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The Warrior

The Lord is a Warrior; the Lord is His Name...¹ sang Moses and the people of Israel about the Lord after He showed Moses to part the Red Sea and so allowed Israel to escape on dry land, and then lured the entire Egyptian chariot corps into the sea and drowned them. As such, it should surprise no one that Jesus Himself said these words that were given to Him by His Father... "Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the Earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword."² The question is not whether the Lord is a Warrior... but rather, what sort of a Warrior is He?

The history of men is filled with those who are supposed to be warriors... from Alexander the Great to Genghis Khan, as well as men who start wars, like Hitler, Napoleon and so on. A man who starts a war is not necessarily a warrior... keep this in mind, elect. In fact, most of those who start wars are far from warriors, but rather, they are ambitious cowards who shed other men's blood for their own gain. Indeed, a study of history will show you that very few men who start wars would lead from the front, but rather, safely bunker themselves out of harm's way.

The fact that kings often start wars and have to fight wars is not unique to our Lord. The fact that our Lord is a Warrior is not unique either. What is unique to our Lord is the Warrior that He is... and being unique, then you can count on this subsequent truth... that His wars are also unique. Unique in every aspect, from the way they are fought to the way the outcome is achieved and in the purpose of those wars.

Since the eternal life that is given to all who believe in Him is "...that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom You have sent,"³ as Jesus prayed to His Father... then part of that eternal life must involve you and I coming to know Him, the Father who is a Warrior, the Son who is a Warrior, and the Holy Spirit who is the Spirit of the Warrior. The completeness of the life that begins from the moment we believe involves not just knowing God as the Creator, the Saviour, the Lord, the King, the Master, the Teacher, the Counsellor, the Word, the Father, the Son and the Spirit... but also as the Warrior.

And for all who acknowledge Jesus as their coming King and God as the King, then they should know that their King is a Warrior, not just a scholar or politician and certainly not some spoilt brat of an idiot like some historical kings have been.

The attributes of our Warrior King are indeed many, and you can list and name them for His praise and honour, and rightly so - His courage, His wisdom, His knowledge, His faithfulness, His love, His caring for His people, His loyalty, His generosity, and even His mercy and His grace - but above all else, the two attributes that make our King unique amongst all warriors are His gentleness and His humbleness. For He invited us, saying, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 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. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."⁴ A gentle and humble Warrior who is invincible - what an impossible combination, for invincibility does not come with gentleness in any man, nor does invincibility bring forth humility, but rather, as history shows, it brings out brutality and boastfulness. As the Lord has said truly, "The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them..."⁵

His gentleness was foretold by God when He said, "Here is My Servant, whom I uphold, My chosen One in whom I delight; I will put My Spirit on Him and He will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and a smouldering wick He will not snuff out."⁶ When you read verse 3, "A bruised reed He will not break, and a smouldering wick He will not snuff out," how do you see Him? A gentle, softly spoken Man in linen... walking slowly through a field so as to avoid breaking a bruised reed and breathing gently so that His breathe would not snuff out a smouldering wick? If you only see Him that way as a manifestation of His gentleness, then you will have missed the real reason for His gentleness - His precision. Isaiah 42.3 is completely inconsistent with the picture of a warrior in full battle armour trampling through a field, fighting with his chest heaving as he gasps for more breathe to keep going... no bruised reed or smouldering wick would survive in the presence of such a person.

¹ Exodus 15.3

² Matthew 10.34

³ John 17.3

⁴ Matthew 11.28-30

⁵ Luke 22.25

⁶ Isaiah 42.1-3

However, it is when you do see that your King is a Warrior, dressed in full battle armour and yet, when He is at full flight at the height of the battle, He still does not break a bruised reed or snuff out a smouldering wick, then you can see that such gentleness is possible for any warrior only if he is precise, supremely precise, in every move he makes and is in such perfect self control that even his breath will not put out a smouldering wick.

When you can see that the gentleness of Jesus comes not from meekness only, but rather, that even when He is a Warrior, that same gentleness is still there because of His precision... then you can begin to appreciate your King who is leading you into battle. And since He also said, "I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in Me - anyone who believes in Me - will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these..."⁷ you would realise anyone who rides behind Jesus when He is mounted on His white horse, leading the armies of Heaven into battle, can be as gentle and therefore as precise and self-controlled as He is... as a warrior.

