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## **“MAY GOD HAVE MERCY”!**

**“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)**

As I begin this message, I am troubled greatly in my spirit. I am troubled because even though the message has yet to be given, I am nonetheless feeling the seriousness and certainty of what is to follow, and it causes me to tremble inside. However, my greater concern is not the message, but my unworthiness to deliver it. As I have said before, my robe is still spotted and wrinkled. Our FATHER has much work to do in me and I am fully aware of that fact. There are times when I am ashamed of myself for not having overcome more of my weaknesses than I have, especially in light of the measure of God's word that I have consumed and that He has given me revelation understanding of. Before our FATHER, I agree with the words of Isaiah, the Prophet when he cried out in Isaiah 6:5:

**“Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;”**

My brothers and sisters, my lips are unclean and I too am dwelling in the very midst of a people of unclean lips. I assure you that I do not write to you from a position of spiritual superiority. I am just your brother in Christ, who like you is on a journey of life that will finally end as we individually stand before Him and allow Him to judge us by and through His word. (see John 12:48) I choose to love you as my brother or sister and I am trusting our FATHER to manifest that love through me to you, as I am personally unable to do so on my own. It is because of this great love, that the truth must be made known to we the people of God, and it must be made known over and over again from generation to generation, as we are still in rebellion against the holiness of God. What you hear from me represents but one small voice among what I hope are many voices that are now warning the people of God of what is soon to come. Mans' rebellion against the holiness of God is rapidly drawing to a close. Very soon we will hear but one cry from the “house of the Lord”: “My God, My God, have mercy on me!” The fact that most of us do not believe that judgment is about to fall on what we call the Church, is proof enough that many of us are now counted among those that Isaiah prophesied of and JESUS spoke about in Matthew 13: 14,15 when He said:

**“Hearing you will hear and shall not understand, And seeing you will see and not perceive; For the hearts of this people have grown dull. Their ears are hard of hearing, and their eyes have closed, Lest they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, Lest they should understand with their hearts and turn, So that I should heal them.”**

My brothers and sisters we must never forget that our FATHERS' heart desires above all things to bless us. His love for us is beyond our carnal ability to comprehend. The last thing that FATHER desires to do

is to punish us, and He takes no pleasure in the death of anyone (see Ezekiel 18:32). Nor does He afflict us willingly (see Lamentations 3:33). However, because He is God and perfect in His holiness, He cannot tolerate mans' disobedience and rebellion to His word. For those of us who have heard our FATHERS' warning, there is now no excuse. We are well past the times of ignorance that Paul spoke about in Acts 17: 30 & 31.

**“Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead.”**

Because of our FATHERS' love, He warns us over and over and over again, not wanting that even one of us should perish (see 2 Peter 3:9), but that we might all make it into His heavenly kingdom. FATHERS' warnings to us are a clear demonstration of His love for us, but please know that when His warnings cease, and the voice of the Prophet goes silent - when the self ordained prophets proclaim peace, peace and blessing as many are now doing - know that only the wrath of a holy God will follow! Our God has a long history of turning away from a people who continually refuse to obey Him and lose all of their fear of Him. Today, we are dangerously close to being numbered among those of the past to whom and of whom He declared the following:

**“Just as they have chosen their own ways, And their soul delights in their abominations,  
So I will choose their delusions, And bring their fears on them; Because when I called,  
no one answered, When I spoke they did not hear; But they did evil before  
My eyes, And chose that in which I do not delight.”**

**(Isaiah 66:3 & 4)**

**“I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk  
in a way that is not good, According to their own thoughts; A  
people who provoke Me to anger continually to My face;”**

**(Isaiah 65: 2,3)**

**“These things you have done, and I kept silent: You thought that I was altogether like you:  
But I will rebuke you, And set them in order before your eyes;”**

**(Psalm 59:21)**

**“- - When a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness, I will stretch out My hand against it; I  
will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it.  
Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only  
themselves by their righteousness, says the Lord God.”**

**(Ezekiel 14: 13 & 14)**

Our God has always dealt with man on three levels. First, He deals with us individually, one on one. In the end He will judge us individually. Secondly, He deals with us as a corporate body, what we would call the Church. The corporate body would include all people who claim to be Christians and who say they believe in JESUS and are counting on that belief to enter into His kingdom. Finally, God deals with the Nations of man.

Judgment always begins at the house of God (1 Peter 4:17) and when God judges the corporate body of His people, you may be assured that each of us will be individually impacted. However, when Gods' judgment falls, there is always a remnant of believers in place that are not taken by surprise and who are totally “sold out” to our Lord. These are the ones that God has separated unto Himself and their loyalty lies

with Him and Him alone. These over comers are used of God to minister His life to those who are caught by surprise and quickly lose all hope. May we be found worthy to be included in the ranks of the holy remnant of God. One thing is for sure, only those who agree totally with God have a chance of coming through the storm of His judgment as an over comer. I might also add that if your loyalty to the institutional Church, or its' leaders is greater than to our God and His word, you have no hope at all of coming through the storm as an over comer.

