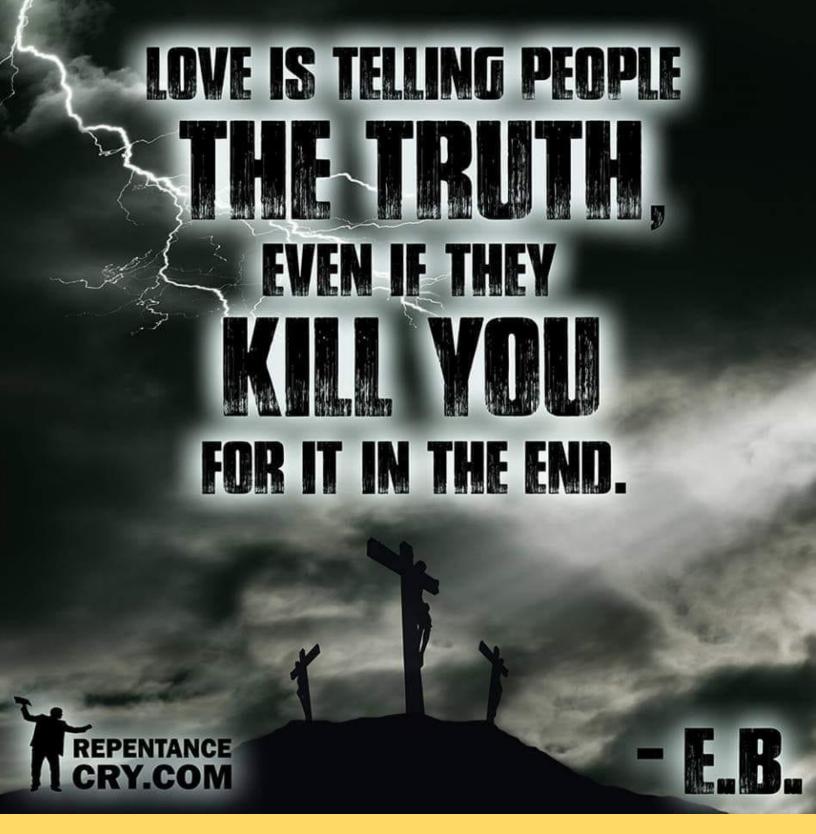
TWISTING THE TRUTH

——— CHURCH LIES ———
MANIPULATING THE WORD OF GOD
TO BUILD RELIGIOUS KINGDOMS



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"IT IS WRITTEN,
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NOT LIVE BY
BREAD ALONE,
BUT BY EVERY WORD
THAT PROCEEDS FROM
THE MOUTH OF GOD."

THE WORDS OF JESUS MATTHEW 4:40

FOREVER O LORD, YOUR WORD IS SETTLED IN HEAVEN.

PSALM 119:89

AND AT MIDNIGHT THERE WAS A CRY MADE: "BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM IS COMING; GO OUT TO MEET HIM."

MATTHEW 25:6

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Jesus said to him,
"I am The Way,
The TRUTH,
and The Life.

Thy Word Is Truth!

The Words of Jesus
JOHN 17:1

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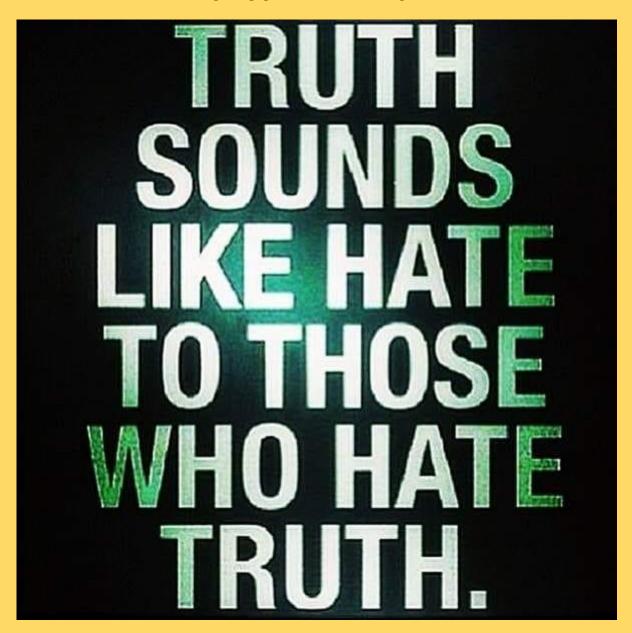
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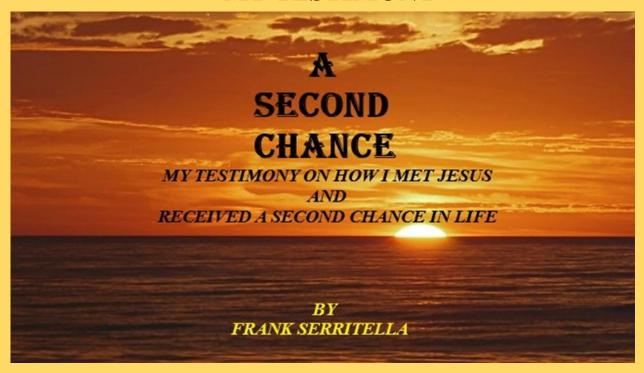
TO EVERY PERSON WHO CAN HANDLE THE TRUTH,

AND TO EVERY PERSON WHO IS WILLING

TO ACCEPT THE TRUTH



ABOUT THE AUTHOR MY TESTIMONY



The year was 1984, My life had become a runaway train. I was completely out of control and I was a living train wreck. I had no identity, no structure, I was so empty inside, and felt all alone. I was in a very dark place in my life.

It was May of 1979, when, my mom died. Mom and I had been close. I was her first born. I am the oldest of three boys, no girls in an 100% Italian family. When I was young, I would walk to the bus stop and wait for mom as she would come home from work. When I was old enough to drive, I would pick her up at the train in Oak Park. She and dad came to all my baseball games.

I was a sophomore in college on a full ride scholarship for baseball. My goal, as most young men, was to play Major League Baseball. I had several tryouts with Major League teams, including, a private invitation to take batting practice with the Chicago Cubs.

Because of mom's sickness I didn't finish the season, as I would drive in to see mom in the hospital. When mom died, so did my desire to play baseball. So, when mom died, my whole world came crashing down. I quit college.

In June of 1979, just one month after mom died, I met Marianne and, we dated. She was my very first girlfriend. The following year we married. I had married a girl I really did not love. But the relationship helped ease the pain of the loss of my mom.

I was 21, and not ready for the responsibility of marriage. I had no idea who I was, what I was going to do, or what life was about. I was a baseball player and did not know anything else. I didn't even know how to balance a check book! I was not ready or prepared for life outside of baseball, let alone, the world.

A few years later in late 1983, Marianne was 2 months pregnant. As a husband I was, without question, irresponsible, selfish, and unfaithful....now I had a child on the way, I couldn't deal with that. I was out every night running around and hanging around the guys I grew up with back home. Marianne filed for divorced. Any hopes and dreams I had for a new life, really fell apart.

I moved back home and started spending all my time with the guys I grew up with. They were now, my NEW Identity. After all I grew up in an Italian neighborhood, that had a lot of Mafia Wiseguys that lived there. The appeal of nice cars, pockets full of money and beautiful women was very intoxicating to a young man with no direction in life.

If you saw the Movie Goodfellas, that was my new Identity, and a new way of life. *I was a Wiseguy Want To Be!*One night, Butchie, a neighborhood Bookie who we hung around with, asked Pete and I, to pay a visit to a guy who owed him money. It was After this experience, I realized this was not the life I wanted.

Now I really had no identity. I was lost and All alone.

One night while I was crying in my bed, I put God to a Test. I said "God, if You are Really God, I want to know you, Because all I see is Hypocrisy all around me"

Not long after that night, I had this desire to start reading the Bible.

It was in October of 1984, when I asked Jesus to take my heart.

Jesus the Son of God, who I had heard so many sermons about, watched so many movies about, revealed Himself to me!
"Jesus is Real," "Jesus is Real!" I kept telling everyone.
I had a genuine encounter with Jesus the Son of God.
People thought I was crazy. People may have thought I was crazy, but I knew my life had changed. I had a personal Encounter and Experience with Jesus, the resurrected Son of God.

For the first time in my life, I felt free! Jesus had forgiven me of all my sins!! Sure, I knew God loved me, I heard it a Million Times. BUT, no one told me I TRULY DID NOT LOVE JESUS, THE WAY GOD COMMANDS US TO LOVE HIM.

Was I religious, ABSOLUTELY! I was a Catholic after all! I went to church, I prayed to saints, took communion, I did all the things MY RELIGION taught me to do. But I was empty inside! I KNEW ABOUT Jesus. I knew He died for my sins, I knew Jesus had suffered and was crucified for us, BUT, it was ALL head knowledge!

IT WAS <u>AN INTELLECTUAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT</u> JESUS! IT WAS NOT A PERSONAL EXPIERENCE WITH JESUS!

It wasn't until I asked Jesus to forgive me of my sins and take my heart that the Reality of sins forgiven, and the Revealing of Jesus made me a new person.

Now Jesus, WAS no longer a historical person, who I knew about, BUT, The LIVING SON OF GOD, WHO I PERSONALLY Met!

It was Jesus Himself Who revealed Himself to me and changed me. I felt a love, I could not describe, and a peace I could not put into words.

In all the church going, and religious activities, lighting candles, saying prayers, praying to saints, and hearing about Jesus, nothing did anything to help the loneliness, and pain inside.

All the Religious Activities and Traditions did nothing to help me find the Love, Peace, Joy and Truth of Jesus.

It was when I was broken and asked Jesus to take my heart, when Jesus fixed me, and Everything Changed.

It was Jesus the Son of God, Who ALONE, changed my life. It was Not a Church, it was Not a Religion, or Religious Tradition, but it was Jesus, the Son of the Living God, Who made Himself real to me! Jesus turned my life around and Jesus brought me out of spiritual darkness, into His marvelous Light of Love, Truth and Life.

FAST FORWARD 2012

It was the morning of March 13, 2012. I was about 3 miles south of the Wisconsin border, when the chest pains I was feeling were not going away. In fact, they were getting more intense. I had never had this before. I thought they would go away. The pain was getting very intense, too much for me to handle. I pulled my truck over to the side of the Illinois Tollway at the Tollbooth and called 911. They closed the Tollway to bring the ambulance to pull me out of my truck.

I was rushed to a trauma center. On the fourth day of being in the Intensive Care Unit, a doctor came in. I joked with him, asking, "So Doc, how am I?" He responded, "well Frank, you amaze me!" I joked, "Is that a good thing?"

He looked at me very serious and said, "Oh no, listen, I have been a doctor for over 35 years and have NEVER SEEN numbers like you have! Your blood pressure, your sugar, and your cholesterol are literally off the charts. You have an enzyme that goes through your pancreas that is supposed to be 800, yours is 13,000! Your supposed to be dead! There is no reason for you to be here!"

That night in my hospital bed, I did some deep soul searching and reflecting on my life.

It had been over twenty years since I had turned my back on Jesus and, had been in a full blown, Backslidden condition. My weight was up to 360 pounds. I was Huge, as big as a house as they say.

I was eating once a day, BUT it was all day long......nonstop! I was also smoking 2 to 3 Churchill Cigars a day, along with drinking 2 or 3 extra-large Starbucks Frappuccino's at about 650 calories each in the truck. My life once again, was out of control. I was a train wreck.

But This time, it was different. I had a nice car, money in my pocket, a steady girlfriend, all the things people think make you happy, yet I was on the broad road to hell. That night while lying in my hospital bed, I told the Lord, "Ok, You got my attention. I'm done running. Please forgive me. You and me, Lord, whatever you want. I'm done running."

I was scheduled to be released from the hospital on March 19, however, because of some mix up in paperwork. I was released on March 20! What is the significance of this date, you may ask? Well it just so happens to be my birthday!

You see the Lord God who sits in the heavens, whose name is Jealous, and Who is a Jealous Loving God, (Read Exodus 34:14) literally gave me a second life!

A second chance, a Brand-New beginning! Yes, God is truly married to the backslider!!!!!! I am a living witness! And I can, and do testify of the Love, Mercy, Patience and Longsuffering of a God who Truly loves His people!!!!! I was not going to blow this chance.

In 2013 the Lord told me I was to go to West Palm Beach Florida, to be alone with Him. And Just like Abraham, I left my family, friends, and my source of income. (See Genesis ch.12)

I headed to a land where I knew no one and knew nothing about.

On March 9th, 2014 I arrived in West Palm Beach Florida. Since that time, until now, it has been a time of great intimacy with Jesus.

Not only am I learning Who the God of the Bible is, But, more importantly, getting to How to Love, Obey, Know and Trust the God of the Bible!

I am Getting to know the Jesus, who religions talk about, and teach about, on a very personal one on one basis.

Learning, how to Love Jesus the way He commands us to Love Him.

Learning, how to Obey Jesus the way He commands us to Obey Him.

Learning, how to walk in the Covenant that God made with man and allow Jesus take care of my EVERY need.

Learning, how Jesus is truly our Good Shepard, and how to follow Him.

This journey has been amazing to say the least.

In these 6 years alone with Jesus, there have been TWO very important messages the Lord given me, to share with people.

The First Message the Lord has given me to Share, is this:

Very soon The Wheels of the Vengeance of an Angry God will be put in motion. The God of ALL Mercy is trying to give people a chance to repent Before ALL His Vengeance and Judgment is Unleashed! This Vengeance will be Unleashed on: The WHOLE Religious Church System with All its Hypocrisy and Blasphemy, along with America and The World.

Did you know, there is ONLY ONE difference between the Days of Noah, the Culture of Sodom & Gomorrah and Today!

The Days of Noah and Sodom & Gomorrah had NO Bibles!

There are 100 Million Bibles Printed Every Year!

We have NO EXCUSE for our Behavior!NONE!

The Second Message Concerns:

How the Heart Break of a Loving Merciful, Patient God, is Now Turning into Great Anger, over the Continual Hypocrisy, Blasphemy and Irreverence, by Christian Leadership, and people Towards Him, and the Most Precious gift God gave to All mankind His Beloved Son Jesus, The Word of God, the Living Word of God.

People are NOT PREPARED for The Vengeance of an Angry God!

TODAY is Worse then the Days of Noah and Sodom & Gomorrah!

COMBINED!

AMERICA IS NOW THE MODERN SODOM & GOMORRAH!

People are eating and drinking, buying and selling, marrying and giving in marriage, building and planting, Life is going on as usual! Christians, along with All the other People, are consumed with the Cares of this World, the Deceitfulness of Riches, and the Desire to Accumulate Wealth and material things.

Christians, Catholics, and ALL Religious People alike, have become

Proud, Arrogant and Rebellious to The Word of God by:

Spending Hours DOING THINGS FOR Jesus!

Spending Hours TALKING ABOUT Jesus!

Spending Hours LEARNING ABOUT Jesus!

Spending Hours RAISING MONEY and Building FOR Jesus!

YET NOT SPENDING HOURS WITH JESUS, THE WORD OF GOD

Because of All their Religious works, these Religious People think they are Rich and wealthy and in need of Nothing.

Yet they DO NOT know, they are Poor, Blind and Naked!
All these Religious People are NOT Humbling themselves Before
God and Spending Intimate Time Just Loving, Obeying and
Knowing Jesus, The Word of God!

They are NOT Sitting at the Feet of Jesus to Listen to His Words. People may know much about their religion, and/or religious Teachings and Traditions, but Multitudes of People TRULY DO NOT know Jesus! These people are Hell bound and Do Not know it. They may know about Their Religion, They may know their Church Teachings, They may have Much Bible Knowledge. But what's most important is, They DO NOT KNOW the GOD of the Bible!

Because of Lack of Knowledge, Multitudes of people are NOT PREPARED for the SOON coming of the Vengeance of God!

Many Religious "Christians" have Religious Doctorates, and Titles and know Religious History, Even know Hebrew and Greek.

But DO NOT know Jesus!

It is my hope that reading this BOOK will provoke you, the reader, to examine your relationship with Jesus, and Seek the Lord with ALL your Heart While He may be Found!

FRANK SERRITELLA

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IMPORTANT NOTES

This is NOT JUST a study about, and from the Word of God.
This is also A MESSAGE of GREAT RELEVANCE, AND GREAT MAGNITUDE FOR TODAY.

Note 1).....Every chapter begins with a verse or verses from the Word of God. Please take the time to read them <u>SLOWLY</u>, and <u>MEDITATE</u>, on how the Word of God relates to the information presented. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO TAKE NOTES IN YOUR BOOK AND HIGHLIGHT THINGS THAT STAND OUT TO YOU.

Note 2)....Because of the Significance, Importance and Seriousness of certain material and teachings, some material has been repeated.

Note 3)....Due to The IMPORTANCE of This Material, it is also recommended to go through this study more than once, and/or reread chapters so to receive the full Revelation and understanding of the message, of Each and Every Chapter.

Note 4)....I strongly implore you, to HUMBLY, PRAY and ASK the Lord for Insight and Revelation Before, During and After reading this book, so that you may receive the Full Magnitude of this message.

**somethings are repeated because of the importance of the message

MAY THE LORD GOD OPEN YOUR EARS TO HEAR, YOUR EYES TO SEE AND YOUR HEART TO RECEIVE THE MESSAGE PRESENTED HERE.

FOR THE JUDGMENT OF GOD IS QUICKLY APPROACHING!

Important definitions to know, according to merriam-webster.com ABOMINATION(s)...Something that causes Extreme disgust and hatred.

BLASPHEMY...The act of insulting or <u>lack of reverence for God;</u> 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

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.

or religion.

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 <u>inflicted in retaliation for an injury or</u> <u>Offense</u>: retribution.

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

PREFACE



In 1984 Jesus changed my life and I became A "Born Again" Christian. After Jesus changed my life, I joined a Spirit Filled, non-denominational church in Chicago called, Faith Tabernacle. It was the fastest growing Church in Chicago with about 4,000 people in attendance on Sundays.

The church was an old wrestling arena that could hold about 1500 people. Al Smith was the pastor with one assistant pastor. Pastor Al was a very Charismatic preacher. He had a reputation as an Evangelistic Pastor. We had 4 services on Sunday. Three Services in the morning and One at night, The Church was always packed! We also had a Wednesday night service. Pastor Al preached them all. unless he was out of the country preaching.

After a Dwight Thompson revival and a few other "Big Name" preachers had visited our church, Pastor Al decided we need to go on Television.

Because of Pastor Al's Reputation and Television Outreach in the heart of Chicago, we would attract very well know preachers and celebrities to our church. Al Smith and Faith Tabernacle were getting an International Reputation.

Faith Tabernacle in Chicago was the place to be.

While I was involved in ministry at Faith Tabernacle for about 4 years, I was also the Secretary to the Chicago Chapter of The Full Gospel Businessmen's International Fellowship. I was Exposed to and met with some high-profile Personalities and Ministries.

I have personally had Dinner with, met, and/or had conversations with people like: David Wilkerson, Pat Robertson, Dwight Thompson, C.M. Ward, and T. L. Osborn,

So what I will be sharing about Churches, Ministries and Out-reach Evangelism during the 80's and beyond, is Personal Experience!

THIS BOOK IS NOT AN OPINION, BUT A COMPARISON OF THE RELIGIOUS CHURCH SYSTEM AND WHAT THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES!

With all that said, I ENCOURAGE you to Please research ALL the information presented Here.

This book is meant to present the Truth of The Word of God and Expose False Teachers, False Doctrines and Wrong and Mislead beliefs.

BEFORE YOU GO ANY FURTHER ASK YOURSELF 2 QUESTIONS

1...ARE YOU FOLLOWING JESUS, THE WHOLE WORD OF GOD OR ARE YOU FOLLOWING YOUR RELIGION AND/OR RELIGIOUS TEACHINGS AND TRADITIONS?

2...DO YOU KNOW JESUS ON A PERSONAL BASIS, OR ONLY KNOW ABOUT JESUS?

This Book deals with TRUTH from ALL The Word of God,
Please keep an open Mind and a Humble Heart that you may
receive this Study from the Word of God.

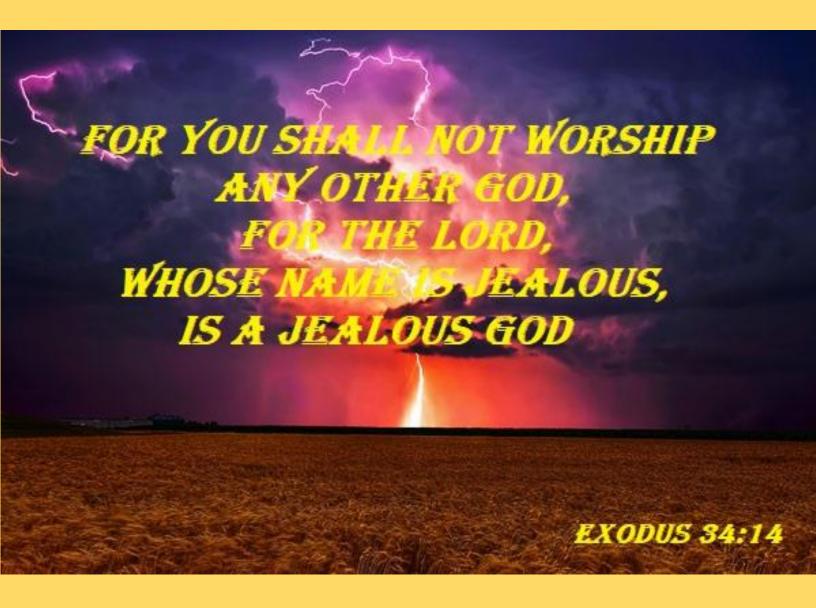
Luke 6:46....⁴⁶ "Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and DO NOT DO what I say?

Psalm 81:15 (nasb)....Those who Hate the Lord would pretend Obedience to Him, And their time of punishment would be forever.

John 14:24...²⁴ He who Does Not Love Me DOES NOT Keep My words; and the word which you hear is not Mine....."(The Words of Jesus)

Remember....Jesus says "Many will say to Me "LORD LORD," and will NOT be allowed into The Eternal Kingdom of God.

WILL YOU BE ONE OF THE MANY WHO HEAR THE LORD JESUS SAY: I DO NOT KNOW YOU, DEPART FROM ME.



TWISTING THE TRUTH

CHAPTER 1

FOR I AM THE LORD I DO NOT CHANGE



The Lord Your God Is A Consuming Fire, A Jealous God.

Before we proceed into The Manipulating the Word of God to Build Religious Kingdoms. We need to Understand and Know the Character of a Holy Loving Jealous God Who describes Himself as a Consuming Fire!

