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**THE LORD PLEADS
WITH HIS
PEOPLE**

**“O MY PEOPLE
WHAT HAVE I DONE TO
YOU?
AND HOW HAVE
I WEARIED YOU?
TESTIFY AGAINST ME!”**

THE LORD PLEADS WITH HIS PEOPLE

MICAH 6:3

Jesus answered and said to him,
“If anyone Loves Me,
He will KEEP my Word;
and
My Father will Love him...
He who DOES NOT Love Me
DOES NOT KEEP MY WORDS...

IMPORTANT NOTES

This is **NOT** JUST a study about, and from the Word of God. This is also **A MESSAGE** of relevance and **GREAT MAGNITUDE** for our time. For this reason, it is encouraged that you read this study slowly and meditate on things that impress you or stand out to you. It is also encouraged to have the Word of God available for reference, although not necessary.

Note 1): Every chapter begins with a verse or verses from the Word of God. Please take the time to read them slowly, and meditate on how the Word of God relates to the information presented.

Note 2): It is encouraged to meditate on the scriptures while reading this study so that you may receive your own revelations and insights from the Word of God.

Note 3): ***Because of the significance and importance of certain material and teachings, some material has been repeated. ***

Note 4): This study has been formatted to give you the reader lots of room for personal notes. Because of the information presented in this study, It is strongly encouraged to highlight and take notes on material that either stands out, or makes an impression on you.

Important definitions to know.... according to merriam-webster.com

ABOMINATION(s)...Something that causes Extreme disgust and hatred.

BLASPHEMY...The act of insulting or lack of reverence for God; something said or done that is disrespectful to God.

CORRUPT...doing things that are dishonest or illegal in order to make money or to gain or keep power.

GOD...A person and especially a man who is greatly loved or admired; One controlling a particular aspect or part of reality.

HYPOCRISY...behavior that does not agree with what someone claims to believe or feel.

HYPOCRITE... A person who puts on a false appearance of virtue or religion.

IDOL...A picture or object that is worshipped as a god. A likeness of something; an object of extreme devotion.

IDOLATRY...Extreme admiration, love, or reverence for something or someone

JUDGMENT...a divine sentence or decision; *specifically*: A calamity held to be sent by God.

LUST...intense or uncontrolled sexual desire; an intense longing

RELIGION...An organized system of beliefs, ceremonies, and rules used to worship a god or gods.

SACRIFICE...The act of giving up something that you want to keep, especially in order to get or do something else or help someone.

VENGEANCE...punishment inflicted in retaliation for an injury or Offense: retribution.

WORSHIP...extravagant respect or admiration for, or devotion to an object or person of esteem.

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**THE LORD GIVES
A
DREAM**

“For God may speak in one way, or in
Another, yet man does not perceive it.
In a dream, in a vision of the night,
When deep sleep falls upon men,
While slumbering on their beds,
Then He opens the ears of men and
Seals their instruction.”

The Dream from The Lord

On May 25, 2015, The LORD GOD before whom I stand gave me a dramatic vivid dream. I was standing in a crowd of people looking at the sky and clouds; when all of a sudden one of the clouds turned into a large fire ball, just like described in Ezekiel Chapter 1 Verse 4.

The LORD then spoke to me saying: **“Why Don’t They love My Son?”**

I asked the LORD, “Who LORD? Who are They?”

The LORD responded with brokenness of heart saying:

“My People! Why don’t My People love My Son?”

I than began to weep and the fire ball then turned to the face of an ox.

**“GIVE EAR O HEAVENS, AND I WILL SPEAK;
AND HEAR O EARTH, THE WORDS OF MY MOUTH.
LET MY TEACHING DROP AS THE RAIN,
MY SPEECH DISTILL AS THE DEW,
AS RAINDROPS ON THE TENDER HERB,
AND AS SHOWERS ON THE GRASS.
FOR I PROCLAIM THE NAME OF THE LORD:
ASCRIBE GREATNESS TO OUR GOD.
HE IS THE ROCK,
HIS WORK IS PERFECT;
FOR ALL HIS WAYS ARE JUSTICE,
A GOD OF TRUTH AND WITHOUT INJUSTICE;
RIGHTEOUS AND UPRIGHT IS HE.**

THE HEARTBREAK OF GOD
CHAPTER ONE



IT IS
WRITTEN

“It is Written,
‘Man shall not Live
on Bread Alone, but by
EVERY
Word That Proceeds From
The Mouth of God’”

The words of Jesus in the wilderness

Matthew 4:4

This is a study that will look at why the **HEART of The LORD GOD is BROKEN** over **His People (Christians) TODAY.**

This study will look at **THE ETERNAL WORD OF GOD,**

The Teachings of Jesus, Modern Theology and Today's False Prophets.

We will also look at The Ungodly, Worldly Religious Church System,

The Bride of Jesus, and YOU,..... and Your relationship with God.

We will be talking about teachings, religious cultures and

Truths from the Eternal Word of God that may, in some cases, offend some people.

If you the reader will keep a humble heart and examine the Word of God for yourself, You will not be able to deny what The Word Of God says regarding the subjects and teachings regarding Eternal Life discussed here in this study.

This study is meant to, not only make you examine your religion and/or religious beliefs, traditions, doctrines and teachings, but also your relationship with God, and your **LOVE and OBEDIENCE** to The Word of God.

This study is meant for you, the reader, to ask yourself some serious questions.

Questions that will deal with your religious beliefs, traditions and teachings you currently have, the church system you may be committed to, and most importantly **YOUR Eternal Life and YOUR accountability to God.**

REMEMBER THIS:

ONE DAY YOU WILL STAND BEFORE GOD,

AND YOU WILL GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF YOUR LIFE!

ON THAT DAY, there are NO SECOND CHANCES or DO OVERS!

All second, third, fourth, and as many chances God gives you, are here on earth.

ON THAT DAY, ALL your religious piety, activities, traditions, beliefs and teachings will mean **ABSOLUTELY NOTHING!**

YOU WILL NOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD, IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A PURE HEART OF LOVE! YOU MUST LOVE THE LORD GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, SOUL, MIND AND STRENGTH AND LOVE EVERYONE AS JESUS DOES!

ENTRANCE INTO THE ETERNAL KINGDOM OF GOD IS, AND HAS ALWAYS BEEN, BASED ON PURE LOVE!!!!!! NOTHING ELSE!!!!!!

This study is Not meant to point fingers, but only to expose lies and hypocrisies and religious traditions and teachings that have been handed down through the years that are not in line with, or have been ignored in the Word of God, and are leading multitudes of Christians to ETERNAL DAMNATION!

If you, the reader, will keep a humble and open heart, this could answer questions you've been afraid to ask, or give you, insight to religious teachings you've heard. Remember: It was the religious people who were offended at Jesus, and took issue with HIS teachings.

These were people with much religious knowledge and religious tradition, but never came to **LOVE or know Jesus** on a personal basis.

The religious people were **TRULY NOT** interested in loving or knowing Jesus! They were **more worried** about protecting their religious traditions and doctrines, rather than seeking the truth of what Jesus was teaching!

Religious people, for the most part, are very comfortable in what they believe.

Some questions for you, the reader, to ask yourself:

- Have you ever asked yourself or questioned why you or your family believe what you believe?
- Have you ever questioned why you or your family believes the teachings they have been taught?
- Have you ever questioned if what the "man behind the pulpit" is teaching is right or wrong?
- Have you ever taken the time to take The Word of GOD and ask JESUS yourself questions regarding your life, your soul, or anything?
- **Have you ever given any thought about what will happen when you will stand before God and give an account of your life?**

The only reason God created man, was so God could have a relationship with man! God never was, or has been interested in what man could do or build for God. God's only interest in man, was that man would love, obey and worship Him.

After All: What can man do for God??

All God wanted, was for His creation, which He loved so very much, to LOVE, OBEY, and have a HEART OF THANKFULNESS to his Creator. Even after the fall of man, we see Enoch accomplished this. Enoch walked with God! Enoch pleased God, and God brought him into heaven without seeing death. **(Gen. 5:24)**

After God's Judgment on earth the first time, we see man spiral out of control. Man decides he is going to build a city for himself whose top is in the heavens. **(Gen. 11:1-9)** God never gave such orders, nor did God bless this. As a matter of fact, God put an end to it. Today is no different! Religions and religious denominations are taking the Word of God and manipulating it, over analyzing it, and ignoring it, to build their own religious empires, names, and reputations all in the name of God.

Jesus states in **Mat. 4:4: (Quoting from the OT in Deuteronomy 8:3) "man is to live by EVERY WORD that proceeds from the mouth of God."** So we see the importance of this verse from the Word of God. That man is to live by **EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD!** How is it today that religious leaders and denominations will teach and/or preach that there are parts of the Word of God that are not relevant for today, or are for historical references? Is this NOT opposite what Jesus Himself has told us?

Isn't ALL the ETERNAL WORD OF GOD, for All of Today???

A very important point to always remember is this: The Word of God, is not for private interpretation, nor is it a book that is to be read like any other book. **The Word of God is a sealed book that is understood when God grants the reader understanding, by either, Revelation or Illumination.** This is a big reason the religious system is so confused! They are trying to understand the Word of God **WITHOUT** the teaching by the Holy spirit. All their hermeneutics and old and new theology is leading multitudes of people into hell because many are worried more about translation and application than having a pure heart of love, knowing Jesus on a personal level and overcoming sin!

The definition of Theology according to Merriam-Webster.com:

The Study of religious faith, practice, and experience; *especially*: **The Study of God** and of God's relation to the world.

THERE IS A GREAT DIFFERENCE BETWEEN STUDYING ABOUT GOD, AND PERSONALLY KNOWING GOD!!!!

The apostle Paul's Heart cry was **NOT** to know **ABOUT JESUS!**

Paul's heart cry was to **KNOW JESUS** and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death. (Philippians 3:10)

Is it possible the reason many people are studying theology and ignoring parts of the Word of God is because they **HAVE NO REVELATION** from God?

Is it possible many people are ignoring, twisting and omitting parts of The Word of God, because they have no understanding from God, and they're afraid to offend people and lose their approval?

Theology teaches you about Jesus but does little or nothing to transform your heart into a heart like Jesus!!! And what are the qualities of The Heart of Jesus?

THE HEART OF JESUS IS: LOVE, HUMILITY, TRUTH and OBEDIENCE.

Theology will teach many truths from, and about the Word of God.

Theology will also give many wonderful historic insights from the Word of God.

Theology will even teach about the historic geographic locations of places in the Word of God. **BUT....** The one thing **THEOLOGY WILL NOT** and **CANNOT** give a person is, **REVELATION!**

Revelation **COMES ONLY FROM**, and **BY** God Himself!

Revelation is what changes and transforms a person's heart and soul!

Revelation is what changes the inner man!!

Theology can and will deceive a person into believing they are doing the will of God, and are heaven bound! Remember...Paul was a great theologian and Pharisee of his time. Paul was persecuting the church in the name of God. (Phil.3:4-6) It was not until Paul received the revelation of Jesus, The Truth, did Paul's life change!!!

Jesus says in **Luke 13:23-28** many will say "Lord, Lord, open up for us. And Jesus will respond: "I do not know you, where you are from...." These people then say, "We ate and drank in Your presence and You taught in our streets." Jesus continues to say: **"I TELL YOU I DO NOT KNOW YOU..."** These are people who know about Jesus and know many things about Jesus, **BUT** do not know Him in a personal way! If these people had known Jesus, they would have known what Jesus taught and what Jesus required to enter into Eternal Life. Instead these people were workers of iniquity. These people did not have pure hearts.

These are religious people, always learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of The Truth! (2 Timothy 3:1-7)

The Word of God is a sealed book to them, they are not receiving revelation from heaven and they are walking in spiritual darkness!

(Isaiah 29:9-13)...“Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunk, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with intoxicating drink. **FOR THE LORD** has poured out on you The spirit of deep sleep, And has closed your eyes, namely, the prophets; And He has covered your heads, *namely*, the seers. The whole vision has become to you like THE WORDS OF A BOOK THAT IS SEALED, which *men* deliver to one who is literate, saying: “Read this, please.” And he says, “I cannot, for it *is* sealed.” Then the book is delivered to one who is illiterate, saying, “Read this, please.” And he says, “I am not literate.” Therefore the Lord said: “Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,”

Is it possible the Religious leaders and organizations through the years and **Today**, have ignored, skipped or explained away verses they either did not understand or did not believe would be relevant for today?

Is it possible the Religious leaders and organizations through the years and **Today**, were and are, more concerned about NOT offending people then preaching and teaching the whole TRUTH of Word of God?

Is it possible the Religious leaders and organizations through the years and **Today**, have taken the ETERNAL WORD OF GOD, and used it to build religious empires, reputations and wealth for kingdoms here on earth and NOT the kingdom of GOD?

In this study we are going to look at some very important teachings of Jesus. Teachings that, for the most part, are either ignored, twisted, or explained away. Teachings that are foundational corner stones in following Jesus. Teachings that Jesus gives us that if we are NOT obedient to, will have dire consequences, to the outcome of eternal life.

We will also look at the false prophets of today, and their teachings, along with the ungodly worldly religious church system and what it is and teaches.

We will also look at the bride of Jesus, where the bride is and what it is currently doing.

AGAIN I WANT TO STRESS THE POINT, PLEASE,SEARCH The Word of God for yourself about the things presented in this study. Inquire of the Lord, and allow Jesus to open your eyes and heart that you may know what Jesus is saying to His sheep today!

**THE HEARTBREAK OF GOD
CHAPTER TWO**



**THE REVELATION
OF
JESUS**

**“You are the
Christ,
the Son
of the Living God”**

The Words of Peter to Jesus

Matthew 16:16

Matthew 16:13-18 When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, **“Who do men say that I, the Son of Man am?”** So they said, “Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah, or one of the prophets.” Jesus said to them, **“But who do you say that I am?”** And Peter answered, **“You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”** Jesus answered and said to him, **“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in Heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it.**

When Jesus says to Peter, **“Blessed are you Simon Bar-Jonah, for the flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, BUT My Father who is in heaven....AND ON THIS ROCK I will build My church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.”**

What Jesus is telling us, IS, that Peter received **The Revelation** of who Jesus is, from the Father in Heaven. (see **John 1:12-13; Gal 1:1,11-12**) No person told this to Peter, because no person knew who Jesus was. Jesus goes on to explain to us, that the church of Jesus, (**His Bride**) will be built on the rock of revelation, given from God, from heaven above.

The Bride of Jesus will **NOT** be built on worldly religion or religious **traditions from men** or organizations. When God grants a person revelation from above, it is a life changing experience that opens the eyes and heart of a person to the reality of the love of God in Christ Jesus. Like a new born baby, the person has a hunger and thirst for the Word of God. There will be no denying the touch from heaven above. Old things have passed away and now All things are new!

It is not a commitment or loyalty to a religious denomination or belief.

It is not a commitment or loyalty to a doctrine or teaching.

It is not a commitment or loyalty to a family tradition.

It is not a commitment on loyalty to a pastor or teacher.

It is not a commitment on loyalty to a church or church leader or church system.

It is a commitment of **LOVING** Jesus, the living **ETERNAL** Word of God with **ALL** your Heart and Soul, Mind, and Strength and giving up everything and everybody, for Him who died for you. As Jesus gave up His life for you, you will give up your life for Him who forgave you your sins, and set you free from living in sin!

It is the revelation of Jesus, the Christ, the living and abiding **ETERNAL** Word of God, that is **Paramount** and the **Foundation** of **True Christianity**!

****Without this revelation of Jesus anything else is just a religious experience. ****

When Jesus walked the earth about 2000 years ago, every person who humbled themselves before Jesus, every person who begged Jesus, every person who was persistent with Jesus and every person who believed the words of Jesus, had their hearts and lives changed. The Pharisees or Sadducees were not humble, nor were they willing to accept the teachings, doctrines or miracles from Jesus. These religious people were the ones who sentenced Jesus to be crucified. These religious people had to protect their religious traditions, teachings, beliefs, temples and kingdoms.

John 3:3 – Jesus answered and said to him, **“Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again** (footnote = born from above i.e. given revelation from heaven above) **he CANNOT SEE the kingdom of God.”** And Paul tells us in 1Corinthians 2:14:

“But 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.”

So we see that Jesus himself tells us, unless a person is **born again, (born From Above)**, **they cannot understand, or see, the kingdom of God.** This would be an example of Peter receiving revelation of Jesus from God above. Whereas Paul tells us, the natural man, that would be a person not given revelation from God above, cannot see the kingdom of God. In fact the things of God are foolish to them. So we could say that religious people like the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees could not see the kingdom of God because they had no revelation of Jesus (the “natural man”) and this is why they rejected Jesus, the Word of God. Religious people are **(FOR THE MOST PART)** the natural people, otherwise known as **unconverted** people.

Religious **unconverted** people are all people of the world, and all religious people who **(FOR THE MOST PART)** have **NOT** had their hearts and lives touched by Jesus. These are people who have an intellectual and academic knowledge of Jesus.

They know and believe that Jesus is the Son of God, and that Jesus died for their sins and if they didn’t believe in Jesus, they will go to Hell. These people, for the most part, are church going people, spend time in religious activities and organizations, spend time in bible studies – but never had the revelation of Jesus, the living Son of God. **These people have NEVER given JESUS their WHOLE heart!!**

Jesus has never committed Himself to them, or revealed Himself to them. (John2:24)
 These religious people do most everything that the world does except with a religious twist. They are involved in politics to make the world a better place to live. They have religious concerts, athletic leagues, religious singles dances, and many religious activities and programs, to entice people to join or stay in their church.

Most religious people stay in their religion because of family traditions and/or comfort. In most all these cases people seldom, if ever, question the leadership or the teachings they've been taught in fear of making someone uncomfortable or angry. They are given Bible study outlines and guidelines that fall in line with religious doctrines. In many cases these religious people were made to feel guilty, answered an alter call, said a prayer, and were told they are "saved." They filled out and signed a 3X5 card, and then became a member of a church and/or religious denomination or non-denomination. Their commitment and loyalty is to a church, religious denomination and/or religious teaching, or doctrine.

These people become religious zealots, who promote and tell people about their church and/or pastor or the denomination they belong to. Seldom do they talk about Jesus and what Jesus has done in their life, their focus is the religious church and /or denomination they belong to, constantly inviting people to come and visit.

Today, in the ungodly worldly religious church system, we have multitudes of religious men and women who attend bible schools, seminaries and religious institutions who study many hours, even devote their lives, to their religious denomination and learn many wonderful truths and facts from the Word of God. They are analyzing and dissecting the Word of God to no end! However, they never truly know Jesus personally. They only know about Him!

Jesus is a religious historical figure to them.

These people **(FOR THE MOST PART)** mentally and intellectually believe Jesus is the Son of God. **These people analyze the Word of God, even dissecting it in both the original Hebrew and Greek, all done in the context of their religious denominations. In most all of this, the Word of God is NOT OBEYED BUT, it is twisted, ignored, or explained away, so to protect their religious empires, teachings and reputations.**

A question for you the reader:

When did God command us, HIS people, to analyze HIS Word??

The command of God has ALWAYS been to OBEY HIS Word.

The reality is this: God is very serious about His word.

Matthew 4:4.. ***"It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by EVERY WORD that proceeds from the mouth of GOD"***

Jeremiah 1:12b... ***"Then the Lord said to me...I am watching over My Word to perform it."***

Psalms 138b ***"...For you have magnified Your Word above Your name."***

Psalms 107:20.. ***"He sent His Word and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions."***

So we see in these few verses in the Word of God, that God sent His word to heal us. He watches over His word to perform it and God magnifies His Word over His name! God commands US, HIS people to live by **EVERY WORD** that proceeds from HIS mouth!! This is pertaining to ALL of God's word! Not parts of it! Not Old or New Testament – but **ALL of the Word of God!**

The ungodly worldly religious church system, in many cases has made the Word of God a history book. It has twisted the Word of God to fit religious empires and doctrines. It has omitted verses so not to offend people, and dissected it to make verses comfortable for people. This ungodly worldly religious church system has ignored, twisted and even lied about many of the teachings of Jesus. Telling people such blasphemous statements as "We're not in the Old Testament or that's not for today" or "Jesus really means this or God doesn't do that anymore."

As Jesus spoke His words to His followers then, Jesus speaks the same words today.

The Words and Teachings of Jesus, are just as relevant and important to eternal life TODAY, as they were when Jesus walked the earth with His disciples!!

The words and teachings of Jesus have never changed!!

Let's look at some teachings the ungodly worldly religious system has chosen to either ignore, water down, or twist to fit their doctrines and teachings, **TEACHINGS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO SALVATION AND ETERNAL LIFE!**

**THE HEARTBREAK OF GOD
CHAPTER THREE**



**THE TEACHINGS
OF
JESUS**

Jesus said to them,
“Does
This offend you?”

The words of Jesus to the disciples
Who Complained of His teachings

John 6:61

**“And that
Repentance and
Remission of Sins
Should be Preached
In His Name to all the Nations”**

The commands of Jesus to His disciples

Luke 24:47

The Doctrine of Repentance

The definition of repentance...feel or express sincere regret (sorrow, sadness or remorse) about one's wrong doing or sin. To be ashamed, feel contrite; to feel or show you are sorry for something bad or wrong that you did and that you want to do what is right; to turn from sin and dedicate oneself to the changing of one's life. (i.wor.com))

Matthew 4:17...From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand."

Luke 13:3...Jesus speaking - "I tell you, no, but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."

What is truly interesting is, the very first message Jesus preached after his 40 day fast was repent. (Mat. 3:8, Mark 1:15, Luke 3:8-14). John the Baptist preached not only repent, but produce fruits worthy of repentance, and in the Books of Acts, Peter preached repent -Acts 3:19, Paul preached not only repent but to do works appropriate to repentance. (Acts 17:30, 20:21, 26:20) All through the Old & New Testament, God commanded His people to repent. Repentance has always been the path of redemption in the eyes of God for His people. Without sincere repentance there is **no genuine brokenness for sinful actions and/or attitudes against God.**

The beloved apostle Paul shows us the characteristic a person will have when they are **TRULY SORRY** for their sins. 2 Corinthians 7: 9-11.... Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry, but that your sorrow led to repentance. For you were made sorry in a godly manner, that you might suffer loss from us in nothing. For godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted; but the sorrow of the world produces death. For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner: What diligence it produced in you, *what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication!* **IN ALL THINGS YOU PROVED YOURSELVES to be CLEAR in this matter.**

Do you notice how Paul ends this description? A person who is **TRULY SORRY** for their sins will **PROVE** themselves to be clear and free of their ungodly, sinful behavior! The person will go to any and all lengths to prove they are truly sorry for

their behavior. They realize they have sinned against a Loving, Holy God and do not want to sin against Him again, and provoke Him to Jealousy and Anger!

EXAMPLES OF REPENTANCE WITH GODLY SORROW ARE:

1) King David.....2 Samuel 12:1-15; Psalm 51

After King David's adulterous affair and marriage to Uriah's wife. The LORD sends Nathan the prophet to David and confronts King David. Notice the heart attitude of King David. David is heartbroken! King David realizes how he has sinned against a Holy Loving God. To grasp David's pain and great anguish, read the Psalm 51. David expresses his sorrow to the Lord by saying "Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in your sight"-- David expresses great Sorrow to the Lord.

2) King Josiah...2 Kings 22 & 23 :1-27; 2 Chronicles 34 & 35

In 2 Kings 22:8-11 the Book of the Law was found. When King Josiah heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his clothes, humbled himself before God and wept. King Josiah then went into action by doing many things to prove to the Lord how sorry he and the people were for their UNGODLY behavior (2 Kings 23 1-25)

Today, in the ungodly worldly religious church system, there is a blasphemous, heinous, **doctrine of demons** being preached from pulpits all across America and the world. It is a message of easy believism and that belief alone is the basis of salvation. People are taught "tell God you're sorry for your sins, ask Jesus into your heart, accept Jesus as 'your personal Lord and Savior' and you're forgiven--your saved of all past, present, and future sins, and are going to heaven."

In this message a person has **NO TRUE remorse** or **godly sorrow** for their ungodly behavior and rebellion towards God.

In this message a person **NEVER** has to **PROVE** they are sorry for, or have sorrow for their sins by their works or attitudes. People are taught as long as they believe in Jesus and what Jesus did on the cross, their salvation is **NEVER IN DOUBT!**

In this message a person has no idea why they need a Savior, or why they are an enemy of God. They have no idea it is only because of Gods wonderful grace and patient mercy that they are not suffering eternal damnation!

In this message people are not taught to love Jesus with their **WHOLE HEART** and give up their life for **JESUS!**

These people have been given a false sense of security and a false peace!!

These people NEVER TRULY love JESUS! They just BELIEVE IN Jesus!!

This message being preached TODAY, cheapens grace, and gives people a false peace and security.

This message teaches people, as one woman blasphemously put it, **“I have my fire insurance policy!”**

This message ignores the sin in the sinner, and the sinner having true remorse for their wicked, sinful behavior.

This message by passes a person receiving revelation from God and truly being born again from heaven above.

This message trivializes and/or ignores the sufferings of Jesus, the blood He shed and the price JESUS paid.

THIS MESSAGE IS STENCH IN THE NOSTRILS A HOLY GOD!