Now concerning the Nations. Most people have a terribly inflated opinion of the value of their Nation. The sin of national pride is not peculiar to just a few, but is a world wide epidemic. We Americans are no doubt the most affected as our national pride has come into full bloom. Now here is our Gods' opinion of "all" of the Nations of the earth, including yours.

**“Behold, the Nations are as a drop in a bucket, And are counted  
as the small dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing.”**

**“All Nations before Him are as nothing,  
And they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless.”**

**(Isaiah 40: 15 & 17)**

Any Nation that slaughters the innocent and devises evil by law is marked as a Nation that will incur the wrath of a holy God. Not only that, but as a Nations' pride swells before a holy God, that Nation is assured of destruction. (See Proverbs 16:18 and Zechariah 11:3) Do not be deceived, God will not be mocked. Sooner or later the pride of the Nations will be destroyed. Then they will know that He is God! Let the voices of the remnant join in unity with that of David as he cried out:

**“Arise Oh Lord, Do not let man prevail; Let the Nations be judged in Your sight.  
Put them in fear, Oh Lord, That the Nations may know themselves to be but men.”**

**(PSALM 9: 19 & 20)**

There is a firestorm of Gods' holiness that will soon make landfall on America. I saw this storm in the spirit several years ago. Like a huge hurricane, the longer it delays making landfall, the stronger it becomes. We cannot imagine what is about to happen, but I can assure you that we will quickly learn what it means to fear God. In less than one days' time, God will have our undivided attention.

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As horrible as the coming judgment will be, it is no less a good thing. It is good because out of the ashes of despair there will be a harvest of souls for the Kingdom of God that would not have otherwise been.

**“For when Your judgments are in the earth, The inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.  
Let grace be shown to the wicked, Yet he will not learn righteousness. In the land of uprightness  
he will deal unjustly, And will not behold the majesty of the Lord.”**

**(Isaiah 26: 9 & 10)**

Judgment of the Nations is now underway and it will grow in intensity until the pride of the nations is either broken or the nations are totally destroyed. The severity of Gods' judgment of a Nation will be tempered to a great extent by the response of Gods' people to His judgment. Listen to the word of our God-

**“When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or**

**send pestilence among My people, if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”**

**(2 Chronicles 7: 13 & 14)**

My brothers and sisters, nothing moves the heart of God any more than true repentance. Nothing! I believe so strongly in Gods’ grace and mercy that if Judas Iscariot had made his way to the foot of the Cross on that day, and allowed the Blood of God to drip down on him as he cried out for mercy - I believe he would have been forgiven and would have made it into the Kingdom of God. Gods’ grace and mercy follows a repentant heart, and that alone is now our only hope for survival. I do not need to elaborate in detail on the condition of the Nations before God. They are all, to some degree, in open rebellion against the word of God. My own country may be the saddest example of all the Nations. America is blessed with an abundance of natural resources, material wealth that is unparalleled in the history of man, possesses the most powerful military machine in all of time, and more spiritual blessings than any other country since the early days of the Church (the “called out” ones) in the land of Israel. And yet, with all of our blessings here in America, those who claim to be Gods’ people and make up the Church, have brought more shame and reproach on His holy name than have any other people in modern times. The modern day Church is spiritually sick, morally corrupt, drunk on her spiritual pride, and blind to her true condition before a holy God. The modern day Church has become a god to many, as they give their allegiance and loyalty to “it”, rather than to God alone. Criticize ones’ Church and you will incur their anger or worse, their wrath. Mock Gods’ word and bring shame and reproach on His name and you will seldom receive anything but a word of grace. Who among us mourns for the loss of honor due the name of our great King?

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Whenever I believe that we Christians have hit bottom in our spiritual decline, something else is exposed publicly that takes us even lower. Ever since my spiritual eyes and ears were opened nearly twenty years ago, I have been witnessing a steady decline in spiritual growth in what we call the Church. I was shocked when Jimmy Swaggart fell and his perverted sexual sin was exposed. Jim Bakker soon followed as he was exposed and the P.T.L. empire fell. As the years have passed by, numerous other lesser known leaders of the Church have been exposed in their sin. Each time more and more shame was brought on the name of JESUS CHRIST. During the past twenty years the divorce rate among Christians has surpassed that of the unbelievers. Christians are drowning in debt and have the reputation in the business world of being a poor credit risk, with pastors being the worst. Mega ministries have grown into multi-million dollar empires, many of which are led by spiritual hucksters and carnival barkers that promise the people the blessings of God in return for their best offering.