We need to Understand that, the God that has been presented and taught to us by Churches, Religions Seminaries and Religious Leaders behind pulpits in ministries is in No Way, Shape or Form the same God Described in the Word of God!

The People behind Pulpits, Seminaries and Theological Institutes have presented us with a God they have Conjured up!
They are NOT Teaching about the God IN the Word of God!
This is because they do not know, the God, in the Word of God!
They want to present a "god" who people will accept and/or Not Fear. As it states in Romans 1:23...and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man....

The Glory and Majesty of a Holy God, who is a Jealous Consuming Fire has been changed into a "Distorted Loving Daddy God." "A Father God." To Clarify, Yes God is Our Heavenly Father! But, we have Not been taught to Walk in the Fear of a Holy God, To Delight in Fearing Him and to Tremble at His Holy Word. The God Who sits in the Heavens, Who is Alone is Holy, Who inhabits All Eternity, Whose Voice Shakes the Earth, and Mountains Tremble, has been Distorted by Modern Theology!

WE HAVE BEEN LIED TO BY RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP!

When we Truly understand the Truth of the Character of a Holy Loving Jealous God who is a Consuming Fire, we can see why the Whole Religious System, is Confused, Dysfunctional, and Divided.

We will be able to see and understand, why Churches and Ministries that started in the 80's and through Today, get the large crowds to follow their churches, ministries and crusades.

We will Establish, that it is because Churches, Religions and Leadership either Intentionally or Unintentionally Twist, Manipulate and/or Even outright Lie to misrepresent the Truth of The Word of a Holy Loving Jealous God.

It is Written in The Word of God in Psalm 138:2, that God Holds His Word Above His Name! The Word of God is more Important to God, then His Name! This gives us understanding on why the God Who is Holy, Who inhabits Eternity will bring Great Judgment to the Whole Religious System, because of its Irreverence, Disregard and Rebellion to His Word that He sent to us from Heaven.

1 JOHN 4:16b.....GOD IS LOVE....

Exodus 34:14....for you shall NOT Worship any other god, for the LORD, Whose NAME is JEALOUS, is a JEALOUS God—

Deuteronomy 4:24.... For the LORD Your God is a CONSUMING FIRE, A JEALOUS GOD.

1 Peter 1:16 because it is written, "Be Holy, For I Am Holy."
Malachi 3:6a.... "For I Am the LORD, I DO NOT CHANGE...."

God is Love......God is A Jealous God.....God is Holy

God is a Consuming Fire.....God Never changes

We need to have clarity on some definitions. oxforddictionaries.com/definition/consuming/jealous

Definition of Jealous- Fiercely Protective or Vigilant of one's rights or possessions.

Jealousy in the Hebrew is #7067 Qanna...meaning: Not bearing Any Rival; The Severe Avenger of Departure from Himself.... This use of Jealous is used 5 times...Ex. 20:5; 34:14; Deut.4:24; 5:9; 6:15

Definition of Consuming - completely filling one's mind and attention; absorbing.

Definition of Passionately- in a way that shows strong feelings or beliefs.

Definition of Betroth- enter into a Formal Agreement to Marry.

All through the Word of God, the relationship, between God and His people is symbolized as a Future marriage, (an engagement) between a Man and Woman.

A good example is in the Old Testament with the Prophet Hosea.

Hosea 2:19-20.....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.

The LORD tells the Prophet Hosea to marry a Whore to demonstrate how God's People are UNFAITHFUL to Him, by their Idol Worship.

The LORD GOD, The Ever Faithfull Husband.

Israel, God's Special Treasure, the Continually UNFAITHFUL Woman, who Constantly goes a Whoring with their Rebellion and Unfaithfulness by Loving, Worshipping and Serving of other gods and idols.

From the Beginning, God's people, for the most part, are looking to anyone and/or anything for Love, Joy, and Entertainment to Comfort them, and NOT to the God Who created them and So Loves them.

God's people are NOT being satisfied and content with God alone. God's people are continually looking to, and/or creating, building and worshipping other gods, and idols.

In the Word of God, Jealousy is most ALWAYS associated with Love.

The LORD God Only has eyes for His people.

The LORD God is Captivated by His people.

The LORD God is so in Love with His people.

The LORD God is Jealously in Love with His people.

The LORD God is Zealous over His people ISRAEL.

The LORD God is The Protector of His People.

The LORD God is A Warrior for His People.

The LORD God is The ONLY provider for His People,

The LORD God is Dedicated to ONLY His people.

It is written in The Word of God:

Amos 3:2a.....The LORD God Speaking to His People.....
"YOU ONLY have I known of ALL the Families of The Earth.

The People of the LORD God Are:

The Children of Israel in the Old Testament.

Christians, The Bride of Jesus, in the New Testament.

They are the Apple of His Eye..

To be Jealous means to be intolerant of any Unfaithfulness in the Relationship of Love.

In other words, the Lord will not Tolerate being Unfaithful to Him. The Lord will NOT allow His people to have eyes for any other Lovers.

The Lord Describes to Ezekiel how the LORD felt about Israel's UNFAITHFULNESS, to Him.

EZEKIEL 6:9b..... (the Lord Speaking to His Prophet Ezekiel)
".....because I was Crushed by, <u>Their Adulterous Heart</u> which has Departed from Me, and by <u>Their Eyes which play the Harlot after</u> <u>Their Idols;</u> they will loathe themselves for the evils which they committed in all their abominations.

Do you see this? The LORD God of The Heavens, The Creator of All things, says that <u>He is CRUSHED</u>, by His People's Unfaithfulness! <u>God IS Heartbroken over His people for their UNFAITHFULNESS!</u> God is Crushed, because His people Love, Worship and Serve other gods and Idols and have departed and become Unfaithful to Him.

God's People Continually Prove to the Lord, His Love is Not Enough For them.

God's Constant Love and Faithfulness does not satisfy their Hearts. No matter what God does, it just never seems to be enough for them! All through the Word of God there has always been the pattern of God calling to His people to Repent and turn from their Idols.

God continually pleads with His people to return and be faithful to the Only True God who Loves and Cares for them! If they DO NOT Repent of Loving, Serving, and Worshipping their Other gods and Idols, then Divine Judgment is the Consequence!

Divine Judgment is Always the Result to All people who Love, Serve and Worship other gods and Idols and are in Rebellion and/or Disobedience to The Word of God!

The First TWO Commandments God gave to Moses are:

1.....Exodus 20:3 & Dt. 5:7 "You shall have <u>NO</u> other gods before Me. 2.....Exodus 20:4 & Dt. 5:8 "You <u>SHALL NOT</u> make for yourself a Carved Image—(Idol) any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

Is it any wonder why the Divine Judgment of God would Come against People, especially God's Own People for their Rebellion, Disobedience, and Stubbornness, when People blatantly break the First Two Commandments of the Law of God?

When God's people, Love, Worship and Serve OTHER gods and Idols, they are REJECTING The Jealous Love God has for them!

What God's people are REALLY telling God is TWO things:

1..... I DO NOT Trust or Believe YOU REALLY LOVE ME and that You ALONE will take care of ALL MY needs.2.....I AM NOT Content Loving and Being with Just YOU ALONE.

This is a Direct Slap in the Face to A God that So Loves His people.

This is Rejecting the Love of God and Insulting God's Love, Integrity and Faithfulness.

The LORD God, The Creator of ALL things has ONLY His Very Best Interest in His Heart for His people.

By Loving, Worshipping and Serving other gods and idols, the people of a Holy Jealous Loving God,......

Ouestion God's Love and Faithfulness For and To them!

Rejection, Rebellion, and Disobedience to the Word of God, calls into Question,

- 1.....God's Love
- 2......God's Faithfulness
- 3.....God's Integrity

THE CONSEQUENCES OF IDOL WORSHIP

Continual Rejection and Rebellion to the Word of God, Eventually Hardens a person's Heart.

The results of Continual Idol worship are:

- 1. A Hardened Heart
- 2. A Hard Heart then results in a Seared Conscience.
- 3. A Seared Conscience is given over to a Reprobate Mind.
- 4. God then Sends Strong Delusion to the person with the Reprobate Mind so they may believe a Lie, because they have NO LOVE for the TRUTH so to be Saved.

THE POINT OF NO RETURN HAS BEEN CROSSED.

God, then has No choice but to Destroy His People and Everyone who is continually unfaithful and Disobedient to Him.

This is made clear in the Book of Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea and other Prophets, when the Lord tells His Prophets NOT TO PRAY for His own People. Here are a few examples.

Jeremiah 13:15-17....⁵ Hear and give ear: Do not be proud, For the Lord has spoken. ¹⁶ Give glory to the Lord your God Before He causes darkness, And before your feet stumble On the dark mountains, And while you are looking for light, He turns it into the shadow of death And makes it dense darkness.

¹⁷ But if you will not hear it,My soul will weep in secret for your pride; My eyes will weep bitterly And run down with tears, Because the Lord's flock has been taken captive.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-12...⁹ The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because They DID NOT Receive <u>The LOVE OF THE TRUTH</u>, that they might be saved. ¹¹ And for THIS REASON GOD WILL SEND them Strong Delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹² that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Jeremiah 14:10-12.....¹⁰ Thus says the Lord to this people:

"Thus they have loved to wander; They have not restrained their feet. Therefore the Lord does not accept them; He will remember their iniquity now, And punish their sins." Then the Lord said to me, "Do not pray for this people, for their good. When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I will not accept them. But I will consume them by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence."

Ezekiel 14:12-14......¹² The word of the Lord came again to me, saying: "Son of man, when a land sins against Me by persistent unfaithfulness I will stretch out My hand against it; I will cut off its supply of bread, send famine on it, and cut off man and beast from it. ¹⁴ Even if these three men, Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they would deliver only themselves by their righteousness," says the Lord God

In Hosea Chapter 9 God says He will Do 3 things to His People:

- 1....God will NO LONGER LOVE HIS People.
- 2....God will DEPART From His People.
- 3....God will CAST AWAY His people away, because of their Rebellion and Disobedience.

Hosea 9:1-17.....¹² Though they bring up their children, Yet I will bereave them to the last man. Yes, Woe to them when I (the Lord) depart from them! ¹³ Just as I saw Ephraim like Tyre, planted in a pleasant place, So Ephraim will bring out his children to the murderer." ¹⁴ Give them, O Lord—What will You give? Give them a miscarrying womb And dry breasts! ¹⁵ "All their wickedness is in Gilgal, For there I (the Lord) Hated them. Because of the evil of their deeds I will drive them from My house; I (the Lord) will Love them No More. All their princes are rebellious. ¹⁶ Ephraim is stricken, Their root is dried up; They shall bear no fruit. Yes, were they to bear children, I (the Lord) would kill the darlings of their womb." ¹⁷ My God will cast them away, BECAUSE THEY DID NOT OBEY HIM; And they shall be wanderers among the nations.

Do you see where there comes a time when a Holy Loving God says: "Enough is Enough!?"

The Rebellion of Adam and Eve, to the Word of God, in the Garden of Eden has continued with the people of Israel in the Old Testament and has continued through Today into Modern Christianity.

The Rebellion of Children of Israel in the Old Testament are our Example of the Love, Mercy, Patience and Long Suffering of a Jealous God and has continued through Today with Modern Christianity. (see 1 Corinthians 10)

Let's start in book of Genesis, where it all begins.

After *The SIN OF DISOBEDIENCE AND REBELLION TO THE WORD OF GOD BY ADAM AND EVE*, there are only a few occasions of God Revealing Himself to man in the book of Genesis.

In the Book of Genesis, there are NO references to the NATURE OR CHARACTER of God, or Who God is.

God refers to Himself as "ALMIGHTY GOD" when God makes Covenant with Abram. (Genesis 17:1-14)

In the book of Genesis, God only refers to Himself as... "God Almighty".....(Genesis 28:3; 35:11: 43:14; & 48:3)

It is not until the next book, Exodus, Where God begins to reveal Himself, and His Divine Nature and Character.

In Exodus 3:1-7 God calls to Moses from the midst of the burning bush. (Note the 1ST Appearance of the God Who is a Consuming fire!)

In Exodus 6:1-9, God reveals Himself to Moses as *YHWH*, The God Who Makes, and Keeps, Covenant with His People.

In verses 1-9, The LORD tells Moses 7 times "I WILL," and 3 times refers to Himself as "I AM THE LORD." Stressing the importance of Who God "THE LORD (YHWH)" is, and what God, "THE LORD," PROMISES TO DO FOR HIS PEOPLE!

From Exodus 2:23-25, & Chapters 3 through chapter 19:15, the Children of Israel HAVE ONLY SEEN GOD'S awesome miracles and power. The Lord has not made an appearance to them. It is Recorded in Exodus 19:16-21 & 24:16-18 when The LORD descends on Mt. Sinai IN FIRE, that the Children of Israel First see THE LORD GOD.

Exodus 24:17: The sight of the glory of the LORD was like A Consuming Fire on the top of the mountain in the eyes of the children of Israel.

Again, until chapter 19, God had Only revealed Himself to the Children of Israel by the Signs, Wonders and Miracles He did in Egypt.

God Displayed His JEALOUS LOVE for His People by keeping HIS EVERY PROMISE HE MADE TO THEM.

There was a reason God HAD brought the Children of Israel, Out of the Comforts and Pleasures of Egypt, by Signs, Wonders and Miracles into the Loneliness of the Desert.

That reason was so God's children could be intimate and cling to the Lord, and get to know who God was, who God is, and most importantly How much the Creator of ALL things Loved and Cared for them!

Jeremiah 13:11.....¹¹ For as the sash clings to the waist of a man, so I have caused the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah to CLING to Me,' says the Lord, 'that they may become My people, for renown, for praise, and for glory; <u>BUT THEY WOULD NOT HEAR!</u>.'

Up until the encounter with Moses, the Children of Israel really had NO experience with God and little if Any knowledge of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

GOD NEEDED TO BRING HIS PEOPLE TO A PLACE OF ABSOLUTELY NOTHING BUT EMPTY DESERT.

A PLACE WHERE THERE WAS NO PROTECTION FROM: THE WEATHER, ENEMIES, OR ANIMALS, THERE WERE NO BUILDINGS, THERE WAS NO SHADE,

THERE WAS NO FOOD,

THERE WAS NO WATER...

THERE WAS ABSOLUTELY NOTHING BUT DESERT!
THERE WAS ONLY GOD!!

IT WAS IN THE LONLINESS OF THE WILDERNESS IN THE DESERT THAT:

The Children of Israel Would now Live and Experience the Jealous Love God had for them. Not only would They Have a personal Experience With the God who created all things. NOW, The children of Israel would learn how to Love, Obey, Trust and DEPEND on the God of Jealous Love.

GOD HAD ENTERED INTO A COVENANT WITH THEM. God wanted them to Never Worry about ANYTHING! Just to Love and Obey Him, He Would do the Everything for them.

GOD ASSURED THEM HE WAS WITH THEM.

(A CLOUD BY DAY, A FIRE BY NIGHT)

GOD PROTECTED THEM.

GOD FED THEM.

GOD GAVE THEM WATER.

GOD PROVIDED FOR **EVERY** ONE OF THEIR NEEDS!

We see that God demonstrated His Jealous Love for them, by taking care of them, as a Loving parent takes care of His children.

It is in Exodus Chapter 16:1-3 when things get rough and uncertain, we see What is in The Hearts of The Children of Israel. We see What the Children of Israel are Truly Desiring and Yearning for! They want to go back to Egypt!!!

They MISS and WANT the comforts of their homes, their beds, the food they once ate, and are fed up and tired this whole wilderness experience.

They are tired of depending on God and want their Independence.

When Moses delays in coming Down from the mountain to receive the 10 Commandments, they manipulate Aaron to build a Gold Calf. Exodus 32:1-4....Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." And Aaron said to them, "Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears, and brought them to Aaron. And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said: "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

The Lord tells Moses, His people *have Corrupted themselves*, disobeyed the way God commanded them and made a Molded calf for themselves. God wants to destroy them, and Start over!

Think about this..... AFTER EVERYTHING GOD DID FOR THEM, all God SHOWED THEM.

All the Miracles, Signs and Wonders, they STILL turned away from following God, and <u>Made Themselves a Gold calf to follow.</u>

God's Children, INSULTED GOD by giving credit to A Gold Calf which THEY MADE for getting them out of Egypt.

Exodus. 32:7-10..⁷ And the Lord said to Moses, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves. (notice God refers to idol worship as corruption!)

8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way which I commanded them. They have made themselves a molded calf, and worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, "This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

9 And the Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people! 10 Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation."

Did you know that the phrase 'This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!" is repeated THREE TIMES?
Twice in Exodus 32:4,8 & Nehemiah 9:18.....

Do you think the Lord is trying to get Our attention?

Moses pleads with the Lord to spare them, and God in His abundant Love and Mercy for His People, spares them and sends Moses away. When Moses arrives, he finds the People of God Rejoicing, Celebrating, being Entertained and having a Party around their Created Gold Calf, that they claimed brought them out of Egypt.

Exodus 32:17-19a.....And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, "There is a noise of war in the camp" But he said: "It is not the noise of the shout of victory, Nor the noise of the cry of defeat, <u>But the sound of singing I hear."</u> So, it was, as soon as he came near the camp, that <u>he (Moses) saw the calf and the dancing....</u>

In Exodus 32: 26-28, The Lord commands Moses to slaughter His Own people because They had Created an IDOL and WORSHIPPED A Gold Calf!

The LORD God commanded the Slaughter of THREE THOUSAND of His Own People in one day!

Exodus 32:26-28...²⁶ then Moses stood in the entrance of the camp, and said, "Whoever *is* on the Lord's side—*come* to me!" And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together to him.

²⁷ And he said to them, "Thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'Let every man put his sword on his side, and go in and out from entrance to entrance throughout the camp, and let every man kill his brother, every man his companion, and every man his neighbor.' " ²⁸ So the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And about three thousand men of the people fell that day.

THIS IS SO IMPORTANT FOR TODAY, BECAUSE, THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL HAD NO HISTORY BOOK TO LEARN FROM.

***Today, we as CHRISTIANS (the New Testament Church) are Commanded by The LORD God, through the Apostle Paul to LOOK BACK AND Learn from the HISTORY and THE SINS of Children of Israel. (1 Corinthians 10:1-11)

The Apostle Paul tells us EVERYTHING that happened to the Children of Israel, <u>WAS FOR OUR EXAMPLES!</u>

1 Corinthians 10:1-11....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 WARNINGS FOR US, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.

WHY Has MODERN CHRISTIANITY TODAY NOT learned from the History of OUR Forefather's?

Why has The Religious System Ignored the SINS of our Fathers?

In Exodus chapter 33,
Something VERY IMPORTANT,
Something VERY POWERFUL,
Something SO AWESOME..... IS REVEALED TO US.
Exodus 33:11a,.... So, The LORD spoke to Moses Face to Face,
as a man Speaks to his friend......

This is SO IMPORTANT FOR TODAY. WHY?
BECAUSE The Intimate Relationship Moses had with God
was BEFORE JESUS had Come and Died for all Mankind!!!!!

DID YOU GET THAT?

MOSES TALKED TO GOD FACE TO FACE!!!!!

TODAY, WE CAN HAVE THE SAME RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD, JUST LIKE MOSES!...... THINK ABOUT THAT....
WE CAN KNOW GOD FACE TO FACE!

WE CAN BE CALLED A FRIEND OF GOD!

The Shedding of The Precious Blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus, Along with His Death, and Resurrection, Accomplished 2 things.

- 1....All of the SINS of Mankind could be forgiven.
- 2....The Veil that Separated God and Man, was torn in Two from top to Bottom. This allows Anyone access into the Presence of a Holy Loving God. Before the Death of Jesus NO person had access to God except for High Priests.

Numbers 12:3 and Hebrews 11:24-27 Sums up **EVERYTHING** we Need to Know About the Man Moses.

Numbers 12:3.....NOW The Man Moses WAS VERY HUMBLE, More than All men who were on the Face of the Earth.

Hebrews 11:24-27.....²⁴ By faith Moses, when he became of age, Refused to be Called The Son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, ²⁶ esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

²⁷ By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he Endured as Seeing Him who is Invisible.

Let's take a very brief look at the life of Moses.....

Moses was a Hebrew born in Egypt.

Moses was raised by Pharaoh's Daughter, in Pharaoh's Palace.

***This is Very Important because Moses grew up with the Finer things in Life. Moses Grew up in Royalty!

Here is a Hebrew man that was raised in a Royal Palace and knew the finer things in life yet was willing to Suffer Affliction with the people of God, then enjoy the Pleasures of Sin for a Season.

With ALL that the Man Moses had experienced in his life, the living in a Palace, the opportunity to be called the "Grandson" of Pharaoh, and the life of Wealth and Comfort of Egypt......

WHY would Moses reject the Luxury of living in Egypt and the opportunity to be called the "Grandson" of Pharaoh?

Because Moses had an Encounter with the Lord God! God revealed Himself to Moses and Called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt.

The Reason Moses was such a HUMBLE man is....

Moses Was Constantly In the Presence of A Holy Jealous God Who is a Consuming Fire!

Moses had Experienced The Terror of The Lord and the Glory of The Lord's Majesty!

The Lord had Revealed Himself to Moses in that, Moses had to put a veil over his Face because his face shined from the Glory of the Lord!

Moses walked in ALL the Ways of the Lord God.

Moses Loved the Lord his God, with ALL his Heart, Soul, Mind, and Strength, and Loved God's people (The Children of Israel) with the Same Love, God had for His People.

Therefore, God committed Himself to Moses!

The Man Moses had Personally Seen, Experienced and Known: The "Terror of The Lord and The Glory of His Majesty."

The Prophet Isaiah tells us that when he saw the Lord high and lifted up on His throne, he cried out "Woes is me, I am ruined." (Isaiah 6)

Isaiah, also tells about how men will go into the holes of the rocks and into the caves of the Earth from the Terror of the Lord and the Glory of his Majesty:

Isaiah 2:19-21...Men shall go into the holes of the rocks, And into the caves of the earth, From the Terror of the Lord And the glory of His Majesty, When He arises to shake the earth mightily. ²⁰ In that day a man will cast away his idols of silver And his idols of gold, Which they made, *each* for himself to worship, To the moles and bats, ²¹ To go into the clefts of the rocks, And into the crags of the rugged rocks, From the terror of the Lord And the glory of His majesty, When He arises to shake the earth mightily.

The Apostle Paul Preached about <u>KNOWING</u>, The Terror of The Lord and Warning men about it...

2Corinthians 5:10-11... ¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ Knowing, therefore, The Terror of the Lord, we persuade men;....."

When the Apostle John Encountered the Resurrected Jesus on the Isle of Patmos, John Fell at The Feet of Jesus as Dead! Remember this is the Apostle John who used to rest his head on the Bosom of Jesus!