How can it be possible, all through the Old and New Testaments, repentance was preached and today repentance is either, overlooked, skimmed over and/or not fully explained for the most part?

So if people have not truly repented and have no remorse of their wicked sinfulness, **they are becoming and have become, Unconverted Religious People**. These are people, who make a commitment to a church and/or religious organization. (as we discussed earlier) They will attend bible studies, prayer meetings, and church services along with other activities, yet never having experienced the revelation of Jesus from heaven above. All the while these people TRULY BELIEVE, they are on the road to heaven. Unless they truly repent and love Jesus with their Whole heart, they will not be truly born again from heaven above.

These people will stand before Jesus, and Jesus will proclaim “DEPART FROM ME I NEVER KNEW YOU!” These people will be sent to ETERNAL DAMNATION and NEVER UNDERSTAND WHY!!!!

These people had a knowledge of Jesus, studied AND knew much about Jesus, even taught and preached about Jesus, BUT never knew Jesus in a personal way!

JESUS NEVER KNEW THEM, BECAUSE, THEY NEVER KNEW JESUS!

THEY ONLY KNEW ABOUT JESUS!!!

**“Do you not Fear
Me?”**

Says the Lord.

**“Will you not Tremble
At My presence...?”**

The Lord asks His people
Jeremiah 5:22

The Doctrine of the Fear of God

Matthew 10:28...“Jesus speaking, ‘And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in Hell.’” (Also Luke 12:5)

Psalms 115:120...“My flesh trembles for fear of You, and I am afraid of Your judgments.”

Exodus 20:20...“And Moses said to the people, ‘Do not Fear; for God has come to test you, and that HIS FEAR may be before you so that you may not sin.’”

2 Corinthians 5:9-11...“Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be pleasing to Him (Jesus). For we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad. Knowing, therefore The Terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I trust are well known in your consciences.”

Hebrews 10:26-31...“For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remain a sacrifice for sin, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. (see Lev. 10:1-3)

Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God under foot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of Grace. For we know Him who said, ‘Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,’ says the Lord. And again, ‘The Lord will judge His people.’ It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

Jer. 5:22...“Do you not fear Me?” says the Lord. “Will you not tremble at My presence, Who have placed the sand as the bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass beyond it? And though its waves toss to and fro, yet they cannot prevail; though they roar, yet they cannot pass over it. But this people has a defiant and rebellious heart; they have revolted and departed. They do not say in their heart, ‘Let us now fear the Lord our God...’”

Deut. 5:29 “Oh that they had such a heart in them they would Fear Me...”

Isaiah 8:13...The Lord of hosts whom you should regard as holy. And He shall be your fear, And He shall be your dread.

Proverbs 16:6...In Mercy and Truth, Atonement is provided for Iniquity;
And by the Fear of the Lord one departs from evil.

In the gospels, Jesus Himself teaches us to fear God. David, a man after God's heart, who was beloved of the Lord, states; that his flesh trembles and he is afraid of God's judgments. The apostle Paul preached persuading men to repent because Paul knew, "The terror of the Lord." (2cor 5:9-11) In the book of (Acts 5:1-11) great fear came upon all the church, because the Lord killed two people for lying!

Let's look at Lev.10:1-3 NASB...Now Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took their respective fire pans, and after putting fire in them, placed incense on it and offered **STRANGE FIRE** before the Lord, which He had not commanded them. And fire came out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them, and they died before the Lord. Then Moses said to Aaron, "It is what the Lord spoke, saying:
"BY THOSE WHO COME NEAR ME, I WILL BE TREATED HOLY.

AND BEFORE ALL THE PEOPLE I WILL BE HONORED."

Some points I would like to make regarding this very sobering example of the character of God:

1. Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, were part of the priesthood. They had been appointed by God to be in leadership and authority.
2. They were also part of the inner circle with Moses, their father Aaron, and the seventy elders. Nadab and Abihu received a personal invitation from God to come up to the mountain (Exodus 24:1, 9-11)
3. Nadab and Abihu saw God and ate and drank in the presence of God. These men Nadab and Abihu were put in leadership, and authority to offer incense to the Lord. **What these men did, was to treat the Lord God unholy, and irreverent, they were presumptive, flippant, and they were arrogant.** They thought that the Holy God of Israel would accept any offering they would burn and that they could just enter into the presence of a Holy God irreverently and flippantly. **God set a precedent and killed His priests immediately. God gave no warning!! God did not waiver!!!**
God sent Divine Judgment, To His Divinely appointed leadership!!!

4. God would not tolerate irreverence by those in leadership. God brought judgment to them! God gave the command how he was to be treated and how **His leadership** is to act. Interesting side note to this – after God kills Nadab and Abihu the Lord speaks to Aaron saying, (Lev10:8-11) **“Do not drink wine or intoxicating drink, you, nor your sons with you, when you go into the tabernacle of meeting, lest you die. It shall be a statute forever throughout your generations, that you may distinguish between the holy and the unholy and between unclean and clean, and that you may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord has spoken to them by the hand of Moses.”**

With all this being said –

Why have many people behind pulpits lied about, and changed the character of A Holy God ?

The Word of God clearly states in **Malachi 3:6,**

“FOR I AM THE LORD, I DO NOT CHANGE.”

How is it that God Commands His people (that means us) to fear Him and regard Him as Holy, yet this is, for the most part, ignored, twisted OR misrepresented?

I submit to you the reader, that the doctrines and teaching that are being given to people in the religious system today omit this so not to scare people and so people will return to their religious structures. The false doctrines today (otherwise known in the Word of God, as Doctrines of Demons or another gospel) have produced in most people, An irreverent, flippancy and blatant disrespect for GOD, the Person of Jesus Christ and The Word of God

Just as in Jeremiah's day, the Lord is saying to His People Today.....

“Will you not fear Me,

Will you not tremble in My presence? ”

**“Come out from among them
And be separate,
Says the Lord.**

**Do not touch what is Unclean
And I will receive you.”**

Paul to the New Testament church in Corinth

II Corinthians 6:17

The doctrine of God's people to be separate from the world

Genesis 1:4...And GOD saw the light, that it was good; and GOD DIVIDED the light from the darkness

Leviticus 20:26...“You shall be holy to Me, for I the Lord am holy and separated you from the peoples, that you should be Mine.”

Exodus 19:5-6...Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all the people”

John 17:6, 14, 16...“I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world.. “I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world just as I am not of the world. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.”

I John 2:15-17...“Do not love the world or the things in the world...For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life – is not of the Father BUT IS OF THE WORLD...”

Philippians 3:20...“For our citizenship is in heaven...”

James 4:4...“Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be A FRIEND OF THE WORLD makes himself AN ENEMY of God.”

James 1:27...Pure and Undeiled religion before God and the Father is this; to visit orphans and widows in their trouble and to keep one-self unspotted from the world.

When God called His people out of Egypt, His people were to be His own “special treasure” (see Exodus 19:5, Dt. 7:6, 14:2, 26:18, Ps. 135:4, Titus 2:14, I Peter 2:9). These were a people who God Himself would watch over, feed, clothe, and protect. These were people who would reflect the glory of God. These people would be like no other on the earth, a people totally dependent on God. God Loved these people so much, He entered into a covenant with them. God's name and reputation were now at stake. As long as God's people would love Him with all their heart and not love other gods or idols, and obeyed God, these people would want for nothing, fear nothing, and live in perfect health, free of all sickness, diseases, and plagues. (See Exodus 15:26; 23:25 Deut 7:15)

God went so far to tell His people that, wherever His people went, people would fear and dread them. (See Dt. 2:25) This was part of the covenant God had for His people as long as they loved and obeyed Him. When God's people were disobedient to Him, and loved other gods and idols, (called **playing the harlot**) they suffered judgments and plagues from the hand of God. (Deut. 28:20-22, 27-28, 58-63)

Today the commands from God have not changed! Today God's people are not to love the world or the things in the world because our citizenship is in heaven. The people of God are supposed to be pilgrims and sojourners in a foreign land, keeping their mind on things in heaven and not on things on earth. God's people are meditating on God's word day and night so that they may be prosperous and successful in overcoming sin. (Joshua 1:6-9, Col. 3:2) Let's look at something here:

God's people today, IN THE NEW TESTAMENT COVENANT- have a better covenant with better promises (Heb 8:6) – and yet, **GOD'S people, (today's Christians)** suffer the curses, judgments and plagues from God, just like the non-Christians of the world! God's people **LIVE** like the world, **ACT** like the world, **TALK** like the world, and **THINK** like the world.

Is it possible, because God's people are being disobedient to the Word of God, they are being destroyed for their lack of knowledge? (Hosea 4:6)

Today in the ungodly worldly religious church system there are people who want to try and change the world, to make it a better place to live. There are religious people and leaders running for, and holding political office in the name of Christianity. God's people are getting into business, athletics, entertainment, acting, rock & roll, and even the sex industry, all in the name of Christianity. **This is IN 100% DISOBEDIENCE to the Word of God.** God commands His people to be separate from all ungodliness, and worldliness and to live Holy Peaceable lives unto God.

From the beginning, in Genesis 1:4 **God saw the light, that is was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.** From the beginning God commanded light to be divided from the dark. **GOD'S people** are to be unspotted from the darkness of the world and the ungodly worldly religious system.

God's people were to walk in the light as He is light.

There has never been a GREY area with God!!!

2 Corinthians 6:14-18; 7:1...Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." Therefore: Come out from among them, And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." "I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty." 7:1 Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Psalms 106:34-39... They (God's people) did not destroy the peoples, Concerning whom the Lord had commanded them, But they mingled with the Gentiles And learned their works; They served their idols, Which became a snare to them. They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons, And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood.

Thus they were defiled by their own works,
And played the harlot by their own deeds.

Psalms 106, is a reminder of what happened to the people of God (old testament Hebrews) when they mingled with the foreign people, God had commanded them to be separated from. (see Ex. 34:10-17) Here we see they mingled with the Gentiles, learned their ways, served their idols which were a snare to them, **they ended up playing the harlot, being unfaithful to God by their OWN works and deeds.**

If you take a group of children, ten are well behaved and two are unruly, will the two become well behaved? No! The ten will become unruly. Why? Because it is much easier to live an undisciplined life. If someone comes and tells you that you can live in a manner you're comfortable with, of course you will embrace it. But, if someone comes to you and says you need live a disciplined, structured life of self-denial and self-sacrifice, most likely you will resist it, not embrace it.

This is exactly why God Commands His people not to intermingle with the world! There is nowhere in the Word of God from Genesis to the book of The Revelation, where God tells His people to intermingle with or be friendly with the world. Look at the book of Nehemiah and you will see the reaction of Nehemiah to God's people who intermingle with foreign tribes. (Read Nehemiah 13:23). Let's look at verses 26, 27&30 *"Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations there was no king like him, who was beloved by his God; and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless, pagan women caused even him to sin! Should we then hear of your doing all this great evil, transgressing against our God by marrying pagan women?" Thus I cleansed them of everything pagan..."*

To be a Christian, i.e. a disciple of Jesus, (Acts 11:25) we are to be like Jesus! Not be like the world! We are to keep our mind on things above not on things of the world, or be concerned with what goes on in the world! Our citizenship is in heaven remember? We live in the world, **BUT**, we don't walk, talk, think or act or are concerned about worldly things! God's people are not to be concerned about what goes on in politics, sports, entertainment, or anything else ungodly! The only things we are to be concerned with is pleasing our heavenly Father and being obedient to His Word! Do you actually think Jesus was concerned about the politics of His day, or the outcome of sports activities? Today multitudes of people are more concerned about sports, politics, careers, and making money, then the Word of God and the Kingdom of God!

Is it possible, that multitudes of Gods people are so comfortable in the world and the ways of the world, they don't want to lose their lives for Jesus or want to deny themselves of the things of the world?

Is it possible, that the hearts of many of God's people have accumulated many idols of the world, they don't want to, or can't give them up for Jesus?

Is it possible, the ungodly worldly religious system chose to build worldly kingdoms here on earth, instead of looking for an incorruptible Kingdom, whose builder and maker is God?

**“TAKE MY YOKE UPON YOU
AND LEARN FROM ME,
FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE
IN HEART AND YOU
WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR
SOULS”**

THE WORDS OF JESUS

MATTHEW 11:29

Throughout all of the Word of God there is a lifestyle, heart attitude and/or mindset that God Commands His people to have, yet is seldom, if ever preached or taught. This heart attitude if not possessed will, without any doubt, lead any and all people without question, straight to ETERNAL DAMNATION!

It is the heart attitude of ***HUMILITY***.

If God cast Satan and his angels out of heaven and away from His holy presence for their pride and arrogance, what makes anyone believe God will allow anyone in heaven or His Holy presence with the same sin of pride? You can believe in Jesus all you want, but if you are proud and/or arrogant, and have pride in your heart, you will be greatly surprised when the Lord says, “**Depart from Me!**” Let’s look to the Word of God to see what God says regarding humility.

Numbers 12:3... (Now the man Moses was very **HUMBLE**, more than any man who was on the face of the earth.)

2 Kings 22:19...because your heart was tender and you **HUMBLED** yourself before the Lord...

2 Chronicles 7:14...If My people who are called by My name, **HUMBLE** themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and heal their land.

Psalms 10:17...O Lord, You have heard the desire of the **HUMBLE**; You will strengthen their heart, You will incline Your ear.

Proverbs 29:23...A man’s pride will bring him low, but a **HUMBLE** spirit will obtain honor.

Isaiah 66:2...but to this one I will look, to him who is **HUMBLE** and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word”

Matthew 23:12; Luke 14:11...For everyone who exalts himself will be **HUMBLED**, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.

Matthew 18:4...whoever then **HUMBLES** himself as this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

James 4:6, 10.... Therefore He says: “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the **HUMBLE.**” **HUMBLE** yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

The beloved apostle Paul tells us in Philippians 2:5-8 NASB.... “Have THIS ATTITUDE IN YOURSELVES which was also in Christ Jesus, Who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, (made Himself of no reputation, NKJV TRANS) taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He **HUMBLED** Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Jesus humbled Himself by obedience, Jesus willfully layed down His life on a cross. If we are going to **LOVE, THINK** and **ACT** like Jesus, we will have to be obedient to the Word of God and humble ourselves as Jesus did, and take up our cross and deny ourselves, and **DIE** to our desires and passions! (Gal.5:24)

Humility is always shown to God by our obedience to His word and dying to ourselves of all selfishness. John 14:23-24..... : Jesus answered and said to him, “If anyone loves Me, he will KEEP My WORD; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. He who DOES NOT LOVE Me DOES NOT KEEP My WORDS; and the word which you hear is not Mine but the Fathers who sent Me. John 15:12-14.....: “This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one’s life for his friends. You are My friends IF you do whatever I command you.” (This is conditional!)

We are the friends of Jesus IF, and only IF, we are obedient to what Jesus asks us to do! Which is to lay down our lives for Him, as He laid down His life for us! Could this be why Jesus asks:

Luke 6:46 Why do you call Me “**LORD, LORD,**” and not do the things which I say?

As Christians we are to lay down our life (our desires) for Jesus, as He laid down His life for us! This is exactly what Jesus is talking about when He tells us. “**If you want to follow Me, deny yourself, take up your cross and lose your life to save it.**”

Humility always involves Self-Sacrifice and Obedience to the Word of God

This takes us to the next teaching of Jesus; of taking up our cross, and self-denial.

**“But why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’
AND DO NOT DO
The things which I say?”**

The Doctrine, of taking up your cross and losing your life!

Luke 9:23-25 Then he (Jesus) said to them all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it. For what advantage (PROFIT, NASB) is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

Allow me to ask you, the reader a question: If JESUS, the Son of GOD, who is our LORD gives us command to do something, we are to obey that command. I believe we can agree on that. But if the command JESUS gives us is repeated a few times, we really need to take notice and obey it. But if the command JESUS gives us, is a **repeated 6 times**, then we really need, not only to obey it, but understand its importance. 6 times in three gospels, JESUS gives the command to take up your cross to follow Him. Of the six times, three times JESUS tells us to deny ourselves. Three other times JESUS asks the question:

What is the profit if a man gains the world but loses his soul?

And finally six times in three gospels JESUS says to save your life, you must lose it. (See Mat. 10:38-39, 16:24-26, Mark 8:34-36, 10:21, Luke 9:23-25, 14:27-33, 17:33)

So with all that being said, why is this doctrine seldom if ever preached, taught or explained to people? Why, is it that people are not taught there is a price to pay, to be a follower of Jesus and receive Eternal Life? JESUS is very clear when He says to follow Him, you must deny yourself, take up your cross, forsake all, and lose your life. After he lays that foundation down, Jesus then asks a very direct question: in Mat. 16:26 and Mark 8:36 –

“What is a man profited if a he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?” Or What will a man give in exchange for his soul?”

JESUS is telling us;

When YOU LOVE your life and the things in, and of the world, YOU will LOSE your soul.

How different this is from the Doctrine of Demons saying, “Accept Jesus as your personal savior and you’re going to heaven.”

When did the Words and Teachings of Jesus become Outdated or Unnecessary for Eternal Life AND How are they Ignored?

In Luke 13:24, Jesus also commands us to **“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many I say to you, will seek to enter and will not be able.”** The word strive is Strong Concordance #75 it comes from the Greek word -Agonizomai - **“to agonize, to struggle with difficulties and dangers: to contend.”**

Why is it that these very words of the Son of God, Jesus the Christ, have not been expounded upon or explained? Is it possible that out of 31,102 verses of God’s holy word that organized religions and men with egos, reputations, selfish motives, and ambitions conveniently left these out or distorted them so as not to turn people away, or offend them to build their religious empires?

Luke 10:1, we see Jesus appoints 70 others as disciples, giving them the same instructions, authority and power as the first 12 disciples.

(Luke 10:1-20) In verse 17 we see the 70 return to Jesus with joy proclaiming, **“Lord even the demons are subject to us in your name!”** in verses 18-20, Jesus responds, **“...nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven.”**

In John 6:34 & 48 Jesus twice proclaims, **“I am the bread of life.”** Jesus then talks about some requirements for eternal life (John 6:57-69) **As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me will live because of Me. This is the bread which came down from heaven—not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever. ”**These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, **“This is a hard saying; who can understand it?”** When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, **“Does this offend you? What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe.”** For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. And He said, **“Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father.”** From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. **Then Jesus said to the twelve, “Do you also want to go away?”**

But Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” In verses 60 and 61 many of Jesus’ disciples murmured and *Jesus asked them, “Does this offend you?”*

We then see John 6:66 (notice the number 6? The number 6 represents man and human weakness, along with the evils of sin and the manifestation of sin.

(Biblestudy.org)....the Lord is teaching us SOMETHING here!)

From that time many of Jesus’ disciples went back and walked with Him no more! Jesus asked the 12, **Do you also want to go away?**” (6:67) Peter responded, **“Lord, to who shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.”** (6:68-69) So we see when the road became more narrow, many of Jesus disciples followed Him no more. Is it possible the seventy disciples that cast out demons were included in the many? The Word of God states Jesus asked the twelve, if they were leaving also.

The story of the Rich Young Ruler

(See Matthew 19:16-22, Mark 10:17-22, Luke 18:18-23).

Now as He (Jesus) was going out on the road, one came running, knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? So Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one *is* good but One, *that is*, God. You know the commandments: ‘Do not commit adultery,’ ‘Do not murder,’ ‘Do not steal,’ ‘Do not bear false witness,’ ‘Do not defraud,’ ‘Honor your father and your mother. And he answered and said to Him, “Teacher, all these things I have kept from my youth. Then Jesus, looking at him loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.” But he was sad at this word, and went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Let’s look at this story in some detail, shall we?

The Rich Young Ruler

- 1) The young man is excited to see Jesus.....he runs up to Jesus
- 2) The young man acknowledges the authority of Jesus...he humbles himself by kneeling before Jesus.
- 3) The young man addresses Jesus as “Good Teacher”
- 4) The young man asks how to inherit eternal life
- 5) The young walked away sad, for he had great wealth

The Response of Jesus

- 1) Jesus asks “Why do you call Me good?”
- 2) Jesus points the young man to the commandments
- 3) Jesus loves the young man
- 4) Jesus tells the young man to sell everything, give it to the poor, you will receive treasure in heaven and then **take up the cross and follow Jesus**
- 5) Jesus exposes The Heart of the young man!....

Could the following verses apply to the young man?

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your Treasure is, there Your Heart will be Also.” (MAT 6:19-21)

Jesus did not chase or follow the young man to force him to get saved. Jesus **DID NOT SAY** “just believe in Me! Or Accept Me as your Lord and Savior! (See Matthew 19:16-22, Mark 10:17-22, Luke 18:18-23).

So we can see by these two examples that the cost to follow Jesus was too expensive for many disciples, (possibly including the seventy disciples,) and a wealthy young man! A few questions for you, the reader, to think about:

How are these verses ignored or not explained?

When did the gospel and the requirements To Follow Jesus change?

How come the ungodly worldly religious church system does not preach or teach these things?

Why doesn't Joel Osteen or Kenneth Copeland preach about self-denial and taking up your cross?

How is it that Charles Stanley or a Chuck Swindoll and countless others doesn't tell their church congregations - unless they have pure heart they will not receive eternal life?

Why are the teachings of Jesus that would thin out their crowds or offend congregations bypassed?

Why don't they preach, or teach that you must suffer in the flesh to give up sin?

Why don't they teach, anyone or anything you love **MORE** than Jesus, or won't give up for Jesus, is an Idol and You Will go to Hell in your sin? (**I Peter 4:1, I Thes 1:9**) How is it today, the people of God have a better covenant with better promises (**Heb. 8:6**) and preachers all over the land are explaining away the curses of God in the lives of people. A question for you, the reader: How is it in the Old Testament, the people of God, had the promise of God that, if they obeyed the voice of God and did what was right in the sight of God, that God would not put any diseases on them as He would the Egyptians. For He is the Lord who heals and takes away all sickness from the midst of you. (see **Exodus 15:26, 23:25**) We, **TODAY**, have a better covenant with better promises.

Why are God's people (Christians) living with the curses of God in sickness and diseases? (**DT.28:15-68 & LEV. 26:14-45**)

Could it be, the men behind pulpits are explaining away or are ignoring, the wrath, judgments, and discipline of a Holy God on His people? (yes, its repeated)

God in His abundant love and mercy sent His Word to us to heal us. (**Psalms 107:20**) God has given us MANA from heaven! Jesus, the Bread of Life, The living Word of God. This, so we can be reconciled back to Him, healed of all sickness and diseases and live an abundant and overcoming life! That we may know what His laws, judgments, ordinances, and statutes are. That we may live a heavenly life here on Earth. To be His own special treasure, to proclaim the praises of God, who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

God did not give to us His Holy Word so we could ignore or twist the verses that made us uncomfortable or offended people!

God never gave us His word to analyze it, or manipulate, or ignore it!

God gave us All His Word, For us to OBEY All of His Word!

How is it that people are taught to have "daily devotions," but not taught 100% love and devotion to Jesus, the Word of God?

How is it that men spend their lives having a "career" as religious leaders with little or no persecution? How is it that religious leaders are invited and appear on T.V. or radio shows and do not call out sin, but are politically correct and not Word of God correct?

How is it that there are about 4,200 denomination and nondenominational religions all saying their way is the way to heaven, and the Word of God says there is only one way into heaven?

How is it that religious leaders cannot agree on doctrines and teachings, yet in some cases not even like each other, yet they are all going to heaven?

How is it, that there are 100's of teachings on faith and prosperity but few if any, on self-denial and giving up all for Jesus and having a pure heart to inherit eternal life?

How is it that the doctrines of false prophets and who they are, and what they teach, seldom, if at all, are talked about, or are exposed?

When, according to the Word of God, did it become big business to follow Jesus, when Jesus Himself had very few that followed Him to the cross?

How is it, 12 uneducated men turned the world upside down with no T.V., radio, or internet technology and men today have made no impact in the world?

How is it possible for **People who are living in Pride and Rebellion** to the Word of God go to heaven, when the Word of God clearly states their time of Punishment is forever??

The Word of God states in Psalm 81:15 NASB....

**“Those who hate the LORD would PRETEND OBEDIENCE
To Him, And their time *of punishment* would be forever. (Hypocrites?)**

The Word Of God Clearly states that if you PRETEND TO OBEY the Word Of God, you Hate the LORD, and you will be punished FOREVER!!!

How can this be ignored?

**Do you realize we are talking about ETERNITY WITH NO SECOND
CHANCES???**

**THE HEARTBREAK OF GOD
CHAPTER FOUR**



**A JEALOUS GOD
IS
THE LORD**

**“FOR YOU SHALL NOT
WORSHIP ANY OTHER
god
FOR THE LORD,
WHOSE NAME IS JEALOUS,
IS A JEALOUS GOD.”**

Today because of modern theology and the twisting and ignoring of many parts of the Word of God, many religious leaders, scholars and theologians, will analyze the Laws and Commandments of God, and will explain why in their opinion, they **DO NOT** apply Today. Thus becoming a hearer of the Word of God, and **NOT** a doer of the Word of God, therefore deluding themselves and multitudes! (James 1:23)

It is for this reason **MULTITUDES** of God's people are being destroyed for their lack of, rejection of, or defiance and rebellion of, the knowledge of God's laws, statutes, ordinances, judgments, and commandments.

