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“Has GOD Indeed Said - - - - ?”

I find it very interesting that the first attack that Satan made against mankind, he questioned the Word of God.

“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, “Has God indeed said, you shall not eat of every tree of the garden?” (Genesis 3:1)

It is also interesting that in Matthew 4:1-11 we read the account of our Lord’s first encounter with the great tempter and our enemy, Satan. In this encounter the word of God was attacked as Satan twisted the truth in an effort to entrap our Lord. This effort failed because our Lord had received the “full counsel” of FATHER’S word. In fact if you will read Matthew 4:4 you can see quite clearly that our Lord believed that to live, one must receive every word that proceeds from the mouth of GOD. These two examples of how our enemy operates should never be overlooked by any child of GOD.

WHENEVER OUR ENEMY IS AT WORK THE WORD OF GOD WILL BE BROUGHT INTO QUESTION!

Not only does the enemy know GOD’s word, but he also hates the Word. He hates the Word because he knows that FATHER’s word has never and will never fail! In the end, Satan himself and all of his kingdom will be destroyed by the Word of GOD! Satan is scared to death of FATHER’s word and will go to any extent to get man to reject It. He knows that he cannot destroy the Word of GOD, so he attempts to do the next best thing - get man to reject the Word. If not all of It, at least parts of It which will give the forces of darkness the license to continue their attack on man. This attack on GOD’s word has continued down through the ages and in fact it has intensified. The most alarming thing to me is not that the heathen have rejected the Word but that much of the Church has rejected the Living Word of GOD. Why do we find it so difficult to simply accept our FATHER’s word as a little child and believe It for what It says of itself. I believe there are several reasons for this lack of obedience and Satan himself is behind them all. Let me share a few of these reasons.

(1) The flesh of man in its fallen state is naturally bent toward “self”. We believe that “we can figure it out”. We tend to believe that if we apply ourselves, get the proper education, sit under our wise teachers, read enough books and attend enough seminars, that somehow we will figure everything out and do just fine - thank you!

I am amazed at the number of men that I know personally who are in full time ministry, love our Lord, say they believe the Holy Bible and even at times preach the warnings of FATHER's word but will at some point deny the truth of "every word" contained in FATHER's word. Sometimes the denial is very subtle and seems in the natural to be insignificant. Just a slight twist so as to make the flesh a little more comfortable. Sadly, I believe a lot of this deception comes through our seminaries and Bible colleges. Most certainly it does not come from the Teacher, the Holy Spirit. What is to be said of that one who turns to the flesh for their wisdom and knowledge?

"Thus says the Lord: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the Lord'." (Jeremiah 17:5)

"Sever yourselves from such a man whose breath is in his nostrils; for of what account is he?" (Isaiah 2:22)

I have even had men say to me that if I really wanted to understand FATHER's word I needed to learn Hebrew and Greek. Is not our GOD the GOD of all tongues? I believe He is! In fact right after I was told this I heard these words in my spirit - "I will speak to you in your native tongue!" Praise GOD - Bless His holy name! FATHER speaks in Russian, French, German, Spanish, Hebrew, English, Korean, Chinese, etc., etc.,etc. Believe it or not, He is able to say the same thing in each of these languages and He is able to do so not by the power and might of man's flesh, but by the power of His Holy Spirit! Now if you are led to study Hebrew or Greek, praise GOD, but if not, never consider yourself as being unable to understand the Word of GOD. JESUS promised us that:

"- - - when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come." (John 16:13)

(2) Another reason we fail to embrace the wholeness of FATHER's truth is due to our lack of commitment to actually take the time to read and study the word. When we fail to follow our LORD's advice and stay in His word, our flesh will assume dominance over our mind and that brings on only darkness and in some cases spiritual death. This truth is documented in Hosea 4:6 were we read:

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

THE ONLY WAY THAT YOU WILL EVER ACQUIRE THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IS TO SUBMIT TO AND FEED UPON HIS WORD. No one else can do it for you. There are no shortcuts and there are no excuses for you or me not to have followed FATHER's instructions. He has provided Bibles upon Bibles, Bibles upon Bibles. Even tapes for the car and videos for the TV and now even the computer. He has made it as easy as He can in providing all the tools and even the Teacher. Now it is

up to you. IT TAKES AN ACT OF YOUR WILL TO OBEY.

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(3) I believe another reason for our rejecting, setting aside or ignoring much of the Word is due to nothing more than the flesh buying into a lie that originates in hell and has been received as truth by many. That lie is as follows;

“If you teach or preach FATHER’s word, all of FATHER’s word, as literal truth, you will scare the sheep and cause many of them to run from JESUS. After all He went to the sinners with the love of God and accepted them as they were.”

Some would even say that many of those who preach holiness are doing nothing more than beating the sheep. I have personally heard this being said. While it is true that some have abused and misused FATHER’s word, that is no excuse for us to reject truth, and accept the lie, just because it makes our flesh feel better. I am personally convinced that when the truth is delivered in love, regardless of how hard that truth may be, there is an inner witness in all men and women called of GOD, that wants to hear that truth. We should always remember that it is the “truth” that sets us free.

