

**"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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“SPIRITUAL REVELATION”

“Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord God “That I will send a famine on the land, Not a famine of bread, Nor a thirst for water, But of hearing the words of the Lord.

They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, Seeking the word of the Lord, But shall not find it.” (Amos 8: 11 & 12)

The days that Amos prophesied would one day come upon God’s people, are now upon us, and in my opinion, have been for some time. Never, have God’s people been exposed to as much of His word as we are today, with the end result being little, if any, “hearing or revelation” of that word. Our knowledge is increasing just as the prophet Daniel prophesied that it would. However, knowledge without revelation is nothing more than mental assent. In the Book of Daniel, chapter 12 we read Daniel’s prophecy concerning the End Times. In verse four Daniel writes of these days:

“Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase.”

Then there is the Apostle Paul. Just prior to his being led out from his cell to be beheaded, he wrote his last letter to Timothy. We identify that letter as – 2 Timothy. In his letter, Paul prophesied concerning the “last days”. You can read his entire prophecy in 2 Timothy 3, verse 1 through verse 17; In these seventeen verses, Paul paints a vivid picture of what we would look like in these last days of which you and I are a part. He warned us that these days would be “Perilous” days that would pose great danger for the people of God. Among other things, Paul prophesied that we would---

Be unholy --- Verse 2

Be Lovers of Pleasure rather than lovers of God --- Verse 4

Have a “form” of godliness but void of power --- Verse 5

Always be learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. --- Verse 7

Be deceived --- Verse 13

From Father's prophetic word we see a portrait of God's "end time" people. A people who run to and fro, from coast to coast, from conference to conference, from Bible study to Bible study, from book to book -- tape to tape --- sermon to sermon, and church to church --- always searching for the word of the Lord --- ever increasing in our knowledge --- But ---Never able to come to the knowledge of the Truth! Today, we, the people of God, as a whole, have become just exactly as the prophets of old prophesied that we would become.

Our history, as God's people, is a tragic story of a people who have fallen from being sons and daughters of God who were filled with the Holy Spirit and anointed with the fire of God in the "upper room" on the Day of Pentecost, to a people that Amos, Daniel and Paul describe in their prophesies. We have fallen from a people in the first century of the church's existence, that enjoyed the favor of God, had favor with all the people, lacked for nothing, walked in the fear of God, were in unity with each other, were witnesses to many signs and wonders including the healing of the sick and the raising of the dead. You can read a capsule description of the first century church in Acts 2:40 – 47. I invite you to compare, through God's word, the first century church, which was known as "The Way" with what we call the church today. If you find any similarities please share them with me. I find none!

Yes, the early church suffered much persecution, but they stood tall on solid ground and did not deny the High and Holy Name of Jesus Christ. They had already counted the cost and considered it an honor to suffer for His sake. As it was written, so it was.

“Remember the word that I said to you, a servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they Kept My word, they will keep yours also.” (John 15:20)

Today, the modern day church of the western world knows absolutely nothing about being persecuted, for our Lord's namesake --- nothing! I am persuaded that one reason, maybe the only reason, that we are not persecuted as was Christ and our early fore-fathers, is that there is no widespread revelation of God's word within our ranks.

Some of us have studied Father's word, memorized His word, quoted His word freely, and even taught His word for decades, and yet we continue our spiritual decline and look more and more like the rest of the world around us, as each year passes. How could this be? The answer is quite simple!

What we need is not more teaching --- more study --- but rather what we need is "Revelation understanding" of what we already know. This spiritual principal applies to me, and to you dear reader. Knowing what God's word says, without choosing to believe it as a little child, and receiving the revelation of that word, will no more change a man's behavior than a Polly Parrott changes it's behavior because it is taught to speak English. For those who have ears to hear, Listen ---

**“The word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no widespread revelation.”
(1 Samuel 3: 1b) Emphasis Added**

“Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law. A servant will not be corrected by mere words; For though he understands, he will not respond.” (Proverbs 29: 18 & 19) Emphasis Added

“Though he understands, he will not respond.” Father’s word to His people is clear. There is a spiritual principal that applies to each and every one of us who are part of the One True Church. That principal or spiritual law says that without “revelation” of God’s word, even though we know it, understand it and verbally choose to believe it, we never-the-less will not respond or walk in it, unless we have the “revelation” of that word. I am the most vulnerable to “disobedience”, even though I understand Father’s word, where ever I lack revelation --- and so are you dear saint.

When it comes to spiritual revelation it is altogether a God thing. We cannot acquire it through some man. We cannot acquire it through a book or tape. Revelation cannot be bought at any price, nor can it be acquired through never ending participation in Bible study groups and sitting through sermon after sermon after sermon. No! Revelation is nothing more than God, revealing Himself to His son or His daughter. It is a free gift given by God to man, according to His pleasure, or as He alone wills. In a mystery, it is God in you. The natural mind cannot accept this.

