

**"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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“Deep Darkness Is Upon US!”

*“For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people;”
(Isaiah 60:2)*

*“ - - - If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!”
(Matthew 6:23b)*

Fifty years from today ---- seventy-five at most, (assuming that our Lord delays the end of all things), I will be gone, as will most who read these words. The present generation will have passed on into eternity; another generation will have taken our place. Our seed will be eating, drinking, marrying, working, buying and selling, and living life just as those who went before them. The cycle of life – living and dying – will continue on; but what of the spiritual climate? What of God’s word as He gave it to man? What will professing Christians look like – sound like – and act like – fifty to seventy-five years from now? When one considers how far we (professing believers in Christ) have fallen away from the Word of God – one can only wonder whether or not there will be any “visible” remnant left, of those who “believe God” and truly love Christ. Our Lord also wondered, what would be left of true faith when He returned to the earth:

“ - - - when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?” (Luke 18:8b)

This message was given to me early in the morning on March 7, 2010. It began as a thought – then as a question – and finally as a warning, for me, and for all who have ears to hear. The warning is not new, it began with the prophets of old – continued with Christ – then the Apostles – followed by a few men of every generation right up to this present time. Father has never failed to warn His people as they drifted away from the Highway of Holiness (Isaiah 35:8). He has always warned us loudly, prior to His sending judgment; primarily for the purpose of driving us to our knees in a state of true repentance. Sadly, only a few of His people ever heed His warning – most are caught up in the Firestorm of His Holiness. As it was written, so it is even now:

“And the Lord God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no remedy.” (2 Chronicles 36: 15 & 16)

“I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.” (Acts 20: 27 & 31)

Today, just as it was when Ezra wrote the book of Chronicles, we mock God’s messengers whose message is not pleasant to our ears; we despise God’s word, except for the part that pleases our affections (2 Corinthians 6:12); we continue to scoff at God’s true prophets, preferring voices that drip with honey; we have lost all fear of God along with the gift of “discerning of spirits”. We suffer from a famine of “hearing” the word of God (Amos 8:11), have rejected knowledge (Hosea 4:6), and find ourselves perishing because we do not know God, nor do we know His judgments. The leaven of spiritual pride has spread throughout our ranks as we have become quite confident of our good standing before God, while failing to realize that we are – before Him – wretched, miserable, poor, blind and naked (Revelation 3:17).

The great “falling away” that Paul warned us about in 2 Thessalonians 2: 3 – 12 is now nearing full bloom, as we have lost our desire for, and love of, the Truth; and as a result of our having rejected His word, Paul’s prophecy has been fulfilled as written:

“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.” (Vs. 11 & 12)

“For 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)

Today, the “leaven” of doubt and unbelief (as it relates to the Word of God) has spread throughout the body of professing Christians, leaving only a remnant who actually hunger and thirst for the Truth, the whole Truth, and nothing but the Truth (1 Corinthians 5:6). Strong delusion has overtaken the “many”; sound doctrine has lost its appeal for those who have no love for the Truth, preferring instead teachers, preachers, and prophets, who tickle the ears and satisfy the affections of man’s heart. Instead of following Christ and giving Him preeminence in “all” things (Colossians 1:18), we have chosen to follow a man, a church, a denomination, or in some cases, we just follow “self” all the while believing that we are soundly saved and on our way to spending eternity in heaven with Christ, regardless of the fact that we have no love for God’s word (Christ) and no ability to “hear” God’s word. Truly, deep darkness is upon us, just as Isaiah and Paul both prophesied.

The darkness and deception that is prevalent today has not occurred overnight. In fact Jesus warned us of what was certain to happen as time went on (Matthew 6:23 & 24:4 – 13). Paul also warned us in 1 Timothy 4: 1 – 3, and 2 Timothy 3: 1 – 7; as did Jude in his short letter, as well as Hosea, Zephaniah, Zechariah, Malachi, and so many others. Our Father’s warnings did not stop with the death of John the Apostle; His warnings have continued over the years through, (I only mention a few among many voices) Meister Eckhart 1260 A.D. – 1328 A.D., Joseph Alleine 1634 A.D. – 1668 A.D., John Owen 1616 A.D. – 1683 A.D., J.C. Ryle 1816 A.D. – 1900 A.D., Oswald Chambers 1874 A.D. – 1917 A.D., A.W. Tozer 1897 A.D. – 1963 A.D., and Leonard Ravenhill 1907 A.D. – 1994 A.D. A.W. (Arthur) Pink 1886 A.D. – 1952 A.D., lamented greatly the spiritual decline of the Christian community as it relates to God’s word. Listen to brother Pink’s words from 1928 A.D. –

“Why is it that, today, the masses are so utterly unconcerned about spiritual and eternal things, and that they are lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God? Why is it that even on the battlefields multitudes were so indifferent to their soul’s welfare? Why is it that defiance of heaven is becoming more open, more blatant, more daring? The answer is, “There is no fear of God before their eyes” (Romans 3:18). Again; why is it that even among those who profess to be the Lord’s people there is so little subjection to His word, and that its precepts are so lightly esteemed and so readily set aside? Ah! What needs to be stressed today is that God is a God to be feared.