Now perhaps you are beginning to realise that the wars of the Lord are not fought as the world and men or even angels would fight them. Neither does He choose His soldiers nor use equipment or tactics as others would, for it is not for nothing that He has also said, "...neither are your ways My ways."⁸ Even in the ways of a warrior and of wars... His ways are not our ways. "As the Heavens are higher than the Earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts."⁹

When we read in Isaiah 42.3 of the bruised reed not breaking and the smouldering wick not being snuffed out, we think of a genteel Man, not a Warrior. For our way of not breaking a bruised reed is to walk or creep gently through the field so as not to disturb the reeds or to breathe in shallow gasps so that the wick survives. That is our way. But God's way is a Warrior in full battle armour in pursuit of His enemies or charging against His enemies with such precision that the bruised reed is not broken and the smouldering wick is not snuffed out. Where we see gentleness manifested by meekness, God sees gentleness manifested because of precision. So precise is every powerful move of God the Warrior that even a bruised reed and a smouldering wick are kept safe. God, our God the Warrior, is so precise... and being precise, is capable of such gentleness that even a grain of sand is saved from the raging sea when He says, "This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt."¹⁰

The extreme precision by which even the waves, the wind, the hail stones and the lightning are unleashed by our God is such that a whole field can be wiped out, but if there was a bruised reed that He wanted left untouched, it would still be standing even if the rest of the vegetation was scorched. Or if He unleashed His divine wind through a land, it would still leave the smouldering wick untouched if He so purposed. So then, reconcile once and for all the gentleness of the Lord and the fact that He is a Warrior... and see His precision, for when you are in Him and He is in you, so too then you will become as precise as He is, gentle warriors of the Lord Most High.

As for His humility, His humbleness... He is the One who has said, "No one can deliver out of My hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"¹¹ not as a boast, for God does not boast as a man or devil would boast, but only declares that which is true, as He has said, "I, the Lord, speak the truth; I declare what is right."¹² As such, when He says, "I am God, and there is no other; I am God and there is none like Me,"¹³ He is not boasting, but merely speaking the truth. The hallmark of His humility is that He can do all things without any help, but has chosen to allow us to help Him.

When He could have come to this world without the help of a woman, He chose to allow Himself to be born of a woman, and became one of us, experiencing the worst, not the best, that this world has to offer a man. He did not come seeking the best that this world has to offer, which is why Satan's stupid offer to Him of all the kingdoms and their splendour fell on deaf ears as it were.¹⁴ But rather, He came seeking the worst that this world has to offer so that He could understand man in his humblest state – rejected, slandered, persecuted, considered mad and disbelieved by His own family, deserted by disciples, denied by friends and victimised, even murdered by enemies.

Without pomp, without splendour... not the warrior with the brightest, shiniest armour or the sharpest sword... but rather, a Warrior that His opponents would not and could not take seriously, and so, caused everyone... even His own brothers, disciples, friends... to underestimate Him.

⁷ John 14.12 NIV - NLT/NASB/ESV/NKJV

⁸ Isaiah 55.8

⁹ Isaiah 55.9

¹⁰ Job 38.11

¹¹ Isaiah 43.13

¹² Isaiah 45.19

¹³ Isaiah 46.9

¹⁴ Matthew 4.8

It is the way He seeks the lowest position to serve rather than to lord, to work rather than to laze, to seem to have nothing rather than to hold onto everything, that His humbleness sets our Warrior King aside. It is not for His own glory that He came, but that the One who sent Him might be glorified and those who serve Him might be glorified. It is not how He boasts of what He would want to do, as His arch enemy did... but rather, how He states what He will do as a matter of truth.

Above all else, He is the Warrior who stands His ground on the field... just the way the battle unfolds before Him. What do I mean? It means He is the One who will use whatever is given Him to finish the work. He is not the workman who complains about his tools, but finishes the work in spite of the tools.

He is not the warrior who flees because the enemy is overwhelming and his own army has run, but One who stands alone if He has to, and still forge the victory even if God has forsaken Him. When He was given the twelve by the Father, He accepted them as they were, even though one was a devil and eleven were unreliable. **With what He was given, without a complaint He started and will finish the work.**

When given five barley loaves and two small fish to feed 5000 families, He gave thanks. When a sinful woman anointed Him, He was thankful. When the sick and needy needed healing, He had compassion on them even when He Himself needed to grieve. With what He had... He finished the work, He finished the battle, and now He is about to finish the war.

And it is this humility that makes Him so very dangerous to His enemies, for He is not one who is concerned about what he has or does not have as to its adequacy to finish the work... but with whatever He is given, He gives thanks. **He is most dangerous when He humbly accepts whatever is given Him and He gives thanks.** Can you see it? Five loaves of barley bread and two small fish for 5000 families and He gives thanks. If He has given thanks for five barley loaves and two small fish, then what else has He given thanks for that are more than the loaves and fish that multiplies to fulfil the task at hand? The words given Him by the Father to say and how He should say them... it is one thing to be given words to say and another to be told also how to say them. What king, what warrior, would comply with such conditions?

Instead of scholars, wise men, politicians, teachers of the law, religious men sure of their righteousness... His Father gave Him tax collectors, uneducated fishermen, demon-possessed women... and He loves them. For within the core of that humbleness is this one truth that not one of His enemies can understand, and if they did ...**they would not have crucified the Lord of glory**, as Paul wrote.¹⁵ For Paul wrote to the Corinthians: **No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.**¹⁶ What is this secret wisdom that makes Him the Lord of glory... this Warrior like no other? The humbleness, the humility of not only giving thanks for all that is given Him, but taking it and using it... not to glorify Himself, but to glorify others.