The first two commandments, of the Ten Commandments that God has given mankind, are:

Exodus 20:3...You shall have **NO other gods** before Me.

Exodus 20:4-6...."You shall not make for yourself **an IDOL, or any LIKENESS** of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.

You shall not worship them or serve them;

For I The LORD YOUR GOD, Am A JEALOUS GOD...."

God is **VERY SPECIFIC** and **CLEAR** in **COMMANDING HIS PEOPLE**.

First and Foremost, you shall have **NO** other gods **BEFORE** Him.

Second, God is again **VERY SPECIFIC**, and **CLEAR** in **COMMANDING HIS PEOPLE**, **NOT** to make, and/or worship any carved images or idols!

In the Old Testament alone, the word(s), god(s) and idol(s) are mentioned almost 400 times! 387 to be exact!! The word god(s) is mentioned 208 times, and the word idol(s) is mentioned 179 times in the NASB translation.

(The NKJV translates idol, into carved images in some cases)

Everywhere in the Word of God, where God's people are unfaithful to Him, and Love and Worship other gods and idols, (called playing the Harlot) God, out of divine Love for His people, God would send His prophets with warnings, to **REPENT** and turn back to God! And If they ignored God's **PLEADINGS** and **WARNINGS**, then God's Divine Judgment would be sent!

From the beginning, when the **LORD GOD** called the children of Israel out of Egypt, the command the **LORD** has given people was, and has always been:

**TO LOVE THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, ALL YOUR SOUL,
AND WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT (DEUT 6:5)
AND OBEY THE LORD YOUR GOD!**

Obedience to God, **ALWAYS** brings the blessings of God to people.

Disobedience to God, **ALWAYS** brings the Curses and the Judgment of God on people.

The God of divine love always wants to bless people, and to be **THE ONLY GOD** people would love, obey, worship and know!

When Moses went up the mountain to receive the Ten Commandments, and took longer than the people expected, **God's people made a Molded Golden Calf, (an Idol) and proclaimed, "THIS IS YOUR GOD, O ISRAEL..."(EX. 32 ALL)**

The anger of God burned hot against **HIS PEOPLE**.

God was going to destroy **HIS OWN PEOPLE** and start new!

The God of Divine Love, was going to bring DIVINE JUDGMENT ON HIS PEOPLE AND DESTROY THEM ALL!!! STOP and think about that!

It was Moses who stood in the gap and pleaded for God's people. Moses reasoned and pleaded with God, ultimately changing Gods mind. (Exodus 32 All) After Moses went up the mountain the second time and received the second set of tablets, God made a covenant with His people. God commanded His people to destroy the alters, sacred pillars, and the wooden alters of the inhabitants of the land they were in. God knew, His people would be enticed, and His people would become **UNFAITHFUL TO GOD! (EXODUS 34:10-17)** It is in these verses we see God tell His people specifically not to worship any other gods and not to make any molded gods. It is here where God reveals to us a most unique name. It is a name that reveals to us, the type of LOVE GOD has for **ALL** people! Exodus 34:14:

"FOR YOU SHALL NOT WORSHIP ANY OTHER god,

FOR THE LORD, WHOSE NAME IS JEALOUS, IS A JEALOUS GOD.

7 times through the Word of God, it is referenced that,

GOD IS A JEALOUS GOD!

(EX.20:5; 34:14; DT.4:24; 5:9; 6:15 JOSH.24:19; NAHUM 1:2)

**THE GOD OF DIVINE LOVE,
IS A GOD OF DIVINE JEALOUSY!**

GOD IS A DIVINELY JEALOUS GOD OF LOVE!!!

It is **THIS GOD**, of **DIVINELY JEALOUS LOVE**, **WHO**, sits in the heavens on His Righteous Throne, Who created mankind, in His Own Image and Likeness, of **PURE LOVE**, and **HOLINESS**.

It is **THIS GOD**, of **DIVINELY JEALOUS LOVE**, who loves mankind so very much, **HE** sent His Only Begotten Son, **JESUS** to redeem **ALL mankind** back to Himself. It is Jesus, who was obedient to **THIS GOD OF DIVINE LOVE**, and Laid down His life Willfully, and shed His precious Blood and Suffered and Died on a Cross, while wearing a crown of thorns for fallen mankind.

IT IS THIS GOD OF DIVINELY JEALOUS LOVE, WHO WILL NOT TOLERATE, OTHER gods or idols in the hearts and lives of people. ESPECIALLY HIS PEOPLE, BECAUSE HIS PEOPLE, ARE TO KNOW BETTER!!! There is a direct connection between God's people loving, worshipping, and serving other gods and idols, and **Provoking the LORD GOD TO ANGER, AND SENDING HIS CURSES AND JUDGMENT ON THEM!**

All through the Old and New Testaments, God continually warns His people about mingling with, and/or marrying, strangers or foreign nations. God knows His people will turn their back on Him and be unfaithful and play the harlot by loving, worshipping and serving other gods and idols of the other nations!

(EX.*34:10-17; NU 25:1-3; 6:14 DEUT.*4:15-26; 6:13-15; 7:16; *1KINGS 11:1-13 *PS.106:34-39; *NEH.13:23-27; 2COR 6:14-18; JAMES 4:4; 1JN 2:15-17; 5:21) *IMPORTANT REFERENCES
The Idol worship that happened back in the Old Testament has continued on to the PRESENT TIME, and in most cases, with different Idols and Practices!

Today we have a religious system that has Blatantly and Defiantly, **and in some cases UNKNOWINGLY**, broken the 2nd commandment of God. By having statues and pictures of "Jesus," saints, and not to mention the idol worship of Mary and other religious practices, they are provoking the **LORD** to anger! Religious idolatry has flooded the market and is a multi-million-dollar enterprise! Any statues, pictures or religious merchandise a person could want or desire is readily available in any size, shape, or language. Statues, pictures and most anything of religious nature can be found hanging or standing in churches, businesses and homes all across the world.

IN MANY CASES, people have no idea that they are breaking, the 2nd commandment of God.

Many people have no idea what the 1st and/or 2nd commandments EVEN are!

These are people who, for the most part, are following religious and/or family traditions, and are being destroyed for their Lack of Knowledge in the Word of God. This a perfect example (whether intentionally or unintentionally) of breaking the commandments of God to hold to the traditions of man, as Jesus talks about. (see Mat.15:1-9 Mark 7:1-13)

The Word of God calls these statues, icons, and other religious figurines and religious merchandise, “other gods” carved images, and/or idols!

The Word of God calls them abominations! (SEE DEUT 32:15-21)

The Word of God clearly states, any type of devotion to any such idol, idols, carved images and/or other gods will provoke the LORD GOD to anger and bring GOD’S CURSES and JUDGMENT.

(LEV 19:4; DEUT.7:3-5,25; 11:16-17,26-28; 12:2-4; 31:16-21; 32:16-18; JOSHUA24:20 JUDGES 2:11-15 ETC. THERE ARE MANY MORE EXAMPLES! FEEL FREE TO LOOK UP THE WORDS, gods and idols AND SEE HOW GOD DEALS WITH HIS PEOPLE’S UNFAITHFULNESS ALL THROUGH THE WORD OF GOD)

In as much as ALL of this is true, there are **OTHER** gods and idols that God’s people are loving, practicing, giving in to, and are NOT overcoming, that are **PROVOKING GOD’S ANGER**, and bringing the **CURSES AND JUDGMENT OF GOD** in the lives of God’s people **TODAY!**

It is in loving, and obeying these other gods and idols, **GOD’S OWN PEOPLE**, (those who profess to be Christians) are being destroyed for their lack of, or, in many cases, disobedience, of knowledge to The **WORD OF GOD!**

Let’s look to the Word of God to see what these other gods and idols truly could be!

1 JOHN 5:21...Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen.

Here we have the Apostle John warning The New Testament Church to keep, (protect or guard) themselves from IDOLS. What are the idols the apostle John could be warning The New Testament Church about? To get our answer let’s see what the apostle Paul wrote to The New Testament Church in Colosse.

(Colossians 3:2-10 NIV) Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, WHICH IS IDOLATRY!

Because of these, the wrath of God (provoking God to jealousy and anger?) is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. (BEFORE becoming a Christian) But now (as Christians) YOU MUST ALSO RID YOURSELVES of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self (BEFORE becoming Christian) with its practices and have put on the new self, (as a Christian) which is being renewed in knowledge, in the image of its Creator... (like JESUS)

The Apostle Paul is telling the New Testament Church that if you are living in sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires, and greed, along with anger, rage, malice, slander and filthy language. You are living according to your OLD sinful ways, BEFORE becoming a Christian. You are NOT living as a Christian! (being Christ like!) (**Important note: the NEW TESTAMENT Disciples of the first church were first called "CHRISTIANS" in Antioch, because they loved, lived, and represented JESUS with NO HYPOCRISY!!!! SEE ACTS 11:26)

When the Apostle John warns the New Testament Church to Keep themselves from idols, John is NOT, JUST talking about statues and religious merchandise. John is talking about LOVING, OBEYING and PRACTICING the sins of the flesh nature of THE OLD UNCONVERTED sinful man, as described in part by Paul to the Colossians and described in detail to the Galatians and other New Testament churches.

Galatians 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will NOT inherit the kingdom of God. Do you see Paul is warning the New Testament Christians, that if they are practicing the sins of the flesh they are going to Hell? If they are practicing the sins of the flesh, it is because they have not REPENTED and overcome them! (SEE ALSO...ROM 13:12-14; COL. 3:5,8; GAL 5:19-21; 1COR 6:9-11;10:1-14; 1TIM 1:5-10; HEB 10:26-31)

Paul out of his love for the New Testament church in Galatia, warns the church (Christians) if they are practicing the sins of the flesh...they are on the **Broad Road** to **ETERNAL DAMNATION** and will **NOT** inherit the kingdom of God.

Paul warns the New Testament church (Christians) in Corinth, about **lusting, becoming idolaters, committing sexual immorality, testing The LORD, and murmuring against The LORD**. Paul concludes this warning by telling the New Testament Church at Corinth to **Flee idolatry!** (1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-14)

Those SINS are idols in your heart because you have not repented of them, and overcome them! In other words, you truly were not sorry about them, (see again 2 cor. 7:10-11, **DOCTRINE #1**) and **YOU** will not inherit eternal life!

The Apostle John knew, just as the Apostle Paul knew, just as **ALL** the Apostles knew, that **The New Testament Church (THE CHRISTIANS) are a representative and reflection of Jesus!** The Apostles knew there is **NO** greater responsibility in Heaven or on Earth!

To represent JESUS, the Son, of the GOD OF DIVINELY JEALOUS LOVE, is the highest calling in heaven and earth.

The Apostles knew they had been entrusted by **GOD HIMSELF** with the gospel!

The Apostles walked in Holiness and Loved Jesus and **ALL** people with pure hearts of love, with **NO HYPOCRISY!**

The Apostles had been with **JESUS**, and listened to, and obeyed the teachings of Jesus, to denying yourself, take up your cross daily and lose your life.

The Apostles **Knew** you make **NO PROVISION** for the flesh nature! (**Romans 13:14**)

It was for this reason that the Apostles would exhort and warn the New Testament churches of having the **IDOLS** of **SINS** of the flesh, in their hearts and to get rid of them.

The apostles also WARNED of FALSE TEACHERS AND FALSE PROPHETS.

The Apostles knew that FALSE TEACHERS AND FALSE PROPHETS would come in very subtlety, and teach lies and False doctrines to the New Testament church.

The Apostles knew that the sins of the flesh, did not reflect or represent **JESUS** and the life and heart of **JESUS**.

The Apostles knew the sins of the flesh, represent the nature of fallen mankind, ungodliness, hypocrisy, reproach, death, and **THE NATURE OF THE DEVIL!**

The Apostles knew the sins of the flesh are NOT the love of JESUS, and would misrepresent JESUS and provoke GOD to Jealousy and Anger!

The Apostles knew that sins of the flesh nature could, and would, become idols in the hearts and lives of converts, if they are not taught how to live a crucified life style! (making no provision for the flesh nature! ROM.13:14) The Apostles knew that **EVERYTIME** a person who proclaims to be a Christian practices giving into the sins of the flesh, they are worshipping other gods and idols and taking The LORDS name in vain. (i.e. Christian, being Christ-like)

The Apostles feared for the flock of the Lord, because they did not want to provoke the LORD to anger for their unfaithfulness of loving and obeying other gods and idols, and misrepresenting Jesus!

Psalms 139:20: For they speak against You Wickedly, Your Enemies take Your Name in Vain. (Christian?.....breaking the 3rd commandment)

We will look at the ENEMIES of God in a minute.

But first let's stop for a minute and look at the following:

Is it possible that there is a Direct Connection between the First, Second and Third commandments of God, and His Curses and Judgment in **ALL** People, Specifically in His Own People (Christians)?

The First commandment is you shall **NOT** have **ANY** god before God.

The Second Commandment is you shall **NOT MAKE** Any Carved Idol.

The Third commandment is you **SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME** of **THE LORD Your God in Vain.** (EXODUS 20:3-7/DEUT. 5:7-11)

Is it possible when God gave the third commandment, He meant much more than just using His name in cursing and in a flippant manner?

Is it possible, that by **NOT REPENTING** of **THE SINS OF THE FLESH**, and loving and doing them, the people of God (Christians) are Proving to God; They Love Thinking, Acting, and Speaking like the Devil and Not like Jesus?

Is it possible that the People of God (Christians) by Taking GOD'S Name in VAIN, Have Become, and ARE, The Enemies of God, and NOT KNOW IT????

Is it possible the people of God by **NOT REPENTING** of the sins of the flesh look, talk and act **JUST** like people of the world and are misrepresenting God and are now His enemies and are being destroyed for lack of knowledge? (**Hosea 4:6**)

Who are Gods enemies? Let's look to the book of Romans and the book of James for the answer...**Romans 8:5-8**...**For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile (definition hostile: Ill will, unfriendly, or opposition) toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able *to do so*, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. James 4:4**...**You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a FRIEND OF THE WORLD makes himself an ENEMY of God.**

The Apostles knew that the people of the world, the non-Christians, live in, and practice the sins of the flesh and do not represent Jesus. The Apostles knew there is always supposed to be a **DISTINCT DIFFERENCE** between the people of God, and unconverted people of the world! The people of God, the Christians, although live in the world, do not think, act or talk like unconverted people of the world. They walk in the spirit of God and **DO NOT** fulfil the desires of the fleshly sins. They love and live like Jesus, therefore **NOT** taking the **LORD'S** name in vain. (they are being Christian i.e. being Christ like)

John, Paul and all the other Apostles knew, **HOW NARROW THE ROAD** was to Eternal Life, and **THE COST** involved. They also knew about wolves who were lurking to **BROADEN THE ROAD** and mislead the flock of JESUS!
(**SEE MAT 7:13-14 & LUKE 13:24**)

Jesus warns us **In Matthew 7:15-16** **“Beware of False Prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. (fruit of fleshly sins!) Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles?**

In the book of Acts 20:29-30 the apostle Paul says...

“For I know this, that after my departure Savage Wolves will come in among you, (among the new testament church) not sparing the flock. Also from among Yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves.”

The apostle Paul also writes to the New Testament church in Philippians 3:17-20.....
Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. For MANY walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:
Whose end is destruction, Whose god is their belly, and Whose glory is in their shame—Who set their mind on Earthly things. For OUR citizenship is in heaven,...

The Apostle Peter writing to the New testament church in 2 Peter Ch.2:1-3.....

“But there were also False Prophets among the people, even as there will be False Teachers among you, who will secretly bring in Destructive Heresies, even Denying the Lord who bought them, *and* bring on themselves swift destruction. And MANY will follow their destructive ways, because of whom THE WAY OF TRUTH will be BLASPHEMED. By Covetousness they will Exploit you with Deceptive words; for a long time, their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.”

Jude the servant of Jesus writes in Jude 4,17-19 (NASB): For certain men have Crept in Unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, **UNGODLY MEN**, who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ. But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, that they were saying to you, “In the last time there will be mockers, following after THEIR OWN UNGODLY LUSTS.” These are the ones who cause divisions, WORLDLY MINDED, DEVOID of the Spirit.

JESUS, along with all the Apostles knew that the religious leaders of their day, just like religious leaders **TODAY**, ARE/and were interested in a building and living in a kingdom here on earth and **NOT** a Kingdom in heaven.

Religious leaders and religious people who are WORLDLY minded, are ENEMIES of the Cross of JESUS.

LUKE 9:23-25 Then He (JESUS) said to *them* all, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”²⁴ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.²⁵ For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?...”

This teaching by JESUS of **TAKING UP YOUR CROSS** and **LOSING YOUR LIFE** is so **IMPORTANT TO ETERNAL LIFE**, it is mentioned 6 times in 3 gospels. (ALSO Mat. 10:38-39, 16:24-26, Mark 8:34-37, 10:21, Luke 9:23-25, 14:27-33, 17:33)

The Apostles, because they had been with JESUS, knew this teaching, they understood what this teaching means, and preached and taught this doctrine of self-denial and giving up your life on the cross. They knew in time of temptation they would resist the flesh, suffer and walk in newness of life, manifesting the life of Jesus!

The Apostles knew to follow Jesus, **YOU** have to **DENY YOURSELF** of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. (1John 2:15-17) That you must give up your life on a cross for Jesus, as Jesus gave up His life on the cross for you, and **ALL** mankind. The Apostles knew that by denying yourself of the sins of the fleshly fallen nature of man, they were pleasing God and not bowing down to the gods and Idols of the ungodly world. The Apostles had received **GOD’S GRACE**, and lived seriously, godly and righteously in the present day, denying themselves of **ALL** ungodliness and worldly desires.

JUST LIKE THE GRACE OF GOD TEACHES US TODAY!!!!

Titus 2:11-12...For the **GRACE** of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men Teaching US (the new testament church) that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the PRESENT age...

The Apostle Paul writing to the New Testament Church pleaded with the church **NOT to receive the grace of God in vain!** Paul Knew that false teachers and false prophets would teach false doctrines turning God’s grace into a license to live recklessly and worldly and ungodly lives. (1JOHN 2:15-17; TITUS 2:11-12 2COR 6:1)

The Apostles knew to follow JESUS is a life style and commitment of pure love, humility, self-denial, self-sacrifice and persecution! The Apostles gave up **EVERYTHING** for Jesus, as Jesus gave up **EVERYTHING** for mankind!

Because the Apostles had been with Jesus from the beginning, the Apostles were very familiar with all the Pharisees and Sadducees ways, teachings and motives. The Apostles were eye witnesses to how the religious Pharisees and Sadducees, held closely to their religious traditions, and teachings and **DID NOT OBEY The Word of GOD!** The religious leaders of JESUS time had no interest in the Words of Truth that JESUS spoke, they were only interested in PROTECTING, and holding tightly to their handed down traditions!

Today, the modern day religious leaders, for the most part, **will NOT teach** people that a person **MUST** give up his life to receive Eternal life.

Today, the modern day religious leaders, for the most part, **will NOT teach** people that to be a Christian you must live a life of self-denial.

Today, the modern day religious leaders, for the most part, **will NOT teach** people that friendship with the world is an enemy with GOD!

Today, the modern day religious leaders, for the most part, **will NOT teach** people that if you continue practicing sin you will end up in Eternal Damnation.

Today, the modern day religious leaders, for the most part, **will NOT teach** people that the commandments of God have NOT been abolished!

Today, the modern day religious leaders, for the most part, **will NOT teach** people that if they do not have pure hearts they will not get into heaven!

Today, the modern day religious leaders, for the most part, **will NOT teach** people how they are loving and worshipping other gods and idols.

Today, the modern day religious leaders, for the most part, are more interested in quantity of people, then purity of heart!

These modern day religious leaders are **EXACTLEY** what JESUS, PAUL, JOHN, PETER, AND JUDE, have warned about in the last days, preaching another gospel with another JESUS in a religious system filled with hypocrisy, confusion, sin and IDOL worship of all kinds.

These modern religious leaders, by not preaching and teaching the **WHOLE WORD OF GOD**, have caused multitudes of people to become comfortable traveling down **The BROAD ROAD to Eternal Damnation and NOT KNOW IT!!**

These modern day religious leaders and institutions have created a **RELIGIOUS CULTURE** in which people look to, and depend on, their religious teachings, doctrines, and opinions. Along with their religious publications, study guides, devotionals, and even personal study bibles filled with their doctrines and teachings, and/or their religious traditions for guidance and answers! This is all done so people seldom look to **ALL** the **Word of God** for themselves for answers!

Which leads us directly to the 3rd type of IDOL.....

This **IDOL**, is so subtle it is leading multitudes and multitudes of converted and unconverted Christians to **ETERNAL DAMNATION!**

This **IDOL**, for the most part, goes completely unnoticed and is very **OFTEN** looked up to, or honored, and pledged devotion and loyalty.

This **IDOL**, is so subtle, that when pointed out to people, people will agree with everything the **Word of God** says in exposing its **HYPOCRISY**, yet people will defend it, and /or make excuses for it, and **NOT** walk from it, or give it up!

This **IDOL**, for the most part, can and will **SECRETLY** grip a person's heart if left unchecked, ignored or are completely blinded by its craftiness.

This **IDOL**, is sending multitudes of Christians to **ETERNAL DAMNATION, BREAKING THE HEART OF GOD**, because **THE PEOPLE OF GOD**, have become complacent and lulled to sleep by False Teachings and False Prophets, rejecting, ignoring, and, manipulating, the **TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD!**

THIS IS THE 3rd IDOL!.....THAT OF RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS, DEONMINATIONS, TEACHINGS, DOCTRINES, PERSONALITIES OF PEOPLE, AND CHURCHES! THESE HAVE VERY CRAFTILY AND SUBTLEY EXCHANGED LOVING JESUS WITH A WHOLE HEART AND OBEDIENCE TO JESUS, THE WORD OF GOD, FOR A SUPERFICIAL LOVE, AND BELIEF IN JESUS, AND THE MANIPULATING AND IGNORING, PARTS OF THE WORD OF GOD!

When a person or people reject the WORD OF GOD to defend and /or keep their religious traditions, teachings, beliefs or church, this is called IDOLTRY! This IDOLATRY very subtly grips the heart and lives of people to the point where, the church, pastor, and system control and keep people dependent and constantly busy. Bible studies, ministries, counseling, worship services and the like, have people doing many religious activities in the name of Jesus, while not spending much **QUALITY TIME WITH JESUS!!!!**

The LOVE for Jesus is then replaced with a love for the system and for ministry!

THE church system becomes a religious social and fellowship gathering, in the name of JESUS. A LOVE WITH A WHOLE HEART FOR JESUS, THE WORD OF GOD, IS REPLACED BY A DEFENSE OF THE CHURCH, TEACHING OR SYSTEM! **THIS IS LEAVING YOUR FIRST LOVE!!!! WHO OR WHAT YOU LOVE, IS WHO OR WHAT YOU DEFEND AND SPEND TIME WITH!!!**

JESUS, THE WORD OF GOD, BECOMES just Another Religious IDOL!

EXODUS 22:20..... HE WHO SACRIFICES TO ANY god, EXCEPT FOR THE LORD ONLY, HE WILL UTTERLY BE DESTROYED.

When a person or people spend more time in ministry and/or doing religious activities and do not spend as much time with JESUS, THE WORD OF GOD, **PRIORITIES HAVE BEEN ADJUSTED and IDOLATRY HAS CREPT IN,** thus making the denomination, church or ministry more important than being with Jesus Himself. The ministry and/or religious activities have become **Another god and/or Idol** in a person's life. The person or people's lives revolve around the ministry and/or religious activities, and not around Quality Fellowship with Jesus ALONE! The person or people believe their relationship with Jesus is ok so long as they have their DAILY DEVOTIONS and continue religious activities, even though they may not spend QUALITY time with JESUS The Word of God!

The person, or people are LULLED into A FALSE SENSE OF PEACE AND SECURITY, leading DOWN THE BROAD ROAD TO ETERNAL DAMNATION, NEVER BELIEVING THAT'S WHERE THEY WILL END UP! OTHER gods and IDOLS STOLE THEIR HEART AND THEY NEVER BELIEVED IT!

**THE HEARTBREAK OF GOD
CHAPTER FIVE**



**THE PURE IN HEART
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GOD**

**BLESSED ARE THE
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THE WORDS OF JESUS

MAT 5:8

1 Timothy 1:5 NASB....But the goal of our instruction is LOVE from a PURE HEART and a good conscience and a sincere (footnote= un-hypocritical) faith.

In our title page, we see the words of JESUS telling us in

Matthew 5:8.....“Blessed are the PURE IN HEART, for they shall see God.”

In this beautiful verse of scripture from the Word of God, we see that Jesus Himself tells us, that it will be the people with pure hearts that will see God. This means **ALL people with IMPURE HEARTS, WILL NOT see God! ALL people with impure hearts will see Eternal Damnation.**

The phrase “**Pure Heart**” is so important, the Word of God repeats this phrase, 6 different times! (Ps.24:4; 73:1; Mat.5:8; 1Tim 1:5; 2Tim 2:22; 1Pe 1:22) Is it possible that God in His Love and Mercy is trying to get our attention with this??