Does someone say, “But it is only the unsaved, those outside of Christ, who need to fear God?” Then the sufficient answer is that the saved, those who are in Christ, are admonished to work out their own salvation with “fear and trembling”. Time was, when it was the general custom to speak of a believer as a “God-fearing man” – that such an appellation has become nearly extinct only serves to show whither we have drifted. Never-the-less, it still stands written, “Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him” (Psalm 103:13)!”

Brother Pink’s words were taken from his message on the “Sovereignty of God” published by the Banner of Truth Trust. Those words were warning God’s people eighty-two years ago. Sadly, they were not heeded by the mass of professing Christians in brother Pink’s day, as we continued to drift further and further from the harbor of God’s holiness. Today, our spiritual state nears that found among our God’s professing followers of Noah’s day and Lot’s day; as it was in the days of Isaiah, so it is with our generation – as it was in the days of Jeremiah, so it is with our generation. In about 750 – 760 B.C., the prophet Amos was sent, by God, to warn His people of His pending judgment upon them. Please listen to a description of the conditions found in those days:

“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.” (NKJV – Study Bible – T.N.P.)

In the days of Ezekiel, God sent a warning to His people of pending judgment that was coming to His house. You can read Ezekiel’s warning in chapter nine, verses one through eleven. In verses nine and ten, our God, in response to Ezekiel’s plea, said:

“The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceedingly great, and the land is full of bloodshed, and the city full of perversity; for they say, ‘The Lord has forsaken the land, and the Lord does not see!’

And as for Me also, My eye will neither spare, nor will I have pity, but I will recompense their deeds on their own head.”

Dear reader, the “house of the Lord”, the church as a whole, that is made up of those who profess to believe in and follow Jesus Christ, has for the most part, fallen into a state of “latter day” Apostasy. Her iniquity is exceedingly great! Because of her condition, the land is full of bloodshed and her cities are filled with perversity. Having lost our first love (Revelation 2:4), we cast much of our God’s word behind us (Psalm 50:17); and we confidently do so, with absolutely no fear of God whatsoever (Psalm 36:1), nor of the

consequences of such behavior. As it was written, we perish for a lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6), and summarily dismiss any suggestion that “we” might be numbered by God among the wicked – regardless of what the Holy Bible says! Justified was our God, when He declared of our generation:

“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)

“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.”

*“Behold, they have rejected the word of the Lord; so what wisdom do they have?”
(Jeremiah 8: 7 & 9b)*

And Jesus said:

“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)

“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord’, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’ (Matthew 7: 21 - 23)

Dear friends and fellow believers in Christ – when all is said and done in this life; when the last sermon is heard, the last message read, the last meal eaten – when all of life’s activities draw to a close - - - and - - - God takes away the “breath of life”, and we return to the dust (Psalm 104:29) - - - there is but “one” thing that will determine whether or not we spend eternity in --- heaven --- or --- hell. One thing only, will determine your and my eternal future; that “one” thing is not our opinion of ourselves --- it is not our church membership --- it is not all of our good works --- it is not any spiritual gift that we may have been given, including that of tongues --- our eternal future will not be determined by what any man said, including me, you, priests, prophets, preachers, teachers, the Pope, or any other mortal man! There are many lying devils today who are leading and teaching within the modern day church; they are deceiving and being deceived, and none of us is spared from their exposure --- from the Roman Catholic Church to the mainline denominational church, --- from the evangelical charismatic church to the fellowship that meets in my house, or your house --- the spirit of deception will sooner or later show up disguised as light and righteousness (Matthew 24: 4 & 5 and 2 Corinthians 11: 14 & 15); and our only protection from being bound by the chains of religion is --- the Word of God alive in us, leading and guiding us into all Truth (John 16:13).

We must remember, as each of us approaches the time of our departure that our eternal future will depend upon what God has said to us through His word --- and our response to what He has said. Salvation, apart from a transformed heart and mind (Romans 12:2) that desires to obey our Lord and feed upon His word, is nowhere to be found in God’s holy word --- no where! Those who preach and teach otherwise are lying devils whose future is outlined in Jude 11 – 15. Be warned my friends, there is but one voice to follow and that is the Voice of Christ (John 10: 4), who speaks to His own, by His indwelling Spirit, who quickens His

word in the heart of man. All who are found following the blind, though they appear to be light and righteousness, will end up in the ditch of death and destruction. As it is written:

“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)

Deep darkness covers the land allowing the “leaven” of deception to spread throughout the modern-day church; the great falling away from the faith of Christ, as expressed through His word, is spreading like gangrene among those who call themselves “Christians”. The Light grows dim as holiness and righteousness of heart is increasingly more and more difficult to find. We continue to heap shame and reproach on the High and Holy Name of Jesus Christ as we mock His word – without shame – by sodomizing our children, butchering the unborn, maligning God’s word with private interpretation, and turning many of our fellowship meetings into a spiritual side show of lying signs and wonders. No wonder that our God’s judgment will soon overwhelm “His house”! My God – My God have mercy on us! Have Mercy!

For those who have ears to hear, and who grieve at the abominations that fill the ranks of the modern-day church – to you, I simply say, “Be encouraged”. It is written:

“I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.” (Revelation 18: 4)

“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.” (John 8: 31, 32, & 36)

“For in Him dwells all the fullness of the Godhead bodily; and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.” (Colossians 2: 9 & 10)

Seek no other shelter from the coming judgment of God, except in Jesus Christ. Reject “body worship” and devote your entire being to the Head – Christ the King!

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