Revelation 1:12-17...² Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. ¹⁴ His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; ¹⁵ His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; ¹⁶ He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength. ¹⁷ And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead...."

Do you see a common theme here?.....

These Holy men of God who had an Encounter with the God of All Creation, the Father of All Spirits DID NOT react as if they had Seen their "Dad, Pops or Daddy"

These men were Humbled and Terrified at the Presence of a Holy God!

These men Experienced the Terror of the Lord and Glory of His Majesty!

These men were NOT Flippant, Casual or Cordial about being in the Presence of the Lord God, They Trembled with Fear!

The Lord God Who fills the Heavens and the Earth, who Alone is Holy, Who is So Holy, So Pure, so full of Glory and Majesty, Humbled the Men who had been in God's Presence!

Are these the Attitudes we see in today's Preachers, Teachers and Ministers of the Word of God?

WE CAN HAVE THE SAME ENCOUNTER WITH THE LORD GOD AS ALL THE MEN IN GOD'S WORD! IF ONLY WE WILL PAY THE PRICE!

*****NADAB AND ABIHU THE SONS OF AARON*****

The story of Nadab & Abihu Has Great Importance and significance, because it lays a Foundation on how We are to Approach a Holy God!

Nadab & Abihu are the first two sons of Aaron.

These men were called by God. God had Personally handpicked the first two sons of Aaron to be with Him, to know Him and to Minister to Him.

In Exodus 24 we see Nadab & Abihu were Chosen and invited by God to be with Moses, Aaron and the seventy elders to go up the mountain.

Exodus 24:1,9-11....Now He said to Moses, "Come up to the Lord, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar. ⁹ Then Moses went up, also Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel,

¹⁰ and <u>They Saw the God of Israel.</u> And *there was* under His feet as it were a paved work of sapphire stone, and it was like the very heavens in *its* clarity. ¹¹ But on the nobles of the children of Israel He did not lay His hand. <u>So They Saw God, and They Ate and Drank.</u>

The Word of God Establishes that Both Nadab & Abihu, were handpicked by God to come up the Mountain, to See the God of Israel, and to eat and drink in His Presence.

This IS NOT a Coincidence!

This is by Design because God Handpicked Nadab & Abihu to be The Lord's Very First Priests to Minister to Him in the Tabernacle.

In Leviticus chapters 8 & 9 Nadab & Abihu are washed, dressed and consecrated as priests for God.

Chapter 10 is where we see the Heart Attitudes of Nadab & Abihu and the response to God for their approach to God and His Altar.

Leviticus 10:1-3...... Then Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, each took his censer and put fire in it, put incense on it, and offered Profane Fire before the Lord, which The Lord HAD NOT commanded them. ² So fire went out from the Lord and devoured them, and they died before the Lord. ³ And Moses said to Aaron, "This is what the Lord spoke, saying: 'By Those Who Come Near Me, I MUST BE REGARDED As HOLY; And before all the people, I must be glorified.'
So Aaron held his peace.

Here we see that the Two men, God had handpicked to Minister to Him and attend to the Tabernacle were Disobedient, Irreverent and Flippant in their attitude towards God and the Service God had called them to preform! With NO Warning or given a Second Chance, God Killed them, Immediately!

Before Aaron could Say or do anything, Moses Tells Aaron of what the Lord said..... "This is what the Lord spoke, saying: 'By Those Who Come Near Me, I MUST BE REGARDED As HOLY; And before all the people, I MUST BE GLORIFIED.' (Leviticus 10:3)

This is a reminder to Aaron of what the Lord had said in Exodus. Exodus 19:22.... ²² Also let the priests who come near the Lord consecrate themselves, lest the Lord break out against them."

Nadab & Abihu were Disobedient to the Word of God and Suffered the Consequences with their lives! God Continuing to Establish that:

God is a God of His Word! God Means what He Says.

The Holy of Holies
Requirements to be in the Presence of a Holy God!

In Leviticus chapter 16 the Lord devotes a whole Chapter to the procedures Aaron and the High priest must do to enter the Holy of Holies and be in the Presence of God.

There was bathing, changing clothes, sacrifices, etc...if these policies were not followed, the Priest would Die!

God had specific rules He Commanded to be followed, or Death was the Consequence.

THIS WAS NOT BECAUSE GOD IS VICIOUS, MEAN, CRUEL OR A TYRANT!

IT IS BECAUSE OF THE TRUE NATURE AND CHARACTER OF A GOD WHOSE NAME IS JEALOUS, WHO IS A CONSUMING FIRE!

It is Because of The Holy, Pure, Consuming Fire of A HOLY Jealous Love that God is.

The Presence of God's Love is So Holy, So Pure, So Consuming, that God, cannot be in the presence of Sin, Impurity and/or Darkness.

This is Exactly why God expelled Adam & Eve from the Garden of Eden for their Disobedience to His Word

This is Why Every Person, The Lord Committed Himself to and had Encountered The Lord God, had a life changing Experience. From Abraham in the old Testament to Paul, and others.

All through the Word of God we see, anyone who experienced the presence of God here on Earth always fell to the ground, were Afraid, and were Humbled!

The Story of Uzzah is Repeated Twice in the Old Testament for a Reason....it's Importance! It is first written in 2 Samuel chapter 6 and then Documented in 1 Chronicles 13

2 Samuel 6:3, 6-7.......³ So they set the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart.

⁶ And when they came to Nachon's threshing floor, Uzzah put out his hand to the ark of God and took hold of it, for the oxen stumbled.

⁷ Then the anger of the Lord was aroused against Uzzah, and God STRUCK HIM there for his error; and HE DIED there by the ark of God.

On the surface, this story seems to be Very Extreme. But after some investigating, we find out, God was KEEPING HIS WORD! In Numbers 4:15 the penalty for touching the Ark was Death! Although it was a noble gesture on the part of Uzzah! BUT, Uzzah had not been approved to touch the Ark, so God kept His Word and Killed him. We could say Uzzah was Killed for his Lack of Knowledge.

King David, a Man after God's own Heart.

A Simple Shepard that was taken from the field of caring for sheep to Becoming the King of Israel Caring for the Flock of God. There is no man other than Jesus in All of the Word of God that has more Written about, Then David. More has been written about David than any other character in the Old Testament.

In the Old Testament there are sixty-six chapters written about David and in the New Testament there are fifty-nine references to this man, who God labeled "A Man after My own Heart."

We not only can read about David's life in 1 and 2 Samuel, 1 Kings and 1 Chronicles, we can glean insight into what he thought and felt by reading many of the 75 Psalms that are attributed to him.

In Hebrew the name David means "Beloved."
David is the only person in the Bible who is referred to as:
"A man after God's own Heart." (1 Samuel 13:14, Acts. 13:22).

When you read the life of David, you read about a man Who Loved God as no other, yet, a man who failed as no other. No person had the Highs of David and the Lows of David. Great Personal Victories with Great Personal Sorrow. Great Personal Joy, with Great Personal Anguish

In David, we learn of the God who Exhibits Great Love, Mercy, Patience and Wisdom to a man after His Own Heart.

In David's Greatest fall, we see, hear, and feel David's Greatest Anguish of Pain and Sorrow over the sins which broke the Heart of God.

In Psalm 51 we Feel and Experience with Every Word we read, the Anguish and Heart Break of a man who truly Loved the God of Israel.

Time after time David relies on the lovingkindness of the God who is a Jealous Consuming Fire, for Mercy, Forgiveness, and Restoration.

In the Book of Psalms the *Lovingkindness of God* is used in 24 chapters, 17 chapters by David.

The relationship that David has with the Lord God is So Deep, So Intimate, that David says in Psalm 63:3 referring to the lovingkindness of the Lord... "Your Lovingkindness is Better Than Life."

There is a pattern throughout the Word of God.

Those People who are <u>Repentant</u>, <u>Heart-Broken</u>, <u>Seeking Mercy and Forgiveness</u>, <u>God has pity and shows His Marvelous Lovingkindness and Forgiveness</u>.

People who are Unrepentant, Proud, Arrogant, Stubborn and Rebellious to the Word of God,.....Receive the Wrath, Judgment and Vengeance of a Jealous Holy God.

There is a big difference between King David and King Saul...... David was aware of the Heartbreak he caused a Loving God.

David would Humble himself before God and ask for forgiveness, While King Saul made Excuses and was worried about his image, and how he looked to the people.

In the New Testament....Ananias & Sapphira...Acts chapter 5:1-11.

Here we have the Beginning of the New Testament Church of Jesus. A husband and wife had sold some land, and together agreed to lie to the Apostle Peter about the Price.

Ananias lies to Peters face and God brings Judgment and Kills Ananias.

The Lord God in His Abundant Mercy, not willing that anyone die and go to hell, has the Beloved Apostle Peter, frame the Question to Sapphira so she could Humble herself admit they lied and ask for forgiveness. Instead she was Proud, Defiant and Unrepentant and the Lord God killed her on the spot. This brought great fear to all who heard this.

God is NOT Mocked, what a Man Sows Is What He Reaps!

We see in all these examples a Jealous Loving God who keeps His Word and does not play games with His Word.

Yet The God who is a Jealous Consuming Fire has pity on the broken Hearted repentant ones.

When God sees Humility and Brokenness, the Lord God is Moved with Compassion and Forgiveness.

God resists the Proud but gives Grace to the Humble!

Remember it was Pride and Rebellion that started the Fall of Angels and then Ultimately man! Do you think God is going to Tolerate Pride and Rebellion to the Word of God ever Again?

Exodus 34 is where God Reveals His Character to ALL MANKIND!

Exodus 34:6b-7..... "The LORD, The LORD God, Merciful and Gracious, Longsuffering, and Abounding in Goodness and Truth, keeping Mercy for thousands, Forgiving Iniquity and Transgression and Sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

Eight Characteristics of a Jealous Loving God, Whose Love, is a Jealous Consuming Fire, (Dt.4:24) as Described in Exodus 34:6-7

- 1....GOD IS MERCIFUL
- 2....GOD IS GRACIOUS
- 3....GOD IS LONGSUFFERING
- 4....GOD IS ABOUNDING IN GOODNESS
- 5....GOD IS ABOUNDING IN TRUTH
- 6....GOD IS THE GOD THAT KEEPS MERCY FOR THOUNDS
- 7....GOD FORGIVES INIQUITY, TRANSGRESSION AND SIN
- 8....GOD WILL NOT LEAVE THE GUILTY GO UNPUNISHED, BUT WILL VISIT THE SINS OF THE FATHERS UPON THE CHILDREN AND THE CHILDREN'S CHILDREN TO THE 3RD AND 4TH GENERATIION.

Here we have the 8 Characteristics, that God describes of Himself to Moses as The LORD God passed by Moses on the mountain. In looking at these qualities, we notice something very unique!!!!

YES, THE GOD OF DIVINE JEALOUS LOVE, THE GOD WHO IS A CONSUMING FIRE, IS ONLY LIGHT! GOD HAS NO DARKNESS!

The God of the Heavens, The Creator of ALL Things, Is only LIGHT! When people, Especially God's people, LOVE, WORSHIP and SERVE Other gods, and idols, the God of Divine Love gets Jealous. If people do not repent and turn from the love of their idols, then God brings forth His Jealous Fury!

SOME CHARACTERISTICS OF A JEALOUS LOVING GOD WHO IS A CONSUMING FIRE!

- 1....GOD DOES NOT CHANGE!....MALACHI 3:6
- 2....GOD IS THE LORD (YHWH)....PSALM 33:12; 118:27; 144:15
- 3....GOD IS LOVE!.....1 JOHN 4:16
- 4....GOD IS LIGHT WITH NO DARKNESS.....1 JOHN 1:5
- 5....GOD IS A CONSUMING FIRE.....HEBREWS 12:29
- 6....GOD IS A JEALOUS GOD.....DEUTERONOMY 4:24; 6:15
- 7....GOD IS GREATLY TO BE FEARED...PSALMS 89:7

- 8....GOD'S NAME IS JEALOUS....EXODUS 34:14
- 9....GOD IS HOLY.....LEVITICUS 11:44
- 10...GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND STREGNTH....PSALM 46:1
- 11...GOD HONORS HIS WORD OVER HIS NAME...PSALM 138:2
- 12...GOD IS A JEALOUS AND AVENGING GOD NAHUM 1:2
- 13...GOD IS LONGSUFFERING.....1 PETER 3:20 KJV
- 14... GOD IS HUMBLE...PSALM 113:5-7

Psalm 113:4-6.....The Lord *is* high above all nations, His glory above the heavens. ⁵ Who *is* like the Lord our God, Who dwells on high, ⁶ WHO HUMBLES HIMSELF to behold The things that are in the heavens and in the earth?

Here we see in Psalm 113, that the God of ALL CREATION Humbles Himself before man.

God Humbles Himself, so man could Experience, The Love of God and Intimately Know God.

God Commands Man to Humble himself so man can Experience, Love, Know and Live in the presence of a Holy Loving God.

The God who is A Jealous Consuming Fire, is A God of Humility, Lovingkindness, Mercy and Compassion Who looks on the Broken Hearted and Humble.

Yet, above All, God is a God of His Word.

VIDEO....THE DANGERS OF IDOLATRY.... https://youtu.be/uA-xiAafyZ8

TWISTING THE TRUTH

CHAPTER 2

AND HIS NAME IS CALLED: THE WORD OF GOD



In the Beginning was The Word, and

The Word was with God, and

The Word was God.

He was in the Beginning with God.

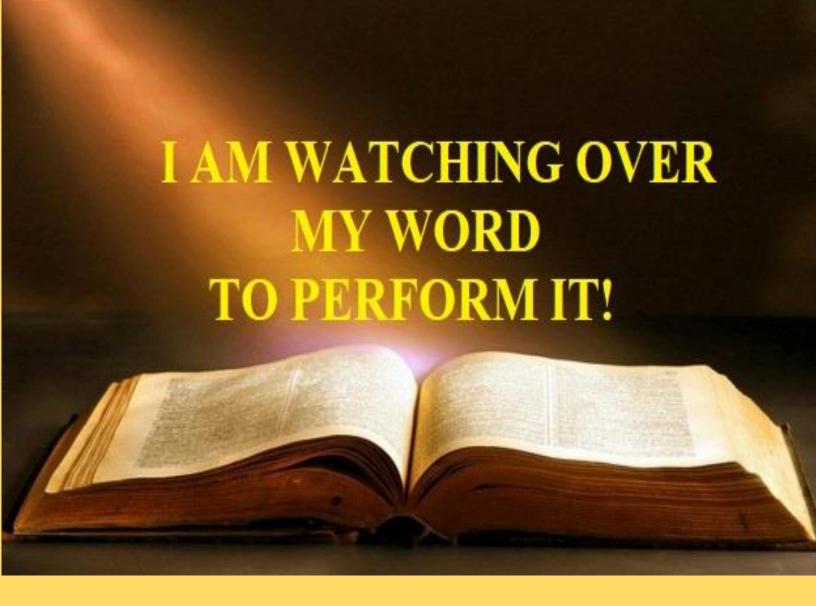
14 And the Word became Flesh

and

Dwelt among Us, and

We Beheld His Glory,
The Glory as of
The Only Begotten of
The Father

John 1:1-2,14



The Word of God!

Most Everyone, refers to it as "The Bible!"

The Bible is by Far the world's best-selling book of all time. In Fact, No other book, fact or fiction even comes close. Most estimates place the number of Bibles printed each year at over 100 million. (Wikipedia)

It is estimated that between 1815 and 1975 there was 2.5 billion copies of the Bible printed. A more recent estimate places the total number of Bibles in print at over <u>6 Billion</u>. These are absolutely staggering numbers. (thebibleanswer.org)

The Bible has been a massive influence on literature and history, especially in the Western World, where the Gutenberg Bible was the first book printed using movable type.

According to the March 2007 edition of *Time Magazine*, the Bible "has done more to shape literature, history, entertainment, and culture than any book ever written. Its influence on world history is unparalleled and shows no signs of abating."

With estimated total sales of over <u>6 Billion Copies</u>, it is widely considered to be the most influential and best-selling book of all time.

Partial Bible translations into languages of the English people can be traced back to the late 7th century, including translations into Old and Middle English. More than 450 translations into English have been written. (Wikipedia)

The Bible is comprised of 66 books, written by over 40 different authors over the span of over 2,000 years!

The Bible is Comprised of The Old Testament and New Testament.

The texts from the Bible were mainly written in Biblical Hebrew, with some portions in Biblical Aramaic.

Biblical Hebrew, sometimes called Classical Hebrew, is an archaic form of the Hebrew language. The very first translation of the Hebrew Bible was into Greek.

Some Religious Organizations (Catholics & Jehovah Witnesses) have Published their own version of The Bible.

This is done to Validate and Justify their Private Interpretations, Traditions, Teachings & Doctrines.

***the Apocrypha has been added to some Published "Bibles" but is not included in the Protestant Versions, Because it is NOT The Word of God.

The Definition of Apocrypha according to Merriam-Webster: Writings or Statements of Doubtful Authenticity;

There are parts of the Apocrypha which the Catholic Church has used to justify prayers for the dead (2 Maccabees 12:38-46). This Teaching is Completely against the Word of God. There are other Heinous and Blasphemous teachings and doctrines the Catholic Church has made up, such as changing the Ten Commandments, Praying the Rosary, The Worship of and Praying to Mary, along with Transubstantiation which we will not go into here. Visit my website amidnightcry.com/ study tools for a complete study of the lies of the Catholic Church.

Jehovah's Witness on the other hand have their "own translation" of the "Bible" which in some cases does not even come close to original texts.

This is How the Jehovah Witnesses justify their False Doctrines that are leading every one of their followers to Eternal Hell. (Which, they do not believe in!)

Again, please Visit my website <u>amidnightcry.com/</u> study tools, for all the lies and false doctrines that the of the Jehovah Witnesses teach.

EVERY Religion, Theological Seminary and Any Other Religious Institute and/or College have been Birthed from The Word of God!

Some Points We MUST ALWAYS remember, About The Bible otherwise known as: The Word of God.

The BIBLE, The Word of God, is Unlike any other Book on Earth! The Word of God is Sent by God from Heaven, to mankind. The Word of God will Bring Peace, Yet, The Word of God, Will bring Strife and Confusion.

The Word of God will Bring Unity, Yet, The Word of God, Will bring Division.

The Word of God will Bring Healing, Yet, The Word of God, Will bring Sickness.

The Word of God will Bring Life, Yet, The Word of God, will bring Death.

The Word of God is sent to Heal us!Psalm (107:20)

The Word of God Will Bring the Blessings of God, or Bring the Curses of God! See Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28

THE BIBLE IS THE "HEART OF GOD" SENT BY GOD FROM HEAVEN TO ALL OF MANKIND!

JESUS IS THE WORD OF GOD, THE WORD OF GOD IS JESUS!

John 1:1-2,14......In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God....(14) And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Revelation 19:11-13...... Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He (Jesus) who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. ¹² His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. ¹³ He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and <u>HIS NAME is Called THE WORD OF GOD!</u>

Revelation 22:18-19....¹⁸ For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book;

¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are <u>WRITTEN</u> in THIS BOOK.

REMEBER THERE 100 MILLION BIBLES ARE PRINTED EVERY YEAR!

Here are Some Statistics and Developments That have taken Place in The Religious Communities and Ministries....

There are Approximately 300,000 Churches in America.

Over 310 Religions and Denominations in the United States.

As of 2011 there were approximately 5300 Seminaries and Theology Schools.

As of 2016.....73.7% of Americans call themselves "CHRISTIAN." Approximately 1700 Mega Churches in America.

(A mega church is any church over 1500 people)

California has 219 Mega Churches (The Most in America) Over 700 homosexual Churches

LGBT is Welcomed in MANY Mainstream Denominations, and Ministries. Practicing Homosexuals are being Ordained as Ministers.

The Pope has Promoted and signed a Covenant with Muslims The merging of "Christians" with Muslims is called Chrislam!

The Vatican in Rome Changed The 10 Commandments

Capitol Ministries Founders, Ralph and Danielle Drollinger, boast the following: (Taken from their website: capmin.org) "Capitol Ministries establishes Biblical ministries of discipleship for Public Servants. We have birthed ongoing outposts for Christ in more than 60 Capitols throughout the world since our founding in 1996.

Capitol Ministries has planted Bible study ministries in more than 40 U.S. state capitols, many of which are now independent, in Washington D.C. for the White House Cabinet, Senators and Congressmen, and nearly a dozen ministries in the capitols of foreign nations."

Rep. Vicki Strong, Orleans-Caledonia District 1, who sponsors the legislative Bible study in Vermont says: "I think Capitol Ministries' mission, to <u>Make Disciples of Jesus Christ</u> among political leaders of the world is fantastic!"

Really let those statistics seep in, that have been presented here, (check them out if you have time) and then take a good hard look at the: Current Condition of The Religious System, and All its Hypocrisy; America and What's going on in Government, and the World.

I would like to ask you the reader some Questions on the Articles I have referenced. This, so You can draw your own conclusions. I would like to start with the last article first and share some thoughts on Capitol Ministries. (https://capmin.org/)

Capitol Ministries was Established in 1996 to make "Disciples of Jesus Christ."

The following is taken directly from Capitol ministries Website: Capitol Ministries establishes biblical ministries of discipleship for Public Servants. We have birthed ongoing outposts for Christ in more than 60 capitols throughout the world since our founding in 1996.

Here is a "Ministry" that was Established in 1996, that's about 24 years old and boasts outposts in 60 capitols throughout the world, 40 capitols in America. That's almost 80% of the United States having "Bible" studies that have been influenced and/or birthed by Capitol Ministries. Some Questions Since 1996:

Capitol Ministries boasts of making "Disciples of Jesus!" If that is, in Fact the case, how can America be in the Moral Decay it is in?

Capitol ministries was birthed in California, if this ministry is so successful, how is it possible California could be in the chaos it is in?

With the Legalization of Sodomy and Homosexual marriage in 2015, Is America in a better place Spiritually and Morally, since 1996?

Do the leaders in the White House, Senate, Congress and all other Branches of Government Reflect Jesus and Biblical Christianity?

With all these "Bible" studies going on in Governments how is it possible to have all the Corruption, Hate, and Division among Leaders?

Do you think God is pleased at the way the American Government, (Republican and Democrats) represents Christianity?

So ask yourself...What is really being taught to these Politicians? California has the most Mega churches in America with 219.

With all the "Bible" and "Church Teachings" going on, how could cities like San Francisco and Los Angeles be in such Chaos, Poverty, and Violence?

