's word, down to the last jot and tittle will prevail!

Our FATHER declared through His servant Paul that in our time not only would there be a departure from the faith, but that we would also give heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons. According to 1 Timothy Chapter four we would also become liars and hypocrites having our own conscience seared with a hot iron. And so, as GOD declared it to be – so it now is! GOD'S word prevails!

Dear saints, I beg you to listen to your FATHER. Listen to JESUS! In Matthew Chapter 24 our Lord told us plainly what conditions would be like in these days in which we live. These were to be days of "great" deception, sorrows and tribulation leading up to the "great tribulation". In John chapter 15 our Lord declared that these would be days of persecution and that persecution would come to the true believer through the religious ones using His name – (see VS. 18-25). In Jude our Lord's half brother warned us of the deception that has now come into full bloom. Jude urged us to "contend earnestly for the faith" (Vs. 3). Oh saints GOD'S word has never failed to prevail. Listen to the voice of our KING!

"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)**

The only voice that you and I can trust is the voice of JESUS CHRIST, to whom we will give account of ourselves:

**" - - For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.
For it is written" As I live, says the Lord, Every knee shall
bow to Me, And every tongue shall confess to God.
So then each of us shall give account of himself to GOD." (Romans 14: 10-12)**

Saints, we will not give an account of ourselves to a pastor, priest, Pope, Bible study leader, an elder, prophet or TV evangelist. There is but ONE to whom we will answer to, and that is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Know this my brothers and sisters, Romans 14: 10 through 12 will prevail in each of our lives, and that day is fast approaching. In the meantime, conditions here on earth, from a spiritual standpoint will become worse and worse, just exactly as our GOD has declared through His word. The spirits of deception will continue to deceive many through the false message of peace, prosperity, cheap grace and great revival – but the hiss of hell will be quickly silenced as the word of God prevails!

**"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)**

The judgment of God is His response to the continued disobedience of His people. That judgment is applied not to punish us, but to cause us to turn away from our wicked rebellion and to turn back to Him in meek humility with a renewed desire to obey Him, and to obey Him alone! This judgment is a judgment of love that is designed to spare us from His wrath. Time, as man knows it is fast coming to a close, where all flesh will be judged. However, GOD cannot judge the unbelieving pagans until He has first dealt with His own people, and that He has now begun to do. God's judgment now rests on the house of God or what we refer to as the Church – those people who are called by His name.

Our next message will deal specifically with God's judgment on His house. Until then, remember that God's word is now, and will always prevail. That word assures us that FATHER has always had a remnant that He had prepared to represent Him in days such as these that we now find ourselves in. May God have mercy on us and find us worthy to be counted among those in that remnant.

God Bless,

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