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“EXPECTING GOD!”

(PART ONE)

This message is directed to the sons and daughters of Almighty GOD. To His offspring (Acts 17:28), to those who have spiritual ears to hear with (Matthew 11:15). Our FATHER desires that you and I would be greatly encouraged in Him. Encouraged, because He is the GOD of His word and His word has never failed Him. NEVER! Our God creates through His word. Our God establishes life through His word. Our God delivers and restores through His word. Our God saves through His word. Our God heals through His word and our God blesses and curses through His word. No man nor woman can escape God’s word. You may not believe His word. You may not keep His word. You may think that His word is not all that important, so long as you believe in JESUS, but know this; that in the end His word will determine your eternal future. (see John 12:48) Everything pertaining to man and his relationship with God comes down to God’s word and man’s response to that word. This should be a great encouragement to His sons and daughters who believe Him.

**“God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent.
Has He said, and will He not do?
Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?”**

(Numbers 23:19)

**“I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return,
That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath.”**

(Isaiah 45:23)

“Indeed I have spoken it; I will also bring it to pass. I have purposed it; I will also do it.”

(Isaiah 46:11)

**“So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it
shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.”**

(Isaiah 55:11)

God’s word is the most certain and the only absolute thing that exists! The word of God is absolute, certain, and eternal because God and His word are one. You cannot separate God from His word, and you cannot add to or take away from His word without suffering great loss either in this life or the life to come. You see, God’s word is holy because He is holy. We know from the holy scriptures that the Word of God existed before man was created and that nothing was created apart from the Word of God.

**“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.
He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him,
and without Him nothing was made that was made.”**

(John 1:1-3)

In John 1:14 we learn that the Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. Sadly, the world did not know Him

(John 1:10) while He was here in the flesh, and eventually the religious ones butchered Him because of the Word that He spoke. Today nothing has changed. The world still does not know Him and the religious ones still are offended by His word, including many of those who claim His name in hopes of getting to heaven. All across the land and around the world there are voices filling the Church that is called by His name, that openly mock Him by denying the certainty of His word. They turn a deaf ear to Him as He says to them:

“Heaven and earth will pass away but My words will by no means pass away.”
(Matthew 24:35)

May God have mercy on those who betray our Lord by preaching and teaching another gospel other than the gospel that JESUS preached and taught. Make no mistake about it, when we deny His word to be truth, we call Him a liar. If we claim that we know Him and keep not His word, we lie.(see 1 John 2:4). If we say that we love Him and do not keep or obey His word, we are once again declared to be liars, because in fact we do not love Him (see John 14: 15-24). I don't know about you, but I do not want to be regarded in heaven as a liar because I have refused to accept the holy Scriptures for what they declare of themselves.

JESUS made it quite clear that to enter the Kingdom of heaven we would need to become as little children and if we did not become as little children, we would not enter the Kingdom of heaven.

**“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)

**“Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the Kingdom
of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”**
(Mark 10:15)

Our problem today is that we are a little too smart for our own spiritual good when it comes to the word of God. We have established colleges and seminaries for the sole purpose of teaching people what the Bible teaches. In fact, there is much debate among these institutions about what the Bible does or does not say, and of course, man's intellect rules and reigns in most if not all of these institutions where theology is taught and degrees are given depending on test results. Today you can find any flavor of Christianity that suits your personality, complete the prescribed course of study, receive your degree, and go straight to the fires of Hell.

A. W. Tozer put it this way: *A man need not be Godly to learn theology. There is simply no necessary relation between the studies engaged in by students in divinity school and the state of the student's hearts. Spiritual truths cannot be received in the ordinary way of nature. The necessity for spiritual illumination before we can grasp spiritual truths is taught throughout the entire New Testament and is altogether in accord with the teaching of the Psalms, Proverbs, and the Prophets.*

You see, “truth” that saves and makes the way into heaven for us, can only come to us by spiritual revelation. Spiritual revelation can only be given to us by the Holy Spirit Himself. We cannot do anything, spiritually speaking, on our own. Nothing! We are helpless children and totally dependent upon our FATHER for everything. To think otherwise is once again, to call GOD a liar.

**“For if anyone thinks himself to be something,
when he is nothing, he deceives himself.”**
(Galatians 6:3)

“I am the vine, your are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him,

bears much fruit: for without Me you can do nothing.

(John 15:5)

“Nothing”, means just that - nothing! Webster defines “nothing” as follows:

Not at all: in no degree. Something that does not exist: ZERO - a person or thing of little or no value or importance - of no account: worthless.

Could it be plainer? Apart from “God doing” through us, we are not going to do anything that has any eternal value. Apart from “God teaching and revealing”, we are not going to teach or reveal anything that is a part of life - JESUS. In fact, not one soul will even be saved if God does not draw that soul to JESUS.

“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him;”

(John 6:44)

No man can draw anyone to JESUS! No man can save another man. No man can give another ears to hear with. No man can teach another and expect him to receive true revelation (heart) understanding, unless GOD does the work through them. If our FATHER chooses not to teach, if He chooses not to open the ears of the spirit, if He chooses not to draw a person to JESUS, then our efforts are in vain.

**“It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’
Therefore everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to Me.”**

(John 6:45)

**“Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it;
Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman stays awake in vain.”**

(Psalms 127:1)

Any effort of man to do the work that only God can do is an exercise in futility. We may have the best intentions, and proudly point to God’s holy word to justify our efforts, but if God does not do the work, it becomes a dead work with no true life in it. It may look good, smell good and make us feel good, but it is graveyard dead and nothing but man’s religion.

