

"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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## **“HYBRID CHRISTIANITY”** (*FALSE HOPE FOR THE MANY*)

“Hybrid Christianity” is a term that rose up in my spirit several months ago, and has refused to depart. For that reason, I have learned from past experience, there would be no peace in the matter for me until I take up my pen and invite the Holy Spirit to speak. Today, I will attempt to be quiet enough in my spirit to hear His still small voice (1<sup>st</sup> Kings 19:12). As always, I invite you to read, with Bible close at hand, asking that the Holy Spirit lead and guide you into all truth (John 16:13). If you find fruit that brings glory and honor to our Lord JESUS CHRIST, and provokes you into a more intimate relationship with Him – eat it. On the other hand, should you find an occasional seed on these pages – spit it out.

“Hybrid Christianity”! This term begs for definition, and so I turned to Webster’s Dictionary, and found the following definition for the term “hybrid”.

*An offspring of genetically differing parents (as members of different breeds or species). One of mixed origin or composition*

I then consulted Webster for the definition of the term “Christianity”, and found the following:

*The religion derived from JESUS CHRIST, based on the Bible as sacred scripture, and professed by Christians*

“Hybrid Christianity” is, by definition, a form or type of religion that calls itself Christianity, but was not derived from JESUS CHRIST, and is not in harmony with the full counsel of the sacred and holy scriptures. In other words, it is not the real thing. It never was and it never will be the real thing. Hybrid Christianity is a form of religion that embraces JESUS CHRIST, liberally uses His name, adopts or claims much of His word – but – it is a form that mixes the traditions of man and man’s human reasoning with the measure of Biblical truth that has been embraced. The end result is a form of organized religion that is nothing but a mixture or blending of two totally different species – the word of God and the flesh of man. It is not “The Way,

The Truth, and The Life” (John 14:6). It is not – “His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all” (Ephesians 1:23).

Hybrid Christianity is much like a mirage. It is an illusion, a religious illusion which appears to be the real thing, indistinguishable from true Christianity, except by the gift of spiritual discernment that is only imparted by GOD, Himself, through His Spirit. Hybrid Christianity looks like true Christianity. It even sounds, and much of the time, acts like true Christianity. To question its authenticity is to invite the scorn of the modern day scribes and Pharisees, not to mention the wrath of the religious spirits of Hell. Lucifer is delighted with a hybrid form of Christianity because he knows that it has no ability to reproduce the likeness and image of Christ in a man or woman. He knows there is no “Life” (John 14:6), no power (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:5), and no ability to reproduce true disciples (Acts 6:7), as commanded by our Lord in Matthew 28:19.

Lucifer, the ancient foe of God and of His offspring (Acts 17:28 & 29), attacked man in the garden through the use of God’s word (Genesis 3:1-4). He then attacked JESUS CHRIST through the use of God’s word (Matthew 4:1-10). Today, this ancient enemy is attacking those who call themselves Christians through the use of God’s word, because his tactics have never changed. Lucifer will always attack the holy Word of God and he will do so by using the Word, causing it to appear as light, righteousness, grace, and love. Sadly, the “many” of Matthew 7:13 will select the false, the hybrid form, and think that they are walking in The Truth. As they draw their last breath, they will learn that only Hell awaits them. How could this possibly be so in an age of much touted spiritual enlightenment?

**“No wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.  
Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves  
into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.”  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 11:14 & 15)**

Religious spirits who are the ministers of Satan were hard at work in the days of our Lord’s physical presence on earth. In those days these spirits of Hell were the driving forces behind the religious zealotry of the scribes and Pharisees. Those who called themselves the people of God. Those who had the Word of God and proclaimed their beliefs in that Word. These very same spirits are the driving influence behind modern day scribes and Pharisees, the only difference being that now they claim and use the name of JESUS. Their goal is the same as in days of old – to deny God His desire of intimacy with man, and to deprive man of FATHER’S promise. To these agents of Hell, our Lord spoke while on earth, and again, He speaks today.

**“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of Hell as yourselves.”**  
(Matthew 23:15)

Hybrid Christianity is well populated with scribes and Pharisees. Their appeal is always to human reasoning and the fleshly hearts of men. It will never be from the full counsel of God’s word. So convincing are their words that a heart, void of spiritual reasoning, will discern that it must be true. From then on, religious pride enters, and given enough time, will ensnare the ones who will openly reject God the FATHER by denying His word. They will become the enemies of JESUS CHRIST while lifting up His name and declaring that they love Him.

Hybrid Christians are absolutely convinced in their hearts that they love JESUS CHRIST and are on their way to heaven, spending eternity with Him. When confronted with His word, revealing their deceptions, they not only refuse to listen to Him, they will become enraged at anyone who delivers His word. I have personally experienced such rage from some Roman Catholics and Charismatics. Hybrid Christianity crosses all denominational lines and so-called nondenominational lines and is not peculiar only to cults. The hybrid Christian says, “I love JESUS”, but that same person denies His word in favor of a man’s word or the reasoning of his own heart. Of this Christian, God says;

**“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.”**  
(JESUS speaking in John 14:24)

The hybrid Christian does not love JESUS. They do not even know Him.

**“He who says, I know Him, and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.”**  
(1<sup>st</sup> John 2:4)

I don’t know about you, dear reader, but these words frighten me. They cause me to tremble. The deeper I delve into FATHER’S word, the more convinced am I that no one can separate GOD from His word and that we cannot live except by every word that proceeds from the mouth of GOD (Matthew 4:4). As I go deeper into FATHER’S word, I am certain He will not alter His word for me, for you, or for any human being (Psalms 89:34). He even declared that His word is magnified above His name (Psalms 138:2). Do not take my word for it. Open your Bibles and read it for yourselves.