“The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.” (1st Corinthians 2:14-16)

Our journey toward the Homeland and being united with our Lord, where we will fully reflect His likeness and image is a three-step process. That process is as follows:

Step One --- Jesus Christ “revealed” to you.
Step Two --- Jesus Christ “revealed” in you.
Step Three --- Jesus Christ “revealed” through you.

The entire process from Spiritual Re-birth to the time of our departure is (or should be) one of continuing revelation. Father declared in Romans 8:29 that His heart’s desire, was that His people ---

“Be conformed to the image of His Son.”

We will never be conformed to the image of Jesus Christ apart from the gift of “Revelation”. Spiritual Revelation in man is “Life” in man. Spiritual Revelation moves man from the flesh, from the earthy, from the world, to the heavenly. Spiritual Revelation moves man from religion to Reality --- from “form” to Power --- from confusion to Certainty --- from darkness to Light --- from death to Life. Spiritual Revelation causes us To ---

“Set our mind on things above, not on things on earth.” (Colossians 3:2)

Never forget, our Spiritual maturity depends totally upon the measure of Revelation that Father grants to us. All of our good works --- all of our church activity, including our praise and worship --- all of our Biblical Knowledge --- all of our giving of tithes and offerings --- all of our traditions and religious activity combined, will not bring us “Revelation”. It cannot be earned, learned, taught or bought! You will not find it in man’s institutions, whether that be a Seminary, or a Sanctuary. Revelation is given by God, to man in the Secret Place of man’s heart; where there are no hidden agendas, no religious spirits, and always outside of man’s human reasoning.

Once given, Spiritual Revelation will alter man's thought patterns, his words, and his deeds. That measure of Revelation that a son or daughter is given will more often than not cause conflict, ridicule, persecution and even martyrdom. This conflict between Light and darkness, Truth and the lie, Life and death, will not be a conflict or clash with the world or the Pagan. No! The conflict of which I speak will be the mirror image of the conflict that Christ encountered among God's people --- the religious ones --- the Church.

“Remember the word that I said to you, A servant is not greater than his master. If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.” (John 15:20)

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (Matthew 5:10-12)

When the gift of Revelation is given to a son or daughter, that son or daughter is never the same in the area where they received Revelation. Never! And, we are promised that persecution will soon follow. That is just the way it is, and there is nothing that we can do about it.

Today, most of us are not being persecuted because we have been given little, if any, Revelation. Especially pertaining to God's Commandments, Precepts and Judgments. Very few have been given Revelation of God's holiness and His command that we be holy, just as He is holy (Ephesians 1:4 & 1 Peter 1:16) Our lack of Revelation in this End Time season has resulted in our current spiritual state of wide spread carnality. The real tragedy in all of this is that most of us are not aware of our sordid state, or worse, we just do not care. After all, we have a nice air-conditioned and heated building to meet in. We have nice padded seats to sit in. We have some gifted musicians to perform and entertain us. We have a speaker to deliver a message to us and we are surrounded by friends that are just like we are; just as empty and void of Revelation as we are; just as religious as we are; and just as powerless as we are. The fact that we have no continuing Revelation to light our way on the highway of holiness (Isaiah 35:8) is of no real concern to us. After all, we have our Form, our Traditions and our Beliefs. We are quite comfortable in Christian City. May God have mercy on our generation!

For the few who may read this message and have a true desire for Father to grant you Revelation Knowledge of His word, please be encouraged. When your hunger and thirst reaches a level where you will set your practice of religion aside, count the cost, and consider the loss that you will incur (especially the loss of those friends who will choose to stay behind in spiritual Babylon), and consider the gift of Father's Revelation to be worth what ever the cost --- Know that you will receive your Father's gift of Revelation. The measure you receive will be up to Him. However, your response to what you are given will determine how much more you are given.

“Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.” (Matthew 13: 11 & 12)

I would like to close by reminding us that the Apostle Paul received as much or more Revelation than any other mortal man, and did not receive that Revelation through man's institution or his own effort.

“For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.” (Galatians 1:12)

**“By revelation He made known to me the mystery, as I have briefly written already.”
(Ephesians 3:3)**

Father, being no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34 and Romans 2:11) and the Source of every good and perfect gift (James 1:17) who is the same today as He was in the days of Paul (Malachi 3:6 and Hebrews 13:8) will not turn away a child of His who hungers and thirsts for the gift of Revelation. When we show Him, that more than our flesh, our comfort, our religion, that we desire His Revelation; and that we are willing to follow Him, alone --- not our own heart --- not our preacher, teacher or some other religious idol --- He will quickly respond and take us into His confidence. However, until we are sufficiently hungry, we will not receive, especially, if we remain in spiritual Babylon.

“May the God of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; (Ephesians 1:17 & 18a)

God Bless,

Your Brother, Tom

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