Today in churches and religious settings all over, you will hear people use phrases and statements such as: “I gave my heart to Jesus;” “Jesus lives in my heart.” I love Jesus with all my heart;” “Invite Jesus into your heart.” Etc. etc. etc. Multitudes of people are preaching, teaching and telling people to give Jesus their hearts, or believe in your heart that God raised Jesus from the dead and be “saved.” While multitudes of people are reciting prayers, and asking Jesus into their hearts, and claiming they gave Jesus their hearts. If you were to ask people what they gave Jesus and what their heart really is, few, if any could give you a **VALID** answer.

Do You know what Your heart is, that God is talking about PRECIOUS READER?

Consider this my precious reader: One day you will stand all alone before God and give an account of your life. Once you stand before God, there is **NOWHERE TO RUN OR HIDE**, there are **NO** second chances, and His verdict is final!!!

As the Word of God states:

SHALL NOT THE JUDGE OF ALL THE EARTH DO RIGHT? (Gen18:25)

With all of this being said, don’t you think you need to know what exactly your heart is, how it works and most importantly what is in it?

You need to understand and know, that the heart Jesus is talking about is **NOT** the physical organ in your body that pumps blood through your veins. Absolutely not!

The Heart Jesus is talking about is something much deeper, and so much more Intangible, and SO Much More Wicked and Deceitful!

The God who sits in the heavens, who sits on His throne of righteousness, Who sees and knows the thoughts and inner motives of every person, is talking about the inner person, the core person. **In other words.....THE REAL YOU!!!!** Your thoughts, your motives, your speech, your attitudes and actions, who and what you are identified with. **WHO AND WHAT YOU REALLY ARE!!!**

Stop and ask yourself this:....

WHO is it that controls your life? Do you control your life?.....or.....

Is it your spouse and/or family, that controls your life?.....or.....

Is it your boss and/or co-workers, who control your life?.....or....

Is it friends and/or people you are trying to make happy and get their approval that controls your life?.....or.....

Is it Jesus, the Word of God, that controls your life???

Now ask yourself this.....

WHAT is it that controls your life?

Is it your job, ambitions, goals and dreams?....or....

Is it your image and what you are identified with?.....or....

Is it a habit, addiction or hobby you cannot or don't want to give up?.....or....

Is it pursuing a spouse, companion or relationship?....Or.....

Is it your pride and ego that controls your decisions?...or.....

Is it your vanity and/or lusts that control you???.....or.....

Is it Jesus, the Word of God that controls your life?

These are questions people are seldom asked or are confronted with. Let's be very honest, few people, if any, want to, or enjoy, looking into the mirror of self and seeing who and what, they really are! It is **NEVER EASY** or **COMFORTABLE** to look at yourself and see and admit, that pride, lust, manipulation and all sorts of ungodliness **IS WHAT** controls your life and thoughts.

The Word of God states in Isaiah 5:13-14...that with much joy people descend into hell. The Lord says in Hosea 4:6 that people are destroyed for their lack of knowledge. Is it possible multitudes of people are descending with much joy into Eternal Damnation, because they have little or no knowledge of what a Holy God requires of them, and have no knowledge of what their heart truly is and **MOST IMPORTANTLY WHAT IS IN THEIR HEART??**

The Word of God states twice: **All the ways of a man are pure and right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the motives and hearts.** (Proverbs 16:2; 21:2 NASB) So we see that the Word of God says people think **ALL** their ways are right in their own eyes, however, it does not say their ways are **RIGHT** in the eyes of God.

The word of God states in Hebrews 4:13 **and there is NO creature hidden from GOD'S sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of GOD to whom we must give account.**

The Word of God is crystal clear, **we must all give account to God for everything!** This means all your hidden motives and wicked thoughts in your heart about, or against people, will be exposed, if you have not repented and overcome your wickedness! **Knowing all this, we need to see the depths of our hearts and how we can purify our hearts by faith in Jesus, becoming a bride without spot or wrinkle!**

AN EXAMINATION OF THE HEART

- A) WHAT IS YOUR HEART?12 COMPONENTS OF THE HEART !**
- B) WHAT IS IN YOUR HEART.....THE HEART OF FALLEN MAN!**
- C) YOUR WICKED DECEIVING HEART.....SELF-DECEPTION!**
- D) PURIFYING OUR HEARTS BY SELF-DENIAL.....WE DIE DAILY!**

SECTION A.....WHAT IS YOUR HEART?

PROVERBS 27:19.....As in water face reveals face, so a man's HEART reveals the man.

MATTHEW 6:21....“For where your treasure is, there your HEART will be also.

LUKE 6:45b & Mat 12:34b...For out of the abundance of the HEART, the mouth, speaks

PROVERBS 23:7a....For as he thinks in his HEART, SO IS HE.

A close look at these few verses from the Word of God and we see how the heart is exposed and revealed in a person. Let's look at 12 characteristic of the heart. These are the components that tell people who and what you are on the outside and reveal what is in the inside!!

The 12 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE HEART

DEFINITIONS BY .MERRIAM-WEBSTER.COM)

- 1) **ACTIONS**....behavior, conduct, initiative; an act of will
- 2) **ATTITUDE**...The way you think and feel about someone or something.
- 3) **COUNTANANCE**....the appearance of a person's expression
- 4) **DAILY ACTIVITIES**routine activities that people tend to do every day without needing assistance
- 5) **DRESS**...To put on or wear a particular type or style of clothes
- 6) **EMOTIONS**...A strong feeling such as love, anger, joy, hate or fear
- 7) **HABITS**....Something a person does often in a regular and repeated way.
- 8) **LIFESTYLE**....The way a person lives
- 9) **MOTIVES**.....A reason for doing something
- 10) **REACTIONS**...The way someone acts or feels in response to something that happens, is said, etc.
- 11) **SPEECH**....An exchange of spoken words
- 12) **THOUGHTS**....An idea, opinion, picture, etc., that is formed in your mind

These are the components of the heart that will identify and reveal who you are, who and/or what you love and are passionate about. These are the components of the heart that people use to identify who and what you are. To further illustrate this let's look at a few examples.

When it is said; "A person wears their heart on their sleeve" They are saying, that person shows on the outside what they are feeling on the inside. (the emotions, thoughts and feelings of the inner person.)

Another example would be: When it is said a person has a "broken heart." It is referring to something or someone that was once, either in or part of a person's life, but no longer is.

When it's said a person has a lot of heart, it is referring to the passion and/or drive a person has. A zeal for something.

A tender hearted person is a person who is very sensitive.

We have established that the heart of a person is not just a physical organ that pumps blood, but all things that reveal and identify who a person is! **It is these components that when we give Jesus our hearts, Jesus wants to Possess and Control. This so people can see, hear, and feel the LOVE of Jesus in us!**

SECTION B.....WHAT IS IN YOUR HEART

Now that we have looked what makes up a person's heart, let's now look at the impurities inside a person's heart according to the Word of God.

(The impurities of the Heart of Fallen man.)

MARK 7:20-23....And He (Jesus) said, "What comes out of a man, that defiles a man. For from within, **OUT OF THE HEART OF MEN**, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness. **ALL THESE EVIL THINGS** (the nature of Satan) **COME FROM WITHIN** and defile a man.

GALATIANS 5:19-21....Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are; adultery, fornication, uncleanness, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of anger, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who **PRACTICE** such things **WILL NOT INHERIT** the kingdom of God.

COLOSSIANS 3:5-10....Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is **IDOLATRY**. Because of these things the wrath of God is coming upon the sons of disobedience, in which you also once walked when you lived in them. But now you must also put off all these: anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy language out of your mouth. Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds, and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him,

1 CORINTHIANS 6:9-10.....Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, will inherit the Kingdom of God.

In the gospel of Mark, we have Jesus explain to us in detail the qualities of an **IMPURE HEART**. The beloved apostle Paul then goes on in his epistles to expound on those impurities even further. Not only does Paul expound on them further, Paul warns **the New Testament church** these impurities of heart, (the sins of the flesh) will send people to hell if they are not overcome and truly repented of.

These are the characteristics and qualities of the fallen nature of man in a person's heart **BEFORE** salvation that are leading people to hell. **These Impurities are what Jesus has come to save us from!** Without Jesus there is no way we cannot save ourselves or cleanse ourselves from the nature of Satan in our hearts.

SECTION C.....YOUR WICKED DECEIVING HEART

So far we have looked at the components that make up the heart of man, along with the impurities of the heart that keeps man from eternal life. Now we need to look at an area of the heart that, for the most part, either goes ignored, unnoticed or is just a way of life for some. The area of the heart of which I speak, is that of self-deception.

Oxforddictionaries.com gives the definition of self-deception as this...**The action or practice of allowing oneself to believe that a FALSE or UNVALIDATED FEELING, IDEA, or SITUATION IS TRUE.**

The heart of Self-Deception is a temptation of the heart that is always available, easy to access, and is also very dangerous. This is a temptation of the heart that can very subtly creep into a person's heart, go unrecognized and then become a way of life, and a person does not realize it. If not recognized and repented of in its infancy, it can and will lead a person to do, act or say one or **MANY** ungodly things. **The foundational characteristics of human nature that lead to self-deception, are PRIDE, LUST and IDOLATRY.** These are the corner stones that lead people down the broad road to Eternal Damnation if not repented of and overcome. There are many examples of men of God who gave into the temptation of self-deception in their hearts. Some repented, others did not. Some of those men were:

Aaron, the brother of Moses.....Exodus.....Ch 24 & 32

Dathan, Abiram, and Korah.....Numbers...Ch.16

Balaam.....Numbers...Ch.22-25

Sampson.....Judges.....Ch.13-16

Saul.....1Sam.....Ch 15

David.....2 Sam.....Ch 11-12

Solomon.....Nehemiah...Ch13:23-27 1 Kings Ch 11

Gehazi.....2 Kings.....Ch5:20-27

Peter.....Mat.26:31-35, 69-75; Mark14:27-31,66-72;

Luke 22:31-34, 54- 62; John 13:36-38; 18:15-18, 25-27.

Remember one very important thing...

ALL THOSE MEN LISTED, KNEW THE LORD God! All of those men were in leadership and/or kings! The lesson is clear!

NO ONE is IMMUNE to This HEART temptation!

What makes this temptation so dangerous is, that the higher in leadership you go, the easier it is to let your guard down, relax and fall into the trap. The temptations of Pride and Lust are always lurking, waiting for the right situation or circumstances to move in and deceive a person. In this section we will look at 3 men; Saul, David and Peter, and how their heart deceived all of them.

After that, we will then look at one of, if not, the most dangerous deceptions of all, **RELIGIOUS DELUSION!** In each one of these examples you will see the four verses of the Word of God at work in each of these men's lives.

Jeremiah 17:9-10...The HEART IS DECEITFUL above all things, and DESPERATELY WICKED; who can know it? I, the Lord, search the heart, I (The LORD) test the *mind, (*footnote=most secret parts) Even to give every man according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doing.

Proverbs 28:26....He who trusts in his own heart is a fool, but whoever walks wisely will be delivered.

Proverbs 14:12 & 16:25There is a way that seems **right to a man, (Rotherham emphasized Bible =entices a man) but its end is the way of death.

Psalms 64:6b-8a...BOTH THE INWARD THOUGHT and THE HEART OF MAN IS DEEP. But God shall shoot at them with an arrow; Suddenly shall they be wounded. So He will make them stumble over their own tongue;

Psalms 90:8...You have set our iniquities before You, OUR SECRET SINS in the light of Your countenance.

SAUL...THE ANOINTED KING OF ISRAEL...1 SAMUEL Ch. 10-14, 15:10-26

THE SELF DECEPTION OF THE FEAR OF MAN

Jn.12:43...FOR THEY LOVED THE PRAISES OF MEN MORE THEN THE PRAISES OF GOD.

1 Sam 15:10-26...Now the Word of the LORD came to Samuel, saying, "I greatly regret that I have set up Saul as king, for he has turned his back from following Me, and has not performed My commandments." And it grieved Samuel, and he cried out to the LORD all night. So when Samuel rose early in the morning to meet Saul, it was told Samuel, saying, "Saul went to Carmel, and indeed, **he set up a monument for himself**; and he has gone on around, passed by, and gone down to Gilgal."

Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the Lord! **I have performed the commandment of the LORD.**" But Samuel said, "what then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites, for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed." Then Samuel said to Saul, "Be Quiet! And I will tell you what the LORD said to me last night." And he said to him, "Speak on." So Samuel said, "When you were little in your own eyes, were you not the head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel? "Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' "Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD?" Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?" And Saul said to Samuel, **BUT I HAVE OBEYED THE VOICE OF THE LORD**, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. "But the people took of the plunder, sheep, and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal." Then Samuel said..... "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed, than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king." Then Saul Said to Samuel: "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, **because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.**"

Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and return with me that I may worship the LORD.” But Samuel said to Saul, “I will not return with you, **for YOU have REJECTED The WORD of The LORD, and The LORD has REJECTED YOU** from being king over Israel.” (SAUL REAPED WHAT HE HAD SOWN!)

THE HEART OF SELF-DECEPTION OF THE FEAR OF MAN IN SAUL

The problems start for Saul shortly after he is anointed and proclaimed king of Israel. (1Sam.10:1-27) In verse 27 we see men paid no respect to King Saul, and Saul held his peace. We see a king who allowed men to disrespect the authority God had placed him in. This then sets a precedent in his kingdom. We see in chapter 13 verses 8-14 when the people start to scatter from Saul, he becomes compelled to offer a sacrifice, being disobedient to the commandment of the LORD.

In chapter 15 the self-deceiving heart of Saul is exposed. Saul is rebellious, arrogant and unfaithful to the LORD. In 15:3 the LORD gives Saul an order to **UTTERLY** destroy **EVERYTHING** thing the Amalekites have and to spare **NO ONE**. Saul is disobedient to the command of the LORD and spares the king and is unwilling to destroy the best of the spoils and yet, takes the time to set up a monument to himself! When Saul sees Samuel, Saul is so self-deceived he proclaims, “Blessed are you of the LORD! **I have PERFORMED the commandment of the LORD.**”

To which Samuel corrects Saul and tells him the error of his ways. Yet, Saul still is self-deceived and defiantly proclaims he did do the commandment of the LORD, justifying his defiance and rebellion to the command of the Lord. (verses 14-23)

Finally in verse 24 Saul confesses to Samuel and says:

“I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice.”

So we see how pride, the fear of the people, lust, and idolatry, blinded Saul in his decision making, and caused him to be disobedient to the command of the Lord. Saul was more interested getting the approval of people rather than the approval of God. Saul’s constant awareness of what people were saying or doing would influence his decision making, and obedience to the commandments of the LORD.

(See 1Sam13:8-13; 15:10-24; 18:7-9)

DAVID.....A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART... Samuel 11:1-27; 12:1-15

THE SELF-DECEPTION OF LUST

JAMES 1:14.....BUT EACH ONE IS TEMPTED WHEN HE IS CARRIED AWAY AND ENTICED BY HIS OWN LUST.

2 Samuel 11:1-27.... It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out *to battle*, that David sent Joab and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem. Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. **And from the roof he saw a woman bathing, and the woman *was* very beautiful to behold. So David sent and inquired about the woman.** And *someone* said, "*Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?*"

Then David sent messengers, and took her; and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity; and she returned to her house. And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David, and said, "*I am with child.*" Then David sent to Joab, *saying*, "Send me Uriah the Hittite."

And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah had come to him, David asked how Joab was doing, and how the people were doing, and how the war prospered. And David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah departed from the king's house, and a gift *of food* from the king followed him. But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. So when they told David, saying, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Did you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?" And Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open fields. Shall I then go to my house to eat and drink, and to lie with my wife? *As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing.*" Then David said to Uriah, "Wait here today also, and tomorrow I will let you depart." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next. Now when David called him, he ate and drank before him; and he made him drunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent *it* by the hand of Uriah. And he wrote in the letter, saying, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die.” So it was, while Joab besieged the city, that he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew there *were* valiant men. Then the men of the city came out and fought with Joab. And *some* of the people of the servants of David fell; and Uriah the Hittite died also. Then Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war, and charged the messenger, saying, “When you have finished telling the matters of the war to the king, if it happens that the king’s wrath rises, and he says to you: ‘Why did you approach so near to the city when you fought? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall? Who struck Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Was it not a woman who cast a piece of a millstone on him from the wall, so that he died in Thebez? Why did you go near the wall?’—then you shall say, ‘Your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.’” So the messenger went, and came and told David all that Joab had sent by him. And the messenger said to David, “Surely the men prevailed against us and came out to us in the field; then we drove them back as far as the entrance of the gate. The archers shot from the wall at your servants; and *some* of the king’s servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.” Then David said to the messenger, “Thus you shall say to Joab: ‘Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Strengthen your attack against the city, and overthrow it.’ So encourage him.” When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband. And when her mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. **But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord**

2 Samuel 12:1-15 Then the LORD sent Nathan to David, and he came to him, and said to him; “There were two men in one city, one rich the other poor. “The rich man had exceedingly many flocks and herds. “But the poor man had nothing, except one little ewe lamb which he had bought and nourished; and it grew up together with him and with his children. It ate of its own food and drank from his own cup and lay in his bosom; and it was like a daughter to him. “And a traveler came to the rich man, who refused to take from his own flock and from his own herd to prepare one for the wayfaring man who had come to him; but he took the poor man’s lamb and prepared it for the man who had come to him.

Then David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity." Then Nathan said to David, "you are the man! Thus says the LORD God of Israel: "I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your keeping, and gave you the house of Israel and Judah. And if that had been too little, I also would have given you much more! **"Why have you despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in His sight?** You have killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword; You have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the people of Ammon. Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, **because you have despised Me**, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. "Thus says the LORD: behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives from before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. 'For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.'" Then David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the LORD." And Nathan said to David "The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. "However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die." Then Nathan departed to his house.

THE HEART OF LUST IN THE SELF DECEPTION OF DAVID

Before we get started on the deceitfulness of king David's heart, let's look at a very important word and its definition. The word we are going to look at, is **LUST**.

Wikipedia gives the following definition:

Lust is a feeling or emotion of intense desire in the body.

Lust is a psychological force producing intense wanting for an object, or circumstances fulfilling the emotion.

In the story of David, Uriah, and Bathsheba, we see at a time when kings go out to battle, king David stays in Jerusalem. One evening he is out on the roof top and sees a beautiful woman. At this point remember King David is **married to multiple wives**. David sent and inquired who the woman was.

David allows **CURIOSITY LUST** to control his decision making. See how his **Lust** for a woman blinds his thinking and becomes self-deceived. He invites her to the palace and sleeps with her. What David thinking? Is this going to be a one-night stand? Is he going to get involved in a love triangle? David's **lust self-deceived him** into making a very wrong and very bad decision. After Uriah's wife sends word she is with child, **the self-deception** gets worse. David tries different ways to get Uriah to be with his wife. Notice how David continues to try and solve a bad problem. The manipulation, and all other sins involved, until finally murder. **Self-deception has justified David's actions.** It is not until David is confronted by the Prophet Nathan with a word from the Lord does David realize the error of his ways, and becomes broken hearted over his sin! (Psalm 51)

How did a man after God's own heart, spiral out of control and become so self-deceived? How can a man who had so many great victories for the Lord, turn so corrupt? How does a man whose only dependence was on the Lord while in the wilderness, become so blind to the Word of God? The answer is found in **Deut.17:14-17...."The Principles Governing Kings"** Let's look at verse 17.... **"Neither shall he (the king) MULTIPLY WIVES FOR HIMSELF, lest his heart Turn Away; nor shall he greatly multiply silver and gold for himself."**

David had a deep seated lust he never dealt with!!! David's ignoring of the Word of God, allowed self-deception to blind him, and justify his actions, as right in his own eyes, not in the eyes of God!!! David fed his lust, David did not starve his lust!!!

The Lust in David's heart deceived him!

The lust in the heart of David so deceived him, that David No Longer had any boundaries on the woman he wanted. The Lust in David Now controlled him. David was now out of control! It was one thing to have multiple wives, and concubines, but now David is going after a married woman!

Before David's affair with Uriah's wife, Bathsheba, David had multiple wives! David had at least 7 wives before he arrived in Jerusalem. Then when David arrived in Jerusalem, the Word of God states David took more wives and concubines. (2 Samuel 5:13.) David was blatantly breaking the law of God, yet it didn't bother David. David continued to accumulate wives, and concubines until his lust almost destroyed him.

PETER.....THE FISHER OF MEN.....LUKE 22:31-34, 51-62

THE SELF DECEPTION OF PRIDE

Proverbs 16:18... Pride *goes* before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.

The story of Peter's denial is so important, that it is repeated in all four gospels. In this story we will see the heart of a man who, in front of Jesus and others, boastfully exalts himself above everyone saying he is willing to go to prison and even die for Jesus. When the time of testing comes, Peter fails miserably! Let's look at the story. (Mat.26:31-35, 69-75; Mark14:27-31,66-72; Luke 22:31-34, 54-62; John 13:36-38; 18:15-18, 25-27)

LUKE 22:31-34...And the Lord said, "Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to me, strengthen your brethren." But he said to Him, "Lord, I am ready to go with you, both to prison and death." Then He said, I tell you Peter, the rooster will not crow this day before you will deny three times that you know Me."

LUKE 22:54-62... Then, having arrested Him, they led Him and brought Him into the high priest's house, and Peter followed at a distance. Now when they had kindled a fire in the midst of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. And certain servant girl, seeing him as he sat by the fire, looked intently at him and said, "This man was also with Him." But he denied Him, saying, "**woman, I do not know Him.**" And after a little while another saw him and said, "you also are of them." But Peter said "**Man I am not!**" Then after about an hour had passed, another confidently affirmed, saying, "surely this fellow also was with Him, for he is a Galilean." But Peter said, "**Man, I do not know what you are saying!**" And immediately, while he was still speaking, the rooster crowed. **And the Lord turned and looked at Peter.** And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He said to him, "**Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times.**" Then Peter went out and wept bitterly.

THE HEART OF PRIDE IN THE SELF DECEPTION OF PETER

In this section we are going to look at the disciple Peter. No other disciple in all the gospels is talked about more.

Peter is the first disciple called by Jesus (Mat 4:18).

Peter along with James and John go up the mountain with Jesus to talk with Moses and Elijah. (Mat. 17:1-13; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36).

Peter was granted the revelation of Jesus being the Son of God.
(Mat 16:13-20; Mark 8:27-30; 9:18-20).

Peter asks how often we are to forgive (Mat.18:21-35)

Jesus told Peter, that Peter would deny Him.
(Mat 26:31-35; Mark 14:27-31; Luke 22:31-34; John 13:36-38)

Peter was also in the garden of Gethsemane with Jesus, Peter saw Jesus in agony and Peter also fell asleep in the garden. (Mat.26:36-46 Mark 14:32-42; Luke 22:39-46;)

Peter defended Jesus by cutting off the ear of a soldier.
(Mat. 26:47-56; Mark 14:43-50; Luke 22:47-53; John 18:1-14)

Peter denied knowing who Jesus was.
(Mat.26:69-75; Mark:14:66-72; Luke 22:54-63; John 18:15-18,25-27)

So we see, there is much to learn about Peter all through the gospels. For now, we are just going to look at Peter's boasting and Peter's denial.

In the Luke 22:31-34 we see Jesus tell Peter that Satan has asked to sift him as wheat, and Jesus tells Peter that He prayed for Peter and that after Peter returns to strengthen the brethren. Notice Peter did not ask what Jesus is talking about, or explain Himself. Peter immediately tells Jesus he will go to prison and die for him. We see that Jesus knew what was in Peter's heart and was warning Peter about future events, yet Peter would not believe he would, or could deny his Lord. Peter was so arrogant and proud; he was going to prove Jesus wrong. Peter went so far as to cut a soldier's ear off in the garden. Notice he did this with many people around. But when Peter was put to the test with people who were not disciples, Peter lost his boldness. **Yes, our heart can be very deceiving to make us think we are something, only to find out, we are not what we thought!**

Deuteronomy chapter 8:2-5 And you shall remember that the Lord your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, **to Humble you and TEST you, to know WHAT WAS IN YOUR HEART, whether you would keep His commandments or not.** So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, **that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every *word* that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord.** Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. **You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, so the Lord your God chastens you.**

2 Chronicles 32:31... However, *regarding* the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, whom they sent to him to inquire about the wonder that was *done* in the land, **God WITHDREW FROM HIM, in order TO TEST HIM, that He might know ALL THAT WAS IN HIS HEART!**

The Lord tells us, He led His people through the wilderness for two reasons. One reason is to Humble them; **the other reason is to test them to know what is IN THEIR HEARTS, to see if they would be obedient.** The Lord knows what is in our hearts, He wants us to know what is in our hearts!!! How can we be transformed into the image of Jesus, if we have no idea who we really are and what is deep in our hearts??? The Lord needs to put us in circumstances and situations to expose to us what He sees in our hearts! How can you repent with no regrets if you never see the pride or lust in your heart? How can you see how unthankful and selfish you are if you are not made aware of those characteristics?

Psalms 64:6b-8a...**both the inward thought and the heart of man are deep. But God will shoot at them (The inward thought and the heart) with an arrow; suddenly shall they be wounded. So He (God) will make them stumble over their own tongue.....** This is exactly what happened to Peter!!! The Lord knew what was deep in the heart of Peter, only Peter didn't know what was deep in Peter's heart!
Peter was deceived into thinking he was something that he wasn't!