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If we had not brought enough shame on Him who died for us, we then uncover a breeding ground for sodomites in the Roman Catholic Church. Not an isolated incident of one practicing homosexual having crept into the Church unnoticed. No! Hundreds, if not thousands of men wearing crosses around starched white collars have for decades and decades been molesting the children in the dark corners of the Church. The world has now learned that Church leadership knew of this hellish sin and covered it up. Not only that, but hush money - Gods’ money - the tithe of the people - has been and is being used to pay off the victims. I personally thought this corruption in the Church was as low as we could go. But I was wrong. I quickly learned that we can go a lot lower when all fear of Gods’ holiness is gone from the hearts of His people.

On Saturday afternoon, August 30th, I was reading the second largest daily newspaper in Kentucky, the Lexington Herald. On Saturday the paper includes a special section under the heading of "Faith and Values". I usually scan this section to see what the secular press is saying about we Christians, Gods' people.

As the World opened up the Lexington Herald on August 30th and turned to the "Faith and Values" section, they were greeted with two headlines that read as follows: "St. Joseph Might Be The Answer". The story began with the following statement: "Burying statue in yard seals deal, many believe." According to the story, one could go to the Benedictine Book Store and purchase an "idol" of one St. Joseph for \$8.99, which comes in a kit with full instructions of what to do with it to receive a financial blessing. You are told to bury the idol in your yard and then pray to St. Joseph, the "idol", and he would help you sell your house for a good price. There were several testimonies as to how this practice of idol worship really works. One of the idol worshipers stated that you don't even need to be Catholic to receive this financial blessing. You just have to believe. This idol worship is nothing more than the doctrine of demons. It brings shame and reproach on our Lord and it robs Him of the honor and glory due His name. Every good and perfect gift comes from God (see James 1:17), not from St. Joseph, nor from any other man!

**"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,"**

**(1 Timothy 3:1)**

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If the story on idol worship was not bad enough, the second story in the Faith and Values section of the paper caused me to cry out in disbelief at first and then I was overwhelmed with anger as I realized that the people of God had entered into a new level of blaspheming our God and His Blood. The second story, also with 2" headlines, read as follows: "WAFERS AND BISCUITS". The story led off with this statement: "Church welcomes pets at service, Communion". The article mentions that many Churches, especially Catholic, now schedule blessing ceremonies for pets, especially around October 4th, the feast day of renowned animal lover St. Francis of Assisi. However the story on this particular day centered around the "All Saints Episcopal Church" in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Dogs and Cats are now included in their Communion service. They have even prepared special wafers for the animals to receive at the altar. The story included a picture of a woman at the altar with her dog, standing before a priest to receive communion. The priest was quoted as saying: "If the pets start getting boisterous - as in barking or hissing - don't worry. They're praising God as only they know how to do it."

Can you imagine what we have done? We have taken the most holy and heavenly thing that ever touched man - The broken Body and poured out Blood of God - and we have mixed it with dogs and cats. We have mixed it with animal waste while the demons of hell celebrate the shame and reproach that we have brought on the Name that is above every name! To all who have participated in this hellish activity, and to those who have approved of such activity by remaining silent and continuing to fellowship with this darkness, I can only say - Shame on you! - Shame on you! May God have mercy!

**"The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ?  
The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?"**

**(1 Corinthians 10:16)**

**"Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord."**

(1 Corinthians 11:27)

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Dear saints, as hard as it may be to believe, things will get much worse. Much worse indeed! Sin, and I mean the practice of sin will continue to spread in our nations and in the institutional Church until either God puts a stop to it by sending the sword, pestilence and famine or the Church receives a blessing of deep repentance. I am fully persuaded that the institutional Church will not repent for her sins, but rather will continue to swell with religious pride until she is finally destroyed. The spirit of pride tells us that we are special in GODS' eyes. We are now covered by His grace and we no longer need be concerned with obedience. How could we fear our best friend, our personal buddy and the one who promises us nothing but blessings of health, happiness and prosperity? Those sodomites in the Catholic Church or the Episcopal or Presbyterian Church might get punished, but not us, we do not do those evil things. No! What we do is worse. We fail to mourn over their abominations and what is happening to the name of our Lord before the unbelievers.

After Paul addressed the sin of one man in the Church at Corinth, he then addressed the rest of the believers. Listen -

**“And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you.”**

**“Your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?”**

**(1Corinthians 5: 2 & 6)**

There is now more than a little leaven in the Church and before it is over the entire lump will be leavened. However, there is now in place, our Fathers' remnant, just as there was in the days of Ezekiel. These make up “The Called Out Ones”, those whom God has set apart for Himself (see Psalm 4:3). They find favor with God, not because of the words of their mouths - not because of an institution that they may be a member of - not because of their good works or busyness on His behalf. No! They are well known in the Throne room of our holy God and there they find favor, all because of only one thing - the meditations of their heart. They now have written on the tablet of their heart, by God Himself, His laws, His commandments, precepts and judgments. (see Jeremiah 31:33 and Hebrews 8:10) When it comes to the Word of God, the heartbeat of the remnant is simply “Yes and Amen”! These are the ones who join with the Psalmist in declaring; “Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right; I hate every false way.” (Psalm 119:128)

We will continue shortly -

God Bless

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