The Word of God Clearly Teaches that, IF Homosexuals DO NOT TURN FROM THEIR ABOMINATION and THEY DIE in their SIN, they will NOT Enter into Heaven (Lev.20:13; 18:22; 1 Cor.6:9-10)

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

10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

We see that the Word of God is Clear about Homosexual Behavior So how can Religious Denominations give Approval to this?

Years ago, The Catholic Church and The Vatican Changed the 10 Commandments. There is plenty of Documentation on the Subject. For a in Depth Study of how the Catholic Religion, changed the Word of God and has made up many False Doctrines and Teachings...Visit my website...https://www.amidnightcry.com/

The 2cnd of the 10 commandments God gave to Moses says this: EXODUS 20:5..... "You shall not make for yourself a carved image (IDOLS i.e. Statues) any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; Also DEUTERONOMY 5:8" & 4:1-31; 27:15

Also The Word of God clearly Commands that We are NOT to Make any Image of anything in Deuteronomy chapter 4:1-31, Please read it for yourself.

Carved Images is Referenced 45 in the Word of God because of the importance and forbidding of it by the Lord Can you NOW See and understand why the Catholic church Changed the 10 Commandments?

How is it Possible with all the Bible Seminaries and Schools of Theology, there are so Many DIFFERENT Interpretations?

Is it Possible That Religions, Denominations, and Ministers in Leadership Change and Privately interpret the Bible to Build their own Kingdoms, Empires and Reputations?

Is it Possible That Religions, Denominations and Ministers in Leadership prey on the Biblical Ignorance of people for Financial and Personal gain?

Is it Possible That Religions, Denominations and Ministers in Leadership care more about their Personal Status and NOT <u>YOUR</u> Eternal Life? Think about that for a While!

Is it Possible that Theology, Seminaries, Bible Colleges and Universities, along with Religions, Denominations and Large and Small Ministries have treated he Word of God that God sent from heaven, more like a College Text Book then the Heart of God to understand how we can Love, Obey and Worship God?

Is it Possible men are using Intellect to understand the Word of God Rather than Humbly asking God Himself for proper understanding?

The next chapter will address this issue

VIDEO....ARE YOU READING THE WORD OF GOD THE RIGHT WAY?.....https://youtu.be/YXd1-xvGH2E

TWISTING THE TRUTH

CHAPTER 3

WHERE THERE IS NO REVELATION.
PEOPLE BECOME LAWLESS



¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and ON THIS Rock, I Will Build MY CHURCH, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

The Revelation of Jesus
Matthew 16:16-18

This Following Story lays the Foundation for the TRUE CHURCH OF JESUS, The Bride!

Let's Look Carefully into this story.

This Story will lay the Foundation for the Church of Jesus and the Lifestyle of TRUE Christianity, and NOT Man-made Religions, Denominations, Theology or Seminary Teachings.

Matthew 16:13-18....¹³ When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" ¹⁴ So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the Prophets." ¹⁵ He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered and said, "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.

¹⁸ And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build MY church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Here we see that Jesus asks the Simple Question to His disciples, "Who do men say that I am?" The Disciples answer: "John the Baptist, Elijah, Jeremiah or one of the prophets. Jesus turns to Peter and asks "But who do you say I am? Peter Replies: "YOU are the Christ, the SON of the Living God!" Jesus then goes on to say to Peter: "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, The next words from Jesus, tells us how Peter knew Jesus is the Son of God. "... for flesh and blood HAS NOT revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.

Here we see it was not a man or men, but God Who Divinely revealed to Peter who Jesus is.

Jesus was Revealed to Peter <u>BY Divine Revelation</u> from the Father in Heaven.

Jesus tells us How <u>HIS CHURCH (His Bride)</u> will be built... "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and <u>ON THIS ROCK, I will Build</u> <u>MY CHURCH,</u> and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

So What does Jesus mean, "ON <u>THIS ROCK</u> I WILL BUILD <u>MY</u> CHURCH?"

What is **THE ROCK** Jesus Tells us He will build His Church on?

The Rock is....<u>Divine Revelation</u> given from God in Heaven, of Jesus, The Word of God. Divine Revelation from God is How the Church of Jesus, The Bride, will be Built.

The Church of Jesus will NOT be Built on Religious Traditions of Men or Religious Theology, or Church Planning. Only, by, Divine Revelation from Heaven Above!

Peter is not the Rock, nor is Peter the Church of Jesus!

The Rock is the Divine Revealing of the Truth of Jesus, the Word of God, from Heaven Above by God Alone.

Jesus, will build <u>His Church on Divine Revelation given from</u>
<u>Heaven above</u>, Not Religious Theology and/or man-made Religious Traditions, or Man's Intellect!

Jesus makes it a point.....<u>Jesus will build His Church</u> and it will not be built by the Ambitious planning, Reputations and/or Designs of Men!

When God grants a person Revelation from Heaven, it is a life changing experience that opens the eyes and heart of a person to the Truth of The Word of God.

No one can ever Deny when that Revelation takes place, because God Himself from heaven above has touched the Heart and opened the eyes of His creation and that person's life is altered forever! When a person receives Revelation from God in Heaven, No Person, Demon, or Theology can Deny or take the Truth of what God has put in the Heart of the Person that God has touched and revealed.

Therefore, the Gates of Hell will not Prevail Against the True Church of Jesus! The Church of Jesus will NOT have Division, Confusion, Pride changing Doctrines or Differing Opinions.

The Church of Jesus will be in ONE Accord just as the Book of Acts

Revelation Truth from Heaven is immovable and No demon in Hell can take What God has Given!

This is Exactly why there is such Confusion, Disagreements, and Divisions in the WHOLE Religious Church System.

Confusion comes from Envy and Selfish Ambition! (James 3:16)

THE WHOLE RELIGIOUS CHURCH SYSTEM HAS LITTLE OR NO REVELATION FROM GOD!

The Whole Religious System: Seminaries, Denominations And Theological Teachings, Theories and Doctrines are founded on the Intellect of man! There is little or NO revelation given From God in Heaven!

The WHOLE foundation of Religion and Theology is Built on the Sand of man-made Doctrines, Interpretations, and Beliefs! For this reason there is so much Confusion, Disagreements and Division among people and ALL Religions.

This is one very big reason, Why multitudes of People either lose Faith and/or get disenchanted with churches and God.

The WHOLE RELIGIOUS SYSTEM, EVERY CHURCH AND MINISTRY is built on intellectual research and theology, mental decisions and/or Religious philosophies and theories, NOT Divine Revelation.

God is NOT AUTHOR OF CONFUSION! 1Corinthians 14:33.

This is one reason Why the Apostle Paul rebuked the church at Corinth, in 1Corinthians 1:10-17. There was a Division and Strife among the church and the Apostle Paul would not tolerate it.

Can you see Why the WHOLE Religious System is a Modern Day Babylon? It is All Confusion and filled with Man's Arrogance, Titles, Reputations and Theology.

In the Book of Acts, <u>The First Church</u> was of <u>ONE ACCORD!</u> There was NO Confusion, No splinter groups, NO Divisions or Religious Separations.

In The Word of God, There IS NO such thing as Denominations!

TODAY, Denominations and EVERY Religion Practiced is made up of Private Interpretations, Theological beliefs, and Men's Intellect.

It is the Revelation of Jesus, the Christ, the Living and Abiding Eternal Word of God, that is the Foundation of the Church of Jesus, His Bride! The City of Truth! (Zech.8:3)

When Divine Revelation from God, <u>IS NOT GIVEN</u>, The Word of God, the Bible, Remains a Sealed Book. (see Isaiah 29:9-14)

People then use Private Interpretation to form their Private Interpretations, Denominations and Religions.

Without Divine Revelation from God, People will then make a commitment or become loyal to a Religion, a Ministry, a Church, a Religious Denomination or Religious Leader.

There is NO TRUE Love for Jesus, just and Intellectual Belief in or Acknowledging of Jesus!

Without THE REVELATION of Jesus, The Word of God, everything else is a religious Intellectual belief, theory or concept, leading multitudes down the Broad Road to Eternal Damnation.

There is a HUGE difference between a Having Revelation and A True Experience with Jesus and a person making a Religious intellectual Decision about Jesus!

One puts you on the Road to Eternal Life, the other puts you on the Broad Road to Hell!

On One hand, the person receives the Reality and Revelation of Sins Forgiven and gives their Heart and Life to Jesus, and Falls in Love with Jesus, The Messiah!

The other, a person makes an intellectual decision, about being a sinner, they don't want to go to hell, they say a prayer and actually make a commitment to a Church, Ministry, Denomination and/or Tradition, NOT giving their Heart and/or life to Jesus!

This a Direct result of <u>Hearing A Different Gospel</u>, <u>With Another Jesus and Receiving a Different Spirit</u>. (See 2 Corinthians 11:1-4.)

The problem is, there is NO Inward heart transformation. The person stays the same. The only thing that changes is they become Outwardly Religious and start going to Church and Bible Studies and paying Tithes. There is NO Revelation of Sins Forgiven and Love For Jesus and what Jesus did on the cross.

In Many cases people are Told they are "Saved" because of the prayer they recited, and Many times People are told not to Doubt their "Salvation." Many times, these people are told what to do, and What to believe. Many will faithfully attend church, and Bible Studies along with paying their tithes. They will do all they are told, and Very Sadly, end up dying and going to the Eternal Damnation of Hell and not understand why and how they got there!

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, Every Person had their and their Hearts and Lives Changed!

Revelation from God ALWAYS comes when we are Humble and Searching for HIM will ALL our Hearts!

Humility will always get the Attention of a Holy Loving God. It is through our Humility, God will open the heavens and pour Heavenly Truth in our Hearts.....

Humility will always Open the Ears of God and Touch the Heart of God!

John 3:3....Jesus answered and said to him "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again (footnote=The Literal translation is: "FROM ABOVE" Meaning, Granted Revelation from God in Heaven above.) he CANNOT SEE the Kingdom of God."

John 1:12-13.... But as many as received Him (Jesus), to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

13 who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God

According to the Word of God, <u>True Christians are Born from Heaven by The Will of God!</u> These are People Who have received Divine Revelation from God and have fallen in love with Jesus because of the realization of Sins Forgiven!

Galatians 1:1......Paul, an apostle not sent from men nor through the agency of man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised Him from the dead, & 11-12... But I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. ¹² For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, <u>BUT</u> IT CAME THROUGH THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST.

Here we have more Witnesses that the Children of God are born of God. The beloved Apostle Paul tells us that NO MAN or AGENCY of Men (Denomination?) sent Paul to Preach the Gospel. The Gospel Paul Preached was NOT Received or Taught to him by men.

Paul DID NOT go to Seminary or Theological School to learn the Truth of Gospel of Jesus, that He Preached, The Lord taught him.

Proverbs 20:12....The Hearing Ear and the Seeing Eye, <u>The Lord has</u> made them both.

This Verse, again confirms that People can ONLY receive understanding from God! God Alone opens the ears and eyes of People to show them His Son and His Glorious Kingdom.

How different is that TODAY with all the Bible Scholars, Theologians PhD's and Doctors of Divinity behind Pulpits and in Ministry leadership?

With the verses presented, Can you now see and understand the Importance of receiving Revelation from God in Heaven?

Now let's see what happens to those people who DO NOT receive Revelation from God in Heaven, and how the Word of God refers to them as "the Natural man" or we can say... "Unconverted man"

Paul tells us in 1Corinthians 2:14 "But <u>The Natural Man DOES NOT</u> RECEIVE the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are Spiritually Discerned."

Paul is telling us the same thing as Jesus, Unless a person is born again, (born From Above), they cannot understand, or see, the kingdom of God. Paul tells us, the Natural Unconverted man, cannot see the Kingdom of God.

The Natural person is a person Who <u>HAS NOT</u> been given revelation from God above. Their Spiritual Eyes and Ears are closed because God has Not opened them!

In fact, the things of God are foolish and make NO sense to Natural, Unconverted people who have not been given Revelation from Heaven, by God. So, we see, that the reason the religious people like the Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees could not see the Kingdom of God is because they HAD NOT Received the Revelation of Jesus, from God in Heaven. It was because of their Arrogance and Pride they rejected Jesus, the Word of God. Their Pride and Arrogance made them Unteachable. Their Religious Empires and Reputations were at stake.

TODAY, MULTITUDES OF RELIGIOUS CHURCH GOING, BIBLE BELIEVING CHRISTIANS, HAVE NEVER HAD A TRUE EXPIERENCE WITH JESUS THE SON OF GOD!

The Person Who has an Experience with God and has been touched with Divine Revelation, falls totally in Love with Jesus, Gives Jesus their Whole Heart and wants nothing but to Love, Obey and Worship Jesus, the Word of God.

These are people who just want to Talk about Jesus, Share Jesus, and want to be with Jesus! They just cannot get enough of Jesus, The Word of God! They want Jesus to be their WHOLE Life!

The reality of Sins forgiven and what Jesus did on the cross is no longer Historical head knowledge, BUT, A LIFE CHANGING EXPIERENCE.

Religious People on the other hand are those that have walked down an isle and/or Repeated the "Sinners Prayer" and/or follow a Family Traditions and/or are committed to a church, ministry and/or Fellowship.

They attend church services, have their personal Daily Devotionals and go to Bible Studies and prayer groups, pay their tithes and usually but not always, get involved in the church activities. They boast about, defend and lobby for their Denomination, Church and/or Ministry. These are People who have accepted and believe in Jesus and What Jesus has done for mankind on the Cross.

Yet when it comes down to Truly Loving Jesus with ALL their Heart and giving up their Life for Jesus, other than, their Bible studies and/or daily Devotional they see little or no reason for it. Their response for the most part is: "Jesus did it all on the cross for me" or "Jesus Paid the Price for me, anything else is works!"

These Religious Christians are involved in politics to make the world a better place to live. They have religious concerts, sports activities and leagues, religious singles dances, and all sorts of religious ministries, programs, and entertainment to entice people to get involved, join, and/or stay in their church and/or ministry. These Religious Christians become Religious Zealots, and/or Lobbyists who, Proselytize, Promote and Advertise to people about their church, ministry and/or pastor and/or the denomination they belong to.

For the most part, These Religious Christians stay in their Religion because of Family Traditions, Sentiment 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 inferior, uncomfortable, or angry.

They are given Bible study outlines and guidelines that fall in line with religious doctrines and Traditions.

These Religious People that are "unconverted" and have had no Revelation of Jesus, for the most part have given the hearts and lives to a Religious Church, Denomination, Ministry or Family Tradition, but have not given Their Hearts and Lives to Jesus, the Word of God!

It's ALL Head Knowledge, Intellect, and Information Gathering, and sadly there has been Little or NO Heart transformation!

In many cases these Religious People hear a message and are asked if they are prepared to meet God and would like eternal security to have their name written in the Book of Life to go to heaven.

People are made to feel guilty so to answer an alter call, repeat a prayer "accepting Jesus" as their personal Lord and Savior, and are told they are "Saved," and are now going to heaven!

They fill out and sign a 3X5 card, and then become a member of a church and/or religious denomination or non-denomination. They become committed and loyal to a church, religious denomination and/or religious teaching, or religious personality.

Religious People seldom talk about Jesus and what Jesus has done in their life! Their focus is the religious church and /or Ministry they belong to, constantly inviting people to come and visit.

These Religious People become Religious Lobbyists who do whatever it takes to proselytize, promote, or advance Their Church, Ministry, Denomination, and/or Religious Agenda's and/or Activities.

Today, 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 and about the Word of God.

They are continually analyzing and dissecting the Word of God to no end to attain knowledge <u>ABOUT</u> God, BUT they Seldom, if Ever, Humble themselves before God to <u>KNOW</u> God and <u>TO KNOW</u> Jesus, The Living Word of God. They are more interested in gaining Status, Knowledge and Information about Jesus, then giving up their Life FOR Jesus and Possessing and living with the "Heart of Jesus."

These Religious Christians ONLY KNOW ABOUT Jesus!

Jesus is nothing more than a Religious Historical figure to them. These people mentally and/or intellectually believe Jesus is the Son of God.

Multitudes of Religious Christians are spending hours analyzing the Word of God, even dissecting it in both the original Hebrew and Greek, instead of just being childlike and reading the Word of God asking Jesus for Wisdom and Understanding, so they may KNOW Jesus and walk and Talk with Jesus.

Matthew 18:3.....Jesus Speaking: "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means ENTER the kingdom of heaven,

Pride, Arrogance and the Building of a Career, Title or Reputation will Always seek for knowledge and/or information, instead of childlike Love and Humility to and for Jesus.

The Scribes and Pharisees, were arrogant and proud, know-it-alls. In John chapter 5 verses 31 through 47, Jesus rebukes them. Lets look at verses 39 & 40....

Jesus speaking John 5:31-47 (39-40) ³⁹ You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. ⁴⁰ But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life. Jesus Rebukes the Leaders because they were searching the Scriptures for Knowledge About the Messiah and not Loving the Messiah!

Studying about Jesus to know ABOUT Jesus, is TOTALLY different then studying the Word of God TO BE LIKE Jesus!

Theology is the study of God, NOT the study to be like Jesus!

The definition of Theology according to Merriam-Webster.com: The Study of religious faith, practice, and experience; especially the <u>study of God</u> and of God's relation to the world.

Theology can teach many truths from, and about the Word of God. Theology can and will also give many wonderful historic insights from the Word of God.

Theology can and will give people great Knowledge and Intellect.

Theology will even teach about the historic geographic locations of places in the Word of God. BUT.

There are Two things Theology <u>CANNOT</u> give a person!

- 1). Theology Can NOT give you a Heart of LOVE and HUMILITY!
- 2). Theology CAN NEVER give a person DIVINE REVELATION and A HEART and Mind TRANSFORMATION!

REVELATION COMES ONLY FROM GOD, AND BY BEING HUMBLE BEFORE GOD!

Revelation Teaches how to possess a Heart like Jesus!

A Heart and Life of Love, Humility and Compassion!

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! Paul went From A Religious Zealot for God, to A Humble Servant for Jesus his Messiah!

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

You can read about a person, you can talk to people about a person, you can even formally meet a person. BUT....If you do not spend MUCH Quality time to really get to know that person, on an intimate basis, He will not invite you into HIS home!

In BOTH Matthew 7:21-23 & Luke 13:22-28, Jesus tells us that MANY will stand before JESUS and say, "LORD, LORD." Yet Jesus Says: "I DO NOT KNOW YOU, DEPART FROM ME!"

NOTICE These "Christians" are CALLING Jesus "LORD, LORD" YET, Jesus tells them: "I DO NOT KNOW YOU, DEPART FROM ME!"

These are Religious People who profess to be Christians, and in their deceived hearts, thought they were going to Enter the Kingdom of God! BUT, because they DID NOT KNOW JESUS, and much more, importantly, JESUS DID NOT KNOW THEM! They WILL GO TO THE ETERNAL DAMNATION OF HELL! These are people who know about Jesus and know many things about Jesus, BUT do not know Jesus in a personal way!

If these people had known Jesus, they would have obeyed Jesus teachings and what Jesus required to Enter into Eternal Life. Therefore, Jesus says in Luke 6:46.... "But why do you call Me 'Lord,' and not do the things which I say?

Instead these Religious People ONLY KNEW about Jesus and Did not Give up their Life for Jesus. These people DID NOT have pure hearts that God requires us to have to see Him. (Matthew 5:8)

These are religious people, (like the pharisees of old) who are always learning, but never able to come to the knowledge of The Truth! Paul talks of this: 2 Timothy 3:1-7.... But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: ² For men will be LOVERS of Themselves, LOVERS of MONEY, (Could this apply to people behind pulpits today?) boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³ unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴ traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! ⁶ For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, ⁷ Always Learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

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

What is Really Heart Breaking to God is these Religious "Christians" will be Terrified when they end up in Hell.

THEN IT WILL BE TO LATE!

These Religious People will find out that they have been deceived, that the prayer they prayed, All the time they spent at church, the intellectual believing that Jesus is the Son of God, and/or their Daily Devotionals was not what God required for Salvation. The Wolves in Sheep clothing along with EVERYONE who followed them will Spend Eternity in HELL because of their Arrogance, Laziness and Complacency.......They were ALL Deceived! They never sought God with ALL their Heart for Truth. Knowing Jesus, The Truth was NOT Top priority or that important to them! They were comfortable and complacent in their Churches, Ministries, Reputations and/or teachings just knowing about Jesus.

Let's look again at *Matthew 18:3-4....* (Jesus Speaking)...and said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are <u>converted</u> (Born from above) and <u>become as little children</u>, you will <u>BY NO MEANS ENTER the</u> Kingdom of Heaven.

Let's look at two important things Jesus points out here. First Jesus tells us we must be "Converted" i.e. Born from Above. Secondly Jesus tells us we must be Humble as little Children to Enter the Kingdom of God!

We have already visited the first point, but, the Second point is SO very important.....Jesus tells us WE Must be HUMBLE as little
Children to ENTER into the King of God
...Do you Understand this?
WE MUST BE HUMBLE TO ENTER INTO GOD'S KINGDOM!!!

Do you know what The Two Major Characteristics MISSING in the Whole Religious Church System TODAY are?

THINK ABOUT THAT!

- 1) The LOVE of Jesus Displayed in Today's Religious Christians.
- 2) The HUMILITY of Jesus Displayed in Today's Religious Christians!

It has been said that Today's Religious Christians are so High above Heaven they must look Down to see the Throne of God!

Sadly, that has become the Rule, NOT the Exception!
There are Disagreements over Theology, Doctrines, Denominations, Interpretations, Personalities, who's right, who's wrong.
The Pride and Arrogance of Modern Christianity have turned multitudes of people away from the Truth of Jesus, the Living Word of God.

There will be a Reckoning from a Holy God about all this............
But, back to the point.

Here is where we find the Heart of the Problem and how Religions, Denominations And Misinterpretations come about!

Seminaries, Theological schools, Institutes of Bible Teachings, Bible Colleges, Church and Ministry Leaders are ALL using the Word of God, as a College TEXT BOOK!!!

The Bible is not being Treated as the Word of a Holy Loving God from Heaven!

The Bible is NOT a Text book!

It is The HEART of God, Revealed from God to Mankind showing us the LOVE God has for mankind.

This is THE REASON the WHOLE RELIGIOUS SYSTEM is so CONFUSED!

They are trying to understand the Word of God WITHOUT REVELATION Given by the Holy Spirit.

All their Religious studies, hermeneutics, and old and new Theology is making people Arrogant and Religious Scholars.

Many Christians are analyzing the Word of God, and NOT Living and/or Obeying the Word of God.

More people are concerned about translation and application then possessing and living with a Heart of Love, Humility and Compassion like Jesus! A Heart that reflects the Love of God.

Jesus says that People will know Christians by their LOVE, NOT their Church, Ministry, Denomination, Title or Reputation!

