

**"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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## **THE WORD OF GOD!**

### **Part Five**

**“But this is what I commanded them, saying, ‘Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and you shall be My people and walk in all the ways that I have commanded you , that it may be well with you.’ Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward.” (Jeremiah 7:23 & 24)**

**“I will raise up for them a Prophet like you from among their brethren, and 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)**

**“And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.” (Acts 3:23)**

**“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. For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak.” (John 12:48 & 49)**

Dear reader, when all is said and done --- when the last sermon is preached and heard --- when life as we have known it finally comes to an end --- the lungs exhale for the last time, and the heart is still --- when all things come to an end here, for you and for me, there will be but “one” issue before us and “one” issue alone;

Was the Word of God, as we knew it, from Genesis through Revelation, actually true down to the last “jot and tittle”? (Matthew 5:28) Were the sixty-six books and letters that are thousands of years old actually “God breathed” through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit as stated in 2 Timothy 3:16, and 2 Peter 1:20 & 21? Is God’s word literally “alive” as stated in Hebrews 4:12? “God’s word” ---- True or False? That issue alone will determine our eternal future; and know this, all you who read these words, we will have our answer the moment our call comes, and we cross through the valley of the shadow of death. Then we will know for certain, and either be filled with inexpressible joy, or a gut wrenching horror that is beyond the imagination of man. One or the other response awaits each of us, and is as

certain as life and death. The Word of God, is the judge that will either be confirmed or dismissed in that hour. And of the Word of God, it is written:

**“All flesh is grass, and all its loveliness is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, because the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever.” (Isaiah 40:6-8) Emphasis Added**

And Jesus said:

**“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.”  
(Mark 13:31)**

Unfortunately, God’s people have long struggled with His word; that is why we have hundreds of separate denominations, sects and individual churches, even though God’s word tells us that such Sectarianism is sin (please read 1 Corinthians 1:10-13). Not only that, but the Lord, Himself, declared that all such division will ultimately be destroyed. Please Listen:

**“Every Kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand.” (Matthew 12:25)**

**“Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?” (Amos 3:3)**

To “be agreed”, means to be in harmony; when two or more are in harmony, they can walk through life together as one. They may have different personalities and tastes; they may have varied interests in life; but when it comes to the essentials of life (Matthew 4:4) --- they are agreed --- they are in harmony with each other, and together they reflect their unity. In addition to reflecting unity, they are strong and not easily denied (see Ecclesiastes 4:12 and Genesis 11:6). However, when the same two or more are not agreed and not in unity they are divided and easily defeated. This principal of “being agreed, in unity as one,” is a spiritual law that is as certain as God Himself. When God’s word is ignored and this law of unity is violated, the result is destruction; couples end up divorced, families break apart, nations fall, armies are defeated, businesses fail and churches split up and eventually fade away and are forgotten ---all because God’s word was rejected and the dictates of man’s heart was accepted. The hiss of hell was heard and embraced, while TRUTH was rejected! Then, when destruction arrives, we ask --- why? Our answer, as always, is found in Father’s word:

**“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ and not do the things which I say?  
Whoever comes to Me, and hears My sayings and does them, I will show you whom he is like: He is like a man building a house, who dug deep and laid the foundation on the rock. And when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently against that house, and could not shake it, for it was founded on the rock.**

**But he who heard and did nothing is like a man who built a house on the earth without a foundation, against which the stream beat vehemently; and immediately it fell. And the ruin of that house was great.” (Luke 6:46 - 49)**

All of man's problems today, are the direct result of his walking contrary to God by consciously, or unconsciously neglecting, ignoring, or walking in opposition to His word. No man, regardless of his position in the church --- regardless of how many degrees he may have from his favorite Bible College or Seminary --- regardless of how sincere he may be --- no man or woman --- not one! --- can walk in union with Jesus Christ without being in agreement with Him, through His every word.

Dear reader, if you have not, from your heart, chosen to be in agreement with Father's word --- His every word (Matthew 4:4 and Deuteronomy 8:3), then you have no right to expect Him to bless you with His fullest blessing; in fact, as I pointed out in part one of this writing, you do not even have the right, before God, to mention His covenant blessings. Please listen once again ----

**“But to the wicked God says: “What right have you to declare My statutes, or take My covenant in your mouth, seeing you hate instruction and cast My words behind you?” (Psalm 50:16&17)**

When our Father created this world (Genesis Chapter One and Two), He also formed man in His own image and likeness. Man was given a “perfect” environment in which to live. Everything that man needed to live in perfect peace was provided; that included a spiritual atmosphere where God and man walked together in close communion with each other. Think about it dear reader; there was no strife, division, hatred or bitterness --- there was no pride, covetness or lust --- there was no murder, rape, abortion or war --- there was no sickness or disease --- no heart failure --- no cancer --- no lung disease, gall bladder or kidney stones --- there was no insanity or dementia --- no sorrow or sadness to interrupt the perfection of God's handiwork, which He did well (Genesis 1:31 and Mark 7:37). What more could we have asked for?