“If you abide in MY word, you are my disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free”. (John 8:31,32)

Every day that one continues to live with the lie, that person is held in bondage. I do not believe that there is ever a reason to withhold the truth in favor of the lie. To say that one cannot bear FATHER’s truth is simply a cop out! We would do well to remember that most if not all of us are watchmen. Some, such as pastors, are watchmen over many. Others of us may be only watchmen over our family, but our charge is the same and that is to warn those we watch over.

“When I say to the wicked, you shall surely die, and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand.” (Ezekiel 3:18)

That should be warning enough for even the most timid of watchmen. As we receive FATHER’s truth, we had better be sharing that truth, the whole truth!

(4) One other reason that I believe much of FATHER’s word is being rejected, set aside or ignored, is the teaching that Grace has done away with the law and somehow that Grace is going to cover up our failure to pursue holiness, purity of heart and obedience to the Word. Satan has done a lot of damage to the church with this lie. In fact, this may be one of the greatest of all lies ever presented to man. While it is true, that we are saved by “grace” through faith (see Ephesians 2:8) we are at the same time commanded to be perfect or spiritually mature.

“Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your FATHER in heaven is perfect.” (Matthew 5:48)

“but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, Be holy for I am holy.” (1 Peter 1:15,16)

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JESUS said that He did not come to abolish the Law, but rather He came to fulfill the Law. (See Matthew 5:17) We are also told that FATHER will put His laws in our mind and write them on our heart. (See Hebrews 8:10) Under the new covenant, the ministry of the Holy Spirit works within man where as under the old covenant you attempted to live according to an external code of laws. The real issue is not our performance in relation to the law but the condition of our heart. The heart of man will determine his future with GOD the FATHER, and if man is to find favor with FATHER, his heart must be aligned with FATHER’s heart! We can fool man when it comes to the real condition of our heart, but we cannot fool GOD.

“But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” (1 Samuel 16:7)

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings.” (Jeremiah 17:9-10)

GOD’S grace covers our inability to live perfect, sin free lives before Him! That same life giving grace however, will not cover our rebellion and rejection of the word of our GOD. If anyone brings to you a doctrine that rejects the full counsel of FATHER’s word - flee from that person as you would flee from a cobra snake!

“Do not be deceived, GOD is not mocked; for whatever a man sows that he will also reap.” (Galatians 6:7)

Our FATHER will not be mocked and He will not allow us to use His grace in an attempt to white wash the sin of rebellion, rejection and denial! NEVER! The Blood that flowed at Calvary was far too precious than to allow man to misuse and abuse it. CHEAP GRACE, WHICH IS GRACE THAT DENIES THE LAW, IS NOT LIFE GIVING GRACE, BUT RATHER IT IS THE DARKEST FORM OF DEATH!

“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.” (Mathew 15:8,9)

“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 7:22,23)

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My brothers and sisters Matthew 7:22, 23 should be a sober warning to us all. You may think it does not apply to you, but don't be so sure! JESUS will speak those words and He will speak them not to a few but to many! If in your heart, you have justified the rejection or just ignored even the smallest jot or tittle of the Law and taught others the same, (remember watchmen, you can lead in your silence), you are, in my opinion, in danger. If there is any question in your heart that you may have fallen into this trap of deception, repent in the name of JESUS, ask for forgiveness and receive His grace. His grace awaits your repentance. Do not try to justify yourself any longer. The risk is much too high and in the end, the word of GOD will prevail and man, regardless of how good his intentions, will not be able to alter that Word in any way!

“And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail.”
(Luke 16:17)

My brothers and sisters, time is short and judgment is close at hand. FATHER has allowed His people an extended season of grace that they might be prepared. This is the season for the church to enter into repentance and separation from the world. Things are not well with the church, many of us are not prepared to actually stand before our eternal GOD and account for the condition of our heart. We are not prepared to give an account for our stewardship responsibility of our time and talents. Many of us have carried on an adulterous affair with the world and tried to live with one foot in the heavens and the other in the world. I believe we all need to do a self examination of our heart as it relates to the word. We need to put our own houses in order and purge sin from our own camp. We need to stop the running to and fro as we search in vain for the power and glory of GOD. He is close at hand and He desires that we turn to Him, right where we are and tend our own garden. Many in that day will point to their great works in far away lands, but when they see their neighbor sitting in outer darkness because they failed the call of love - what will be their excuse? There is much deception in the church today. Much deception! Wherever there is great revelation, there will be an increased attempt by the enemy to deceive as he attempts to distract and mislead the people. Be warned, all things are not as they seem! We are living in a dangerous time spiritually, much is at stake and much is expected from you and from me! If we will repent and turn from the world to FATHER's word, He will enable us, protect us and use us beyond anything we can imagine. Truly, this is an exciting time in which to live!

GOD BLESS,

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