The Apostle Paul says we are to be Epistles Read and known by people...2 Corinthians 3:2...is that going on Today?

Religious Christians are not Humbling themselves as Little Children before the Lord God Who sits in the Heavens!

They are consumed with analyzing, dissecting, and looking for application and/or proper translation, of the Word of God.

They have lost the Simple and pure Devotion to Jesus as a little Child and relying on the Holy Spirit to give Revelation!

Let's go back to Matthew 18:3-4....Jesus says "unless YOU become Humble as little children you will not Enter the Kingdom of God."

A Question to you the reader......

If you were to ask a 10 year old child to clean his or her room, Surely the CHILD would NOT ask you: "How do you say that in Greek?" Can you tell me the Hermeneutic of that Question?" "Is that Question for this Culture?" "What does it say in Hebrew?" The child will either say yes or be disobedient and not obey you!

A child does not have the capacity or ability to intellectualize or analyze, a child is simple and naïve!

God kept it Simple for a reason! Man Complicated It....

Religious Churches and Leaders have lost the child like innocence before God and people. They have become Proud and Arrogant because of their Religious Knowledge, Titles and Reputations!

There is Little if Any Humility in Today's Religious Culture!

It's the child like Humility that gets the Attention of God, not Arrogant Analyzing and Accumulation of Knowledge of the Word of God!

The Apostle Paul tells us Knowledge make Arrogant; Love builds up! (1Corinthians 8:1)

It is not Intellect or Analyzation of the Word of God, but Divine Revelation from God that opens our Hearts, Eyes and Ears to the TRUTH OF what the Word of God Says!

Throughout the years, starting with Adam and Eve on to Moses through to the New Testament to the Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes and Religious Lawyers of Jesus day until this very Minute with Religious leaders Today, The Question of Deception that has led Millions Astray into Abyss of The Eternal Damnation of Hell, has always been and will Always be: "Has God Really Said...?"

As Satan manipulated The Word of God in the garden of Eden, Today, Satan is Manipulating The Word of God from behind Pulpits in EVERY CHURCH to deceive the Flocks of God.

How have we ALL become so deceived?

How have we ALL Strayed so far from the Truth?

How has the Religious System become so Hypocritical and Arrogant?

How have People been so easily lead Astray?

The Simple answer to these Questions, is Two words... Love & Humility!

There is NO or Little LOVE FOR Jesus, Who is The Word Of God! Love for and to Jesus has been replaced by Just Believing in Jesus!

There is NO or little HUMILITY TO God, to Be Like Jesus!

Possessing the Heart of Jesus has been replaced by doing things for and studying about Jesus!

There is NO or Little LOVE to know Jesus and the Fellowship of the Sufferings of Jesus and the Power of His Resurrection! (Philippians 3:10)

Adam and Eve obeyed Satan rather than the Spoken Word of God, because, they loved themselves rather than loving God....
In their Deceived hearts, they Believed they knew More than God!
The Selfishness of Adam and Eve proved to God they really did not Love, Trust or Believe what God had Commanded!

Where there is NO LOVE for God, there will always be Pride, Arrogance and Rebellion to the Word of God, Who is Jesus!

Psalm 81:15 (nasb)... ⁵ "Those who <u>Hate the Lord</u> would pretend obedience to Him, And their time *of punishment* would be forever.

Luke 6:46...Jesus speaking.... ⁴⁶ "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?

John 14:24a....Jesus Speaking.... ²⁴ He who DOES NOT LOVE ME, DOES NOT KEEP My words;.....

Because of Pride, Arrogance and Rebellion to God, People have NOT HUMBLED themselves as little Children before God, the Creator. The Intelligence, Doctorates, PhD's, Titles and Reputations of people in Churches and Ministries has become the Idolatry of Modern Christianity!

This is a big Reason That there is NO Revelation, and that the Word of God has become Sealed. With NO Revelation from God, "Private interpretations," Religions, Seminaries and Theology were born! Pride, Reputations, Theology, and Intellect have led millions to Hell.

The Sealed Word of God is ONLY understood When a person is Humble Before God.

God will then grant the reader revelation, understanding and proper interpretation and application, of His Holy Word.

Where there is No Humility...Pride and/or Arrogance is present!

Where there is No Humility... People Are UNTEACHABLE!

Where there is No Humility...There is Rebellion to the Word of God.

Where there is No Humility...There is Laziness, Peace and Safety!

Where there is No Humility...There is NO Searching for Truth!

Where there is No Humility...There will be, No Revelation, No Understanding, No Heart and/or Life change or transformation. Confusion, Private Interpretation, and Division will take place.

Look at the Religious Leaders of Jesus day, and ask yourself.... Were they teachable?

Who Are the People who got Angry at Jesus, The Word of God?

Who Are the People who were Enemies of Jesus?

Who Are the People who loved the Praises of men rather than God?

Who Are the People who got angry at Jesus for Healing on the Sabbath?

Who Are the People who Jesus called Hypocrites? (Matthew 23)

Who Are the People who wanted to Kill Jesus?

Who Are the People who succeeded in having Jesus Crucified?

If you Answered, The Religious Leaders... Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes and Lawyers, to ALL these Questions....you are Correct!!!

The Intellect, Knowledge, Pride and Arrogance Blinded their Eyes to the Messiah who God had sent to them to lead them out of Darkness!

Jesus did not fit into what they had come to Believe or Taught how the Messiah would come. Jesus, The Carpenter was NOT the Messiah they had prepared for or Who they Expected!

Their Pride, Arrogance, Titles and Reputations Blinded their Eyes and Hardened their hearts to the Truth of What was written in the Scriptures about the Messiah!

Yet God in His Abundant Love, Mercy, Patience and Longsuffering continued to do ALL He could to convince them Jesus Was in fact, Messiah!

The Spoken Truth, Signs, Wonders, Miracles and even Raising the Dead on more than one occasion, could NOT get the Religious Leaders to Humble Themselves and Admit what they believed and were teaching was WRONG!

Their Pride, Arrogance, Titles and Reputations would not allow them to give up their Religious Status and Positions to Follow the Simple Carpenter who was the Messiah!

They Suffered the Consequences of the Eternal Damnation of Hell.....A very expensive price to pay to look good to people and ENJOY ALL the PASSING PLEASURES OF SIN!

Proverbs 29:18a....Where there is NO REVELATION, the people CAST OFF RESTRAINT......;

The Word <u>Revelation</u> in The Hebrew Definition is H#2377 means: Vision or <u>Divine Revelation</u>

The Word Restrain in The Hebrew Definition is H#6544....Can also be translated; Lawless!...(Gesenius' Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon)

Here we see in Proverbs Exactly what happens when there is NO Divine Revelation Given by God to People in Religious Leadership. Whether it be in Leadership in Churches, Ministries, Seminaries, Bible Colleges or Theological Institutions, What Takes Place is: Complete Anarchy, No Restraint, Total and Complete Lawlessness. Everyone does what is right in their own eyes!

Just like it was in the book of Judges!! Judges 17:6; 21:25

Today is Just like in the Book of Judges! The Whole Religious System is Doing what is Right in Their own eyes!

When this happens, Doctrines of Demons are taught to produce all Sorts of Confusion, Rebellion, Divisions, Hypocrisies and Private Interpretations!

With NO Revelation from God, anyone can Manipulate the Word of God, to say whatever THEY want. It is easy for Wolves in Sheep clothing to appear to make disciples after themselves.

ISAIAH CHAPTER 29:9-16..... "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."

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,"

When Reading Isaiah 29, we see it Describes perfectly why The Word of God is Sealed, and what Happens when The Word of God is Sealed. Because people draw near to the Lord with Their mouths and Honor the Lord with Their Lips, yet Have Removed their Heart from the Lord, and are taught by the commandment of men.....

The Book becomes sealed, and the Lord pours out a Spirit of Deep Sleep and closes the eyes of the Prophets and covers the heads of the Seers..... The result is Spiritual Drunkenness, Anarchy, and Lawlessness.

Are you starting to understand WHY the WHOLE Religious System is so Confused, Hypocritical and such an Embarrassment to a Holy God?

Can you see why there is NO unity among the Religious System?

Do you understand the Importance of Divine Revelation From God?

Now we can understand how the WHOLE Religious System has been and is being built!

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."



GENESIS 11:4

TWISTING THE TRUTH

CHAPTER 4

"LET US BUILD OURSELVES A CITY."
THE BIRTH OF BABYLON



In the late 1970's and through the 1980's, the Electronic Church and Televangelism made its way into mainstream American Television. Televangelists such as: Billy Graham, Robert Schuller, Jimmy Swaggart, Oral Roberts, Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Kenneth Copeland, Charles Stanley, Dr. DJ Kennedy, Pat Robertson, and Jim Bakker, became Television Celebrities and Household names.

Televangelists Boasted that God "had sent them" and they had been called to "Preach the Gospel."

Television was flooded with all sorts of Christian Broadcasting. Local "Christian" Networks started popping up all over the country. Nation Wide "Christian" Networks gained popularity. Faith Broadcasting Network was the first Christian television station and the first to provide 24-hour Christian programming.

In 1983, the University Network began broadcasting the first twenty-four-hour religious television network via satellite to North America and much of Mexico and the Caribbean. Everything was being broadcast, from Church Services, Crusades, Tent Meetings, Healing Services, Bible Teachings, "Christian" talk shows and even "Christian" Telethons.

Television Programs like, Billy Graham's "Hour of Decision" Robert Schuller's "Hour of Power" broadcasted live from his 18-million-dollar Crystal Cathedral, (Approx. 60 million today) Jimmy Swaggart's "A Study in the Word," along with Jim and Tammy Baker on PTL, or the Iconic 700 club with host Pat Robertson, were staples on Television in the 80's.

The images of Televangelists laying hands on People and then having them falling over in the "Spirit," were common. While people running down isles, and people rushing to the Alter also were quite common sights.

Billy Graham, Jimmy Swaggart, Oral Roberts, and others would advertise their Crusade coming to a city and then rent a stadium or large venue.

The formula was always the same....Praise & Worship Music, a Message, A closing Invitation to the Alter to "accept," Jesus, was accompanied with soft music and the Reciting of the prayer of "Eternal Salvation." Afterward the passing out 3x5 cards to get the "converts" information. Results were publicized as soon as possible. Let the world know how many people accepted "Christ" through the Ministry.

It was becoming a "Salvation" Competition! Who had more Decisions made, Whose Ministry was Bigger.....Better! Church services and Crusades became Multi-Million Dollar Productions, and Events all done for the "Kingdom of God" of course!

In all the Preaching and Teaching of "the Gospel" by these Evangelists that were "Called by God," many of these preachers could not agree on what the Gospel is or would NOT Preach the Truth of the Gospel.

So many different Denominations, so Many Choices to make.

Doctrine was never important, "JUST PREACH JESUS!" People needed to get saved. Don't worry about doctrine. What one man would preach as "Truth" another would quickly contradict.

You didn't know who or what to Believe. Yet, churches and ministries kept Growing and preachers became more popular.

It was All so Confusing and out of control!

As the Preaching and Teaching of "The Gospel" increased, so did the "Signs and Wonders" from "God." In the "Christian Culture," Very few, if any Questioned what was going on. People were Excited at "The SuperNatural" Craze. Television Broadcasts of People getting "slain in the Spirit" and people running out of wheelchairs were a nightly watch. Reports of "Healings" were spreading all over with ittle or No Confirmation! "God" was supposedly confirming the Preaching of "The Gospel" with These So Called "Signs and Wonders!"

Oral Roberts's successful use of television as a medium to gain a wider audience for Preaching and Healing ministries, led other Ministries and preachers to follow suit.

Kenneth Copeland, soon followed with a "healing" ministry, along with Pat Robertson, Peter Popoff, WV Grant, Ernest Angley, Robert Tilton and Benny Hinn. These ALL became well-known televangelists who Boasted to heal the sick.

Still, in all the Confusion, Disagreements and Differing Doctrines and Teachings, People were still getting "Saved, and Healed" All you had to do is look at how churches and ministries were growing by the thousands.

Bible Studies in people's homes were popping up all over. You could go to a Bible study every lunch hour or every night of the week, a Bible study Explosion had taken America by Storm. It was always the same, refreshments, lots of fellowship and then teaching the Word of God and prayer.......Yet, in all of it.....still, people could not agree on a few or many doctrines. God forbid you disagreed with a Pastor or Ministry leader; you became the "Trouble Maker." People loved their Pastors, Churches and their Comfortable Church Doctrines, Traditions, Theology and Beliefs.

Getting "Saved" and Being a "Born Again" Christian became popular as Churches began to Grow.

The Messages of "Salvation, Prosperity and Hope" were spreading, while the lives of people were "Changing" around the world. Being "A Christian" was "cool" Even Hollywood and some of their celebrities Professed to be "Christian" and Promoted it.

A new concept in American Television also became very popular: "Christian Talk Shows." A casual entertaining discussion of Testimonies of what God had done in the lives of people, including: Hollywood Celebrities, Entertainers, Sports Stars, Politicians and ANY Big name who professed to be "a Christian." Talk Shows such as: The 700 Club, TBN, and PTL were "The Christian" alternative to Late night TV.

Amy Grant burst on the scene and Contemporary Christian music was promoted and accepted. Amy Grant had broken new ground. She didn't act or dress like the traditional old fashion "Christian" girls. She wore High Heels, tight pants and She even wore make up. She was all over the radio and even appeared on The Johnny Carson show! She was even winning Grammy's!

The Queen of Disco, Donna Summer, was singing "Gospel" songs, that were Promoted on mainstream Radio and was sharing Christianity.

"Christian" Rock & Roll and "Christian" Heavy Metal or ("White Metal" or "Heavenly Metal" as they called it) bands were quickly Introduced. There was some push back by the traditionalists, but the excuse was: "It's not the Music, it's the Lyrics"

Contemporary Christian music of all sorts was the New way to reach the kids, teens and young Adults that were "lost."

Suddenly there were NO boundaries on how to present Jesus and "The Gospel." The slogan of "Whatever it takes" was the mandate to get people to a Church, a Revival, or a "Christian" concert!

Souls were at stake!

As Churches and Ministries grew, so did The Ambitions and "Visions" of Church and Ministry Leaders. Outreach programs were popping up all over. "The Great Commission," Was now the focus of every Church and Ministry.

"The Great Commission" was to be taken Seriously. (We will visit "The Great Commission later")

"Preach the Gospel and Make Disciples ALL over the World," rang out from pulpits all over. As the Messages Spread and Crowds increased, Personalities, Reputations and Ministries became Popular, and Grew...They Grew by the Thousands! Churches and Ministries around the world were shouting from the Mountain tops: "Jesus Saves!" and "Accept Jesus" "Believe in Jesus!" "Make Jesus your Savior Today!."
Television and Radio ratings soared.

The sale of Books, Cassette tapes and Ministry Merchandise was flying off the shelves. Everything from Jesus Tee shirts, Jesus Golf Hats and WWJD Bracelets (What Would Jesus Do) became fashionable and were being worn by people all over. People just could not get enough of it.

The Commercialization of the Gospel was overwhelming America!

The Messages of Salvation, Prosperity, Faith, Hope, Healing and A Guarantee of Eternal Life by Simply Reciting a Prayer and "Believing in Jesus" was being Preached and ECHOING throughout ALL the World!

Just recite this Simple Prayer: Admit you're a Sinner, and confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and Believe in your Heart that God Raised Jesus from the Dead. You are Now SAVED!

All your Sins: Past, Present and Future are Now Forgiven!
God loves you so much, that ALL you must do, is accept and Believe in Jesus as your own "Personal Lord & Savior" to get into Heaven!
Oh Yes, and don't forget to pay your Tithe, so God can Bless You!
Money poured into Churches and Ministries by the Millions.
Marketing, Advertising, and Image Consulting Companies were
Now Hired by Churches and Ministries, to Polish the Images of
Pastors, Leadership Personalities, Churches, and Ministries alike.
Promoting, Appealing and Pleasing the masses was Vital!

The Shaping, Molding and even Choreographing of Church and Ministry Services along with The Personalities, and Presentations of Sermons to fit multitudes was now left to the "Professionals." Leave no stone Unturned.

"Jesus Saves," and "God has a Wonderful plan for Your Life" needed to get promoted, in a Professional and Embracing Presentation! Names and Reputations were Made!

A NEW DAY HAD DAWNED IN CHRISTIANITY: THE COMMERCIALIZATION OF PREACHING

"THE GOSPEL" OF SALVATION.

THE RELIGIOUS CORPERATE CHURCH KINGDOM WAS BORN!

From the 80's until Today, The Commercialized Gospel has not changed, in Fact it's actually gotten worse, Much Worse! The emphasis on the "Prosperity Gospel," "Self-help" and "Be-All-You-Can-Be Gospel," has flooded and Overtaken American Churches.

The Teaching of Seeking the Hand of God has replaced Seeking The Face of God.

Pride and Arrogance has replaced Humility and Brokenness.

Loving Jesus with All your Heart has been Replaced by just believing in Jesus!

The Prosperity and Self-Help Gospel has taken over American Churches, Along with the Opulence and Lifestyles of Today's Preachers!

Mega Churches, Mega Mansions, Private Jets, Rolls Royce's, Popularity, International Reputations, and an Extravagant Life-Style are some of the Evidence of a Having a "Successful" Ministry!

Today, almost 40 years later with the Explosion of technology, The Internet, and world-wide information being shared in Minutes and Seconds, the Messages of "Salvation" "Prosperity" and "Faith" are preached and received in the comfort of a home, office or even the car.

Unlike the 80's, Today, anyone can share a message to the World at no or extraordinarily little production or administrative costs! YouTube, Facebook, Instagram and other internet websites make that all possible.

Unlike the 80's, Today, Anyone, Anywhere at Anytime can share a message to Hundreds, Thousands or even Millions of People, with a camera phone....that's it! Nothing elaborate or complicated.

The Best part of all of this, is, if you can get people to like your content and get enough followers and views, you will get sponsors and make money, LOTS OF MONEY!!!

Just make sure you hit that Subscribe Button and Like

The Availability of a Worldwide Audience Today is so much easier than back in the 80's and so much less costly.

The messages, for the most part, are Generic with a Broad appeal!

Scriptures are Still cherry picked and the people behind pulpits and Video Cameras are delivering messages that appeal to a broad audience so not to offend anyone.

Controversial Topics for the most part, are still avoided, and Scriptures and Doctrines that can or would cause a church split are skipped and/or ignored.

Messages are kept Religiously correct and non-controversial to keep unity in congregations. No Church Splits Are Allowed.

The Doctrine of Easy Salvation and Simply "Believing in Jesus" and the message "God has a Wonderful plan for your life" that was spread all over the world in the 80's and 90's has laid the Foundation for most of ALL the Doctrines of Today's preachers and teachers.

Today, the Confusion and Hypocrisy in the Religious System is COMPLETELY OUT OF CONTROL!

If you have accepted Jesus as your personal Lord & Savior, according to the Doctrines of Modern Theology and Most Churches Today, you are "Saved" and Heaven Bound.

To Emphasize this point of Confusion in Modern Church Theology Today, Let's look at 3 Mega churches in a less then about a 50-mile radius of each other in the Atlanta Ga. Area.

Today in Atlanta Georgia, there is a Southern Baptist Mega Church with over 5,000 members and is, for the most part, considered one of the MOST CONSERVATIVE MEGA churches in America. The Senior pastor of this Mega Church is Internationally Renowned, written many books, has been on television and radio for many years, and is seen and known all over the world, and is known for his Southern Baptist Conservative Theological Teachings. His name....Charles Stanley

Just 17.5 miles down the road less than 30 minutes away in the Atlanta Georgia area, is another Mega Church.

It is a Non-Denominational Church, and is considered, a very liberal church with very liberal theological teachings.

This Mega Church boasts of over 30,000 members with many satellite campuses.

The Senior pastor of this Mega Church has developed a popular reputation, with his liberal teachings of the Word of God. He recently got himself in some hot water when he told his congregation to "Unhitch the Old Testament" from their Bibles. He has also written many books and is considered to have one of the largest ministries in America. He also happens to be, the son of the Southern Baptist Mega Church Pastor less than 20 miles down the road. I am referring to Andy Stanley the Son of Charles Stanley. Here we have a Father and son, with Two Polar opposites in their Bible Teachings, yet believe they are both going to Heaven.

Let us continue on.....shall we?

Also, in the Atlanta Georgia area, less than an hour away from both churches, is another Mega Church of over 30,000 members. This "pastor, evangelist" boasts of an international following, with satellite campuses across America and the world. This man has an International reputation for preaching "The Prosperity Gospel," and for soliciting his followers to buy a 63-million-dollar private jet, which he did indeed purchase. This so-called "pastor, evangelist" owns not one, but TWO Rolls Royce cars. I am talking about Creflo Dollar.

The irony of this, is that the Greatest Evangelist that walked the face of the earth, Jesus the Son of God, walked most of time, took a boat, and used a mule. Jesus never asked anyone for money!

Jesus only asked TO SEE money! And that was to show an example of who you pay taxes to. (Mt.22:19; Mk.12:15: Lk.20:24)

Here we have 3 VERY Different Mega Churches, in the same Atlanta Ga. Area, ALL with 3 VERY DIFFERENT Theological Teachings, and Doctrines with ONE Common Denominator... They ALL believe they are going to Heaven, because they have "Accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord & Savior and are Saved!"

THERE IS A HUGE BIBLICAL PROBLEM WITH ALL OF THIS!

ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF GOD, IT IS BIBLICALLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM ALL TO BE RIGHT!

BECAUSE, THE LIVING WORD OF GOD, THAT PEOPLE REFER TO AS THE BIBLE, HAS THE FINAL AUTHORITY! THE WORD OF GOD TEACHES IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THEM ALL TO BE CORRECT!

It is Quoted...... "A 95% TRUTH IS A 100% LIE!"
THIS QUOTE COULD NOT APPLY MORE TO WHAT IS
BEING PREACHED AND TAUGHT IN <u>PULPITS TODAY</u>.

Preachers More than <u>EVER TODAY</u> are Preaching and/or <u>Teaching People only PART OF THE TRUTH!</u>

People behind pulpits are NOT telling People ALL the Teachings of Jesus and What Jesus REQUIRES to Enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.

People behind pulpits are NOT teaching what Jesus Teaches us on how to be A Disciple of Jesus and to Follow Him and what the Word of God says to us about SALVATION!

In this study, we will look at The Word of God, and the part of the "The Great Commission" that Jesus Teaches In the Word of God, that churches and ministries will either Ignore and/or Manipulate. This will answer Questions and Explain why the Whole Religious church system is Today's Modern Babylon!

The Word of God will Expose why the WHOLE RELIGIOUS SYSTEM TODAY, IS MODERN BABYLON and is Teaching and Leading Multitudes of Unsuspecting Sheep into The ETERNAL Damnation of Hell!

