

**"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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“Seek First the Kingdom of God!”

The people of God have a long history of being ensnared with the cares and worries of the world, the deceitfulness of riches, the desire for other things (other than the things of God), and their religion. The end result being, a people who are estranged from God. A people who profess to be God’s own people – a people who practice their religious beliefs, and are quite sincere in what they profess to believe – a people however, who do not reflect the likeness and image of Jesus Christ, but rather a people who look like, sound like and act like the world.

Any serious student of Father’s word can turn to Genesis and proceed all the way through to Revelation, and there find the historical facts pertaining to the behavior of God’s people as they continually draw near to Him, and then drift away from Him. Over and over again the history of God’s people repeats itself. And so it is today ---

“That which has been is what will be. That which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which it may be said, “See this is new”? It has already been in ancient times before us!” (Ecclesiastes 1: 9 & 10)

As I search out Father’s written record, I find a truth about us that is frightening. Simply, we do not profit from our forefathers mistakes. The gravitational pull of the pleasures of the world combined with the weakness of our flesh draws us into the forcefield of deception, self gratification and ultimately estrangement from God. The form of religion remains, but the power of God is withdrawn. As it was written, so it is today ---

“There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of things that are to come by those who will come after.” (Ecclesiastes 1:11)

Today, you and I are living in the “falling away” season of separation. We are sailing into the very face of the perfect storm of God’s judgment. Many false prophets have arisen, as our Lord warned us would happen (see Matthew 24: 4 – 11), saying, “peace, peace and prosperity awaits us all”. These same false prophets fail to warn us of the storm of God’s judgment that looms ahead. Some of these false prophets tickle our ears by warning us of God’s judgment, but assuring us that we have a reserved seat, in first class, on the rapture ship. So not to worry are we – just be happy! Turn up the music, pass out the tambourines, the shofars and drums, and let the party begin. May God have mercy on us! May God have mercy on us!!

It is written ---

“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 50:21)

“Let no one deceive you by any means; for that day (the coming of our Lord) will not come unless the falling away comes first,” (2 Thessalonians 2:3)

**“For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?”
(1 Peter 4:17) Emphasis Added**

“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.” And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;” (1 Peter 1:15 – 17) Emphasis Added

“- - - yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.” Now this, “yet once more”, indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made, that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.

Therefore, since we are receiving a Kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and Godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire.” (Hebrews 12:26 – 29) Emphasis Added

Father’s word is clear and easily understood for all who have a love for the Truth, and who are willing to seek the Truth, before all other matters of life. We have no excuse for our current spiritual condition, -- none what so ever! Father has told us exactly what was going to happen to the many, the majority of those of us who claim to be followers of His Son, as time carries us to that day when He will once again show Himself to all of the world. Surely that day will soon be upon us, otherwise our spiritual freefall will continue and take us to a level of darkness that is unspeakable. Only God’s judgment can help us now, for clearly it is written ---

“For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness. Let grace be shown to the wicked (see God’s definition of the wicked in Psalm 50:16 & 17), 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) Emphasis Added

God is serious about His word and He expects us to search it out and to seek Him there, in the depths of that which 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)

As the people of God have gone through these cycles of rising up spiritually and then falling away, the cause of the decline has always been the same. We fall away because we do not know the one true God.

The same God that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob knew. We do not know the same God that Moses, Elijah, Jeremiah, Isaiah and Daniel knew. We do not know, nor do we fear, the same God that Paul, John, Matthew and Jesus knew and feared. Yes, in His humanity even Christ feared our Father -----

“Who in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplications, with vehement cries and tears to Him who was able to save Him from death, and was heard because of His godly fear, though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered.” (Hebrews 5: 7 & 8) Emphasis Added

Losing the fear of God guarantees our spiritual decline and seals our fate. Today, I find no more fear of God within what we call the church, than one has toward their family pet. We fear man. We fear the pastor, the priest, or the Pope. We fear the IRS, the FBI, the State Police --- But we do not fear God! This reality should drive us to our knees and cause us to beg our God for forgiveness and plead for a “true” spirit of repentance. Any true representative of the Kingdom of God should be found not on his elevated platform looking down on God’s people, but rather between the porch and the alter weeping tears of holy grief for the fallen condition of – not the world – but of the modern day church. The Sunday morning talking heads should shut their mouths and place a seal over their lips until their God breaks their heart and washes their soul with a river of tears from the pool of repentance. They should wait for God Himself to remove the seal from the lips and anoint their tongue with the fire from the throne room of God. I speak not only to those in leadership, but to all of us who call ourselves followers of Christ, including myself. It would help us all to spend an extended season of time in Daniel Chapter Nine and Ezekiel Chapter Nine.