For the most part, the Church today is in the condition that she is in due to one major flaw. Far too many of us have been listening to and relying on man, rather than listening to and relying on God. In so doing we have presumed upon God and assumed that He would bless our efforts. After all, we are His children and He must be duty bound to bless our efforts, especially when we carry them out in His name. May God have mercy and help us to return to His way of doing things before we create an even greater problem for Him to straighten out. Of one thing we can be certain, and that is our God is eventually going to have His way with us. When all is said and done, only His will as expressed through His word will prevail.

My brothers and sisters is it not time that we admit to ourselves, and confess to our FATHER, that we have made a mess of things as we have attempted “to do” in our own strength? Is it not time that we admit before FATHER that we have followed the dictates of our own hearts rather than having followed His living word? Is it not time to acknowledge that we have thought more highly of ourselves as Christians than we ought? Is it not time for we Christians to repent for our having brought so much shame and reproach on His name? Finally, is it not time to stop all of our religious activity and busyness and confess that we find ourselves helpless, hopeless, and powerless in the midst of a society that is self destructing right before our eyes? Surely we realize by now that we are totally dependent upon our GOD! Our only hope for escaping a future that is far, far worse than what we see now, is for our God to perform His word, and He will ---- “if His people who are called by His name will humble

themselves, and pray and seek His face, and turn from their wicked ways, then He will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”(2 Chronicles 7:14)

Our God will! Our God will confirm His word! He will perform His word! FATHER stands ready to honor His word because He holds His word even above His name!

“For You have magnified Your word above all Your name.”

(Psalms 138:2)

FATHER’S word is as certain and absolute as He is. FATHER’S word is as holy as He is. FATHER’S word is as eternal as He is. FATHER’S word is as powerful as He is. When it comes to the commandments, precepts and judgments of God, the Law of God, He has declared that He will exalt them and make them honorable. (see Isaiah 42:21). Without our God’s word we cannot live life as He intends that we live it.

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.”

(Matthew 4:4)

We cannot expect to enjoy good health, a sound mind, peace and joy or true prosperity except by the word of God. We cannot expect deliverance from the agents of Lucifer except by the word of God. Salvation will only come through and by the word of God! (see James 1:21-25) Truly, our FATHER’S greatest gift to man is His word. Think about it my dear brothers and sisters. Our God’s living word took on the form of a Man and He is called JESUS CHRIST. God’s word contained in the flesh of a man that could be seen by the eyes of man, and heard by the ears of man. Miracle of miracles!!! -- God’s word alive on the earth, in visible form -- reproducing after His own kind. FATHER’S seed sown into the hearts of men is His word -- nothing more and nothing less!

According to the perfect written record of our FATHER, JESUS CHRIST had no visible form or appearance that would draw men to Him. In other words, He was not a man of great physical beauty. He was not a man with great oratorical skills. He had no outward appearance that would attract the people to Him.

**“He has no form or comeliness (splendor); And when we see Him,
There is no beauty (appearance) that we should desire Him.”**

(Isaiah 53:2)

JESUS CHRIST, who was and is our FATHER’S message to man did not rely on His personal attributes or gifts as He ministered to mankind. He did not rely on special lighting and mood music. JESUS CHRIST did not rely on humor, drama, or entertainment to hold the attention of men. Our Lord did not rely on showmanship or dramatic testimonies to get His point across to those that He ministered to. He never used control, manipulation or domination as He ministered, and I find no place in our FATHER’S word where He begged the people for money. Our Lord used none of the tactics that are now so much a part of what we call Christianity. The only thing that JESUS relied on was His word -- just the words that filled His heart and fell from His lips. The very same words that He has given to us and they are just as alive and just as powerful today as they were when He spoke them in person! Glory to GOD!! Bless His holy name!

Dear saints, the word of God is the only thing in life that we can be absolutely certain will not fail us. God has given us His word and sworn by Himself to uphold it. What more could we ask for? Not only has He given us His word to live by and to guide us to the highway of holiness, (see Isaiah 35:8) but He has also given us His very own Spirit to guide us into the truth of His word. Think of it - God in us, in you and me - upholding His very own word, to His glory. Our FATHER has done His part and more. Is it not time for us to do our part, which is simply taking FATHER at His word and in child like faith begin to “expect” Him to uphold and confirm that word? Our God performs His word through His people as they walk by faith in obedience to Him.

**“For all the promises of God in Him (JESUS) are Yes,
and in Him (JESUS) Amen, to the glory of God through us.”**

(2 Corinthians 1:20)

If FATHER’S word of blessing is not presently being performed and confirmed in our lives and in the Church, it is not His fault. It is our fault. FATHER has never defaulted on His word and when we are not seeing the word of blessing confirmed, you may be assured that we are seeing His word confirmed through loss of blessing. Either way, God’s word is certain and absolute. It is certain and absolute in my life and in your life and that is the way it is. Try as one may, he or she cannot escape the word of God. If you are listening to a teacher, preacher, or fellow Christian who would suggest that God’s word is not as it claims - infallible and certain, then you are in danger. Lucifer has infiltrated the Church with voices that sound good, feel good, and appeal to the heart of man. These voices claim to be motivated by love, but in the end, they will be gathered up and cast into the eternal horror of Hell.(see Matthew 7:21-23 It would have been better for them if they had never been born. (see Luke 17:1 & 2) If you find yourself being led by these false prophets who deny our FATHER’S word, I urge you to flee from them. They pose as much danger to you as does a coral snake that is beautiful to see, but deadly to handle.

I close the first part of this message by encouraging you more than ever, to get into our FATHER’S word and let Him guide you into all truth.(see John 16:13) When He gives you revelation understanding, begin to expect Him to confirm His word, and He will! When we expect God to confirm what He has said, we are simply joining with Him. We are agreeing with Him. Our heart cries out “Yes” and “Amen” - Let it be, oh GOD, according to your word. I am expecting God to honor His word! Are you?

God Bless

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