This is a study where we will examine the Word of God, and show according to the Word of God, why it is 100% IMPOSSIBLE for ALL the churches to have DIFFERENT teachings, doctrines, and beliefs and EVERYONE end up going to heaven.

Let's look at a few Definitions: (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....

The definition of Tumult..... a loud, confused noise, especially one caused by a large mass of people. (This word is used 25 times in the NKJV Bible, and is #H1995 it means Confusion, roar, crowd, etc.)

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. 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, The Religious Church System, has become Worldly, Materialistic, Compromising, and Political.

The Religious System has become an Institution unto itself!

Religious Denominational Leaders can and do Influence Politicians in the Local, State, Country and World Governments.

This is 100% AGAINST the Word of God.

I Corinthians 14:33 NASB "For God is not the author of <u>CONFUSION</u> but of peace, as <u>IN ALL THE CHURCHES</u> 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 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 Why The WHOLE Confused Religious Worldly Ungodly Church System is Modern Babylon.

What the Whole Confused Ungodly Worldly Religious Church System has done, is used the common denominator, of Jesus, The Word of God, and taken a handful of feel good 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.

Today the confusing, ungodly worldly religious church system has not taken the Word of God seriously and/or SIN Seriously.

Let's look at How and Why this has and is Happening!

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.

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. (making an intellectual decision)

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 Religious 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 with over 7 million members in over 170 countries. (in Tenn)

- 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 several 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. Outer 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 ALL GOING TO HEAVEN!

All of these Organized Religions with their Private Interpretations and in many cases, Ungodly Religious Traditions made up, that CANNOT Be Found Anywhere in The Word of God, or Totally Ignoring what is in the Word of God.

All Religious Traditions ARE made up to appeal to large masses of People, and To Control people.

These Mainstream Religions have everything from changing the 10 Commandments, to Praying to Dead People, and lighting candles. Many Religions Today are Ordaining Homosexuals as Religious Leaders, making the Word of God a History book or Theological Reference guide.

10 Different Denominations, 10 Different Teachings, 10 Different ways Into Heaven? How is this Possible, when Jesus Says: "There is Only ONE Road into Heaven!" Mat. 7:13-14 & LK 13:23-28

Is this not CONFUSING and ignoring MANY parts of The Word of God?

How is it possible for ALL these Religious DIFFERENT ROADS to Lead into Eternal Life, When Jesus says there is only "ONE Narrow Road" into Eternal life?

Someone is WRONG and it is Definitely NOT Jesus, the Son 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, (Christians, see Acts 11:26) 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, or the Church you Attend.

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 in Modern Christianity, is People in Religious Leadership with Ambition, Egos and great pride have HAND picked and twisted feel good verses in God's word to appeal to large crowds to not Offend anyone and have Skipped verses NESSESARY 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 written To God's people, About God's people, and For God's people.

Again, as stated in the previous chapter Unless A Person receives Revelation from God, NO ONE WILL understand God's Word.

The Whole Religious System in it's Arrogance and Ambition has ignored much of the Word of God, so they could Influence and "Win" the World for Jesus.

The Whole Religious System Has Compromised the Word of God so they Would not Offend people and Build their own "Religious Kingdoms" and "Empires."

By the Lifestyles of church going Religious People, you can NOT tell who the Disciples of Jesus are from Unconverted Non-Believers.

The Disciple of Jesus were called Christians because they lived like Jesus Christ! (Acts 11:26) The people they were around, saw, heard and experienced a different lifestyle with the Disciples of Jesus.

We are to follow Jesus according to <u>ALL</u> the Words of Jesus So we can possess the Heart of Jesus and be Just like the First Disciples. The Heart of Jesus is <u>A Heart of Love</u>, <u>Humility and Compassion</u>. The Heart of Jesus is also <u>A Heart of Self-Denial and Self-Sacrifice</u>. (See Luke 14:25-33)

As Christians WE are to follow Jesus and ALL the Words of Jesus!

WE ARE NOT TO FOLLOW:

A Religious Denomination, A Religious Family Tradition, A Religious Affiliation or A Religious Leader or Personality!

The Word of God is VERY CLEAR, starting from Exodus through The Last book of the Word of God Called: The Revelation of Jesus Christ. God COMMANDED His People to NEVER to mingle with any other Nations or the World. God knew that the influences of the nations and the World would entice His people and turn their hearts from God and not be FAITHFUL to Him.

The World has influenced the Church System, to the point Where Sin, Hypocrisy Adultery, Homosexuality and every Abomination is accepted. (Ex. 34:10-17; Nu. 15:39-40; 1 John 2:15-17; are only a few.)

Remember the Definition of Blasphemy is:

The act of insulting or <u>LACK OF REVERENCE FOR GOD</u>; something said or done that is disrespectful to <u>God</u>.

According to the Word of God, It is blasphemy, for ALL organized and unorganized religions to go to heaven having different beliefs, and teachings.

According to the Word of God, It is blasphemy, for men to put aside their doctrinal differences and "all get along" and all go to heaven.

According to the Word of God, It is blasphemy, for a person or organization to add to, or take from the Word of God. (Rev 22:1)

According to the Word of God, It is blasphemy, for people to love OTHER gods and idols and be taught and/or believe they still can go to heaven.

According to the Word of God, It is blasphemy, for people to be taught and believe, that the blood Jesus shed for the forgiveness of sins, is a "fire insurance policy" to keep you from hell!

According to the Word of God, It is blasphemy, for supernatural events (signs & wonders) to take place by ungodly, disobedient people to the Word of God, and say it is the work of the "holy spirit."

This is so important!! Please read the references. These verses will Explains what is Going in MANY churches and Ministries Today Like: Benny Hinn and others (1 Sam. 15:22-23; Matt.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 hypocritical worldly religious system that is filled with confusion? (1Cor 14:33; James 3:14-16)

If Satan is the Ruler of this World (John 12:31, 14:30 16:11) and the whole hypocritical religious 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, (Giving up your Life and taking up your cross Daily) can we say they are preaching doctrines of demons? (Luke 9:23-25 & 14:25-33)

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? (read 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 and prove your sorry for (repent) of your sins, and to live a life of self-denial and taking up your cross.

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, exalts itself, and 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, unholy, 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? (see Leviticus 16)

If God expelled Adam and Eve from His presence for one act of Disobedience to His Word. How will "Christians" who live Sinful ungodly, unholy, worldly, lives that are disobedient to the Word of God, get into God's presence and into Heaven?

If Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:3-4 that unless we are HUMBLE as little Children, we CANNOT ENTER into the Kingdom of Heaven. How Can ANYONE who is Proud and/or Arrogant enter Heaven?

If a worldly, hypocritical religious person or people are doing "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, (2 Sam 6:8-11 & 1 Chron. 13:9-14)

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 Vengeance awaits the Person, People, or Culture 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 (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 be Unfaithful to Him, by playing the harlot and loving or serving other gods and idols.

If God's people were Unfaithful to God, the anger and wrath of God 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.

If His people DID NOT turn from their Sin and Wickedness, Then, God would bring Judgment on His people.

Today the confusing, hypocritical, worldly religious church system has not taken the Word of God seriously and/or sin seriously.

This hypocritical, worldly religious church system has invented and taught doctrines to allow people to continue to practice sin and live in their sinful lifestyles.

This hypocritical, worldly religious church system has allowed people to be friends with the world, live in their sin, and believe they are going to heaven.

This hypocritical, 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 nger. By Loving, Worshiping and Serving the gods and idols of the world, God's people are being Unfaithful to The Lord and 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 or no difference between themselves and People who proclaim to be Christians!

By Practicing their sin and serving their worldly gods and idols, these religious people are showing everyone they have little or no fear of God. They trivialize what Jesus did on the cross and turn the precious grace of God into a license to sin and live Lawlessly and recklessly!

This confusing, hypocritical, worldly religious church system that is a dwelling place of unholy spirits (demons) is Modern Babylon!

The Religious System allows, and in some cases encourages, people to play the harlot (play the harlot i.e. be unfaithful to God) against God by being Worldly and not renouncing or condemning sin in people's lives!

This Modern Day Babylon, that is a Confusing, Hypocritical, Worldly Religious Church System cannot agree with what the gospel is, and/or, many other Biblical doctrines. Yet everyone believes they are going to heaven!

Do you really think God is part of all this Confusion?

This Modern Day Babylon is a Confusing, Hypocritical, Worldly Religious Church System. This 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, is a confusing, hypocritical, worldly religious church system that is so corrupt and vile before a Holy God to the point that they teach certain books of the Word of God are not relevant for today, even telling congregations to "unhitch" the Old Testament from the Bible! (Andy Stanley Has Taught This)

This Modern Day Babylon, is a confusing, hypocritical, worldly religious church system that is filled with Pride, Arrogance, Rebellion, Self-glory, Selfishness and Self-gratification.

This religious system is very busy promoting people, books, CD's, organizations, devotionals and all sorts of ungodly religious debris in the name of Jesus.

It is so busy in fact, that people know MORE about religious teachings and Leaders then they know About Jesus, the Word of God!

This Modern Day Babylon does not teach people to be humble or to walk humbly with and/or like Jesus.

Instead of people coming to Jesus in brokenness and in True Repentance, for their sin, people are taught:

Just Accept Jesus as your Personal Lord and Savior and ask Jesus to forgive you, and you will be forgiven of all your sins! All 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, hypocritical, worldly religious church system, <u>Has NOT Taught</u> people that to follow Jesus, you have A PRICE TO PAY, So count the Cost to Follow your Beloved Savior! (see Luke 14:25-33)

According to the Word of God, Jesus tells us, To follow Jesus, You MUST deny yourself of the lusts of the flesh, the lusts of the world and the pride of life, and you MUST take up your cross and lose your life for Jesus and the gospel.

AS JESUS GAVE UP HIS LIFE FOR YOU, YOU MUST GIVE UP YOUR LIFE FOR JESUS!

How is it that people can, will and would lose family, friends, jobs, careers, homes, and their own lives for drugs, gambling, work, relationships, and alcohol, but to Give up EVERYTHING for Jesus, People are Called, in fact being Religious Fanatic?

Could this be part of "another gospel" being preached?

This Modern Day Babylon, that is a confusing, hypocritical worldly religious church system, has preached and taught about the wonderful grace of God.

However, this hypocritical, 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 <u>Deny</u> Ungodliness, and Worldly Lusts and we should live Seriously, Righteously and Godly in this present age. (Titus 2:11-14)

This Modern Day Babylon, that is a confusing, hypocritical worldly religious church system, has ignored the True Teaching in The Word of God on how we are to live.

That is how we are to OBEY the teaching of Grace.

In II Corinthians 6:1 Paul warns The New Testament church NOT TO RECEIVE THE GRACE OF GOD IN VAIN!.

Today <u>WE</u> are the New Testament Church!

That means it is Possible to Receive the grace of God in Vain!

Is it possible people are missing out on how to use God's grace, that is called STREGNTH in 2 Cor.12:9-10 because of the ungodly doctrines of demons being preached? ... Please Think about that!

This Modern Day Babylon, that is a confusing, hypocritical, 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, Where they Reject, Explain away or just Ignore the Word of God.

This Modern Day Babylon, that is a confusing, hypocritical, worldly religious church system, has become a religious competition of who can outgrow who, in church growth and programs.

Churches Emphasize Quantity not Quality.

Programs like "Seeker Churches" and "Community" are stench in the nostrils of a Holy God.

These are Dreams, Visions and Ideas of ungodly ambitious men building religious empires! These programs are NOT according to the Word of God, nor ordained by God.

Finally, this Modern Day Babylon – this confusing, hypocritical, worldly religious church system is filled with Arrogance, Worldliness, and Hypocrisy. It is vile before God and is leading multitudes into the pit of Eternal Hell.

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 the road into the kingdom of heaven.

Let's look Jeremiah chapter 7 and compare it to today.

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. 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 describe the Hypocritical religious system today perfectly?

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. Eph 5:1-7; Col 3:1-10; 1 John 5:21

Notice in the last verse of 1 John 5:21, John warns the New Testament Church to Guard, or Protect themselves from Idols. John is Talking About the Idols Described by the Apostle Paul in Both Colossians 3 and Ephesians 5.

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 then 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?

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 Teach people to imitate the nature of Jesus, (LOVE, and HUMILITY) but in fact imitates the nature and character of Satan? (Pride, Greed, Selfishness, Lust, 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. Stop and Take a Real Good look at the Religious System.

Does Christianity Today REFLECT Jesus or a Religious Business?

Isn't The Whole Religious System filled with Confusion Ungodliness, Hypocrisy and ALL sorts of Sin that God is NOT pleased with.

Today we can compare the Lifestyles and Behaviors of the Modern Worldly Religious Church System With a Modern Sodom & Gomorrah! Why???

Because The Whole Hypocritical Religious Church System Does
Absolutely Nothing To Teach people How to Stop Sinning, and
Stop Gratifying and Satisfying the Sinful Flesh Human Nature!

Multitudes of Religious People DO NOT belong to Jesus. These Religious People belong to Churches, Denominations, Fellowships and Ministries but NOT to Jesus!

They pay the Lord God Lip Service, by honoring Him with their lips and their Heart is Far away from Him.

They continue to practice Sin and Continue to Satisfy and Gratify their Desires and Lusts!

Galatians 5:24....Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

The Lord Reveals in Ezekiel the Sins of Sodom.....

Ezekiel 16:48-50......⁴⁸ "As I live," says the Lord God,..... "⁴⁹ Look, this was the iniquity of your sister Sodom: She and her daughter had pride, fullness of food, and abundance of idleness; neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.

⁵⁰ And they were haughty and committed abomination before Me; therefore I took them away as I saw *fit*.

Here we see a description of Sodom that reflects Today's Modern Christianity..... Pride, Fullness of Food, Abundance of Idleness and neglect of the poor and needy.....can you see the comparison?

The Lord God destroyed Sodom & Gomorrah for their Sinful Abominations before His Eyes.

What awaits Modern Christianity??

Let's look at Today's False Prophets, the Wolves in Sheep Clothing to see how we have gotten to this place.

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

Jesus speaking about religious hypocritical leadership
Matthew 7:15

TWISTING THE TRUTH

CHAPTER 5

TODAYS FALSE PROPHETS WOLVES IN SHEEP CLOTHING



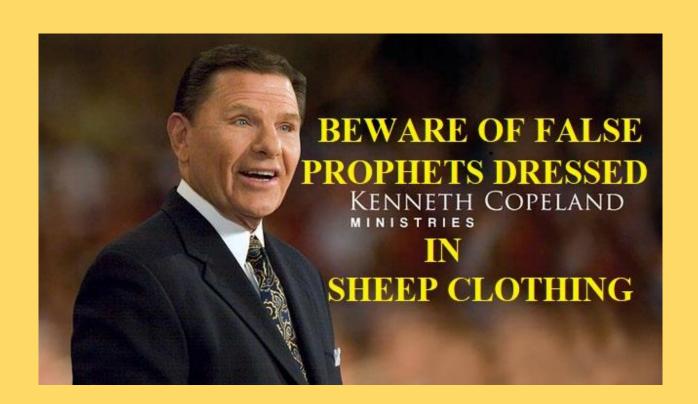
Thus says the Lord of hosts:

"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.

Jeremiah 23:16

Your prophets have seen for you False and
Deceptive Visions;
They have NOT UNCOVERED YOUR SIN,
To bring back your captives But have envisioned for you
FALSE PROPHECIES and DELUSIONS.

Lamentations 2:14





Before we start the next Chapter on Todays False Prophets.

I want to encourage you, the reader, to keep an open and humble heart and to Search The Word of God, for yourself.

Do this, so you may receive Revelation and Understanding from the Lord on how Todays False Prophets are leading Multitudes of people into Hell.

Remember this very important fact: ALL the Pharisees, Scribes, and Sadducees (RELIGIOUS LEADERS) that opposed and contended against Jesus, went to Hell if they did not repent and follow Jesus According to ALL the Words of Jesus!

As a Loving Father Protecting and Warning His Children from Evil and Corrupt people, the Lord God goes through Great lengths to Warn and Teach us about False Prophets.

From Genesis chapter 3 When Satan Manipulated the Words God spoke to Adam and Eve, to Deceive Eve, to the Tower of Babel, through Malachi.

God continually Warns, gives Examples, and Teaches us, His Children, the Behaviors, Lifestyles, Doctrines and Teachings of False Prophets.

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 preach and teach? The Topic of False Prophets is So Close to the Heart of God, that The Lord God has done much in helping us in Identifying, the Behaviors, Lifestyles and Teachings of False Prophets. This so TODAY we can Identify Who are these Wolves in Sheep Clothing! The Lord God in His Love for His Children, has given us some help.....search out the following and you will see a pattern the Lord has Given us:

In both Jeremiah Chapter 23 & Matthew Chapter 23 are both very specific about Behaviors, Attitudes, Messages and Doctrines that are Preached by False Teachers & Prophets Then and TODAY! In 14 Books of The Word of God, The 13th Chapter Addresses: Who are False Prophets, Their Rebellion, Sin and/or Consequences for Ungodly Behavior.

OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
DeuteronomyChapter 13	MatthewChapter 13 & 23
1 SamuelChapter 13	ActsChapter 13
2 SamuelChapter 13	RevelationChapter 13
1 KingsChapter 13	
1 ChroniclesChapter 13	
2 ChroniclesChapter 13	
NehemiahChapter 13	
IsaiahChapter 13	
JeremiahChapters 13 &	£ 23
EzekielChapter 13	
HoseaChapter 13	

The Number 13 is Symbolic For Biblical

Rebellion and Lawlessness.

Nimrod, the mighty hunter who was 'before the Lord' (meaning he tried to take the place of God - Genesis 10:9), was the 13th in Ham's line (Ham was one of Noah's three sons who survived the flood). Thirteen represents all the governments created by men, and inspired by Satan, in outright rebellion against God.

The phrase 'valley of Hinnom' (or variation thereof) occurs in 13 places in Scripture. The valley was the scene of the evil-inspired rites of the pagan god Moloch (or Molech).

(Taken from Biblestudy.Org)

The 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 ate and drank in the presence of the Lord and saw the God of Israel. (Exodus 24:9-11)

In Exodus 32 we see that Moses delayed in coming down from the mountain. The people then gathered before Aaron and manipulated him to make another god. (A gold calf) Aaron, because he loves the praise of men, rather than the Approval of God, listens to the people and gives the people instruction to bring their gold to him. Aaron makes a molded calf of gold, then, builds an Alter before it and proclaims, "Tomorrow is a feast to the Lord."

Exodus 32:1-8 Now when the people saw that Moses delayed coming down from the mountain, the people gathered together to Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make us gods that shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." And Aaron said to them, "Break off the golden earrings which are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me."

So, all the people broke off the golden earrings which were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. And he received the gold from their hand, and he fashioned it with an engraving tool, and made a molded calf. Then they said:

"This is your god, O Israel, that brought you out of the land of Egypt!"

So, when Aaron saw it, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow is a feast to the Lord." 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. 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."

In this example we can see how a man Chosen of God, a man who ate and drank in the Presence of God and Saw the God of Israel, who performed and had seen Signs, Wonders and Miracles can start off on the right path with God, and lose his way! (remember Aaron was chosen of the Lord to go to the top of the mountain to eat and drink and see and be with the Lord.) (Exodus 24:9-11)

But if that Man fears people and wants to please people rather than

The same thing happen to King Saul!

I Samuel 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."

God, he will be disobedient to the Word of God and go astray.

Proverbs 29:25 The FEAR OF MAN Brings a Snare. But whoever trusts the Lord will be safe.

So, by Saul fearing the people and being Afraid of what the People would, Say, Do or Think, Saul was snared into Disobeying the Word of the Lord from Samuel.

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.

Numbers 16:1-40 "All the congregation is Holy, Every One of them and that Moses exalts himself above the congregation."

We see the outcome – God destroyed the false prophets by opening the earth and swallowing them up Alive to descend alive into Hell!. The Lord in His abundant love and mercy shows us all through His word, warnings, teachings, and examples of false prophets.

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..."

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 Modern Christianity Today.

Jeremiah 5:12-13 "They (false prophets) 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"

Jeremiah 5:30-31 "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?"

Jeremiah 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.

Jeremiah 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. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; In the time of their punishment They shall be cast down," says the Lord.

In these verses we see that false prophets have lied to the people of God 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 on the cross, God sees the blood of Jesus, not my sins!" While there is little IF ANY, Shame or Remorse for their Sin and Ungodly Behavior, Conversations or Thoughts!!!

There is a consistent theme All through the Word of God.

The men that had an Encounter with The Lord God and were constantly in the Presence of the Lord God were Humbled by the Presence of God.

The men who Encountered the Lord God, had their lives changed and were Humbled and Loved the Lord God with ALL their Heart!

Preaching the Gospel was not a Profession or Career!

Multitudes of people behind pulpits TODAY, are preaching Doctrines and Teachings they have learned from Seminaries, Theology Colleges and Universities and/or Denominations. They have learned doctrines of just "ask God to forgive you of your sins and accept Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior and you are "saved" and are going to heaven." There is little, if any, shame of sin, and/or TRUE REMORSE and/or regret FOR SIN! Very seldom if at all, are people taught they are Sinners, Enemies of God and/or Hostile toward God.

The message that God has a wonderful plan for your life and you can be all you want to be, Echo's throughout the land.

The False Prophets Today are preaching and teaching a different gospel, with another Jesus!

According to the Word of God, these are called doctrines of demons! Multitudes of "Christians" will be shocked when they end up in The Eternal Damnation of Hell with NO ESCAPE!

Let's look at Jeremiah chapter 23

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.

Jeremiah 23:9-14.....Jeremiah Speaking "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."

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."

23:21-32 "I (THE LORD) 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 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 (not man-made doctrines) and turned them from their sin. The False Prophets preach and teach a message of false peace and safety. These statements in Jeremiah from the LORD Himself applies to thousands even tens of thousands of people behind pulpits, in Ministry and/or seminaries 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! What do they learn? They learn Doctrines, Teachings and Traditions of men and/or Religious Denominations.

This is NOT knowing God or receiving Revelation from God!
This is learning Theology and Man-made Teachings and Doctrines!

Definition of THEOLOGY: <u>The Study</u> of religious faith, practice, and experience; especially: <u>The Study</u> of God and of God's relation to the world, a system of religious beliefs. Webster dic.

These people who study theology, know about God, but, seldom if at all, have an Encounter with God and KNOW GOD in an intimate relationship!

They May know the ins and outs of the Bible,

BUT....
They DO NOT KNOW THE AUTHOR OF THE BIBLE!

True Christianity is KNOWING GOD, not Studying ABOUT GOD!