Maybe it was the fact that Peter was the first disciple called by Jesus, or maybe because he was granted the revelation that Jesus is the Son of God, or maybe it was that Peter was called to the top of the mountain with Jesus, Moses and Elijah. No matter what the reason or why, Peter had much Pride and the Lord needed to expose it, so Peter could repent of it with no regret.

Notice in Luke chapter 22:60-62 after Peter denies knowing Jesus the third time, Jesus turned and looked at Peter. You can be rest assured, when Jesus turned to look at Peter, it was not, an “I told you so look.” With the love that Jesus had in His heart for Peter, when Jesus turned and looked at Peter, it was a look of heartbreak. So when Peter saw the look on the face of Jesus, then remembering the words of Jesus, the pain of guilt and humiliation Peter experienced caused to him to weep bitterly and no longer fellowship with the other disciples. This is why when Jesus was resurrected, the young man in the long white robe at the tomb told Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome to go tell the disciples **AND** Peter. (Mark 16:1-8) Peter was being brought back to the disciples.

The pride in Peter’s heart deceived him to the point that he confidently boasted to everyone present, that he was willing to not only go to prison for Jesus but die for Jesus. **The heart of self-deception in Pride**, will make a person think, believe and say things that they think and/or believe they will do but, will deceive them and make them look foolish! The heart of self-deception is usually used to protect a person’s true feelings and self. It is a way to look good and appear confident in front of people, when on the inside a person is fearful, falling apart or is going through a bad situation. **Yes, Pride in the heart of a person will always disguise the truth of the heart!**

RELIGIOUS SELF DECEPTION AND/OR RELIGIOUS DELUSION

JOHN. 16:2 (JESUS SPEAKING) “They will put you out of the synagogues; yes, the time is coming that WHOEVER kills you will THINK that HE OFFERS God service.”

RELIGION: (Merriam-webster.com) An organized system of beliefs, ceremonies, and rules used to worship a god or gods.

SELF-DECEPTION (Oxforddictionaries.com) ...The action or practice of allowing oneself to believe that a **FALSE** or **UNVALIDATED FEELING, IDEA, or SITUATION** is **TRUE**.

DELUSION: (Dictionary.com) **A false belief held despite strong evidence against it; Self-deception**

We are reviewing these definitions because of all the self-deceptions and/or delusions that can occur in a person's life, religious delusion is without question the most agonizing heart break to a **GOD OF ABUNDANT LOVE!!**

******THINK ABOUT THIS:****** The God of Divine Love, creates man. Man is disobedient to a Holy Loving God and is cast out of the presence of a Holy Loving God. God chooses Moses to give mankind His commandments, laws, statutes, ordinances, and judgments to bring man back into God's Holy Presence, so mankind can spend eternity with a Holy Loving God. When God's people go off track and stray and are rebellious and/or defiant to the Word of God, God in His **ABUNDANT** love sends His servants the Prophets rising early to put them back on course so God's people could spend Eternity with Him!

(2 Chron.36:15-16; Jer.5:4-7; 7:21-26; 26:1-6;) God has the very best interest in His heart for His People! God then sends His Only Son, Jesus to complete the plan of redemption. The **VERY PEOPLE** Jesus came to save and show the error of their ways, are the same people who sent Jesus to be crucified! (John 1:11)

Some questions to meditate on:

Why would the religious leaders, i.e. Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees, knowing Jesus was from God, (John 3:1-2) try and discredit Jesus?

Why would the religious leaders, i.e. Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees, after seeing the miracles that Jesus did, not follow Jesus?

Why would the religious leaders, i.e. Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees, being teachers of the law of Moses, the prophets, and the Word of God, not search the scriptures to see where they were wrong and repent from their error?

Why would the religious leaders, i.e. Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees, be upset at the teaching of Jesus if Jesus was teaching the truth of what God required?

The religious leaders, could not deny the miracles that Jesus did, or wisdom which He spoke or the spirit which He spoke it. Yet, these religious leaders did not embrace Jesus, NO, these religious leaders were out to stop Jesus. WHY????

God's very own people, His special treasure, who God loved so very much, was rejecting the gift God Himself had sent to them.

AGAIN, THE QUESTION..... WHY???

THE ANSWER IS.....RELIGIOUS DELUSION!!!!

What is Religious Delusion?

Religious Delusion is when a person or group of people (large or small) believe that the religious traditions, teachings and/or doctrines they follow are acceptable and/or are pleasing to God, even when they are breaking the Commandments of God and/or are disobeying, or are changing the Word of God.

Religious Delusion has TWO main characteristics: PRIDE and IDOLATRY!!!

Characteristic Number 1.....RELIGIOUS PRIDE

A person with religious pride is usually unteachable and thinks they know most everything, and is not open to any new light or revelation from or about The Word of God. For the most part they will only follow God according to the teachings and beliefs, they were taught in their religious tradition, denomination or religious structure

People with religious pride for the most part, are usually more worried about protecting and promoting their religious tradition, denomination and/or, reputation then the truth of the Word of God. We see many times in the gospels the religious leaders try and trap Jesus or test Jesus.

(Mat 12:22-30; 21:23-27; 22:15-18 26:57-68 and many others)

If the religious leaders had been humble or were truly looking for the Messiah, they would have sincerely asked Jesus questions to know the truth and they would have searched the scriptures diligently to see if what Jesus was teaching and preaching was from God. The religious leaders were comfortable in the religious positions of authority that they held, and were not interested in giving up their ways and/or traditions. The religious leaders did not have a love for God in their hearts or they would have been open to what Jesus said. **This is exactly why Jesus says in Jn.5:42 “but I know you, that you do not have the love of God in you.”** Notice Jesus tells the religious leaders they have NO LOVE of God in them. The Complete Jewish Bible translates verse 42....“you have No love FOR God in you!

Characteristic Number 2.....RELIGIOUS IDOLATRY!

What is RELIGIOUS IDOLATRY? Religious Idolatry is when a person or group of people (large or small) will LOVE their religious tradition, status, doctrine, denomination, beliefs and/or activities more than the Word of God and /or being OBEDIENT to the Word of God. This would also include loyalties and allegiances to any religious people, places or things other than the Word of God.

When a person or people DO NOT love Jesus with their WHOLE heart, it means there are other people, places or things in their heart **they love more than Jesus!** (This is called having an idol, otherwise known as idolatry!) Why else would a person defend or protect something? (**important note: whatever or whoever a person defends is what they love!**) These people have become comfortable in what they have and know, and do not want to give it up. This is exactly what is happened to the Pharisees and the other religious leaders. They loved the praise of men rather than God (Jn.12:43), along with many other things.

Let's look at Matthew chapter 23, along with other chapters in other gospels, for a good look into what had gripped the hearts of the Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees. As we look at these examples, we will also see many similarities that are evident today!.....**We will see building a name, building a reputation, loving the praise of people, and keeping religious traditions were more important to the religious leaders, than being obedient to the Word of God.** We will see how those qualities can and will feed the pride of man to the point where they conspire to call Jesus a liar and send Jesus to the cross! (we will only highlight some verses,)

Mathew Chapter 23

verse 3.....The scribes and Pharisees.....say one thing and do another

verse 4.....They bind heavy burdens on men's shoulders, yet will not move a finger.

verse 5***They do all their works to be seen by men

verse 6.....They love the best places at feasts and best seats in synagogues

verse 7.....They love greetings in market places, and to be called Rabbi, Rabbi.

verse 14***They devour widows houses and for pretense make long prayers

verse 23.....They neglect the weightier matters of the law: justice, mercy and faith

verse 25***They cleanse the outside of the cup and dish but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence.

verse 28***They outwardly appear righteous, but inside they are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Mark Chapter 7

verse 6***They honor the Lord with their lips, but their heart is far away.

verse 7*** They worship the Lord in vain, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.

verse 8***They lay aside the commandment of God, and hold the tradition of man.

verse 9***They reject the commandment of God that they may keep their tradition.

verse 13***They make the Word of God of no effect through their tradition which they handed down.

Luke Chapter 16:14 **The Pharisees were lovers of Money

(*** denotes EXTREMELY relevant for today)

Look at all these religious activities that are being **done IN and FOR** the name of God and realize this...These religious leaders believed what they were doing was right in Gods eyes. Their eyes became blinded, their ears became deaf and their hearts became dull by their religious pride and religious idolatry!

The prophesy of Isaiah had come to pass!!! Isaiah 6:9-10...And He (the Lord) said, "Go, and tell this people: 'Keep on hearing, but do not understand; Keep on seeing, but do not perceive. "Make the heart of this people dull, And their ears heavy, and shut their eyes; Lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and return and be healed."

(Cf. Mt.15:1-14; Mk.7:1-1-23; 2Tim 3:1-9)

Their dedication to their religious traditions, doctrines and teachings and reputations was more important to them than the Truth of the Word of God.

The religious leaders, The Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees, did many things in the name of God, But DID NOT OBEY GOD.

The religious leaders, The Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees, LOVED the religious by-products and benefits of service to God, but did not love God Himself!!!

The religious leaders, Pharisees, Scribes and Sadducees, were lovers of money.

In all of this rebellion and disobedience to the Word of God, God was still willing to take them back if they would just repent and turn from their ways. What the religious leaders were doing was not only wrong but was hypocritical! Yet, God, in His wonderful love was trying to show them the error of their ways to stop them from going to eternal damnation.

It was all the religious activities, titles, reputations and importance, that gripped the religious leaders' hearts. And yet God in His abundant love tried to show them the errors of their ways, yet the religious leaders paid NO ATTENTION to Jesus!

At the end of Matthew chapter 23, Jesus laments saying **“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks but YOU WERE NOT WILLING! SEE! Your house is left to you desolate;”**

And again the prophesy by Zechariah Ch.13:6 **“and someone will say to Him, what are these wounds in your hands?” Then He will answer, ‘Those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends.’**

These are verses which describe much of the life style, teachings and doctrines of the Religious leaders of Jesus day. So now let's briefly look at how this applies today. We will look at this subject in greater depth in chapter 7.

Eternal Life is received when we LOVE the Lord with ALL our heart, soul, mind and strength and LOVE our neighbor as ourselves. Luke10:25-28

This has never, and will never change! To accomplish this love, a person must be willing to give up everyone and everything, including their own life for Jesus.

Anything less means they are holding on to, people, places or things they love more than Jesus!

If a person is not willing to give up everything for Jesus, they are not worthy of Jesus!
(Mat.10:34-39 Luke 9:23-27)

Today for the most part, people are either born into a particular denomination or religious system and seldom if ever question why they believe what they believe. As long as they like the religious leader behind the pulpit and are comfortable in what they hear and the activities they participate in, they feel safe and secure.

In many cases people are drawn to the culture of the religious atmosphere and the entertainment in the structure. **Because the person behind the pulpit has the name, reputation and credentials, people trust what they are teaching, unaware that the message could be misleading, deceiving or a flat out lie!**

When people in this religious system are confronted with the Truth of the Word of God, just like the leaders in Jesus day, the people do today, they resist and reject the Truth! The people would rather believe a lie and live in comfort then give Jesus their whole heart! As it says in the prophet Isaiah, with much joy they descend into the pit... Isaiah 5:13-14 (Again refer to chapter 7 for more on this.)

Religious Delusion is Rejecting the Word of God to keep traditions, doctrines and/or teachings that, do not agree with, or are in rebellion to, or are not in the Word of God!

When a person or people are confronted with the Truth of the Word of God and are not willing to forsake all for Jesus, the alternative usually is to get more involved and do more things in the church system or to find a religious denomination or institution or to feel comfortable with, to ease a guilty conscience.

AN EXAMPLE OF RELIGIOUS DELUSION.....

STEPHEN, THE SYNAGOGUE OF FREEDMEN AND THE CONVERSION OF SAUL

ACTS CHAPTERS 6, 7, 8:1-3; 9:1-1-9

We will just highlight the important verses in this story. It is encouraged to take the time to read all the chapters to see how Stephen breaks down the history of God's people starting with Abraham. Notice God in His love is still trying to turn the high priest and the religious people from the errors of their ways.

ACTS 6:8-15; 7:1-2,51-60; 8:1-3; 9:1-2.... And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people. **Then there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen. And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke. Then they secretly induced men to say, “We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.” And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon *him*, seized him, and brought *him* to the council. They also set up false witnesses who said, “This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law; for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses delivered to us.”** And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel.**7:1-2** Then the high priest said, “Are these things so?” And he said, “Brethren and fathers, listen: The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran.....

51-60 “*You* stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers *did*, so *do* you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept *it*.” When they heard these things they were cut to the heart, and they gnashed at him with *their* teeth. But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, “Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”..... Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord; and they cast *him* out of the city and stoned *him*. **And the witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of a young man named Saul.** And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on *God* and saying, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, “Lord, do not charge them with this sin.” And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

8:1-3...Now Saul was consenting to his (Stephens) death. At that time a great persecution arose against the church which was at Jerusalem; and they were all scattered throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. And devout men carried Stephen *to his burial*, and made great lamentation over him. As for Saul, he made havoc of the church, entering every house, and dragging off men and women, committing *them* to prison

9:1-2...Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.

THE REVIEW OF STEPHEN, THE SYNAGOGUE OF FREEDMEN, SAUL, AND RELIGIOUS DELUSION

Stephen

Was a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit.

Stephen was full of faith and power, and did great wonders and signs among the people.

Stephens had the face of an angel

The Synagogue of Freedmen (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia)

They disputed with Stephen.

They were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.

They secretly induced men to say, “we have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God.

They stirred up the people, the elders and the scribes.

They brought Stephen to the council.

They also set up false witnesses who lied about what Stephen preached.

Saul/Paul

Witnesses laid down their clothes at the feet of Saul

Saul/Paul consented to the death of Stephen

Saul/Paul was making havoc of the Church

Saul/Paul entered every house, and dragging off men and women, committing them to prison

Saul/Paul was breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord

Saul/Paul asked the high priest for letters of permission to bring those of The Way to be bound to Jerusalem

Saul/Paul was circumcised the eighth day of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews; concerning the law a Pharisee; concerning zeal, persecuting the church; concerning the righteousness which is in the law, blameless.

Here we have the Synagogue of Freedmen, opposing the Disciple Stephen. They were not able resist the wisdom and Spirit which Stephen spoke. The Question Begs to be asked.....WHY????? If a person or a group of people claim to love God, why would there be ANY RESISTANCE to Stephen? This group of Priests and religious people are supposed to be representing God and yet they are lying and calculating how to trap Stephen. WHY?

The answer is they loved their religious status and traditions rather than the truth of the Word of God! Stephen was systematically showing the Synagogue of Freedmen, starting from Abraham all the way through history, the error of their ways and they wanted no part of what Stephan was saying! The Lord God in His love was using Stephan to show them their error and put them on the right path, yet wanted no part of it.

Saul in his religious zeal had to protect the Religious traditions he was brought up with. A zeal so strong and dedicated to, that murder was not out of the question. It wasn't until Saul met Jesus, The Word of Truth that he turned from the error of his ways! Saul was a religious zealot until his encounter with Jesus the King of Kings!

Here is the difference between the Synagogue of Freedmen, and Saul.

The synagogue of Freedmen when hearing the wisdom of Stephan and the Spirit in which he spoke, then seeing his face as an angel, then hearing his full discourse from Abraham through to Solomon, could have stopped Stephan at any time, and admitted their error and repented.

THEY DID NOT REPENT, THEY MURDERED AN INNOCENT MAN!!!!

The words of Jesus came to pass in John 16:2..“whoever kills you will think they are offering service to God.” **The synagogue of Freedmen loved their traditions and doctrines more than the Word of God!!!**

Saul on the other hand, when confronted with Jesus face to face, responded: “Lord what do you want me to do?” Saul was humble where as those from the synagogue of Freedmen were arrogant. **The Lord always will work with the HUMBLE in heart.**

A REVIEW OF YOUR DECEIVING HEART AND RELIGIOUS DELUSION

In this section on our teaching of the heart we learned that the heart of man has **THREE** very distinct characteristics that will deceive a person.

Those characteristics are:

- 1) **Pride**
- 2) **Lust**
- 3) **Idolatry**

We learned the higher you go in leadership, the easier it is to become deceived, and that **NO-ONE** is exempt from self-deception.

What we have learned from King Saul’s Deceiving Heart.

PRIDE AND THE FEAR OF MAN DECEIVED KING SAUL’S HEART!

We learned that King Saul became deceived because he loved the approval of man rather than the approval of God. King Saul was given orders and was disobedient to the commands of the Lord because he allowed people to manipulate him. King Saul tried to justify his actions to Samuel, by giving excuses and not being humble. King Saul became so arrogant he built a statue of himself. King Saul turned into a religious Pharisee and then tried to murder David because of his envy of David.
(1Sam.18:8-16,21; 19:1-20; 20:30-33; 22:14-19)

What we have learned from King David's Deceiving Heart.

PRIDE AND LUST DECEIVED KING DAVID'S HEART

We have learned, although David was a man after God's heart, he was not without flaws. David had many wives which was in total disobedience to the law of God. (Dt.17:14-17) Because David fed his lust for women, instead of starving his lust for women, David allowed his lust for women to blind his judgment and cause him to make very bad decisions.

The difference between King David and King Saul was the Humility in David.

When confronted by the prophet Samuel, King Saul lied and made Excuses.

When confronted by the prophet Nathan King David immediately was broken and sorry for his sins.

King Saul lost his Kingdom and his relationship with God

King David retained his relationship with God, and His Kingdom but with heavy consequences.

What we have learned from the Apostle Peter's Deceiving Heart.

PRIDE DECEIVED THE APOSTLE PETER'S HEART

We have learned from the Apostle Peter, that although Peter received revelation of who Jesus is, and went up the mountain with Jesus and is talked about more than any other apostle, Peter was a very proud man! The Lord needed to expose to Peter what was in Peter's heart. **The Apostle Peter is a perfect example of every person!** Everyday both men and women are put in situations that they may or may not be comfortable in. Inevitably they will boast about how they will react or handle a certain situation, only to find out they will fail miserably. The root cause of this is the **PRIDE of HEART**. Of all the examples in the Word of God, the Apostle Peter's denial of Jesus hits home and resonates more than other examples. That is because we have all done something similar at one time or another. Pride always allows us to think more highly of ourselves than what and/or who we are. It is only until we experience humiliation that we begin to change our ways.

It is in Peter's example we are to learn not to think more highly of ourselves.

A brief recap of Religious Delusion

We have learned that, Religious Delusion is when a person or group of people (large or small) believe that the religious traditions, teachings and/or doctrines they follow are acceptable and/or are pleasing to God, even when they are breaking the Commandments of God and/or are disobeying, or are changing the Word of God.

We have found that Religious Self-Delusion has two main characteristics.

Characteristic Number 1 is Religious PRIDE

Characteristic Number 2 is Religious Idolatry

The two of these work together.

A person or people with Religious pride are usually unteachable and are usually know it all's.

A person or people with Religious Pride will usually boast in their accomplishments and what they have done for God, and/or with God.

A person or people with Religious Pride are always more interested in promoting their ministry, their church or denomination or religious merchandise, than the Word of God.

A person or people with Religious Pride will defend their religious denomination, teaching, doctrine or leadership that is in disobedience to the Word of God.

Religious Idolatry on the other hand is when a person or group of people (large or small) will LOVE their religious tradition, status, doctrine, denomination, beliefs and/or activities more than the Word of God and /or being obedient to the Word of God. This would also include loyalties and allegiances to any religious people, places or things other than the Word of God.

Religious Pride along with Religious Idolatry is a toxic combination that will lead any and all people into Eternal Damnation. They complement each other perfectly, into convincing a person or people what they believe is right, no matter what the Word of God says or what the messenger brings. (Important See Jeremiah Ch.7& Ch.42-44)

Today more than any time in the history of man, Religious Pride along with Religious Idolatry brings Great Pain and Heart Break to a Holy God whose Heart is so filled with Love for mankind! Both characteristics in and of themselves break the heart of God, but when put together, the Heart Ache and Heart Break of a Loving Holy God, kindles His Anger and Jealousy!

Reasons God feels Great Heart Break, and feels such Grief and Agony!

LOVING JESUS IS NOT A PART TIME OBLIGATION!

- 1) One reason God is heartbroken over His people is because, many of God's people have **LEFT THEIR FIRST Love OF Jesus** (Rev.2:4) and replaced love for Jesus with many religious activities and ministries which have turned into idols.....

Ezekiel 6:9b....“because I (the Lord) was crushed by their adulterous heart, which has departed from Me, and by their eyes which play the harlot after their idols;.....
Micah 6:2b-3.....For the Lord has a complaint against His people, And He will contend with Israel. “O My people, what have I done to you? And how have I wearied you? Testify against Me. (cf. Isa.1:18; 3:13-14; Hos.4:1 Jer. 2:5)

Here we see the **LORD** God is heartbroken and pleading with His people because they have an adulterous heart (being unfaithful to the Lord) and have wandering eyes that yearn after their idols. God's people **ARE CHOOSING** to replace intimacy with Jesus with other people, places and things. Many people would rather spend time away from Jesus, then being with Jesus! God created man with the specific reason to have fellowship with God. Yet man feels the need to create, build, and do things for God, in the name of God, When God has not given such orders!

Many people have substituted intimacy with Jesus, for ministry, entertainment, and ambition for Jesus.

Many people would rather spend 3 hours **DOING THINGS FOR** God, or **TALKING ABOUT** God, then spend 3 hours **TALKING WITH GOD ALONE**. Many people are substituting intimacy with God for entertainment in God's name! There is an attitude of misconception, as long as a person has their daily devotions with God, that they have fulfilled their obligation to God and that God is satisfied.

How is it possible for a person to Truly know God and know How God feels, if a person does not spend intimate time with God?

How can a person have their heart changed into the image of Jesus if they are not spending intimate time with Jesus?

Should not the Heart cry of a person professing to be a Christian be what the apostle Paul cried out in Philippians 3:10? **“That I may KNOW Him and the power of His Resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death?”**

Do you see how the apostle Paul is crying out to **KNOW JESUS, NOT to know ABOUT Jesus?** Jesus was **NOT** a historical person to Paul! Paul was only interested in reflecting the love and humility of Jesus and speaking the whole Word of God! Paul was only interested in knowing the heart, mind and soul of the beloved Son of God who saved Paul from his sins.

John 17:3 Jesus speaking... **“And this is eternal life, that they MAY KNOW YOU, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”**

We see here that Jesus Himself tells us that eternal life is **KNOWING** God and Jesus. Eternal life is **NOT** knowing about God or Jesus. There is the difference!! One is knowing Jesus in a Deep intimate way, longing to live, move and have your being in Jesus! The other is having a historical perspective and knowledge of Jesus.

Paul along with all the disciples and reflected **TRUE CHRISTIANITY!**

Christianity is **NOT** belonging to or going to a church.

Christianity is **NOT** following religious traditions or teachings.

Christianity is **NOT** joining a church, a Bible study or denomination.

Christianity is **NOT** being involved in a ministry.

Christianity is **NOT** inviting people to church or religious meetings.

Christianity is **NOT** being proud, arrogant or self-centered.

Christianity is **NOT** having **DAILY** devotions.

Christianity according to the Word of God is to LOVE, LIVE, and REFLECT THE Heart of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God here on earth!

Walking in Pure LOVE and HUMILITY just like Jesus did!

It is when a person spends intimate time with Jesus, loving, worshipping and seeking the Face of God **with ALL his heart** is when God can expose the depths of sin in the heart of a person. It is then where a person cries out “Oh woe is me I am undone, I am a man of unclean lips!” God can humble the person and cleanse the person who is intimate with Him. Without a true intimate relationship with God, all a person has is shallow, superficial religious commitment to God.

There is NO WHERE in the Word of God from Genesis to the Book of the Revelation where the Lord asks His people to have DAILY DEVOTIONS!!!!

God has always Commanded His People, to Love the Lord our God with ALL our HEART, SOUL, MIND and STRENGTH and our neighbor as our self.

- 2) The second reason God is heartbroken; is the Pride, Idolatry and Blatant Rebellion and Disobedience to the Word of God by God's people.

Isaiah 59:1-3.... Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But Your Iniquities have separated you from your God; And your SINS have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; Your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perversity.

Jeremiah 2:5...Thus says the Lord: “What injustice have your fathers found in Me, that they have gone far from Me, have followed idols and become idolaters?

Jeremiah 4:22... “For My people are foolish, they have not known Me. They are *silly (footnote = foolish) children, and they have no understanding. They are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.”

Never in the history of all mankind has God in His abundant love given so much revelation, information, knowledge, and wisdom to mankind.

TODAY.....We have the complete Word of God!

And not only do we have the Complete Word of God, we have many study tools available to us. We have the Hebrew, the Greek, and we have the internet and many Maps and Much History we can learn from.

And Yet in all the Vast knowledge and information we have gained from the Word of God, we have **MORE SIN and HYPOCRISY** than ever, and we are missing the TWO most important Qualities of Christianity! **LOVE AND HUMILITY!!!!**

God is Heart Broken because multitudes of God's People have LEFT THEIR FIRST Love OF JESUS and God's people are NOT walking in HUMBLE OBEDIENCE to the Word of God! Without LOVE and OBEDIENCE, people are traveling down the broad road to Eternal Damnation and NOT KNOW IT!