When God spoke to His people in the days of Moses, He told us that He was a jealous God ----

“For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.” (Deuteronomy 4:24)

He then told us to seek Him ---

“Seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him “if” you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.” (Deuteronomy 4:29) Emphasis Added

He then told us to fear Him ---

“that you may “fear” the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.” (Deuteronomy 6:2)

Fearing God leads to obeying God. Failing to fear God leads us to a life of disobedience and to being numbered among the wicked in the eyes of God ---

“An oracle within my heart concerning the transgression of the wicked; There is no fear of God before his eyes.” (Psalm 36:1) Emphasis Added

Then He told us to love Him ---

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength.” (Deuteronomy 6:5)

SEEK – FEAR – LOVE. If we seek Him, we will find Him. If we find Him, we will fear Him – and we will obey Him. IF we fear Him because we have found Him, we will love Him, because we know Him. The key – the first thing that we must do is – seek Him! As it is written ---

“Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (Matthew 6:33) Emphasis Added

What does it mean to “seek”? Webster defines the English word as follows: “To search for – To try to reach or obtain.”

Further, Webster defines “first” as follows: “Preceding all others as in time, order or importance.”

Let’s go further and look at Webster’s definition of Kingdom --- “A country whose head is a King – a realm in which someone is dominant.”

Clearly, Father is commanding us to seek Him, His Kingdom, His righteousness, “First”, before anything and everything else in Life. Our failure to do as He commanded that we do, has led us once again, into spiritual decline and estrangement from our only hope. The sad thing is that most of us do not have a clue as to what our current spiritual condition is. We have lots of knowledge as it relates to our church, but little, if any knowledge that comes from knowing God. This is the result of a failure to seek God and His Kingdom. Most Christians that I talk with filter all of their knowledge of God (what they believe) through their church, their denomination, what their pastor says, etc. They have been programmed by what they have chosen to submit themselves too. Many do not have a love for the truth, and as a result they have become what they have chosen to believe. Any suggestion that they may not be seeking the Truth or that God might be displeased with them is immediately rejected as a threat to their well being. However, God has already spoken to them and spoken clearly. Listen -----

“My people are destroyed for lack of Knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.” (Hosea 4:6)

To those who have not received “the love of the truth” it is written---

“for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.” (2 Thessalonians 2:11 & 12) Emphasis Added

Dear saints, our Father’s commands to seek Him, to fear Him and to love Him above all things including our forms of religion, along with His warning of what He would do if we failed to heed His word, should cause us to tremble. But does it? Our forefathers followed the dictates of their own hearts and suffered the consequences. God’s prophets stated, as I have pointed out, that we would do the same --- and it is today among God’s people, just exactly as prophesied in ages past. Deception among God’s people may have reached an all time high. Surely our guilt is greater than our forefathers because we have been given so much. Never before has a people of God enjoyed as much prosperity, comfort and lack of persecution as have we in the Western world. Never before has a people of God enjoyed as much revelation and had as much access to God’s word as have we. And yet we have never been more divided, more self-centered, more unloving, more covetous, more lustful, more worldly and more disobedient than we are

today. To make matters worse, we, as a whole, are either unaware of our condition, or we just do not care. May God have mercy on us all!

“And that servant who knew his master’s will, and did not prepare himself or do according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes. But he who did not know, yet committed things deserving of stripes, shall be beaten with few. For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.” (Jesus speaks – Luke 12:47 & 48)

“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.” (Matthew 7:21) Emphasis Added

Dear reader, even though our spiritual condition is terrible and now awaits God’s judgment --- Even though things are going to get worse among God’s people, and even though we cannot change what God has prophesied would be in these latter days --- there is hope for those who have ears to hear. There is hope for those who, as an act of their own free will, choose to flee religious Babylon and dedicate their remaining time on Earth to seeking God and His Kingdom. There is hope, because in every season of time where God’s people have found themselves as we are today, our God has had a remnant of His friends who had eyes and ears for only Him. He has that remnant even in this very hour. May you and I be found worthy to be counted among them.

“And I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, My people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues. For her sins have reached to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.” (Revelation 18:4 & 5)

“You say rightly that I am a King. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice.” (John 18: 37) Emphasis Added

May God grant you, dear reader, the ear to hear His voice and the grace to leave all and follow Him.

God Bless,

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