In return for God's blessing His creation of life, and fellowship with Him, He asked only one thing of us --- To obey His word without question. That's all! Nothing more! Simply obey Him and enjoy the life that God had established and blessed, or we could disobey Him and exchange a perfect and blessed life for death. The choice was ours to make, and as we all know, a choice was made, and here we are several thousand years later, still suffering the consequences of disobedience. I cannot help but wonder how many of us actually believe the Biblical account of creation and man's fall and understand the spiritual principal of “Obedience and Disobedience”.

The spiritual principal of “Obedience and Disobedience” starts in the book of Genesis, and is clearly explained throughout God's word, concluding in the book of Revelation. It is so clear and easily understood that a child can understand it, especially a “child” that loves his Father and desires to please Him more than anything else in life. For all others, the principal of which I speak is just so much legalistic foolishness. Sadly, I have come to the conclusion that the overwhelming majority of professing Christians do not believe God's word as it relates to “obedience and disobedience”. Even those who frequently voice their belief in Father's word, by their actions, they prove themselves to be nothing more than modern day hypocrites, of whom our Lord said:

**“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.” (Jesus – Matthew 15:8 & 9)**

As a whole, the Christian community teaches the commandments of men (what they think), and not the commandments, precepts and judgments of God. Man, in his desire to be his own god, has created multiple gods in his (man's) image (Psalm 50:21). The end result of our rebellion is the establishment of a Baptist doctrine, a Catholic doctrine, a Methodist doctrine, a Presbyterian doctrine, a Lutheran doctrine, a Charismatic doctrine, a Church of Christ doctrine, an Assembly of God doctrine, etc., etc., etc. Sadly, we believe we are right, as we continue to walk in opposition to God's word, having no fear of God --- what-so-ever!

Brother Paul warned us when he wrote:

**“Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.” (Colossians 2:8)**

**“The time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables.” (2 Timothy 4:3 & 4)**

**“\_ \_ \_ with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.”  
(2 Thessalonians 2:10 –12) Emphasis Added**

**“As it was written, so it is!**

The time has come --- the “traditions of men” have overtaken the Word of God and pushed “sound doctrine” into a place of obscurity; having given ourselves over to the lie, “you will not surely die” (Genesis 3:4), and having rejected the Truth, we now follow our own desires and are turned aside to fables and doctrines of demons (1 Timothy 4:1 & 2). Sadly, most professing Christians are totally unaware of how far they have drifted away from the Truth --- Jesus Christ. We have chosen to believe what man has said, and to blindly follow the traditions of our forefathers. We have accepted as “truth” what is actually “half truth” or an outright lie, simply because we do not have a love for the truth (2 Thessalonians 2:10-12), and are too lazy to search Father's word for ourselves, under the tutorship of the Holy Spirit. Well did our King speak of the “many” (Matthew 7:13) who claim citizenship in His Kingdom in these latter days, when He said:

**“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 15:13 & 14)**

Spiritual blindness is the fruit of all who neglect the wholeness of God's word. We cannot live life as Father desires that we live it, except by His every word (Matthew 4:4). Spiritual darkness causes God's people to stumble and fall, and is the direct result of not feeding on His word. This explains why we have so much sin, sickness, disease, division, covetness, idolatry, poverty, divorce, etc., within the ranks of professing followers of Christ. The word of God is no longer “a lamp to our feet, and a light

to our path” (Psalm 119:105); and as a result, we find ourselves shipwrecked on the rocks of rebellion. We have lost our way, and now grope for answers as we stumble and stagger in the darkness of doubt, unbelief, self-worship, and a dogged determination to “do it our way” regardless of what God’s word says!

**“Even the stork in the heavens knows her appointed times; and the turtledove, the swift, and the swallow observe the time of their coming. But My people do not know the judgment of the Lord.**

**How can you say, “we are wise, and the law of the Lord is with us?” Look, the false pen of the scribe certainly works falsehood. The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken. Behold, they have rejected the word of the Lord; so what wisdom do they have?” (Jeremiah 8:7 -9) Emphasis Added**

At this point, I am going to pause and continue in Part Six of our message. In the meantime, I urge you to begin to prayerfully consider the suddenly’s --- the unexpected’s and the unspeakable’s of life. Our God’s storm of holy judgment is rapidly approaching, and sadly many Christians will be caught completely by surprise. However, for all those who have ears to hear, there is hope ----

**“Those who know Your name will put their trust in You; for You, Lord, have not forsaken those who seek You”. (Psalm 9:10)**

We will continue very shortly, until then, I encourage you to feed on Father’s word, as if your life depended upon it --- because it does!

Your brother,  
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