With the Word of God so available how is it possible that today, God's people can be walking with Pride and Idols in their hearts? (destroyed for lack of knowledge?)

With the Word of God so available how is it possible that today, God's people ignore the examples of the children of Israel? (destroyed for lack of knowledge?)

With the Word of God so available how is it possible today, God's people chose to ignore the Laws and commandments of God? (destroyed for lack of knowledge?)

With the Word of God so available how is it possible that today, God's people chose not to turn their back on the world? (destroyed for lack of knowledge?)

With the Word of God so available how is it possible that today, God's people do not Love God with a **WHOLE HEART** or walk **HUMBLY** with the Lord? (destroyed for lack of knowledge?)

The answer to these and other questions is found in our last section called:

RETURNING TO OUR FIRST LOVE BY PURIFYING OUR HEARTS BY SELF DENIAL! WE DO NOT LOVE OUR LIFE EVEN UNTO DEATH!

So far we have looked at what our heart is, and the components that make up a person's heart. We have also looked at the sin that is in the hearts of man. We have also looked at how a person's heart with Idols can deceive a person and how Religious Idolatry can deceive a person into believing a religious denomination or beliefs are right, even when disobedient or conflicting to the Word of God. After looking at all of this we need to see our hope and how we can purify our hearts of all our idols by faith in Jesus! As we have learned in the Word of God, to Receive Eternal life we are to Love the Lord with **ALL** our Heart, **ALL** our Soul, **ALL** our Strength, and **ALL** our Mind and Love our Neighbor as our self. (Luke 10:25-28) **Anything** we love more than Jesus is an Idol in our Hearts. So now that we know what our Hearts consist of and the sins that are in our hearts, we must see how we can overcome the sins and wicked behavior that are deep in our hearts!

Luke 9:23-25.... “Then He (Jesus) said to them all, “if anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My (Jesus) sake will save it. “For what *advantage (footnote= profit) is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and himself destroyed or lost?

As stated, this verse is repeated 6 times in three of the gospels.

(See Mat. 10:38-39, 16:24-26, Mark 8:34-36, 10:21, Luke 9:23-25, 14:27-33, 17:33)

This verse is repeated six times because it is one of the most important cornerstones, if not the most important cornerstones of the gospel.

In these verses Jesus lays out the foundational blueprint for His disciples.

(remember Christians are disciples of Jesus.) They are:

- 1) Disciples (i.e. Christians) deny themselves.
- 2) Disciples (i.e. Christians) Take up their cross daily.
- 3) Disciples (i.e. Christians) Lose their life for Jesus.

Let’s break theses down, because in these are the keys to cleaning our hearts.

1) Disciples deny themselves!

What do disciples deny themselves of? Disciples deny themselves of

The Lust of the Flesh, the Lust of the Eyes, and the Pride of Life. (1John 2:15-17)

also, Gal 5:19-21...Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Those disciples, who belong to Christ Jesus have Crucified the flesh with its passions and desires, (Gal 5:24) and those disciples will live by the Spirit and will put to Death to deeds of the Flesh. (Rom 8:13)!

So how is this all accomplished?

Let’s look at a few verses from the Word of God for some insight.

(Mat. 11:28-30 NASB; 1 Cor.2:16; 1Peter 4:1 cf. Phil 2:5-11)

In Matthew 11:29 Jesus tells us “...learn from Me, for I am **GENTLE and HUMBLE IN HEART**, and you will find rest for your souls.

Then in 1 Cor.2:16 the Apostle Paul tells us “...we have the Mind of Christ.”

Then the Apostle Peter tells us in 1 Peter 4:1 “Therefore, since **Christ suffered** for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves also with the same Mind**, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.”

The Apostle Paul tells us also in Philippians 2:5-11 **Let this Mind** be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but *made (footnote=**emptied Himself of His privileges**) Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of a man. And being found in appearance as a man, **He Humbled Himself by becoming Obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross....**

As we have discussed, according to the Word of God, Christians are to be disciples of Jesus. As disciples of Jesus we are to **LOVE** as Jesus **LOVES**, and **WALK** as Jesus walked. This also means we are to be **Humble** as Jesus was **Humble**.

To inherit Eternal Life, we must possess both, Love and Humility.

We cannot have one, without the other, they work together.

Jesus tells us to learn from Him, that means we must learn to be Gentle and Humble **IN heart!** In 1 Cor. 2:16 Paul, tells us we have the mind of Christ.

Then the beloved Apostle Paul tells us in the epistle to the Philippians that we are to have the same *mind (NASB = **HAVE THE SAME ATTITUDE**) that was in Jesus.

Jesus Emptied Himself of HIS PRIVILEGES and made NO REPUTATION and Humbled Himself by becoming OBEDIENT to death on the cross. (Phil 2:5-11)

So we see Jesus denied Himself of His Privileges and emptied Himself and was obedient to the sufferings not only on the cross, but also the sufferings in the Garden of Gethsemane (praying in agony having sweat as great drops of blood.

Luke 22:40-44) and the pre-crucifixion. (the beating and mocking before crucifixion Luke 22:63-65) Jesus was as a Lamb led to slaughter.

Jesus emptied Himself of All His desires to only please the Father. Jesus is our example of how to love! Jesus set all selfishness aside to do **ONLY** those things that would glorify and please God. As Jesus denied Himself of the Lust of the Flesh, The Lust of the eyes and the Pride of Life, **We MUST DO THE SAME!!!**

We are to empty ourselves of ALL Pride, Lust, Ambition, Reputation, and everything else that is not like Jesus!!!

Let's now look at some chapters and verses in the Word of God to see the example Jesus has set for us and how we are to suffer in the flesh and to die daily!

Isaiah 50:4-9 “The Lord God has given Me The tongue of the learned,
That I should know how to speak A word in season to *him who is* weary.
He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.
The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not rebellious, Nor did I turn away.
I gave My back to those who struck Me,
And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard;
I did not hide My face from shame and spitting. “For the Lord God will help Me;
Therefore I will not be disgraced; Therefore I have set My face like a flint,
And I know that I will not be ashamed. He *is* near who justifies Me;
Who will contend with Me? Let us stand together. Who *is* My adversary?
Let him come near Me. Surely the Lord God will help Me;
Who *is* he *who* will condemn Me? Indeed, they will all grow old like a garment;
The moth will eat them up.

Isaiah 53:1-12 Who has believed our report?
And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
For He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant,
And as a root out of dry ground. He has no form or comeliness;
And when we see Him, *There is* no beauty that we should desire Him.
He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.
And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not
esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.
But He *was* wounded for our transgressions, *He was* bruised for our iniquities;
The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way;
And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. **He was oppressed and He was**
afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter,
And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, So He opened not His mouth.

He was taken from prison and from judgment,
 And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living;
 For the transgressions of My people He was stricken.
 And they made His grave with the wicked— But with the rich at His death,
 Because He had done no violence, Nor *was any* deceit in His mouth.
Yet it pleased the Lord to *bruise (footnote= crush) Him; He has put *Him* to grief.
 When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see *His* seed, He shall
 prolong *His* days, And the pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.
He shall see the *travail (footnote=distress) of His soul, *and* be satisfied.
 By His Knowledge My Righteous Servant shall justify many,
 For He shall bear their iniquities.

THE PSALM OF THE CROSS

PSALM 22:1- 21 My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?

Why are You so far from helping Me, And from the words of My groaning?

O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear;

And in the night season, and am not silent. But You *are* holy,

Enthroned in the praises of Israel. Our fathers trusted in You;

They trusted, and You delivered them. They cried to You, and were delivered;

They trusted in You, and were not ashamed. But I *am* a worm, and no man;

A reproach of men, and despised by the people. All those who see Me ridicule Me;

They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*; “He trusted in the Lord,

let Him rescue Him; Let Him deliver Him, since He delights in Him!

But You *are* He who took Me out of the womb;

You made Me trust *while* on My mother’s breasts. I was cast upon You from birth.

From My mother’s womb You *have been* My God. Be not far from Me,

For trouble *is* near; For *there is* none to help. Many bulls have surrounded Me;

Strong *bulls* of Bashan have encircled Me. They gape at Me *with* their mouths,

Like a raging and roaring lion. **I am poured out like water,**

And all My bones are out of joint; My heart is like wax; It has melted within Me.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, And My tongue clings to My jaws;

You have brought Me to the dust of death. For dogs have surrounded Me;

The congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me.

They pierced My hands and My feet; I can count all My bones.

They look *and* stare at Me. They divide My garments among them,
 And for my clothing they cast lots. But You O Lord, do not be far from Me;
 O My Strength, hasten to help Me!
 Deliver Me from the sword, My precious *life* from the power of the dog.
 Save Me from the lion's mouth And from the horns of the wild oxen!
 You have answered Me.

Psalm 116:15....Precious in the sight of the Lord is THE DEATH of His Saints.

HEBREWS 2:9-18 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom *are* all things and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For both He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified *are* all of one, for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren, saying: "I will declare Your name to My brethren; In the midst of the assembly I will sing praise to You." And again: "I will put My trust in Him." And again: "Here am I and the children whom God has given Me." Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For indeed He does not give aid to angels, but He does give aid to the seed of Abraham. Therefore, in all things He had to be made like *His* brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For in that He Himself has suffered, being tempted, He is able to aid those who are tempted.

Hebrews 5:1-9 For every high priest taken from among men is appointed for men in things *pertaining* to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can have compassion on those who are ignorant and going astray, since he himself is also subject to weakness. Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer *sacrifices* for sins. And no man takes this honor to himself, but he who is called by God, just as Aaron *was*. So also Christ did not glorify Himself to become High Priest, but *it was* He who said to Him: "You are My Son, Today I have begotten You."

As *He* also *says* in another *place*: “You *are* a priest forever According to the order of Melchizedek;” 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. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him,**

Romans 8:9-18 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ *is* in you, the body *is* dead because of sin, but the Spirit *is* life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. **For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, **IF indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together. For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

1 Corinthians 2:16.....For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” **But we have THE MIND of Christ.**

1 Corinthians 11:1.....Imitate me, just as I also *imitate* Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:31..I affirm, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, **I DIE DAILY.**

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8 **Let THIS MIND be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,** who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross.

PETER 4:1-6, 12-16 Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, **arm yourselves also with THE SAME MIND, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin,** that he no longer should live the rest of *his* time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. For we *have spent* enough of **our past lifetime** in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with *them* in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of *you*. They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this reason, the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit. **4:12-16..** Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; but rejoice to the extent **that you partake of Christ's sufferings,** that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. But let none of you suffer as a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people's matters. **Yet if *anyone suffers* as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter.**

1 PETER 5:5-10 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to *your* elders. Yes, all of *you* be submissive to one another, and **be clothed with humility,** for “God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.” Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. **But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while,** perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle *you*.

Revelation 12:10-11 Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, **and they did not love their lives to the death.**

In these chapters and verses we have not only looked at the obedience Jesus had to the Father, but also the sufferings of self-denial that Jesus went through in His obedience. **He did only those things that PLEASED the Father.**

We have looked at Psalm 22 and the sufferings of the cross and the abandonment Jesus felt in dying on the cross. (see also Mat.27:45-46; Mark 15:33-34)

In Isaiah chapters 50 & 53 we see how Jesus was obedient to the Father and gave his cheeks to those who not only struck Him but, plucked out the beard and spit on Him. (50:5-6) We also seen how Jesus was a man rejected and despised of people. We have seen How the Father afflicted Jesus, how He was bruised and smitten, yet did not open His mouth. We also looked at How it pleased the Father to crush Jesus and see the travail of His soul. (53:3-7, 10-11)

We see in Hebrews that it was through suffering that Jesus was made perfect, and that through death, he would destroy Satan who had the power of death. (Heb.2:10,14)

We also see we are exhorted by both the Apostle Paul and the Apostle Peter to have the same MIND of JESUS. It is having a mind of Humility and self-denial.

This brings us to numbers 2 & 3.

2) Disciples take up their cross daily 1 Corinthians 15:31

3) Disciple lose their life for Jesus (Rev.12:11)

How can people see, hear, and feel the love and compassion of Jesus **IN** us, if we are living and acting like our old pre converted self? (living in our sinful ways)

How can people see, hear, and feel the love and compassion of Jesus **IN** us, if we do not DIE to our old selfish, self-centered, **WORLDLY WAYS?**

How can people see, hear, and feel the love and compassion of Jesus **IN** us, if we are living like the world and are interested in the things of the world and are not bearing witness to the Word of God and having The Testimony of Jesus?
(Rev.1:2, 9)

Ask yourself the following Questions:

- 1) Do your family, friends and people you come in contact with, feel the Love, and compassion of Jesus in you, or do they still see and hear your old pre-converted person?

- 2) Does your family, friends and people you come in contact with, see and hear the humility of Jesus in you, or do they still see and hear you old pre-converted person?
- 3) Can your family, friends and people you come in contact with, see, feel and hear the love, compassion and humility of Jesus in you, or do you compromise the Word of God so you don't feel uncomfortable or make them feel uncomfortable?
- 4) Finally, do family, friends and people you come in contact with, see you one way and does God see you in another way?
Is God dealing with you about secret sins or hidden idols and hypocrisies no one knows about but you and the Lord?

The only way for all people to see, hear, and feel the Love, Compassion and Humility of the Lord Jesus Christ in all of our hearts, is to live a life of self-denial of our old selfish, self-pleasing, self-gratifying ways.

This is called taking up our cross and dying daily!

It is only when we chose to love Jesus more than any and all ungodly thoughts, speech, attitudes, desires, habits, reactions or anything ungodly will we overcome the sin, ungodliness and worldliness in our hearts!

James 1:12-16....Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been proved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who Love Him. Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. **But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own *desires (*footnote NASB=LUST) and enticed.** Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin when it is full grown, brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brethren.

1 Corinthians 10:13-14...No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, **but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to *bear (*footnote= endure) it. Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.**

Galatians 5:24....And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

The Word of God is clear, a person is tempted and drawn away from Jesus, the Word of God by their own lusts! This happens because we give into the flesh nature, and are not walking in the Spirit of God. When we are walking in the Spirit of God we are putting to death the flesh with its passions and lusts. (Cf. Gal 5:16 & Rom.8:12-17)

This is denying ourselves of the selfish, self-centered, self-gratifying Demonic fleshly nature, and laying down our lives on a cross and suffering in the flesh, as Jesus suffered in the flesh and died on a cross!

This is having the same MIND and ATTITUDE as Jesus had when He humbled Himself to death on the cross. As we deny ourselves of pride and lust or anger or whatever sins torment us, we will endure the sufferings of the cross and cling to Jesus, the Word of God in giving those sins up.

John 15:13-14....Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. You are My friends IF YOU DO whatever I command you.

This is the walk of a disciple of Jesus!

When we do not act, behave, respond or talk like the people of the world, people can, and will see and hear a difference in us. In our time of temptation, we lay down our life and deny our self of our selfishness and cry out to Jesus and ask for grace and mercy, so we can receive strength not to give in to our weakness. We will suffer when we give up our old self, (this is called dying daily on the cross) but Jesus will be glorified as we overcome our old man and walk as Jesus walked in newness of life.

Walking in the newness of life simply put is, not giving into all your old ungodly habits, and desires by suffering in the flesh and not giving into temptation, to stop sinning! This is how people will hear, see, and feel the love and compassion of Jesus in you.

**THE HEARTBREAK OF GOD
CHAPTER SIX**



**FALSE PROPHETS
OF
TODAY**

**Beware of False Prophets,
Who Come to You in Sheep Clothing,
But Inwardly They Are
Ravenous Wolves”**

Jesus’ warning the disciples of the
religious hypocritical leadership

Matthew 7:15

Before we start the next topic on false prophets and their doctrines and teachings, I encourage you, the reader, to keep an open and humble heart. There will be things said and brought out that you may disagree with or even become offended at. But if you will **LOOK TO the Word of God** in balance and context, pray, asking the Lord for his grace and mercy, with a humble heart, you will not be able to deny what the Word of God says to us. The hour is so very late, and the Judgment of God is quickly approaching, so this is not the time to defend your religion or religious traditions and/or teachings. Remember this very important fact: **ALL** the religious Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees went to Hell if they did not repent and follow Jesus **ACCORDING to ALL THE WORDS OF JESUS!**

In all the Word of God, the subject of false prophets is frequently talked about, explained and/or touched upon, in many books. From Genesis chapter 11 and the tower of Babel to Malachi. God continually warns, gives examples and teaches us, His people, the Doctrines, the behaviors, and lifestyles of false prophets, in the Old Testament. Then in the New Testament Jesus Himself goes to great lengths and detail to expose, explain and rebuke, false prophets. (Otherwise known as most Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees) The beloved apostle Paul makes mention of false teachers and false prophets in many Epistles, as does Peter, Jude, and John.

If false prophets and false teachers could not influence the sheep of Jesus in the New Testament Church, Why did God go through so much trouble to explain, teach, and warn us in ALL His word about who False Prophets are and what False Prophets teach?

The very first example of the behavior of a false prophet would be Aaron. Aaron was the brother of Moses, and had done many miracles, signs, and wonders. Aaron also saw the God of Israel and ate and drank in God's presence. (Exodus 24:9-11) In Exodus 32 we see that Moses delayed in coming down from the mountain. The people then gathered together to Aaron and manipulated him to make another god. Aaron, because he loves the praise of men, rather than the praise of God, listens to the people and gives the people instruction to bring their gold to him. Aaron makes a molded calf, builds an Alter before it and proclaims, "Tomorrow is a feast to the Lord." Exodus 32:6 - Then they rose early on the next day, offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings; and **the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.**

Exodus 32:7-8 – And the Lord said to Moses, “Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I have commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, “This is your God, O Israel that brought you out of the land of Egypt.” We see verse 24 how Aaron lies to Moses by saying “I cast it into the fire, and this calf came out!”

So we can see how a man can start off on the right path with God, but if he fears people and wants to please people rather than God, he will be disobedient to the Word of God and go astray. Did not the same thing happen to King Saul?

I Sam 15:24 Then Saul said to Samuel, “I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the Lord and your words, BECAUSE I feared the people and OBEYED THEIR voice.”

Another example would be: Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Here we have men of Renown, using their titles and position to try and override Moses and introduce a FALSE doctrine by telling Moses, “All the congregation is holy, every one of them and that Moses exalts himself above the congregation.” (Numbers 16:1-40) We see the outcome – God destroyed the false prophets by the earth swallowing them up.

The Lord in His abundant love and mercy shows us all through His word, warnings, teachings, and examples of false prophets. Let’s now go to Deuteronomy 13. The whole chapter of Deuteronomy 13 gives us many characteristics of false prophets, but let’s just look at verses one through five.

Deuteronomy 13:1-5 “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, and the sign or wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, let us go after other gods which you have not known and let us serve them, you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the Lord your God...”

We can see the Lord is very serious about the treatment of false prophets and for us to be aware of their teachings, and who they are.

In I Kings 13, we see a man of God receive orders from the Lord (13:9) but an old prophet lied to the man of God (verse 18) and the man of God was killed for his disobedience to the Lord. (READ I Kings 13:1-34) Here we can see how a false prophet lied to get His way.

The book of Jeremiah says much about false prophets. We will touch on only some verses which are important and explain so much of what is going on today in the ungodly worldly religious church system.

Jeremiah 5:12-13 “They have lied about the Lord, and said, it is not He. Neither will evil come upon us, nor shall we see sword or famine. And the prophets become wind, for the word (i.e. the Word of God) is not in them. Thus it shall be done to them.”(30-31) “An astonishing and horrible thing has been committed in the land: the prophets prophesy falsely and the priests rule by their own power; and My People love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?” 6:13-15 “Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them, everyone is given to covetousness; and from the prophet even to the priest, everyone deals falsely. They have also healed the hurt of my people slightly, saying, ‘Peace! Peace!’ when there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time I punish them, they shall be cast down,’ says the Lord. 8:7-12 “Even the stork in the heavens Knows her appointed times; And the turtledove, the swift, and the swallow Observe the time of their coming. But My people do not know the judgment of the Lord. “How can you say, We *are* wise, And the law of the Lord *is* with us’? Look, the false pen of the scribe certainly works falsehood. The wise men are ashamed, They are dismayed and taken. Behold, they have REJECTED the Word of the Lord; So what wisdom do they have? Therefore I will give their wives to others, *And* their fields to those who will inherit *them*; Because from the least even to the greatest Everyone is given to covetousness; From the prophet even to the priest, Everyone deals falsely. For they have healed the hurt of the daughter of My people slightly, Saying, ‘Peace, peace!’ When *there is* no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed, Nor did they know how to blush.

In these passages we see that false prophets have lied to God's people saying, "No evil will come upon them, nor will they see sword or famine." They tell the people peace, peace where there is no peace. And everyone is given to covetousness and deals falsely. Not only that, when they committed abominations (sin) they were not ashamed, nor did they know how to blush. Is there any difference today? The people who call themselves the people of God, (Christians) proclaim "we have Jesus and He did it all, God sees the blood of Jesus, not my sins!" **While there is little or no shame or remorse for their sin and ungodly behavior!!! Men behind pulpits TODAY are preaching peace and safety and are not ashamed OF sin!**

These False prophets are preaching and teaching a different gospel, with another Jesus, These are called doctrines of demons! Multitudes will be shocked when God's judgment falls and they have nowhere to hide!!!

Jeremiah chapter 23 —this chapter speaks so much of today's false prophets.

Jeremiah 23:1-2 "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!" says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: 'You scattered my flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold I (The Lord) will attend to you for the evil of your doings,' says the Lord." (Think about that....God Himself will deal with those who teach and preach false doctrines, lies and hypocrisy.) (9-14) "My heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake. I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine has overcome, because of the Lord and because of His holy words. For the land is full of adulterers; for because of a curse, the land mourns. The pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up. Their course of life is evil, and their might is not right. "For both prophets and priest are profane; yes in My house I have found their wickedness," say the Lord. Therefore their way shall be to them like slippery way; in the darkness they shall be driven on and fall in them; for I will bring disaster on them, the year of their punishment, says the Lord. And I have seen the folly in the prophets of Samaria: They prophesied by Baal and caused My people of Israel to err. Also I have seen a horrible thing in the prophets of Jerusalem: They commit adultery and walk in lies; they also strengthen the hands of wickedness. All of them are like Sodom to Me, and her inhabitants like Gomorrah."

Jer 23: 16-17 Thus says the Lord of hosts “Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you. They make you worthless; they speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord. They continually say to those who despise Me, the Lord has said, “You shall have peace,” and to everyone who walks according to the imagination of his heart. No evil shall come upon you.”(21-32)

“I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings. “*Am* I a God near at hand,” says the LORD, “And not a God afar off? Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?” says the LORD; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the LORD. “I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesies lies in my name, saying, ‘I have dreamed, I have dreamed!’ How long will *this* be in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies? Indeed *they are* prophets of the deceit of their own heart, who try to make My people forget My name by their dreams which everyone tells his neighbor, as their fathers forgot My name for Baal. “The prophet who has a dream, let him tell a dream; And he who has My word, let him speak My word faithfully. What *is* the chaff to the wheat?” says the LORD. “*Is* not My word like a fire?” says the LORD, “And like a hammer *that* breaks the rock in pieces? “Therefore behold, I *am* against the prophets,” says the LORD, “who steal My words everyone from his neighbor. Behold, I *am* against the prophets,” says the LORD, “who use their tongues and say, ‘He says.’ Behold, I *am* against those who prophesy false dreams,” says the LORD, “and tell them, and cause My people to err by their lies and by their recklessness. Yet I did not send them or command them; therefore they shall not profit this people at all,” says the LORD.

Let’s look at the characteristics of the false prophets Jeremiah talks about.

Three times the LORD says He is against these prophets

The false prophets destroy and scatter the sheep of God’s pasture.

The false prophet and priest are profane.

The Lord has found wickedness in His house.

The false prophets strengthen the hands of evil doers by not turning anyone away from their sin.

The false prophets speak lies, a vision or dream in the name of the Lord and from the deceit of their own heart and not from the mouth of the Lord.

The Lord has not sent these prophets, yet in their own ambition, they ran.

If the prophets stood in the Lord's council, they would have caused God's people to hear God's word and turned them from their sin.

The false prophets prophesy out of the deceit of their own heart.

The false prophets preach and teach a message of false peace and safety.

Let's compare the prophets in Jeremiah 23 to the "prophets and preachers" today.

Let's first start with the statement the Lord makes in Jeremiah 23:21-22. **"I SENT NOT these prophets, yet they ran: I spoke not unto them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My council, and had caused My people to hear My words, then they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings."**

This statement from the LORD Himself applies to thousands even tens of thousands of people behind pulpits, in seminary and/or bible schools today. You will hear a person say, "I feel called to the ministry," or "I want to serve God," and what is one of the first things they do? They enroll in a seminary or bible school and what do they learn? Doctrines and teachings of men and/or religious denominations. This is NOT knowing God or receiving revelation from God Himself. This is learning theology (def. the study of God, a system of religious beliefs. Webster dic.) and doctrines of men, therefore becoming a religious scholar. In most cases, it is the study, of the studies of men who have studied God. Call it theologyology, the study of books of men, who have studied books of men, who have studied God!! If people study enough and stay in school long enough, they can earn a DOCTORATE OF DIVINITY! (The definition is "An honorary degree. The title is bestowed to individuals who have devoted their lives to theological pursuits or community betterment.") A person can even receive such credentials by studying on line. All of this study is learning about God and the things and teachings of God, but not having an experience with God Himself.