(JOHN 17:3..... And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.)

True Christianity is having the Heart of Jesus, (Love, Humility, and Compassion) not knowing about Jesus.

These people have become Religious Intellectual Scholars, on a road to the ETERNAL DAMNATION OF HELL!

Never believing that is where they will end up!

Theology is the study, of the studies of men who have studied about God. IT really should be called theologyology!

The study of books Written by men, through out many years, who have studied books written by Other men, who have studied teachings and interpretations of Other men, who have studied About 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 <u>theological pursuits or Community Betterment.</u>

A person can even receive these credentials by studying online. All this study is learning about God and the things and teachings of God, but NOT having an Experience or Revelation with God Himself.

The Word of God has been and is treated and studied like a common College textbook gathering information, memorizing it, and learning historical and geographical facts, instead of seeking A REVELATION FROM GOD, to Know God!

All a person has to do is pick a denomination they are comfortable with, register, take courses, pass the tests, and you have your title! All the while learning traditions, doctrines, and teachings of men! They Do NOT receive revelation from God!

2 Timothy 3:7.... These are people who are "... ALWAYS LEARNING and NEVER able to come to the KNOWLEDGE of the TRUTH"

These are the very people that the Prophet Jeremiah tells us about

As it is written in The Word of God:

Today!

Jeremiah 14:14.....And the Lord said to me, <u>"The Prophets Prophesy LIES IN MY NAME. I HAVE NOT SENT THEM, Commanded Them, nor Spoken To Them;</u> they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart.

Jeremiah 23:21-22. The Lord Speaking: "I DID NOT SEND these Prophets Yet they ran: I DID NOT SPEAK TO 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.

When Jesus calls His disciples, He calls those who He Himself wants to be with Him, so He may Teach them and send them out.

Just as described in the gospel of Mark.

Then Jesus appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach.

Mark 3:13-15 And He went up on the mountain and called to Him those He Himself wanted. And they came to Him. Then He appointed twelve, (1) THAT THEY MIGHT BE WITH HIM, and (2) that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons....

Notice the order;....Jesus wanted his disciples to be with Him first! This way the disciples could know Jesus, be with Jesus, and hear and understand His teachings! THEN, Jesus, would send them out to preach.

We have multitudes of people preaching and teaching religious Theological Doctrines and Traditions, that they learned in Religious Seminaries, Colleges and/or Ministries.

These False Teachers and False Prophets are leading multitudes of people to Hell because 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 be 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 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.

Notice Jeremiah makes a Point of Saying HEAR THE LORD'S WORDS.....Not the Teachings or Doctrines of men!

The prophets would turn the Lord's people from their wicked ways. i.e. Turn people from 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!" "Be All you Can Be"
"Accept Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior and be guaranteed Eternal Life in Heaven."

Which leads us to Jeremiah chapter 28. Another exceptionally good example of what to look for in false prophets.

Again, the message of a false prophet is peace and safety. Here are other references to look at.

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."

Jeremiah 28:15-17 "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: 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.

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—....

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 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 Worldly, Selfishly and Recklessly.

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!

Do you have any Idea, How and Why Preachers and Teachers ARE NOT telling people the truth of the Gospel?

Why are leaders in the ungodly worldly religious church system teaching people how to have faith to get money, homes, new jobs, or a spouse, 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?

The answer is very Simple.....

The Preachers, Teachers and Religious Leadership, is NOT Seeking the Heart of God!

Religious Leaders and Ministries have made Preaching, Teaching and Sharing The Word of God, a Career, a Profession and a Status!

These people are Comfortable in their Religious Traditions, Denominations and NOT interested in How people Will Stand Before a Holy God!

As of February, 3 2020, If you were to type in the Word, <u>Sermon</u>, in Google you would receive Over 180 million entries!

Google has all sorts of topics you can chose from, Sermons on Faith, Prosperity, Love, any topic you want, there is a Sermon.

With that many options, a person would never have to get the heart and/or mind of God for a Congregation!

John the Baptist Starts the Presentation of the Gospels by calling The Religious Leaders: The Scribes, Pharisees and Sadducees, Vipers.

Jesus does the same by Exposing and Calling Out their Hypocrisy. Jesus even dedicates a Whole Chapter to Exposing these Hypocritical Religious Leaders as False Prophets in Matthew Ch.23.

Did ever ask yourself why Both Jesus and John the Baptist Refer to the Religious leaders as "Vipers"? Mat. 3:7; 12:34; 23:33; Lk 3:7

Because just like the Serpent (Also called Viper) Deceived Eve in the Garden, the Religious Leaders were Deceiving and lying to the People....Just like Today!...... (Genesis 3:1-5 & 2 Cor. 11:1-4)

Jesus Goes into Great Detail to Describe to us, what we should be looking for and listening to, so we can Identify the Wolves in Sheep Clothing, called Angels of Light otherwise known as False Apostles and False Prophets......TODAY!

Let's Look to The Word of God to see How Jesus Teaches us how We can Identify and Recognize False Prophets and Teachers by their Fruit, Teachings and Lifestyle.

In Mathew Chapter 7 Jesus Gives us the following Warning....
"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it.

14 Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. Matthew 7:13-14

In these two verses, Jesus tells us that the way to Eternal Life is a Narrow Road, and there will be few who will find it.

But then in **VERY NEXT** verses, 15-16, Jesus Warns to BEWARE of False Prophets who come dressed like sheep.

Matthew 7:15-16 (Jesus speaking) ¹⁵ "Beware of False Prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but <u>INWARDLY</u> they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶ <u>You will know them (False Prophets) by their</u> fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles?

Here we have Jesus Warning us to Beware of False Prophets, who come to us dressed in sheep clothing, but their Heart motives are that of Ravenous Wolves. But So, we DO NOT get fooled, Jesus then tells us how we can tell they are false Prophets.

We will KNOW the False Prophets, by their FRUIT
So what kind of Fruit are we to Look for, to Identify All False
Prophets?

When Jesus uses the Term <u>INWARDLY</u>, Jesus is telling us to be very aware of Inward motives of their corrupt Heart.

The Fruit Jesus is telling us to look for <u>IS NOT</u>, Prosperous and Successful Ministries, or Popular and well-liked Celebrity type Ministers, or Ministries who are well known and/or have world-wide Reputations.

The Fruit Jesus wants us to look for in ministers who are sharing the Word of God and Ministering to people is: The Fruit of the Spirit! Galatians 5:22-23....²² But the fruit of the Spirit is Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness, Self-control. This is the Fruit Jesus wants us to look for! This is the Exact Same Type of Fruit Jesus walked in!

JESUS WALKIED IN THE SPIRIT, AS WE ARE
ALSO COMMANDED TO WALK IN!

To help us further understand what to look for <u>INWARDLY</u> regarding False Prophets, we need to know what the Word "Ravenous" means....The Word <u>Ravenous is</u> Greek # 727 Translated it means: <u>Rapacious or Ravenous</u>; <u>An Extortioner</u>, A Robber.....

The word <u>Rapacious</u> definition by <u>Cambridge Dictionary</u> is: Having or Showing a Strong wish to Take Things for Yourself, usually <u>Using Unfair Methods or Force</u>:

Webster Dictionary..... excessively grasping or COVETOUS; ** <u>Living on Prey</u>

So we see by these definitions False Prophets are people who are Excessively Covetous and Prey on Unsuspecting and/or Unbiblically Educated people by using unfair methods.

Those Unfair methods would be manipulating and/or twisting the Word of God to Unsuspecting and Unbiblically Educated people.

These False Prophets are Lovers of Themselves and Lovers of Money and have motives that are to Satisfy Themselves, their Egos, their Reputations, and/or Enlarge their Kingdoms. 2 Timothy 3:1-5

In other words, False Prophets would have no problem Lying, Ignoring and/or Manipulating the Word of God to people in order to keep their Kingdoms, and Reputations not caring about peoples, Eternal Outcome.

False Prophets take the Narrow Road and Make it VERY Wide!

In the Gospels Jesus is constantly contending against False Prophets. Why?

Because False Prophets has NO LOVE for the Truth!

17 times in three Gospels uses the word Hypocrite, and it is Always referring to Religious Leaders and Religious people.

Mark 7:6-9, 13 (Jesus speaking).... ⁶ He answered and said to them, "Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me. "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."

Here in Mark, we have Jesus Exposing the Hypocrites as those who, Honor God with their lips, but their Heart is FAR from God. They Keep Traditions of Men and lay aside the Commandments of God. They Reject the Commandments of God to keep their Tradition.

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 4,16-19... For certain persons have <u>CREPT IN UNNOTICED</u>, 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.

(16-19) 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.

The Beloved Apostle Paul reaffirms this, by referencing Eve and the Serpent, as he Warns the New Testament Church at Corinth, about False Apostles who come as Angels of Light! (Angel is #G32 means messenger)

2 Corinthians 11:2-4,13-15...... ² For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ. ³ But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. ⁴ For if he who comes preaches *Another Jesus* whom we have not preached, or *if* you receive a *Different Spirit* which you have not received, or a *Different Gospel* which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it! ¹³ For such *are* False Apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into Apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan Himself Transforms himself into an ANGEL of LIGHT. ¹⁵ Therefore *it is* no great thing if *His (SATAN'S) Ministers* also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

Do you see how the Apostle Paul equates the Serpent Deceiving Eve, with False Apostles preaching a Different Jesus, A Different Gospel and People getting Different Spirits in 2 Corinthians, chapter 11. Paul warns that Satan comes as a Messenger of Light?

Paul in many of his Epistles builds off the teachings of Jesus, in exposing False teachers and Prophets in his writings to the New Testament church.

It is our Responsibility to seek the Word of God and Humbly ask the Lord for His Wisdom, and to Grant us Revelation Knowledge of His Word.

These are VERY IMPORTANT verses the Apostle Paul writes to us (the New Testament Church) to warn us about False Prophets and Teachers. In these verses Paul is afraid that the New Testament Church will be led astray from Pure and Simple devotion to Jesus.

Notice Paul Dose Not Say Devotion to: A Denomination, or a Church, or A Religious Organization. Paul Emphatically WARNS: "Not to be led Astray from Simple and Pure Devotion to Jesus!."

Notice Paul Never talks about having Daily Devotionals to Jesus, but PURE and SIMPLE Devotion TO Jesus!

Paul warns the New Testament Church, the Three criteria to look for in this deception.

- 1) Another Jesus....not the Holy Lamb of God
- 2) A Different Spirit...not the Holy Spirit, but a Worldly Spirit.
- 3) A Different Gospel...not the Truth of the Gospel

I would like to address these three in a different order, because I believe doing this will make everything clearer.

Before we go any further in our study, let's see what the Apostle Paul says about False Prophets and their teachings, to the New Testament church.

But First let's look at what the TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL IS.

WHAT IS THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL?

The phrase the Truth of the Gospel is used 3 Times by the apostle Paul.

(Gal. 2:5,14; Col 1:5)

Why would the beloved apostle use the phrase, "Truth of the Gospel?"

Because the beloved Apostle knew that False Prophets would come in and change the gospel.

Let's look to the book of The Revelation, the Gospels and The Epistles of the Apostle Paul to uncover the answer to what the Apostle Paul refers to, as the Truth of the Gospel, and the Eternal Gospel that has been from The Beginning of Time.

Revelation 14:6-7.... And I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having *** THE ETERNAL GOSPEL to preach to those who live on the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people; and he said with a loud voice, "Fear God, and give Him glory, because the Hour of His Judgment has come;...."

(**Most translations use ETERNAL, However some use Everlasting. The Greek #166 aiōnios ... without beginning and end, that which always has been and always will be.)

So we see by This Definition, there has always been Only ONE Gospel!

And what is this ETERNAL GOSPEL being preached by the angel? The angel is preaching with a loud voice:

"FEAR GOD AND GIVE GOD GLORY BECAUSE THE HOUR OF GOD'S JUDGMENT HAS COME...."

This Eternal Gospel, of Fearing God was preached in BOTH, the Old & New Testaments!

Paul tells us that this Gospel was also preached to Abraham.

Galatians 3:8....And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, PREACHED THE GOSPEL TO ABRAHAM

BEFOREHAND saying, "In you all the nations shall be blessed"

If you read Genesis chapter 22, you will find The Eternal Gospel and how Abraham feared God, by OBEYING the Word of God.

The Author of the book of Hebrews also tells us that the Gospel was preached to the Children of Israel.

Hebrews 4:2....For <u>INDEED THE GOSPEL WAS PREACHED TO US AS</u> <u>WELL AS THEM; (The Children of Israel)</u> but the word which they heard did not profit them,...

In Exodus Moses warned the Children of Israel to Fear God, But, for a very good reason, So they would stop sinning!

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."

Deuteronomy 4:10.....when the Lord said to me, (The Lord speaking to Moses) 'Gather the people to Me, and I will let them hear My words, that they MAY LEARN TO FEAR ME all the days they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children.'

All through the Word of God we are warned and taught to Fear God, even told that The Fear of the Lord is the beginning of **Wisdom & Knowledge.** (Ps.111:10; Proverbs 1:7; 9:10)

The doctrine of "The Fear of the Lord" or "Fear God" is mentioned approximately 56 times in The Word of God.

And Yet....seldom, if ever, is THE FEAR OF A HOLY GOD, preached, explained or even taught, by Modern Christianity. As the Lord pleaded with His people through Moses and ALL the Prophets, so the Lord pleads today.

Deuteronomy 5:29.....(The Lord pleading with HIS people) "Oh, that they had such a heart in them that THEY WOULD FEAR ME and always keep ALL My Commandments, that it might be well with them and with their children forever!"JZ

Jeremiah 5:21-25.... 'Hear this now, O foolish people, Without understanding, Who have eyes and see not, And who have ears and hear not: 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, Who gives rain, both the former and the latter, in its season. He reserves for us the appointed weeks of the harvest. Your iniquities have turned these things away, And **YOUR SINS** HAVE

WITHHELD GOOD THINGS FROM YOU."

The Eternal Gospel, To Fear God, of Fearing God and the Fear of the Lord is mentioned often in the Old Testament.

Jesus Preached The Eternal Gospel in both Matthew & Luke.....

Matthew 10:28...Jesus speaking "And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather FEAR HIM (GOD) who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."

Luke 12:5....But I will show you whom you should fear: FEAR HIM who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!

The Apostle Paul knew the Fear of a Holy God. Paul preached and taught about the Fear of a Holy God. Let's see what he says to the NEW TESTAMENT CHURCH at Corinth.

2 Corinthians 5:9-11.....Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. 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;....

Here we have the beloved Apostle Paul Not Only Presenting The Judgment Seat of Christ To the Church at Corinth, But Describing The Judgment Seat of Jesus as TERRIFYING!

When was the last time you heard a message like that from a preacher behind a pulpit?

Is it possible modern preachers do not preach or teach Fearing a Holy God, because it will affect the size of the crowds?

Is it possible by NOT Preaching or Teaching the FEAR OF GOD, people behind pulpits, Bible Studies and Ministries today, are Preaching and Teaching a Different Gospel?

TEACHING.....A PROSPERITY, FEEL GOOD GOSPEL?

A Gospel that Requires Little Or NO Self-Sacrifice.

A Gospel that ignores, manipulates, and changes the Word of God.

A Gospel that encourages Quantity and not Quality.

A Gospel that Picks and Chooses (i.e. Cherry Picks) feel good verses from The Word of God to please and Pamper people.

A Gospel of Self-Indulgence, Self-Gratification, and Self Promotion.

A Gospel of keeping Religious Traditions, doctrines, and teachings, and NOT KEEPING ALL the Word of God.

A Gospel of being a Friend of the World and compromise.

A Gospel that is NOT According to Godliness.

THE TRUTH IS, MESSAGES BEING PREACHED TODAY ARE: THE PREACHING OF ANOTHER GOSPEL!

Of all the Stories and Accounts Documented of the life of Jesus in the Four Gospels, The Account of the Rich young ruler is ONE of the most important.

This account is so important that it is Repeated THREE times! In this account, we will see a young man run up to Jesus and ask Jesus how he can enter into Heaven.

When he hears the answer of Jesus, he walks away sad. When reading this account, please compare it to what is being preached and taught to people TODAY!

Jesus Counsels the Rich Young Ruler

(Matthew 19:16-22; Mark 10:17-22; Luke 18:18-23)

Mark 10:17-22.....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. But if you want to enter into life, Keep 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 IT 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 WAS VERY RICH.

Here we see a Rich Young Man, Run up to Jesus. (He was probably excited to see Jesus) This rich young man kneels before Jesus, humbling himself before Jesus, and calls Jesus "good." The rich young man asks Jesus How to get to heaven. Jesus then points the rich young man to the Father and Tells him to KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS. The rich young man says he has kept the Commandments Jesus has Quoted. Jesus looks at the rich young man, LOVES him and tells him what he is missing.

Jesus tells the rich young man to "SELL WHATEVER YOU HAVE AND GIVE IT TO THE POOR, AND YOU WILL HAVE TREASURE IN HEAVEN; AND COME, TAKE UP THE CROSS, AND FOLLOW ME."

The Rich Young Man went away SAD, for he was very rich. If this rich young man did not REPENT and FOLLOW Jesus, the way Jesus commanded him to, the Rich Young Man, died and went to Hell!

All Jesus did was point the rich young man to The Father and told him to Keep the Commandments.

Jesus LOVED him and told him to Take up The Cross to follow Him.

When the rich young man left sad, Jesus did not follow him.

Jesus did not chase the rich young man or plead with him to "get saved." Jesus, let the rich young man go!

Jesus wasn't trying to gather a following, build a kingdom or reputation!

Jesus was aware that the Father knew what was in the rich young man's heart, and it was up to the Father to draw him to Himself.

Jesus, the Son of God, who knows more about the NATURE AND CHARACTER OF A HOLY GOD and requirements to enter into the Kingdom of God, then any preacher or teacher who ever lived.

Jesus did not COMPROMISE the TRUTH, and REQUIREMENTS, to enter into His Father's kingdom!

Jesus spoke the Truth and was NOT interested in a "conversion" or "building a reputation" Jesus only did and said those things that pleased the Father, as We are supposed to do.

Jesus has given us a blueprint and laid a foundation for us follow on how to evangelize people.

Yet this Blueprint is TOTALLY IGNORED!

WHY?

The truth of the matter is The message that Jesus preached then, of keeping the Commandments and taking up your cross is considered offensive and out of style, by almost ALL of Modern Christianity!

Modern Christianity does not want to Offend or Turn people off. This is one reason, why they ignore, Manipulate and twist many parts of the Word of God.

Let's see how the Apostle Paul warns the New Testament Church regarding A DIFFERENT GOSPEL AND FALSE DOCTRINES

Paul to the New Testament at Galatia, questioning why they are deserting the TRUTH of the Gospel for A DIFFERENT GOSPEL.

Galatians 1:6-10.... I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one (Jesus) who called you to Live in the grace of Christ and are turning to A DIFFERENT GOSPEL—which is really NO GOSPEL at all. Evidently some people are throwing you INTO CONFUSION and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse! Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ. (NIV)

Here we see the beloved Apostle Paul is astonished that the New Testament church in Galatia who was called to LIVE IN THE GRACE OF CHRIST, is turning to a DIFFERENT "GOSPEL," which Paul calls "NO GOSPEL AT ALL."

Paul points out that these people are being thrown into confusion because, false teachers are perverting the truth of the gospel, that Paul preached to them.

The Apostle Paul writing to Titus, of the New Testament Church, explains how the Grace of God teaches us how to live godly IN this present age.

Titus 2:11-14..... For the GRACE of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <u>TEACHING US</u> that, DENYING ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.

Here we see the Apostle Paul explains in detail, HOW THE GRACE OF GOD TEACHES US to live in the PRESENT AGE.

Is It possible that the church of Galatia had false teachers come in and confuse them by turning the Grace of God into a license to sin? Teaching them a doctrine that DOES NOT conform them to godliness?

I Timothy 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.

Here we see that the beloved apostle Paul lays the foundation for the doctrine which is to be taught—

A Doctrine that is according to the Words of THE LORD JESUS CHRIST That CONFORMS a person to GODLINESS!

We could say a Doctrine <u>That Changes A Person's Heart</u> to be like Jesus!

A Doctrine of PURE, HOLY, Selfless LOVE and Self DENIAL!

Allow me to ask you precious reader this:

Is what is being preached and taught behind pulpits today, conforming people into the image of: THE LOVE and HUMILITY OF JESUS?

The messages being preached and taught today, for the most part, are self-help, prosperity and easy believism.

These are messages that are non-offensive, non-controversial, and most importantly NOT PREPARING PEOPLE TO STAND BEFORE A HOLY GOD TO GIVE AN ACCOUNT OF THEIR LIFE!

The messages being preached today, are NOT messages of sacrifice or self- denial to love Jesus your whole heart!

Nor are they telling people to work out their salvation with fear and trembling. (Philippians 2:12)

Also lost in today's modern preaching is the doctrine for Christians to SUFFER IN THE FLESH TO STOP SINNING! (1Peter 4:1)

Many of the messages being preached today, are coming from preprepared syllabuses, and outlines, and/or curriculum to keep messages on point and non-offensive.

The messages being preached today, (for the most part) are messages that are designed to keep congregations together and appeal to visitors to join their denomination or church. The messages being preached today, (for the most part) use one or a few verses of Scripture and then tell some entertaining stories or application, to keep people interested.

The messages being preached today are sometimes presented by celebrities or other well know people to attract large crowds.

The messages being preach today, (for the most part) are made to be entertaining, lighthearted and non-offensive.

The messages being preached today, (for the most part) are organized to be Time Sensitive, and Scheduled, so people can plan their activities and not inconvenient anyone.

Here are a few Questions....

Do you think Jesus, Paul or any of the Apostles would be welcome in most churches today?

Do you think the preaching of Jesus, Paul or any of the Apostles would welcome in churches today?

The Word of God is very clear, that only the PURE IN HEART will see God, yet this Doctrine is, for the most part ignored or skipped!

Let's look at it shall we?

Matthew 5:8...Only The pure in heart will see God.

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!

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)

An impure heart is what 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 a person will not give up their sin, and Loves their Sin more then 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.

ACTS 3:26.....To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one *of you* from your iniquities."

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....."

Galatians 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."

1Peter 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.

Paul is talking about a doctrine that conforms a person to be like Jesus! Walking in the Holy spirit of God and dying to our selfish nature 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 Gospel doctrine of godliness, that teaches to have a heart of love, and humility, just like Jesus.

A Gospel doctrine of godliness, to walk humbly before God and tremble at His word.

A Gospel doctrine of godliness, that teaches to fear God so to stop sinning.

A Gospel 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 Gospel doctrine of godliness, that teaches to overcome the world.