In Isaiah; 66:2, GOD speaks these words:

**“On this one will I look: On him who is poor and of**

**a contrite spirit, and who trembles at My word.”**

FATHER has clearly expressed His attitude of heart toward those who believe Him and those who do not. In Galatians 6:7, our God declares that He will not be mocked. In Psalm 50, our God declares that those who cast His words behind them are wicked and not entitled to claim His covenant on their behalf. In Psalm 119, we are told over and over that those who received, meditated upon, and kept God’s word would be blessed beyond measure. In John 12:48, JESUS declared;

**“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.”**

Listen carefully, dear reader. There is no salvation apart from a heart that desires above all else to *obey* God. I am not suggesting one must be perfect in obedience to God to be counted among the saved. None of us are perfect and I thank God that He judges the heart (1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:7). I am persuaded that only a fool trusts his own heart (Proverbs 28:26) when the heart is in disharmony with the full counsel of FATHER’S word. Listen to what God has to say about man’s heart, including your heart and mine:

**“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)**

The heart of that soundly converted saint who has truly been *born again* listens to FATHER’S word, and in meek humility, cries out; “Oh God, have mercy on me. Circumcise my heart, according to Your word, as recorded in Deuteronomy 30:6. Oh God, forgive me for failing to heed Your word. Forgive me for having listened to the flesh of man and to my own wicked heart, rather than to You. FATHER, please forgive me!”

The heart of the true Christian is heard by FATHER and He declares;

**“For thus says the High and Lofty One – who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him who has a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.” (Isaiah 57:15)**

To the hybrid Christian our Lord, the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8), would say, as He did to the Pharisees of His day,

**“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.” (Matthew 15: 8 & 9)**

A heart that does not love the commandments, precepts and judgments of God, choosing instead the doctrines of man, worships God in vain. If a person's heart does not love God's word in its entirety, regardless of what comes out of their mouth, then that person is worshipping in vain and they are not true Christians according to Biblical definition. They are a hybrid Christian who has never been *born again*, not by the will of the flesh, but of the Spirit of God (John 3: 3-8).

The *true Christian* by Biblical definition, does not join the Church (the Ecclesia or called out ones) but is born into it, supernaturally. FATHER declared through His prophet, Jeremiah, that He would make a new covenant, as recorded in Jeremiah 31: 33 & 34, with His people. This, then, is the covenant under which all *born again* Christians live. The writer of Hebrews confirmed that new covenant in Chapter eight, verses seven through thirteen. In that new covenant, God declared He would seal it by doing something in us only He could do.

**“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel (God’s People) after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” (Verse 10)**

A true born again Christian may have never studied God's word and therefore has no concept of what it says. However, that person has had his heart supernaturally altered, according to Hebrews 8: 7-13, by the Holy Spirit of God. The final result is a love in the heart for God's commandments, judgments, and precepts (His laws). When they are presented to a born again Christian, he may not understand them due to his spiritual immaturity, but he responds in his heart, *yes and Amen*. He loves and respects his FATHER'S word. The more he receives, the more he desires. As this child of God grows and matures, he finds FATHER sharing more and more spiritual revelation with him. He is ultimately convinced that God's word is the Bread of Life, as stated by JESUS in Matthew 4:4. The more revelation the born again Christian receives, the more there is to receive. Soon this born again child of God comes to understand God is higher than high, wider than wide, and deeper than deep. He knows only in part (Corinthians 13:9) and that leads him to a place of meek humility before the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This reborn child of God feels offended and grieves of spirit when FATHER'S word is rejected or treated as anything less than pure and holy (Proverbs 30:5).

Not so with the hybrid Christian!

The hybrid Christian possesses many of the same outward traits as the born again Christian and may look and act as a born again Christian. They will tell you they are *born again* and sincerely *believe* they are. However, the living word of God exposes their hearts as yet to be converted.

**“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” (Hebrews 4:12)**

FATHER’S word never fails to expose the true condition of man’s heart. The hybrid Christian desires all God’s blessings, but none of His conditions which conflict with his own heart, even though God has declared that heart to be wicked (Jeremiah 17:9). When it applies to God’s word the hybrid Christian is extremely self-centered, saying they *believe* the word of God and *love* God. However, when confronted and tested with the Holy writ, they will consistently choose *self* (what *they* believe, what *they* love), over God’s word. They are unlike Abraham, called *the friend of God*, who believed God (James 2:23). Regardless of what the hybrid Christian says, he does not believe God. They are self-centered and fill their hearts with affections that soon become idols. This limits their spiritual growth (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:12). Abraham believed God and obeyed Him by offering to kill his lovechild, Isaac. Absolute obedience was the key to receiving God’s fullest blessing, not obedience that comes from a legalistic heart. NO! Abraham obeyed God’s word because he loved God more than he loved Isaac. Abraham feared God. That is the beginning of wisdom, and out of that wisdom comes knowledge of God (Proverbs 9:10).

Hybrid Christianity flourishes in an environment where there is no fear of God. I would suggest that a reverential fear of God is the natural result of believing what God has said. I would suggest that you cannot love God as He commanded us to do (Matthew 22:37) without knowing Him. You cannot know Him without fearing Him! The hybrid Christian speaks much of loving God and people. Certainly, this agrees with God’s word. That is why this deadly form of deception is so difficult to detect. Loving God without a fear of God is a spiritual contradiction, paving the *broad way* to destruction (Matthew 7:13).

We will continue soon!

God Bless

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