The Word of God is, and becomes, a study manual in a person's hands.

The Word of God is treated and studied as a common text book gathering information instead of seeking A REVELATION FROM GOD

All a person has to do is pick a denomination they are comfortable with, register and you have your title! All the while learning traditions and teachings of men, **NOT** receiving revelation from God! As the Word of God states in **2 Timothy 3:7**
Always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth!

When Jesus called His disciples, He called those who He Himself wanted, and the disciples came to Jesus. Then Jesus appointed twelve, **that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach.** (See Mark 3:13-15) – Notice the order; **Jesus wanted his disciples to be with Him first! This way the disciples could know Him, be with Him, and hear and understand His teachings!! THEN** He would send them out to preach.

We have multitudes of people preaching and teaching religious doctrines of men that are leading multitudes of people to Hell and they have not been sent by God. When God Himself calls someone, God Himself will grant that person revelation of the calling, and there will confirmation of the calling, with absolutely no doubt or confusion about it. – The person will have a desire to be with Jesus, the Word of God all the time, never getting enough of the Word of God!

The Lord also states in Jeremiah 23, that the false prophets were speaking a vision from their own hearts and trying to make God's people forget the Lord's name by their dreams. **The Lord also states if the prophets had stood in God's council and caused the Lord's people to hear the Lord's words, the prophets would turn the Lord's people from their wicked ways. (their sins)**

We could say that any person who is not warning of God's judgment of sin in a person's life, could be considered a false prophet. Why? Because they are delivering a message of peace and safety. Isn't that the basic message preached today – peace and safety? "God has a wonderful plan for your life!" "Accept Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior and be guaranteed heaven."

Which leads us to Jeremiah chapter 28. Another very good example of what to look for in false prophets. Again, the message of a false prophet is peace and safety. I advise reading the whole chapter. For the sake of time I will point out the important verses.

Jeremiah 28:7-9 Jeremiah speaking—“Nevertheless hear now this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people: The prophets who have been before me and before you of old prophesied against many countries and great kingdoms—of war and disaster and pestilence. As for the prophet who prophesies of peace, when the word of the prophet comes to pass, the prophet will be known *as* one whom the LORD has truly sent.”¹⁵⁻¹⁷ “Then the prophet Jeremiah said to Hananiah the prophet, “Hear now, Hananiah, the LORD has not sent you, but you make this people trust in a lie. Therefore thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will cast you from the face of the earth. This year you shall die, because you have taught rebellion against the LORD.’” So Hananiah the prophet died the same year in the seventh month.

Jeremiah 29:32 “Therefore thus says the LORD: Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite and his family: he shall not have anyone to dwell among this people, nor shall he see the good that I will do for My people, says the LORD, because he has taught rebellion against the LORD.

Now let’s look at Ezekiel 13:1-8, 10. “And the word of the LORD came to me, saying, “Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who prophesy, and say to those who prophesy out of their own heart, ‘Hear the Word of the LORD!’ “Thus says the Lord GOD: “Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing! O Israel, your prophets are like foxes in the deserts. You have not gone up into the gaps to build a wall for the house of Israel to stand in battle on the day of the LORD. They have envisioned futility and false divination, saying, ‘Thus says the LORD!’ But the LORD has not sent them; yet they hope that the word may be confirmed. Have you not seen a futile vision, and have you not spoken false divination? You say, ‘The LORD says,’ but I have not spoken. “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Because you have spoken nonsense and envisioned lies, therefore I *am* indeed against you,” says the Lord GOD. “Because, indeed, because they have seduced My people, saying, ‘Peace!’ when *there is* no peace—and one builds a wall, and they plaster it with untempered *mortar*—“

In looking at both old and new testaments, we will see some very common characteristics among false prophets then and today! Let’s look at some.....

False prophets will compromise the word of God to get the approval and praise of man rather than the approval and praise of God.

False prophets will fear people rather than fear God.

False prophets will teach people peace and safety and not warn people of the judgment of God!

False prophets will council and teach rebellion to the Word of God to the people of God.

False prophets are filled with extortion and self-indulgence.

False prophets will reject and/or twist the Word of God to protect their doctrine and/or denomination.

False prophets will turn the grace of God into a license to live recklessly.

False prophets want the approval of people and not the approval of God!

False prophets emphasize their dreams and visions and minimize the Word of God.

False prophets exalt themselves and their ministries to glorify themselves in the name of the LORD!

How is it, that today the preachers and teachers are not exposing false and blasphemous doctrines?

Why are leaders in the ungodly worldly religious church system teaching people how to have faith to get money, homes, new jobs, or a mate, but not teaching people to have faith to overcome sin and to deny themselves and take up their cross and give up their life for Jesus?

Why are God's people (Christians) being led astray by doctrines of demons, lies, dreams and visions, and no one points this out?

Jeremiah 23:1-2 ²³ **“Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!” says the Lord. ² Therefore thus says the Lord God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people: “You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings,” says the Lord.**

Matthew 7:15 Jesus speaking “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.”

2 Peter 2:1-3...But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them and bring on themselves swift destruction. And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed. By covetousness they will exploit you with deceptive words; for a long time their judgment has not been idle, and their destruction does not slumber.....

Jude... For certain persons have crept in unnoticed, those who were long beforehand marked out for this condemnation, ungodly persons who turn the grace of our God into licentiousness and deny our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their *own* lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of *gaining an advantage*.. But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, that they were saying to you, “In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts.” These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.

Jeremiah 23:21-22 the Lord speaking “I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran. I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in My counsel, And had caused My people to hear My words, Then they would have turned them from their evil way And from the evil of their doings.”

Mark 7-9, 13 Jesus speaking “And in vain they worship Me, Teaching *as* doctrines the commandments of men.’ For laying aside the commandment of God, you hold the tradition of men —the washing of pitchers and cups, and many other such things you do.” He said to them, “*All too* well you reject the commandment of God that you may keep your tradition, making the Word of God of no effect through your tradition which you have handed down.”

Before we go any further in our study we need to understand something.

I Corinthians 2:14 “But 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.”

John 6:63 Jesus speaking “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.

The Word of God was given by God, written By Holy men of God, as God gave direction by the Holy Spirit. The Word of God is written about God’s people and to God’s people, for God’s people! Unless God Himself, grants revelation through the Holy Spirit, **NO** person, **NO** matter how much bible schooling, seminary, or classes they have attended will understand the TRUTH OF THE WORD OF GOD.

It will be a SEALED Book (Isaiah 29:9-13)...“Pause and wonder! Blind yourselves and be blind! They are drunk, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with intoxicating drink. For the LORD has poured out on you The spirit of deep sleep, And has closed your eyes, namely, the prophets; And He has covered your heads, namely, the seers. The whole vision has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one who is literate, saying, “Read this, please.” And he says, “I cannot, for it is sealed.” Then the book is delivered to one who is illiterate, saying, “Read this, please.” And he says, “I am not literate.” Therefore the Lord said: “Inasmuch as these people draw near with their mouths and honor Me with their lips, But have removed their hearts far from Me, And their fear toward Me is taught by the commandment of men,”

So all this being said, we must confront some very real and difficult truths,

Regarding the preaching and teaching going on today.

I Tim. 6:3-6 NASB “If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and TO THE DOCTRINE WHICH IS ACCORDING TO GODLINESS he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, useless, wrangling’s of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a *means of* gain. From such withdraw yourself. Now godliness with contentment is great gain.”

So we see here that the beloved apostle Paul lays the foundation for a doctrine to be taught—a doctrine that conforms a person to godliness!

And what is the doctrine to conform a person to godliness?

It is the doctrine of denying yourself and putting to death the flesh nature, taking up your cross daily, losing your life and possessing a **PURE HEART** and being Holy as God is Holy and **PERFECT** as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Mat. 5:8, 48)
Walking in **PERFECT, LOVE** and **HUMILITY**!

WALKING HUMBLY AND LOVING LIKE JESUS! WALKING GODLY!!

The Word of God is very clear – Only The pure in heart will see God. (Mat. 5:8) So with that said, let's look at what Jesus says regarding what is in the heart of mankind.

Mark 7:20-23 “And Jesus said, “What comes out of a man that defiles a man. From within, OUT OF THE HEART of men, PROCEED:

evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

All these EVIL THINGS come from WITHIN and defile a man.”

So here we see what Jesus describes as a **defiled** heart, the opposite of pure heart.

We could call it an impure heart!

Jesus Himself tell us in Mat. 5:8 the pure in heart will see God.

The phrase **PURE HEART** is so important to the Word of God that it is quoted 6 times!!!! (Ps. 24:4; 73:1; Mat. 5:8; 1Tim.1:5; 2Tim 2:22; 1Peter 1:22)

When Jesus tells us in Mark 7:20-23 what an impure heart is that defiles a man, is it possible, that Jesus is trying to get the point across about the sins of the heart?

How can a person enter heaven with an impure heart?

If God expelled Adam and Eve from His presence for one act of disobedience in the Garden of Eden, why would God allow any one in His presence now, when they love their sin, more than they love Jesus? This is called idolatry! How is it possible a person can say a prayer, then, live like the devil, think like the devil, talk like the devil, be friendly with the world, and because they believed in Jesus go to heaven?

Again, having Jesus is not a license to live in or practice sin. Jesus gives us power to overcome sin. Paul states in (Romans 6:1-2,7,12, 14) **What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it? For he who has died has been freed from sin.**

DO NOT let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.” Gal 5:16, 24.....

I say then: Walk in the spirit and you shall not fulfill the desires of the flesh “And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

This is called putting the sinful, fleshly demonic nature to death. Dying daily, suffering in the flesh, to stop sinning. This is what Paul is writing about regarding “the doctrine which is according to godliness.” Paul is talking about a doctrine that conforms a person to be like Jesus! Walking in the Holy spirit of God and dying daily. Not fulfilling the desires of the flesh by, taking up your cross, deny yourself of the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life, and losing your life for Jesus and the gospel!

A doctrine of godliness, that teaches to have a heart of love, just like Jesus.

A doctrine of godliness, to walk humbly before God and tremble at His word.

A doctrine of godliness, that teaches to fear God so to stop sinning.

A doctrine of godliness, that teaches in time of temptation you endure the suffering of the cross, cling to Jesus and ask for grace and mercy so as not to sin.

A doctrine of godliness, that teaches to overcome the world and all that’s in it.

A doctrine of godliness that teaches to be crucified to the world and the world crucified to you.

A doctrine of godliness, that teaches to take every thought captive to the obedience of Jesus, the Word of God, so not to have lustful, prideful, wicked thoughts.

A doctrine of godliness, that teaches how to meditate on God's word day and night so to have good success and have pure heart in overcoming sin.

A doctrine of godliness, that teaches to give up everyone and everything for Jesus, the Word of God, as He gave up His life for you!

A doctrine of godliness, that teaches without being holy no one sees the Lord!

A doctrine of godliness, that teaches not to love any idols or other gods, more than Jesus, the Word of God.

A doctrine of godliness, that teaches that anything or anyone you love more or will not give up for Jesus, the Word of God, is another god and/or idol.

A doctrine of godliness, that teaches to lose your life for Jesus, the Word of God, and the sake of the gospel so to inherit eternal life.

A doctrine of godliness, that teaches—how to love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul, and all your strength, and love everyone the way Jesus does.

A doctrine of godliness, on how to not love the world or be a friend of the world.

A doctrine of godliness, on presenting your body a holy and living sacrifice, not being conformed to this world.

A doctrine of godliness, on how to make yourself ready, to be a bride without spot or wrinkle.

A doctrine of godliness, on how to have a pure heart of love for Jesus and be filled with the Word of God

How often if ever, are any of these doctrines taught today? The answer is, for the most part, they are not!!!! They are not taught, because you cannot build a religious empire or have a successful name for yourself! If these doctrines were taught, crowds would thin out very quickly, and people in leadership would lose their status, reputations, empires and fortunes.

False prophets will appeal to the base nature of people.

False prophets will give some truth mixed with lies. There will be a mixture in their message. 1Cor.14:33 God is not the author of confusion, but of peace as in ALL the churches of the saints.

A false prophet can and will be exposed when their message, is a message of confusion and mixture, and appeals to the flesh, self-gratification, self- satisfaction and self- indulgence....this is how the ungodly worldly religious system has been and is built. It appeals to the selfish nature of people and fulfilling the selfish desires. Hence another gospel, with another Jesus, and receiving other spirits. I.e. the spirit of the world and/or religious spirits and not the Holy Spirit of God.

This leads us to the...The Ungodly Worldly Religious system,

The Word of God Calls It....

**The Queen of Heaven.....The Mother of Harlots
Modern Day Babylon!!**

**THE HEARTBREAK OF GOD
CHAPTER SEVEN**



**THE QUEEN OF HEAVEN
THE RELIGIOUS CHURCH SYSTEM
MODERN BABYLON**

“Come, Let Us Build Ourselves a City,
And a Tower Whose Top
Is in The Heavens;
Let Us Make a NAME For Ourselves...

Important Denominational description's and definitions according to Wikipedia.org

Wikipedia.com....A Christian denomination is a generic term for a distinct religious body identified by traits such as a Common Name, Structure, Leadership, and Doctrine. Individual bodies, however, may use alternative terms to describe themselves, such as church or fellowship. Divisions between one group and another are defined by doctrine and church authority; issues such as the nature of Jesus, the authority of apostolic succession, eschatology, and papal primacy often separate one denomination from another. Groups of denominations often sharing broadly similar beliefs, practices, and historical ties are known as branches of Christianity.

Lets us look at 10 of the main stream denominations, along with some of their teachings. (definition's referenced by Wikipedia.org)

- 1) **ASSEMBLY OF GOD...** founded in 1914 as a Pentecostal fellowship, the Assemblies of God believes in the Pentecostal distinctive of baptism with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. It is the largest Pentecostal denomination in the world.
- 2) **Baptist/ Southern Baptist...** Baptists are individuals who comprise a group of Christian Denominations and churches that subscribe to a doctrine that baptism should only be performed on believers, and that it must be done by complete immersion. Other tenets of Baptist churches included soul competency, salvation through faith alone, Scripture alone as the rule of faith and practice and the autonomy of the local congregation. Baptist churches are widely considered to be Protestant churches, though some Baptists disavow this identity. **Diverse from their beginning, those identifying as Baptists today differ widely from one another in what they believe, how they worship, their attitudes toward other Christians, and their understanding of what is important in Christian discipleship.**
- 3) **The Catholic church...** is the largest Christian church, with more than 1.25 billion members worldwide. The Catholic Church teaches that it is the one true church founded by Jesus Christ, that its bishops are the successors of Christs apostles, and that the Pope is the successor to St. Peter. The church maintains that the doctrine on faith and morals that it declares as definitive is infallible.

- 4) **Church of God...** Church of God is a name used by numerous, mostly unrelated Christian denominational bodies, most of which descend from Pentecostal, Holiness, 7th day Baptist and Adventist traditions. The largest denomination with this name is the Pentecostal Church of God (Cleveland Tenn.) with over 7 million members in over 170 countries
- 5) **The Episcopal church...** The Episcopal Church describes itself as “Protestant” yet “Catholic.” The Episcopal church is considered apostolic, as it teaches that its bishops can be traced back to the apostles via holy orders. **The Episcopal Church ordains women and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender peoples, to the priesthood, the diaconate, and the episcopate, despite opposition from a number of other member churches of the Anglican Communion.**
- 6) **JEHOVAH WITNESSES...** Jehovah’s witnesses is a millenarian restorationist Christian denomination with **nontrinitarian beliefs (They do not believe in the Trinity God)** distinct from mainstream Christianity. They are directed by the Governing body of Jehovah’s Witnesses, a group of elders in Brooklyn New York, which establishes all doctrines based on its interpretations of the Bible. They prefer to use their own translation, (New World Translation of the Holy Scriptures), although their literature occasionally quotes and cites other translations.
- 7) **Lutheran church...** Lutheranism is a major branch of protestant Christianity **which identifies with the theology of Martin Luther.** Lutheranism advocates a doctrine of justification “by grace alone through faith alone on the basis of Scripture alone”, the doctrine that scripture is the final authority on all matters of faith. **This is in contrast to the belief of the Catholic Church, define at the Council of Trent, concerning authority coming from both the Scriptures and tradition.**
- 8) **United Methodist Church...** While many United Methodist congregations operate in the evangelical tradition, others reflect mainline Protestant traditions. With the formation of The United Methodist Church in 1968 theologian Albert C. Outter led the team which systematized denominational doctrine.
- 9) **MORMONS...** Mormons self-identity as Christian although some non-Mormons dispute this and some of their beliefs differ from mainstream Christianity. **Mormons believe in the Bible as well as other books of scripture, such as the book of Mormon.**

10) **Presbyterian...**Presbyterianism is part of the Reformed tradition within Protestantism which traces its origins to the British Isles. **Presbyterians distinguish themselves from other denominations by doctrine, institutional organization (or “church order”) and worship; often using a “Book of Order” to regulate common practice and order.**

Here we have taken 10 mainstream religious denominations, all with **DIFFERENT** teachings and traditions with everyone believing they are heaven bound! All of them with private interpretations and in many cases ungodly traditions! There is everything from changing the 10 commandments, and the Word of God, to praying to dead people, statues and prayer beads to ordaining homosexuals as religious leaders, to making the Word of God a history book, or a theological reference guide. **Is this not CONFUSING and ignoring many parts of The Word of God?**

JOHN 13:34-35 JESUS SPEAKING “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **BY THIS ALL WILL KNOW** you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”

Notice!!! **Jesus DOES NOT SAY:** They will know you by your denomination, or they will know you by your religious traditions. No, Jesus says **ALL PEOPLE** will know **HIS disciples (Christians)** **BY THEIR LOVE** for one another!!! The disciples of Jesus will lay down their life for Jesus and Love Jesus with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength and love everyone as Jesus does!

Unfortunately, what has happened today, is men with ambition, egos and great pride have **HAND** picked feel good verses in God’s word to appeal to large crowds not offend anyone and have skipped verses **NESESARY** for salvation and eternal life!

Earlier I stated that God gave us His word that was written by holy men of God, who were directed by the Holy Spirit. God gave us His word, and it was written for us, and to us. The Word of God is not written about the United States or Russia. It is written about God’s people, to God’s people, For God’s people. With that being said, let’s look at the following:

I Corinthians 14:33 NASB “**For God is not *the author* of CONFUSION but of peace, as in ALL the churches of the saints.**”

James 3:14-16 “But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, and demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, CONFUSION and every evil thing *are* there.”

Genesis 11:3-9 “Then they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake *them* thoroughly.” They had brick for stone, and they had asphalt for mortar. And they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower whose top *is* in the heavens; let us make a name for ourselves, lest we be scattered abroad over the face of the whole earth.” But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower which the sons of men had built. And the LORD said, “Indeed the people *are* one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them. Come, let Us go down and there confuse their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech.” So the LORD scattered them abroad from there over the face of all the earth, and they ceased building the city. Therefore its name is called Babel, because there the LORD confused the language of all the earth; and from there the LORD scattered them abroad over the face of all the earth.

Let’s look at a few things: (I.Word.com)

The definition of Babel—a confessed mixture of noises or voices.

The definition of Babylon. a city devoted to materialism and sensual pleasure.....

From—Gotquestions.org....Genesis 11 cements Babylon’s reputation as a city of rebellion against God. From then on, the biblical writers constantly use Babylon as a symbol of evil and defiance. In the bible, Babylon is mentioned from Genesis to the revelation, as it rises from its rebellious beginnings to become a symbol of antichrist’s evil world system.

Today, **Modern Babylon**, is the whole religious worldly ungodly church system. What the whole ungodly worldly religious church system has done, is used the common denominator, of Jesus, The Word of God, and taken a handful of verses that they could use to not offend people, and used them to build ungodly worldly religious empires, and religious organizations.

It is blasphemy, according to the Word of God, for **ALL** organized and unorganized religions to go to heaven having different beliefs, and teachings.

It is blasphemy, according to the Word of God, for men to put aside their doctrinal differences and “**all get along**” and all go to heaven.

It is blasphemy, according to the Word of God, for a person or organization to add to, or take from the Word of God.

It is blasphemy, according to the Word of God, for people to love **OTHER gods and idols** and be taught and/or believe they still can go to heaven.

It is blasphemy according to the Word of God, for people to be taught and believe, that the death of Jesus and the blood He shed for the forgiveness of sins, is a “fire insurance policy” to keep you from hell!

It is blasphemy, according to the Word of God, for supernatural events (signs and wonders) to take place by ungodly, disobedient people to the Word of God, and say it is the work of the “holy spirit” (the holy Spirit works with and through holy people that are **NOT** friends of the world, and are obedient to the Word of God.)
SEE MATTHEW 12:22-30

I now want to ask some very thought provoking questions. Questions that are necessary to open the hearts and eyes of people. Again remember, we are looking at **ALL the Word of God.**

If God is not a God of confusion, who is controlling the ungodly worldly religious church system that is filled with confusion? (1cor 14:33; James 3:16)

If Satan is the ruler of this world (John 12:31, 14:30 16:11) and the whole ungodly religious church system is worldly, is it safe to say that Satan is being allowed to control the religious system?

If people are preaching and teaching doctrines that do not conform people to be like Jesus, (humble and holy) can we say they are preaching doctrines of demons?

If the whole ungodly worldly religious church system is a friend of the world, can we say that the whole religious system is an enemy of God? (James 1:27 4:4)

If people are preaching and teaching about a Jesus who you don't have to humble yourself before or have remorse (repent) over your sins, are they preaching and teaching about another and/or different Jesus? (2cor 11:1-4)

We know that Holy Spirit leads us to Jesus, the Word of God, and the Holy Spirit leads us to live a holy, godly life, of love, humility and thankfulness in obedience to the Word of God. That being said, can we say, a worldly, unholy spirit (i.e. demon) would lead people to a worldly unholy religious church system that brings glory to itself, preaches doctrines of demons, preaches, another Jesus and allows people to live ungodly, unholy worldly lives?

If a person prays and they receive direction that is worldly, ungodly, or contrary to the Word of God and draws them away from love, humility and obedience to the Word of God, can we say they have a demon spirit ministering to them?

If a group of ungodly, unholy, worldly religious church going people, who are disobedient to the Word of God get together, would it be fair to say, that unholy, ungodly, worldly spirits (i.e. demons) would be ministering to and with them?

If a group of people, or a person, is living an ungodly worldly life, disobedient to the Word of God, is it fair to say they are living like Satan, and when they die they will be with their father the Devil in Eternal Damnation?

If there are ungodly, unholy, worldly religious leaders with an ambition for church or denominational growth, who are preaching and/or teaching ungodly misleading doctrines and twisting the Word of God, to unholy, ungodly, worldly religious people in churches or auditoriums. Is it fair to say it is a dwelling place of unholy spirits, otherwise known as a dwelling place of demons?

If God went through great lengths of instruction for the priests of the Old Testament to observe and obey, to be in God's holy presence, when did the requirements of living a holy, godly life change?

If God expelled Adam and Eve from His presence for one act of disobedience, how will ungodly, unholy, worldly disobedient to the Word of God people, get into God's presence and heaven?

If an ungodly, worldly, hypocritical religious person or people are performing “signs and wonders,” is it fair to say, unholy worldly spirits (i.e. demons) from the ruler of this world are working with them?

If God killed the sons of Aaron for offering strange incense, irreverence and disobedience ..., (Lev. 10:1-7)

If God split the earth open to swallow up Korah, Dathan, and Abiram for rebellion against Moses..., (Numbers 16)

If God killed Uzzah for the error of taking hold of the ark, (II Sam 6:8-11)

If God killed the whole family of Achan over his covetousness..., (Joshua 7:10-26)

If God killed Ananias and Sapphira for lying to the Holy Spirit,.... (Acts. 5)

What Judgment awaits the person, or people, who continue to live in their sin and or hypocrisy without overcoming sin?

For we know what Hebrews 10:26-31 says:

“For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses’ law dies without mercy on *the testimony of two or three witnesses*. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord. And again, “The LORD will Judge His people.” It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.”

We see in these verses, 3 things a person does when they sin:

- They trampled under their feet Jesus the son God.
- Count the blood of the covenant (which Jesus shed) as a common thing
- They Insult the Spirit of grace.

Do you see how serious God takes sin and how he feels about it?

All through the Word of God, God warned His people not to play the harlot and love or serve others gods and idols. If they did, His anger and wrath would be kindled against them. God is a jealous God and does not share His glory with anyone or anything. Throughout the Word of God, if God's people were persistently unfaithful, God would not only not hear their prayers, God would send His prophets to warn the people, then. God would bring judgment on His people. (see Nu 11:1,10,33; Dt 6:15, 7:4, 11:16-17, 31:6-18; Jud 3:8; Jer14:1-8, 15:1-4, 22:8-9; Ezekiel chapters 5-8, 14:12-23; Hos 9)

Today the confusing, ungodly worldly religious church system has not taken the Word of God seriously and/or sin seriously. This ungodly worldly religious church system has invented and taught doctrines to allow people to continue to practice sin and live in their sinful lifestyles. This system has allowed people to be friends with the world, live in their sin, and believe they are going to heaven.