A Gospel doctrine of godliness that teaches to be crucified to the world and the world crucified to you.

A Gospel 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 Gospel 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 Gospel 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 Gospel doctrine of godliness, that teaches without being holy no one sees the Lord!

A Gospel doctrine of godliness, that teaches not to love any idols or other gods, more than Jesus, the Word of God.

A Gospel 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 or idol.

A Gospel 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 Gospel 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 Gospel doctrine of godliness, on how to not love the world or be a friend of the world.

A Gospel doctrine of godliness, on presenting your body a holy and living sacrifice, not being conformed to this world.

A Gospel doctrine of godliness, on how to make yourself ready, to be a bride without spot or wrinkle.

A Gospel 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. Jesus warning us about False Prophets:

MATTHEW 7:15 "Beware of False Prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but INWARDLY (motives of pride, greed and lust) they are ravenous wolves. You will know them (FALSE PROPHETS) by their fruits. (the fruit of Pride, Reputation, Selfishness, Worldliness) Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles?

Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them..

Any person who IS NOT TEACHING people to deny themselves of the flesh nature by taking up their cross and suffering to stop sinning, along with working out your salvation with fear and trembling, not Fearing God, separating from the world or how to Love and Live humbly like Jesus, is a False Prophet!

Any Person teaching a message of confusion and mixture, self-gratification, self- satisfaction, self- indulgence and easy believism is a False Prophet!

Any person who Preaches and Teaches the Word of God and is Popular among the World and Media, is a False Prophet!

Jesus Speaking Luke 6:26...."Woe to you when ALL men speak well of you, For so did their fathers to the False Prophets."
Any person who IS NOT TEACHING people how to Love Jesus with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength and every person as Jesus does, is a False Prophet.

This is how the Ungodly Worldly Religious Church System has Grown and is built.

By NOT teaching people to LOVE Jesus with ALL their heart and live a life of self-denial of the fleshly desires, along with NOT Fearing God and other doctrines of godliness, False Prophets lead people to the Broad road that leads to The Eternal Damnation of HELL!

THESE ARE SOME OF THE CHARACTERISTICS OF A DIFFERENT GOSPEL!

THE PREACHING OF ANOTHER JESUS TODAY

Who is this OTHER JESUS, the False Prophets of Today are Preaching, Teaching and Talking about?

Before we answer this Question, we need to look at Who The TRUE JESUS IS!

Jesus tells to Learn from Him...

Matthew 11:29 " Take My yoke upon you and <u>Learn from Me</u>, for I am <u>Gentle and Humble in Heart</u>, and you will find rest for your souls.

So to Truly learn From Jesus, We need to look at the Jesus that the Old Testament describes, And then look at Jesus the New Testament Displays, Explains and Details.

This is the True Jesus that is seldom preached or taught about that set an example of how we are to follow in His footsteps.

Psalm 45:2-5.... ² You are fairer than the sons of men; Grace is poured upon Your lips; Therefore God has blessed You forever. ³ Gird Your sword upon *Your* thigh, O Mighty One, With Your glory and Your majesty. ⁴ And in Your majesty ride prosperously because of Truth, Humility, *and* Righteousness; And Your right hand shall teach You awesome things. ⁵ Your arrows *are* sharp in the heart of the King's enemies; The peoples fall under You.

ISAIAH 50:2-9... ⁴ The Lord God has given Me the tongue of disciples, That I may know how to sustain the weary one with a word. He awakens *Me* morning by morning, He awakens My ear to listen as a disciple. ⁵ The Lord God has opened My ear; And I was not disobedient Nor did I turn back. ⁶ I gave My back to those who strike *Me*, And My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting. ⁷ For the Lord God helps Me, Therefore, I am not disgraced; Therefore, I have set My face like flint, And I know that I will not be ashamed. ⁸ He who vindicates Me is near; Who will contend with Me? Let us stand up to each other; Who has a case against Me? Let him draw near to Me. ⁹ Behold, the Lord God helps Me; Who is he who condemns Me?

Behold, they will all wear out like a garment; The moth will eat them. Isaiah 53:2-12..... 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 had no form or beauty, that we should look at him: No charm, that we should find him pleasing (Seferia.org, Trans.) ³ 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. ⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ 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. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, everyone to his own way; And the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ 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. ⁹ 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. 10 Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise 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. ¹¹ He shall see the

labor of His soul and be satisfied.

By His knowledge My righteous Servant shall justify many,
For He shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will divide Him a
portion with the great, And He shall divide the spoil with the strong,
Because He poured out His soul unto death, And He was numbered
with the transgressors, And He bore the sin of many,
And made intercession for the transgressors.

This IS the TRUE Jesus we are to follow.

First, we need to look at the Humility and OBEDIENCE of Jesus. Second, we will look at the resurrected Jesus so we may get a complete picture of the True Jesus as described in the Word of God

JESUS, THE HUMBLE LAMB OF GOD

THE DEFINITION OF HUMBLE:.....Having or showing a modest or low estimate of one's own importance.

HUMILITY:....A modest or low view of one's own importance;

Let's look at the Word of God to see the characteristics of the humility that Jesus the Son of the Living God possessed.

May we learn from these verses so we may follow in the footsteps of Jesus. So people will, SEE, HEAR, and EXPIERENCE the LOVE and HUMILITY of Jesus IN and THROUGH US!

Matthew 11:29...(Jesus speaking) 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.

John 6:38....For I came down from heaven, NOT TO DO MINE OWN WILL, but the will of him that sent me.

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. Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

Hebrews 2:9-10.....But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower 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.

Hebrews 5:7-9.....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,

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Let's first look the COMMAND that Jesus Himself gives to us in Matthew, Jesus tells us.... "LEARN FROM ME, FOR I AM GENTLE AND HUMBLE IN HEART.

We see here that if we ARE TRULY going to follow the life style of Jesus, and be called "Christians," WE MUST BE HUMBLE!

This is NOT an Option!!!!

Humility is being obedient and submitting to the Word of God.

In reading the above verses we see that as Jesus walked the earth, He gave up His desires, so that He Would Please the Father. The mission of Jesus was to fulfill the plan the Father had laid out for Him to redeem mankind back to Himself.

Everything Jesus did was out of love to the Father and love for mankind. We could say that Jesus loved the Father with ALL His heart, soul, mind, and strength and His neighbor as Himself. Jesus set for us an example of what true selfless love is!

Receiving A different Spirit...Signs & wonders from demons

Let's look at what Jesus, and the Apostles Paul & John tell the New Testament Church.

(JESUS Speaking to His Disciples)

John 15:19:....¹⁹ If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because <u>YOU (Disciples) ARE NOT OF THE WORLD</u>, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

The Apostle Paul to the New Testament Church in Corinth:

1 Corinthians 2:12...Now We Have Received, NOT The Spirit of The World, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

The Apostle Paul to the New Testament Church at Philippi:

Philippians 3:20....²⁰ For Our Citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

The Book of James to the New Testament Church:

James 4:4....You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be <u>A Friend of The World makes himself an Enemy of God</u>

The Apostle John to the New Testament Church:

1 John 2:15-17....¹⁵ DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Can you see in the Word of God, how The Lord God, commands us not to be concerned about the World or what's going on in the World?

It's the Distractions of the World that keep us from baring fruit in the Word of God.

Let's first look at Luke 10:38-42..... ³⁸ Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. ³⁹ And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." ⁴¹ And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. ⁴² But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

Matthew 13:18-23......¹⁸ "Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil *one* comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. ²⁰ The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet he has no *firm* root in himself, but is *only* temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²³ And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty."

Do see how we can be distracted from JESUS, The Word of God, when we take our eyes off the Word of God?

This is why the Apostle Paul exhorts the church in Romans 12:1-2: Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

And also the beloved Apostle Paul commands the church to "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

Joshua 1:8....This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success.

It is when we are NOT meditating on The Word of God, when the Word of God does not bear fruit in our lives, and we become dried up bear NO fruit and our light goes out.

VIDEO.....EXPOSING FALSE PROPHETS....

https://youtu.be/d7oWbCC3350

VIDEO....4 TELEVANGELISTS TO DIE ON THE SAME DAY

https://youtu.be/XKwdlZrmx6c

TWISTING THE TRUTH

CHAPTER 6

THE GREAT COMMISION
THE TEACHINGS OF JESUS



¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ AND Teaching them <u>to OBEY EVERYTHING</u> I have Commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:18-20 NIV

WHAT IS THE GREAT COMMISSION?

"The Great Commission," go into almost any Church or Ministry in the World Today, and it's almost Certain, the Leadership knows it, has it Memorized, Preached and Taught it and has made Disciples from of it.

The Great Commission became commercialized in the 80's with the likes of Billy Graham, Jimmy Swaggart, Oral Roberts and other Televangelists boldly proclaiming, "I am called to go into ALL the World and Preach the Gospel." And go into All the World they did, Proclaiming the "Glorious Gospel" to Thousands and Hundreds of thousands via Crusades and Television.

The results of Preaching the "Gospel" and "The Great Commission:" Massive crowds, Millions, even 10's of Millions of Dollars and World-Wide Reputations. With the Preaching of "The Great Commission" and all this "Success" came a new concept in churches, "The Mega Church!"

Churches and Arena's constructed to seat ten, fifteen, even twenty thousand, or more. Huge auditoriums or Amphitheaters changed into "temples of the LORD."

The small intimate average church or your "Traditional Structures" were no longer good enough, they needed to be Monuments and Landmarks Because God deserves the Best.

The first of the Mega Church to make headlines was, Dr. Robert Schuller of the Reformed Church and The Crystal Cathedral in Orange County, California. It opened in 1980 at a price tag of \$18 million dollars. (\$60 million today) the seating capacity was about 2500, with an outdoor drive in facility to watch and listen sitting in or on your car.

The church was touted as "the largest glass building in the world" when it was completed in 1981......This was the "Standard."

The Messages of "Salvation," "Prosperity" "Healing and Hope" were drawing tens of thousands of people. This was a Brand-New Concept to Religion, Christianity, America, and the World.

All these Televangelists preaching "The Great Commission." Christianity had never looked so Successful. "The Great Commission," was, and continues to bring fame and fortune to Churches and Ministries ALL over the world. And why wouldn't it, it was ALL taken right out of the Bible, and God is blessing it!....Right? Absolutely NOT!!!!

These men claimed they Were "Called By God to Preach the Gospel." These Men must be doing something right!

Look at the Crowds, Look at The buildings. Its obvious God is blessing these Churches, Ministries and Preachers.

Eternity and the Souls of People were at stake. Surely these "men of God" would never lie or mislead people, would they, or would they?

Yes, it is TRUE in "The Great Commission," Jesus Commands us to go out into the nations and make Disciples, BUT, "The Great Commission" DOES NOT END THERE!!!!!

Let's SLOWLY RE-READ "The Great Commission".....

Matthew 28:18-20...¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make <u>Disciples</u> of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ AND TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I (JESUS) HAVE COMMANDED YOU...."

Are you Seeing That "The Message of The Great Commission" of the 80's that was Preached, is just like "The Message of The Great Commission" that is being Preached TODAY!

They are leaving the last half of The Great Commission OUT!

Whether Intentionally or Unintentionally, preachers in EVERY Church, Ministry and/or Theological Institution are ONLY TELLING HALF THE TRUTH!

Half the Truth turns out to be a WHOLE LIE, which Deceives people into thinking they are going into Eternal life!

If the Televangelists of the 80's along with people behind Pulpits Today taught People to OBEY EVERYTHING JESUS COMMANDED, Do you think they would attract the thousands of people to their Crusades, ministries or Mega Churches?

If These Men, are really "Called by God" why are they not teaching people there is a price to pay to follow Jesus??????

They are NOT telling people the truth because, these people are making Disciples for themselves to follow their ministries, churches, and teachings!

Hence, the Building of Religious Kingdoms in the Name of God for God!

If people found out the "Gift of Salvation" actually had a price, attached to it, do you think people would be running down isles for Alter Calls?"

Is it any wonder why Multitudes of Christian will say to Jesus: "Lord, Lord, and be condemned to Eternal Damnation? Multitudes of People have said a prayer without ALL the facts!

Multitudes of Christians are taking the words of a person behind the pulpit and do not bother to study the Word of God for themselves!

So What exactly is the Second Half of the Great Commission that Preachers Teachers and Ministry Leaders have not, or are Not Teaching, Preaching or Explaining to People? Verse 20 of Matthew chapter 28, closes out the Gospel of Matthew with "The Great Commission, and A Very Important Command from Jesus. Matthew 28:20....and TEACHING THEM TO OBEY EVERYTHING I have Commanded you. (My Disciples) And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

The first point we need to see is this: Acts 11:26b.....And the Disciples were <u>First called CHRISTIANS</u> in Antioch.

According to The Word of God, the Disciples who followed Jesus, were called Christians. Why? Because they Loved People like Jesus loved People. They were Humble like Jesus and had the Compassion of Jesus. Hence the term "Christian" being Christ like!

So, according to the Word of God, if we are going to call ourselves "Christian" we are to follow Jesus and ALL the Words of Jesus, and ALL the Word of God, as A Disciple of Jesus.

We are NOT to follow a Religion, Denomination, Theological Teaching, a Pastor, or any Religious Authority.

Jesus, The Word of God is our Final Authority!

Let's look at some of the Doctrines Jesus teaches that Christianity Today, has either ignored, not fully explained or twisted to Lie to people for their benefit.

The Doctrine of Repentance

The definition of repentance.....To feel or express <u>Sincere Regret</u> (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 <u>to the changing</u> 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 very 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 repent, along with Producing fruits worthy of repentance.

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 in 2 Corinthians 7:9-11.

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 terribly 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.

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—you are saved of all past, present, and future sins, and are now 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 DOES NOT PROVE they are sorry for, or have sorrow for their sins by their attitudes or works.

People are taught, so 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!

This is the exact type of false gospel the Apostle Paul talks about in: 2 Corinthians 11:4...People being presented "ANOTHER JESUS, RECEVING A DIFFERENT SPIRIT AND BEING TAUGHT A DIFFERENT GOSPEL"

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 gospel, with a false peace and security! These people NEVER TRULY LOVE JESUS!

THEY ONLY BELIEVE IN JESUS!!

This message being preached TODAY, cheapens grace, and gives people a false hope and assurance.

This message teaches people, as one woman blasphemously put it: "I have my fire insurance policy!"

This message glosses over the sin in the sinner and does not allow the sinner to have true remorse for their wicked, sinful behavior. This message does not allow a person to receive revelation from God, on who, and what Jesus has done on the cross, and truly being born again from heaven above.

This message trivializes, make light, and/or ignores the sufferings of Jesus, the blood Jesus 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.

So if people have not truly repented and have no remorse of their Rebellious, 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 going to heaven.

Unless these people truly repent and love Jesus with their Whole heart, they will not be truly born again from heaven above, and end up in hell! These people will stand before Jesus, and Jesus will proclaim: "I DO NOT KNOW YOU, DEPART FROM ME!"

These people will be sent to ETERNAL DAMNATION and NEVER UNDERSTAND WHY!!!!

These people had a knowledge of Jesus, they 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!!!

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

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 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 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. The verses in Luke 14:25-33 lay the foundation for what it takes to follow Jesus and to Follow Him to Become a "Christian," i.e. a Disciple of Jesus. This Doctrine that Jesus teaches us to follow Him in Luke 14:25-33 is so important, it is repeated 6 times in three of the four Gospels. It is touched upon in John.

The Doctrine that Jesus Teaches to follow Him and to be His Disciple (i.e. "Christian") is the Doctrine of Self Denial!

You are to take up Your Cross and Giving up Your Life! Mat.10:38-39; 16:24-26 Mk. 8:34-36;10:21; Lk 9:23-25 Jn 12:24-26

After he lays that foundation down, Jesus then asks a very direct question: "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?" (Mat.16:26 & Mark 8:36)

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 teaching people, "Accept Jesus as your personal savior and you're going to heaven."

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

Luke 14:25-33......Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them, ²⁶ "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, <u>yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.</u> ²⁷ And <u>whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.</u> ²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it ²⁹ lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish'?

³¹Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace. ³³ So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

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?

In Luke13:24, Jesus also commands us to "<u>Strive</u> 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 <u>John 6:66</u> (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 Disciples, 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 <u>running</u>, <u>knelt before Him</u>, and asked Him, "<u>Good Teacher</u>, 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, <u>looking at him loved him</u>, and said to him, "One thing you lack: <u>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."</u> 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 Story of the The Rich Young Ruler

The young man is excited to see Jesus.....he runs up to Jesus

The young man acknowledges the authority of Jesus...

by humbling himself, kneeling before Jesus.

The young man addresses Jesus as "Good Teacher"

The young man asks how to inherit eternal life

he 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)

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

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.

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?

God in His abundant love and mercy sent His Word to us to heal us. (Psalm 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 DID NOT give 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, and in some cases not even like each other, yet EVERYBODY IS 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 enter heaven, when the Word of God clearly states those people's time of Punishment is forever??

The Word of God states in Psalm 81:15 NASB... "Those who hate the LORD would <u>PRETEND OBEDIENCE</u> 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 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)

Exodus 20:20..."And Moses said to the people, 'Do not Fear; for God has come to test you, and that <u>HIS FEAR</u> 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 <u>certain fearful expectation of judgment and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.</u> (see also 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..." The word's of the Lord to Moses.

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. (Mat 10:28)

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. Ps.119:120 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, (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:

<u>BY THOSE WHO COME NEAR ME, I WILL BE TREATED HOLY AND</u>

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, arrogant and disrespectful.

They assumed 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 or Disrespect 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.

With all this being said,,,,,,, Why have many people behind pulpits, LIED about, and PERVERTED the NATURE and CHARACTER of A Holy God? This is the foundation on which the Lord God, Himself REQUIRES for His people on how to approach Him and behave in His presence!!!

Modern Theology and Modern Christianity have ignored and/or perverted what the Lord Has Commanded His People!

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 (Christians) 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 teachings 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?"

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 <u>separated you from the peoples</u>, that you should be Mine."

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

John 17:6, 14, 16,17 (Jesus speaking)..."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. "Sanctify (set them apart) by your Truth, Your Word is Truth.

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 Undefiled religion before God and the Father is this; to visit orphans and widows in their trouble <u>and to keep one-self</u> <u>Unspotted From The World.</u>

When God called His people out of Egypt, His people were to be His own "special treasure" (see Exodus19:5, 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, God 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 of the world. (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!

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 (Christians) 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 (Christians) IN THE NEW TESTAMENT COVENANT—have a better covenant with better promises (Heb 8:6) and yet, GOD'S people, (Todays Christians) suffer the curses, judgments and plagues from God, just like the non-Christians of the world!

Christians Today, 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.

Today's Christians 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.

Genesis 1:4 says this... 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 Church System.

There has NEVER been a GREY AREA with God!!!

Gods people are to walk in the Light as He is the light!
Gods people are NOT to walk in and/or with Darkness!!!!

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.

Psalm 106:34-39... They (God's people) did not destroy the peoples, Concerning whom the Lord had commanded them, <u>But they mingled</u> with the Gentiles And learned their works; They served their idols, <u>Which became a snare to them.</u> 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.

We see that 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, most, if not everyone, 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 13:23-30).

Nehemiah 13:26, 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! We are 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 really 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, making money, and Hollywood, 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 and/or careers 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?

LEARNING JESUS

Matthew 11:28-30....²⁸ Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ 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. ³⁰ For My yoke *is* easy and My burden is light."

Ephesians: 4:20.....²⁰ But you have not so learned Christ,

Revelation 2:2-4....² "I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; ³ and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. ⁴ Nevertheless I have *this* against you, that you have left your first love.

The doctrine of Humility....

Humility Always includes death to self on a cross! Philippians 2:5-8

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 from pulpits Today. This heart attitude if not possessed will, without any doubt, lead EVERY PERSON without question, straight to ETERNAL DAMNATION!

It is the heart attitude of HUMILTY.

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.

Psalm 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"

Matthew23:12; 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 bondservant, 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 laid 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! This is how we give up ALL Selfishness, and Sacrifice our life for Jesus, as Jesus Sacrificed His life for us! See Romans 12:1-2 (Gal.5:24)

Humility is always shown to God by our obedience to His word and dying to ourselves of all selfishness

John14:23-24...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." (NOTICE This is conditional!)

We are the friends of Jesus <u>IF</u>, and only <u>IF</u>, 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." (Luke9:23)

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

Matthew 18:3-4.....and Jesus said, "Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

There are 3 Reasons Why Moses was so Humble....

The same 3 Reasons Why David was Humble.....

Why The Apostle Peter was Humble.....

Why The Apostle Paul was Humble.....

Why The Disciples were Humble.....

Moses Killed an Egyptian and fled the Country.

David was a Shepard taken from a field. He had a Great Victory by Slaying a Great Giant. He was Made a King and Given a Kingdom. He took another man's wife and had her husband Killed in battle.

Peter in his Pride and Arrogance boasted he would NEVER deny the Lord in front of All the Disciples, and then denied Jesus 3 times.

Paul was a great Pharisee, who consented to the martyrdom of Stephen.

ALL OF These Men Loved God!

Second, All these Men had Greatly Sinned against God, and were Contrite and Broken over their sin(s)

Third, ALL these Men spent much Time in The Presence of God!

Let's look at some verses from the Word of God......

Luke 7:47......Therefore I say to you, her Sins, which *are* Many, are forgiven, for SHE LOVED MUCH. But to whom little is Forgiven, *the same* loves little."

Isaiah 66:1-2.... Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is My throne, And earth is My footstool. Where is the house that you will build Me? And where is the place of My rest? ² For all those things My hand has made, And all those things exist," Says the Lord. "But on this one will I look: On him who is poor and of a contrite spirit, And who Trembles at My word.

Isaiah 57:15....¹⁵ For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name *is* Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy *place* With him *who* has a Contrite and Humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the Humble, And to revive the heart of the Contrite ones.

They will know you by your love and laying down your life Jn 13:35; 15:13-14

When we are obedient to the Word of God, then we are being obedient to Jesus, Who is the Word of God.

If anyone says they love Jesus, they MUST also LOVE and OBEY the Word of God, because JESUS IS THE WORD OF GOD!!

Therefore humility is being obedient to the word of God, Who is .Iesus!

TWISTING THE TRUTH

CHAPTER 7

THE BRIDE IN THE WILDERNESS
PREPARING TO MEET THE BRIDEGROOM



"Come, I will show you the Bride, the Lamb's wife."

Rev. 21:9b

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 though 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. ⁴¹I 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. ³⁶ 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. 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, to Fear Him and to know we are to live by EVERY WORD THAT PROCEEDS FROM THE MOUTH OF GOD!

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.

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.

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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 war fare 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 The Lord 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 to 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 trails 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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