

"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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“Are You A Loyalist Or A Traitor?”

“And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and punish the men who are settled in complacency,” (Zephaniah 1: 12)

*“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come.” - - - men will become ‘traitors’, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”
(2 Timothy 3:1, 4 & 5)*

Everything pertaining to life and the entirety of all creation hinges on the word of God. Everything! By the word of God, man came into being; by the same Word, man is governed --- he lives and he dies according to God’s word. Until man chooses to believe God’s word, by faith, according to what It says of Itself, he cannot live life as God intended him to live it here on earth (Matthew 4:4); he is unsettled in all of his ways; he cannot walk together with “the Word” – Christ; and he has no sound hope, for spending eternity in heaven with Christ Himself, except in his vain imagination.

When a man or woman chooses to believe God’s word (a work of grace in itself, Philippians 2: 13), they are then in a position to receive much revelation under the tutorship of the Holy Spirit (John 16: 13). Father is Delighted that His sons and daughters desire to hear Him and be taught of Him. He delights in giving us much revelation into the mysteries of His holiness, gradually conforming us into the likeness and image of “The Word” (Romans 8:29 & 2 Corinthians 3:18).

Upon a careful examination of God’s holy word, it becomes clear that there are three classes of human beings on the earth; (1.) the uncalled, (2.) the called, and (3.) the chosen or elect. The word of God identifies each of these classes, and it would serve us well to become familiar with these three classes of people, since each of us belong to one of them.

The “uncalled” are those who are not of God. God does not woo them nor draw them to Christ; they are unable to listen to – much less hear, the word of God, because It has no place in them. For those of you who question this Biblical truth, please go to John, chapter eight, and read from verse thirty-one through “verse forty-seven”, which reads as follows:

“He who is of God hears God’s words; therefore you do not hear, because you are not of God.” (vs. 47)

Again, I say --- the word of God Itself, identifies the uncalled, by their rejection of same. To believe otherwise, is to call God a liar; after all, does not wisdom declare that the Book, referred to as the Holy Bible, must be either True, or It is a lie. If It declares Itself to be pure and undefiled (Psalm 12: 6 & 7 and Proverbs 30: 5 & 6), and if I decide otherwise, do I not call It a lie? Think about it!

The second class of people are those who are the “called”. I believe those of us who fall into this category make up the vast majority of the human race. The word “called” in the Greek (Kaleo) meant – “to invite” or “to summon”. In the English, Webster defines the “called” as “invited; summoned; addressed”.

The “called” would include all of us who embrace Christianity, profess to believe in Christ, attend a church or home fellowship, and read the Bible; we have heard the invitation to join the church or fellowship of people who believe in Christ; and we desire to receive something from Him, or at least be assured of a place in heaven when we die. Surely, “the called” is a great number of people out of every generation of man.

Out of this vast pool of “the called” who make up the Christian community on the earth --- God selects -- -- “The chosen”. Webster defines “chosen” as follows: “Selected from a number; picked out; taken in preference; elected.” Not everyone who claims to believe in Christ, is a member of a church, reads their Bible on occasion, and counts themselves saved and on their way to heaven --- not everyone counted among the “called” will enter into heaven. Please listen to our Lord’s words; first from Matthew 7: 21 – 23 and then Matthew 22:14:

“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!’

*“For many are called, but few are chosen!”**

*Our Lord spoke these words at the conclusion of a Parable concerning a wedding feast (Matthew 22: 1–14). In His parable, a man who had been invited showed up without the proper wedding garment on; our Lord shares the Parable as follows:

“When the King came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who did not have on a wedding garment. So he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you come in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. Then the King said to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

I could quote many other occasions in Scripture where the warnings are as clear as a bell, for those who have ears to hear; not all of us who are numbered among the “called”, are in the end “chosen”. This statement is one of absolute fact, recorded over and over in the teachings of Father’s word. These words of God are meant to warn us, to humble us and to instill within us a Holy fear of God; regardless of what any lying devil might say to the contrary, from the pulpit to the pew, from the seminary to the Bible college --- all who contradict the clear warnings of God are counted as liars (Romans 3:4) and traitors of the King! Unless they repent of their treason and are re-born of the Spirit of God, they will suffer eternal damnation and the separation from God, with no hope of escape! As it is written:

“For the Lord spoke to me (Isaiah) with a strong hand, and instructed me that I should not walk in the way of this people, saying:

The Lord of hosts, Him you shall hallow; let Him be your fear, and let Him be your dread.