This ungodly worldly religious church system has allowed people to serve other gods and idols! The gods of pride and lust, the gods of worldliness and greed; the idols of selfish ambition, and anger. By serving these gods and idols of the world, God's people are playing the harlot, and are living lives of hypocrisy and misrepresenting the truth of the Word of God. This is a big reason why people of the world laugh at, and mock people in the religious system. The people of the world see little difference. By living in their sin and serving their worldly gods and idols, these religious people are showing everyone they have little or no fear of God, and trivialize what Jesus did on the cross and turn the precious grace of God into a license to sin and live recklessly!

We now can see clearly that the whole ungodly, worldly religious church system is **Modern Babylon!**

This confusing, ungodly, worldly religious church system that is a dwelling place of unholy spirits (demons) is **Modern Babylon BECAUSE** it allows, and in some cases encourages, people to play the harlot (play the harlot i.e. be unfaithful to God) against God by not renouncing or condemning sin in people's lives! (In many cases sin is not even talked about or even preached against.)

This **Modern Day Babylon**, that is a confusing, ungodly, worldly religious church system cannot agree with what the gospel is, or, many other biblical doctrines. Yet everyone believes they are going to heaven! **Can God be part of all this Confusion?**

This **Modern Day Babylon** that is a confusing, ungodly, worldly religious church system has allowed and embraced perverse lifestyles, and **blasphemous doctrines** that have changed the Ten Commandments, worship Mary and pray to dead people, not to mention publishing their own bibles to fit their blasphemous doctrines., and allow homosexual marriages. These are called **Doctrines of Demons**.

This **Modern Day Babylon**, that is a confusing, ungodly, worldly religious church system is so corrupt and vile before a holy God to the point that they teach people certain books of the Word of God are not relevant for today, even telling people to ignore the Old Testament.

This **Modern Day Babylon**, that is a confusing, ungodly, worldly religious church system is filled with pride, arrogance, self-glory and self-gratification. This system is busy promoting people, organizations, books, devotionals and all sorts of ungodly religious debris in the name of Jesus.

This **Modern Day Babylon** does not teach people to be humble or to walk humbly with the Lord. No, instead of people coming to Jesus in brokenness and in true repentance, for their sin, people are taught: Jesus loves the sinner, not the sin. Accept Jesus and ask for Him to forgive you, and you will be forgiven of all your sins! Past, present, and **FUTURE!!!** - and you will go to heaven.

A question, how can you be forgiven of sins you have not yet committed or have not repented of? This blasphemous doctrine of demons is giving people another Jesus with a **FALSE SENSE** of Eternal Security.

This **Modern Day Babylon**, that is a confusing, ungodly, worldly religious church system, has **NOT** taught people that to follow Jesus, you have to deny yourself of the lusts of the world and the pride of life, and you have to take up your cross and lose your life for Jesus and the gospel. How is it that people will lose family, friends, jobs, careers, homes, and their own lives for drugs, gambling, work, relationships, and alcohol, but to do that for Jesus, is not taught, **BUT** in fact is called fanatical? Could this be part of “another gospel” being preached?

This **Modern Day Babylon**, that is a confusing, ungodly, worldly religious church system, has preached and taught about the wonderful grace of God. However, this ungodly, worldly religious church system, known as **Modern Babylon**, has not explained or taught people that the grace of God has **MANIFOLD** parts. (**manifold meaning, many different parts, 1peter 4:10**) The grace of God teaches us to deny ungodliness, and worldly lusts and we should live seriously, righteously and godly in this present age. (Titus 2:11-14) Again ignoring another teaching in God's word on how we are to live. In II Corinthians 6:1 Paul warns The New Testament church, not to receive God's grace in vain. Is it possible people are missing out on God's grace, that is called **STRENGTH** in 2 Cor.12:9-10 because of the ungodly doctrines of demons being preached?

This **Modern Day Babylon**, that is a confusing, ungodly, worldly religious church system, has captured the hearts of multitudes of people who will defend their church, their pastors, their teachings, and their religion or religious system to the point they reject or explain away the Word of God. (see chapter 8 on other gods and idols) The common response by people is: "my pastor is a godly man or my church is just fine." Yet if you point out flaws or problems, the response is; "well no church is perfect, or God understands, or My church is different!" All opposing what the Word of God clearly states!

This **Modern Day Babylon**, that is a confusing, ungodly, worldly religious church system, has become a religious competition of who can outgrow who, in church growth and programs. The emphasis is on quantity not quality. Programs like "seeker churches" and "community" are stench in the nostrils of a Holy God. These are ideas and concepts of ungodly ambitious men building religious empires! These programs are neither according to the Word of God, nor ordained by God.

Finally, this **Modern Day Babylon** - this confusing, ungodly, worldly religious church system is filled with hypocrisy, worldliness, and sin. It is vile before God and is leading multitudes into the pit of Eternal Damnation. Religious leaders and organizations today have done much to keep people busy and entertained in their religious programs, teachings, and doctrines. Yet few, if any, question the teachings they receive. Religions and religious systems, are assumed doctrinally correct because of their popularity, success, and size. If a man has a large following, many assume he is preaching and the road to the kingdom of heaven.

Let's look Jeremiah chapter 7 and compare it to today and the ungodly, worldly religious church system. Jeremiah 7:4-12 "Do not trust in these lying words, saying, 'The temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD, the temple of the LORD are these.' "For if you thoroughly amend your ways and your doings, if you thoroughly execute judgment between a man and his neighbor, *if* you do not oppress the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and do not shed innocent blood in this place, or walk after other gods to your hurt, then I will cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers forever and ever. "Behold, you trust in lying words that cannot profit. Will you steal, murder, commit adultery, swear falsely, burn incense to Baal, and walk after other gods whom you do not know, and *then* come and stand before Me in this house which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered to do all these abominations'? Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of thieves in your eyes? Behold, I, even I, have seen *it*," says the LORD. "But go now to My place which *was* in Shiloh, where I set My name at the first, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel!

Does this not describe the ungodly worldly religious church system today?

In the Old Testament, God told the prophet Hosea to marry a Harlot, because God's people were playing the harlot, by not being faithful to God by loving other gods and idols. **Today Modern Babylon** allows people to love and serve the gods and idols of the flesh, i.e. lying, stealing, anger, pride, lust, and rebellion to the Word of God etc.

Can you see the confusion in the ungodly worldly religious church system?

Can you see how the confusing, ungodly worldly religious church system manipulates, and ignores parts of the Word of God?

Can you see how the confusing, ungodly worldly religious church system cares more about filling seats than feeding the flock of the Lord?

Can you see how the confusing, ungodly worldly religious church system is built on the reputations and popularity of men and women, and not **ALL** the Word of God?

Can you see how the confusing, ungodly worldly religious church system is filled with **CONFUSION, HYPOCRISY, and SIN?**

Can you see how the confusing, ungodly worldly religious church system does not imitate the nature of Jesus, (LOVE, and HUMILITY) but in fact imitates the nature and character of Satan? (Pride, Greed, selfishness, worldliness and all ungodliness) This is why the ungodly **WORLDLY** religious church system today is called

The Queen of Heaven.....The Mother of Harlots.....Modern Babylon

So with all that being said, the Word of God tells us that **Jesus is coming back for a CHURCH, (a bride) without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be Holy without blemish. (Eph. 5:27)** Can you look at the confusing, ungodly, worldly religious church system and honestly say, without any reservations at all, that it is the bride of Jesus? I am sure you would agree with me that it is not!

So allow me to ask you, the reader: The following questions:

Where are the people of God?

Where is the church of Jesus?

Where is the Bride of Jesus?

**THE HEARTBREAK OF GOD
CHAPTER EIGHT**



**THE BRIDE
PREPARING IN THE
WILDERNESS**

...“Come, I will show you
The Bride,
The Lambs wife

Earlier in this study, we looked at the confusing, ungodly, worldly, religious, church system, and established, this is in fact, “The Modern day Babylon, The Mother of Harlots,” A dwelling place of every unclean spirit and a dwelling place of demons.

This is a religious system of self-indulgence, self-promotion and self-gratifications.

This is a religious system of compromising the Word of God and filled with confusion and hypocrisy.

This is a religious system of people’s egos, reputations, and people’s titles, empires, and kingdoms.

This is a religious system that has 63% of leadership admitting to a pornographic or a sexual addiction. (expastors.com)

This is a religious system that glorifies being friendly, and accepted by the world and the demonic fleshly nature of Satan, all in the name of Jesus.

This is a religious system that is filled with Pride, Arrogance, Lust and every unclean spirit.

This is a religious system that is a dwelling place of demons and her sins have reached heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.

Therefore the Lord says to all who have ears to hear: **“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.”REV.18:4-5**

Just as God called Moses to lead His people through the wilderness to test them, to enter the Promise Land. The Lord is doing the same. Today the Lord in His love and mercy, is opening the eyes and hearts of people all over, to the confusion, hypocrisy, worldliness and ungodliness of the modern day Babylon, which is the ungodly worldly religious church system. The Lord is calling His people, out of the ungodly religious church system, to be alone with Him, to consume His word and love Him with ALL their heart.

Let’s look to the Word of God to see how God uses the wilderness to prepare His people for Himself and the great blessings He has prepared for those who are obedient to Him!

In the Wilderness Alone with a Loving God

(Deut.8:1-10; Num. 15:39b-41; Ezekiel 20:33-39; Hosea 2:14-20 Mat 4:1-11)

Dt.8:1-10 “Every commandment which I command you today you must be careful to observe, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land of which the LORD swore to your fathers. ² And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you *and* test you, to know what *was* in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. ³ So He humbled you, allowed you to hunger, and fed you with manna which you did not know nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man shall not live by bread alone; but man lives by every *word* that proceeds from the mouth of the LORD. ⁴ Your garments did not wear out on you, nor did your foot swell these forty years. ⁵ You should know in your heart that as a man chastens his son, *so* the LORD your God chastens you. ⁶ “Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him. ⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills; ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey; ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing; a land whose stones *are* iron and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ When you have eaten and are full, then you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land which He has given you.

Nu. 15:39b-41 “... that you may look upon it and remember all the commandments of the LORD and do them, and that you *may* not follow the harlotry to which your own heart and your own eyes are inclined, ⁴⁰ and that you may remember and do all My commandments, and be holy for your God. ⁴¹ I *am* the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I *am* the LORD your God.”

Ezekiel 20:33-38 “*As I live,*” says the Lord GOD, “surely with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will rule over you.”³⁴ I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out.³⁵ And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face.³ Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you,” says the Lord GOD.³⁷ “I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant;³⁸ I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I *am* the LORD.

Hosea 2:14-20 “Therefore, behold, I will allure her, Will bring her into the wilderness, And speak comfort (footnote= to her heart) to her. I will give her vineyards from there, And the Valley of Achor as a door of hope; She shall sing there, As in the days of her youth, As in the day when she came up from the land of Egypt.¹⁶ “And it shall be, in that day,” Says the LORD, “*That* you will call Me ‘My Husband,’ And no longer call Me ‘My Master,’¹⁷ For I will take from her mouth the names of the Baals, And they shall be remembered by their name no more.¹⁸ In that day I will make a covenant for them, With the beasts of the field, With the birds of the air, And *with* the creeping things of the ground. Bow and sword of battle I will shatter from the earth, To make them lie down safely.¹⁹ “I will betroth you to Me forever; Yes, I will betroth you to Me In righteousness and justice, In lovingkindness and mercy;²⁰ I will betroth you to Me in faithfulness, And you shall know the LORD.

Mat.4:1-11 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.² And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry.³ Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, “If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread. (temptation #1=lust of the flesh) ”But He answered and said, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God. Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,⁶ and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: ‘He shall give His angels charge over you,’ and, In *their* hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

(Temptation #2=pride of life) Jesus said to him, “It is written again, ‘You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’” Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

(Temptation #3=lust of the eyes) And he said to Him, “All things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me. Then Jesus said to him, “‘Away with you, Satan! For it is written, ‘You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’ Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

1 Corinthians 10:1-14..... Moreover, brethren, I do not want you to be unaware that all our fathers were under the cloud, all passed through the sea, ² all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ. ⁵ But with most of them God was not well pleased, for *their bodies* were scattered in the wilderness. ⁶ Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. ⁷ And do not become idolaters as *were* some of them. As it is written, “The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.” ⁸ Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; ⁹ nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; ¹⁰ nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹ Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹² Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God *is* faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear *it*. ¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry

The purpose of the wilderness and what it teaches us

We see 6 different accounts of the wilderness experience, and the purpose of God for His people. In Dt.8, we see the purpose God has in mind is to, Humble us, and Test us, and to Know what is all in our hearts. It is also to see if we will be obedient to Him. The wilderness is also a place where a loving Holy God, will Discipline His children so they may know how to please their loving Father, and to Fear Him. In Ezekiel 20 and Hosea 2 we see it is in the wilderness where The Lord God will plead His case with us face to face, and speak to our hearts. In Nu.15 the Lord tells us He brought us out of the world for the purpose of being our God.

OUR ONLY GOD!!

It is in the wilderness where Jesus was tempted by the devil and overcame the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. As Jesus overcame temptations, we, by the Grace of God can and will do the same. The Lord then recaps the wilderness experience in 1 Corinthians because it is so important for us! The wilderness is to show us and teach us how to cleanse our hearts of ALL idolatry and prepare us for His calling in our life!!! **Remember David was anointed king, but did not receive the kingdom until going through the wilderness.**

Some thoughts on the wilderness today!

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is preparing herself, to be the LORD'S bride without spot or wrinkle!

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is learning 100% dependence on Jesus.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is seeing the Lord high and lifted up.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is learning to walk humbly with their God.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is receiving discipline and correction from a loving, holy God.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is learning how to love Jesus with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength and others as themselves.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is denying themselves of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and pride of life.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is taking up their cross and like the apostle Paul are dying daily.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is losing their life for Jesus and the gospel that they may find eternal life.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is preparing herself by walking in the fear of God and trembling at His word.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is learning how to endure persecution for the Word of God and the testimony of Jesus from their brethren.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is being fed fresh MANA from heaven, Jesus the bread of life, and receiving revelation of the Word of God from Jesus Himself.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is learning that true warfare is not against flesh and blood, but we war against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this age, and against spiritual hosts of wickedness in heavenly places...

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is learning to hear the shepherd's voice and to follow Him wherever He leads.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is truly learning, seeing, and knowing how bankrupt, hopeless, and wicked they truly are without Jesus, the Word of God.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is walking humbly with their God, and not drawing attention to themselves. They are not looking to make a name for themselves or looking for a title or ministry. No, they are disciples of Jesus, allowing Jesus, to be God in their lives.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is eating the marriage supper of the lamb and are taking oil out to meet the bridegroom.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is, away from all the ungodliness, hypocrisy and worldliness and on their own island of Patmos, for the Word of God and Testimony of Jesus.

Yes, it is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is learning 100% total dependence on a **LOVING, MERCIFUL God**. Learning that, Man does not live by bread alone, but by **EVERY** word that proceeds from the mouth of a **HOLY, RIGHTEOUS, PATIENT, LOVING GOD**, who guides us, in the integrity of His heart to the promise land!"

Yes, it is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, where the bride of Jesus is learning and knowing, the only thing in this life that is profitable is, loving, obeying and worshipping the Precious Lamb of God and following Him wherever He Goes!

Yes, it is not until a person comes out into the wilderness separated from all the worldliness, hypocrisy, confusion, and religious distractions, totally dependent on Jesus, that they can, and will they see, the tender mercy, patience, and love of a Holy God.

Yes, It is not until a person is all **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, that they can be truly stripped of **ALL** selfishness, worldliness, and selfish desires.

In the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, is where a person learns the sufferings of the cross, and realizes a name, a reputation, a following, or title of any kind means nothing to Jesus or His people.

The wilderness, is Gods refinery to purify us, strip us, crush us, and humble us, for His Glory, to conform us into the image of His Beloved Son. It is not until you are totally 100% dependent on Jesus that you realize how much He really loves, provides, and protects you. You come to know, His ways are not your ways and His thoughts are not your thoughts.

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, you learn how deceitful and wicked your heart truly is, and how your own heart will deceive you!

It is in the wilderness, **Alone with Jesus, the Word of God**, that the Lord exposes all the sinfulness; the pride, the lust, the rebellion that is deep in your heart. It is then you fall at the feet of Jesus crying out for mercy, and saying “woe is me, I am unclean and I dwell among unclean people.”

So with all this being said, allow me to ask you, dear reader, a few questions... Can you see a distinct difference between the ungodly, worldly religious church system, known as Modern Day Babylon and the bride of Jesus and what they are doing? Can you see that what the bride of Jesus is doing, is purifying their hearts by faith according to all the Word of God, as opposed to taking a few verses of scripture and manipulating them to their own benefit? Can you see how the bride of Jesus is working out their salvation with fear and trembling by walking in the spirit and putting to death the works of the flesh, opposed to just believing in Jesus and not having to obey the commands of Jesus and/or the Word of God.

So now let's ask some very direct and thought provoking questions:

After reading this study, have you noticed how many teachings Jesus Himself has given us that are not brought up in the ungodly worldly religious church system?

After reading this study, are you seeing that the road into eternal life is much narrower than we have been taught?

After reading this study, can you see how the ungodly worldly religious church system is twisting, omitting and analyzing the Word of God for the sake of religious empires and kingdoms?

After reading this study, has your perception of the character of a holy God changed? After reading this study, do you have a much clearer picture of who God's True church is and who Modern Babylon is?

Let's review what we have looked at:

We have looked at the teachings of Jesus, and have concluded that the ungodly, worldly religious church system, known as modern day Babylon, has either glossed over the teachings of Jesus or totally ignored them so they can build their ungodly religious kingdoms and empires.

We have established by the Word of God, that the whole ungodly, worldly religious church system known as modern day Babylon is filled with confusion, hypocrisy, ungodliness and sin, that the Lord is calling to His people to come out of it and be separate, to prepare themselves as His bride to be without spot or wrinkle.

We have also established, through the Word of the God, that the bride of Jesus, is being obedient to the commands of Jesus, by taking up their cross daily, denying themselves of the lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, and living a life separated unto Jesus apart from the hypocrisy and ungodliness in the ungodly religious church system. The bride of Jesus is making herself ready, by walking in the fear of the Lord and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Now, after everything we have looked at, can you see why God's heart is broken
and why THE LORD GOD asks the question ...

“Why don't My People LOVE My Son?”

In this study we have learned that multitudes of God's people today have done exactly the same as God's people in the Old Testament. They have played the harlot by loving and serving other gods and idols rather than Jesus, the Word of God.

Today, multitudes of God's people, love people, places, or things more than Jesus, the Word of God.

Today, multitudes of God's people, love having a ministry, name, reputation, or title, more than Jesus, the Word of God.

Today, multitudes of God's people love their religion, or religious doctrines and/or traditions, more than Jesus, the Word of God.

Today, multitudes of God's people love the things in the world more than Jesus, the Word of God.

Today, multitudes of God's people love their own lives more than Jesus, the Word of God.

And finally, today, multitudes of God's people love their sin, more than Jesus, the Word of God.

So now where does that leave you, precious reader? Allow me to ask you some very direct questions regarding your walk with Jesus, the Word of God. Are you denying yourself of the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and pride of life?

Are you taking up your cross and losing your life for our beloved Savior? Are you walking in the fear of a holy God and trembling at His Word? Are you separating yourself from all ungodliness and keeping yourself unspotted from the world? And most importantly, have you truly been Born Again, receiving the revelation of Jesus the Son of the living God and receiving the love, joy and peace that passes all understanding from Him? If you have not received the revelation of Jesus there is a good possibility **you are not born again** and are becoming, or have become, a religious person. If this is the case you need to repent of your sins and give Jesus your whole heart and prove to God you love Jesus more than anything or anyone so to be saved. If you are born again let me ask you the following:

Is there anyone or anything that you love more than Jesus, the living Word of God?

Are you willing to give up your life for Jesus, as He gave up His life for you?

Will you, and can you walk away from the ungodly worldly, hypocritical religious church system and learn to love obey and trust Jesus, the Word of God, in a way you have never known?

Will you, and can you be content all **ALONE** with Jesus the living Word of God?

Are you willing to walk Alone with God?

Are you willing to be content all **ALONE** with the Holy One of Israel and Minister to Him and Please **HIM**!

Are you willing to walk away from everything you have ever known, and trust your beloved Savior to bring to a land of Milk and Honey?

Are you willing to be a fool for Jesus and entrust your soul to a faithful Creator?

In closing.....It is in the wilderness alone with the **LORD**, where the **LORD** deals with you in a **DEEP INTIMATE** way, heart to heart! His purpose is to show you the depths of your heart as you've never known. To show you deep seated sins and attitudes you never knew were there, or have been there, and you refuse to acknowledge and/or deal with. It is here in the wilderness that, the **LORD GOD** Whose eyes burn as a flame of fire and are too pure to look at sin, will expose your most secret deep sinful desires, so you can cry out for mercy and repent and never look back. Yes the **LORD GOD** will put His finger on all gods and idols you never realized were sinful or were dear to your heart. You are not allowed to and cannot worship any **GOLD CALVES** in the wilderness! **For it is here in the wilderness you will learn that the LORD GOD, Who is a Consuming Fire, Whose name is Jealous, is truly a Jealous God, Who so wants to consume you with His holy presence.** The **LORD GOD** must, and will place you in circumstances where you must and will **TOTALLY** depend on Him! These are the fiery trials of your faith that the apostle Peter talks about in 1 Peter 1:3-25 It is in these trials you will be stripped of yourself and your understanding so that the **LORD** Himself will be glorified. The fiery trials are to burn up all the idols of **PRIDE**, selfishness, greed and **REBELLION** to the Word of God so to conform you into the image of Jesus. (see 2 Kings 23:3-25; note how many times the word burned is used to destroy idols. Dan 3:1-25)

It is in the wilderness you learn how pride consumes every fiber of your being and how **PRIDE** is always the center of attention! Notice how **"I"** is in the spotlight of **PR I DE!** **God made man to be dependent on God, NOT self-dependent and/or Independent of God!** In the wilderness you will either die, to **I**, and all selfish desires on a cross, and receive, and walk in newness of life, or perish in the wilderness just like the children of Israel.

It is in the wilderness you learn what true worship is to a holy God! You will learn that true worship to God will always include sacrifice, because sacrifice will always mean, giving up something or someone you love for Jesus. This is called losing your life to save it. (See Gen.22:1-19; Rom 12:1-2)

This is the way you learn to purify your heart and remove all gods and idols. The LORD will withdraw Himself from you to test you to know **ALL** that is in your heart. (See 2 Chron 32:31) It is in this time of testing, when you are in your darkest hour, the LORD GOD will keep you, and show you His love and mercy. (see psalm 22, the psalm of the cross) The LORD will bring every Word that proceeds out of the mouth of God to a new revelation and reality to your heart and soul! He will bring you to a place of TRUE repentance and TRUE disdain and hatred for sin. It is in the wilderness where the LORD Himself wants to show you, that HE, and HE alone is all you truly need! In the wilderness the LORD will bring you to your own Gethsemane so He can lead you to the cross. This so you can have the choice of submitting to death of self on the cross and partake of the fellowship of His sufferings, and enter into His holy presence with joy and thanksgiving in newness of life! Or, like Adam, you can flee from His holy presence to the congregation of compromise, and the fellowship of the foolish, because you have other gods and idols you don't want to give up, and/or you truly don't want to see, or deal with the sins in your heart. The Lord Himself wants to be the only God in your heart and life, and He wants to take care of you like you have never known.

Yes, it is in the wilderness that the LORD GOD, and the LORD GOD alone, will be our God, and we, His bride, will be His people and the LORD GOD will dwell among us, and the LORD GOD will not be ashamed of us. For He has prepared a city for us, the Holy Jerusalem having the glory of God. Amen!

This IS the salvation being revealed in the last time that Peter spoke of 1Peter 1:3-25

“See I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess.”

Dt.30:15-1

I ask you this, “How long will you falter between two opinions?” If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Babylon, then follow that!

Nevertheless, the solid foundation of God stands having this seal, “The Lord knows those who are His,” and, “let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” II Tim. 2:19

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**THE HEARTBREAK OF GOD
ADDENDUM**



**HIS HAND IS
STRETCHED OUT
STILL**

For everyone *is* a hypocrite
and an evildoer,
And every mouth speaks folly.
For all this His anger
is not turned away,
But His hand *is* stretched out
still!

ISAIAH 9:17

Addendum

August 2, 2015- The word of the Lord came to me saying:

“Since June 1st I have been presenting My case for everyone to see, on why I am bringing unprecedented judgment on My people, the United States, and the World. As men masquerade as women, so does the religious system masquerade as My church. The blatant irreverence and disdain for My Son, My word and My laws has reached heaven.

All day long I have stretched out My hands to a rebellious and stubborn people. A people who provoke Me to anger continually to My face. Therefore, My eye will not spare, nor will I have pity on them in the day of My vengeance. Because when I called, they refused to listen. When I stretched out My hands, they turned their backs to Me and not their heart. Therefore, they shall reap what they have sown and eat the fruit of their own ways.

Therefore, today if you hear My voice, do not harden your heart as in the day of rebellion. Repent and turn to Me with all your heart, so you may be protected in the ark of My love in the day of vengeance and judgment. Says the Lord God Almighty who alone is Holy.

He who has ears, let him hear.

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