Bind up the testimony; seal the law among My disciples.

To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them”. (Isaiah 8:11, 13, 16 & 20)

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all.” (Ecclesiastes 12:13)

For those who do not believe that God means what He has said, after having it reduced to writing, and preserving it for 4,000 + years ---- for those who believe that God loves them too much to punish them in this life, or send them to Hell in the next, due to their known disobedience and rejection of His word --- to all of those who rely on their warm fuzzy feelings and pleasurable emotions while fellowshiping with other like-minded people, to prove their good standing before the One Pure, Holy, Righteous and Just God, who has declared that we all will, in the end, be judged thusly:

“ - - - he who 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).

To all those who fall into one of the above listed groups, I ask: Where did you receive your confidence in being counted among the chosen --- the elect of God? From man, or from God? From your church, your pastor, some self-proclaimed prophet, Apostle, Bishop or Pope --- or from the Word of God, which stands forever? (Isaiah 40: 8) Think about it, dear reader, think about it!

As I close, I ask each of us a most sobering question --- a question of eternal importance --- a question that demands an honest answer --- a question that cannot be ignored, nor hidden from: What say the Holy Scriptures concerning your spiritual standing before the Lord of all Lords and King of all Kings --- the Judge of the living and the dead? “Are you a loyalist or a traitor?”

Early in the morning, a few days ago, as I sat in the quiet solitude of my study, I heard clearly, within my spirit the sobering question: “Thomas, are you a loyalist or a traitor?” again, the second time --- “Thomas, are you a loyalist or a traitor?” Then only silence.

Needless to say, I did not respond to the question immediately. In fact, I have yet to answer the question personally, before my King; rather I have soaked in it daily for over a week now, and continue to do so as my pen scrolls across this paper. “Am I a loyalist or a traitor?” To find my answer I first turned to Webster’s 1828 Dictionary, to define the words – “Loyalist and Traitor”.

“Loyalist”: A person who adheres to his Sovereign; particularly, one who maintains his allegiance to his Prince and defends His cause in times of revolt or revolution.”

“Traitor”: “One who violates his allegiance; one guilty of treason”.

I continued searching out the words:

“Allegiance”: “The tie or obligation of a subject to his Sovereign; the duty of fidelity to a King.

“Sovereign”: A supreme Lord or ruler; One who possesses the highest authority without control; Supreme in Power; possessing Supreme dominion; Superior to all others; Chief; God is the Sovereign of all who love --and --- obey Him”.

Then I considered the Word:

“I was watching in the night visions, and behold, One like the Son of Man, coming with the clouds of heaven! He came to the Ancient of Days, and they brought Him near before Him.

Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a Kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.” (Daniel 7:13& 14)

“I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the end, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

“And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written:

*KING OF KINGS
AND LORD OF LORDS.” (Revelation: 1: 8 & 19: 16)*

“If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him.

He who does not love Me does not keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Father’s who sent Me.” (John 14: 23 & 24)

“Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments (His word). He who says, “I know Him”, and does not keep His commandments (word) is a liar, and the truth is not in him.” (1John 2: 3 & 4)

The question: Are you a Loyalist to the Sovereign King? whose heart loves Him, and is totally devoted to receiving, believing, obeying and defending His word and His honor? Are you? I ask of myself --- am I?

Or-----

Are you? – am I? counted among the “many” who are called, who even practice Christianity in form, and rest in our good works, tender hearts, and self-confidence, but in the end will be called of God --- “Traitor”?

Perhaps, we each need to soak in the question, as we read our Kings sovereign Word – being quick to listen – slow to speak! --- And only from the knees, dare even think about answering our King!

“ARE YOU A LOYALIST OR A TRAITOR”?

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"EVERY WORD OF GOD IS PURE; HE IS A SHIELD TO THOSE WHO PUT THEIR TRUST IN HIM. DO NOT ADD TO HIS WORDS, LEST HE REBUKE YOU, AND YOU BE FOUND A LIAR." (PROVERBS 30:5 & 6)