For the Son came to finish the Father's work, not to glorify Himself but so that the Father may be glorified. For, the Spirit came to raise us up not to glorify Himself, but to bring glory to God. But all that glory that God is receiving from the Son and the Spirit is not for Themselves or Himself, but for **our** glory... **that God destined for our glory before time began.**

The humbleness of our King is that He is intent on using whatever He has to give glory and to glorify those He loves – His Father, His Spirit and His followers. And as the Warrior King... He is out to glorify not Himself, but those who serve Him, those who follow Him, and those who fight with Him, and if He intends to glorify them He will ensure they live, survive and win... to experience that glory.

No other warrior, no other king, is like Him, our Lord. In gentleness and humbleness He gives rest to all who are weary of war and are burdened by the cost of war. So He wages the war that will make the peace once and for all, removing from us the yoke of having to fight forever. But His gentleness is not weakness, meekness, or powerlessness, but the precision of the powerful and the strong who is in total control. And His humbleness is not of self abasement or denial, but rather, of the truth of who He is, what He is and His intention to seek the glory for others.

The Lord, the Lord, the Lord... **"the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin."**¹⁷ **He is a Warrior; the Lord is His Name.** Amen.

¹⁵ 1 Corinthians 2.8

¹⁶ 1 Corinthians 2.7

¹⁷ Exodus 34.6-7

The Warrior King

"See your King comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey."¹ Jesus fulfilled this when He entered Jerusalem riding on the colt as recorded in Matthew 21.7, Mark 11.7 and Luke 19.35... a colt that had been prepared beforehand for Him. For it was not as if they happened to find a colt and borrowed it, but as He said to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' tell him, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'"²

The colt Jesus rode on was not just to convey His gentleness, but also His humility. Indeed, He did not ride into Jerusalem like a conquering king on a white charger with his army behind him, but rather, He came to Jerusalem, the city of rebels, in peace... with no armed forces, just His disciples, bearing gifts of righteousness and salvation for all who would believe and accept Him. Indeed, no one suffered harm that first day as He entered the city, capital of rebellious Israel, except for the trees that had fronds cut off them. They seemed to honour Him, for many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields.³ However, those same people who cheered Him were not there to rescue Him when they marched Him out of Jerusalem to kill Him on Golgotha.

As His entry to Jerusalem was so pre-planned that a colt was born just at the right time and placed just at the right position so that on the day at hand, His disciples could be sent to get it, so then, know and understand that everything that is needed to fulfil the supplies for His return is also pre-positioned, and on the day they are needed, they will be there for all who are His current disciples who are ushering in the end of days for His arrival.

This time however, He is not returning on a colt, the foal of a donkey, but as John saw and described to us: I saw Heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose Rider is called Faithful and True. With justice He judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. He has a Name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His Name is the Word of God. The armies of Heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron sceptre." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On His robe and on His thigh He has this Name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.⁴ See the extreme contrast of the entry to Jerusalem and this last reported sighting of Him.

You see, in the Parable of the Tenants of the Vineyard, the son of the owner of the vineyard was murdered and stayed dead, and it was the owner who had to avenge his son. However, in reality, Jesus - the Son who was murdered even as He came bearing gifts and a peace offering to the rebels, both of men and spirits - did not stay dead, but was raised back to life. Imagine if the parable included the son being raised back to life and he was the one who would avenge his own murder.

The reality is that we have that situation, for He lives. He who was crucified and killed on the cross, whose own death could not prevent His murder... is alive and seated at the right hand of the Father where all who die get to see Him as they receive their judgement.

So, understand this... God is in no hurry to avenge Himself or for the murder of His Son on men who sinned, for all men die and are then judged. There is no one who lives who can escape facing Him, for after three score and ten, and a few more if you are strong, death awaits you to convey you to His presence for judgement. As such, do not think that He is in a hurry to return in case His enemies or their descendants can escape His justice. It is, in fact, out of compassion as always that He will return in response to our cries, for the devil remains loose on this Earth and he is a worse slave driver than the pharaoh of Moses' youth and ministry.

Understand then, in the days to come, when one third of mankind are removed, it is out of compassion that they are removed... compassion for the remaining two thirds. For those who will be harvested as Jesus said, are "the sons of the kingdom" (of Heaven) and "the sons of the evil one," and "the harvest is the end of the age."⁵ The one third then composes of both. The sons of the devil through whom Satan

¹ Zechariah 9.9

² Mark 11.2-3

³ Mark 11.8

⁴ Revelation 19.11-16

⁵ Matthew 13.38-39

wreaks havoc and evil, and for the sake of mankind they will be removed, be they humans or demons. For a man can be a son of Satan as Jesus said to the Jews who believed in Him, "You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning..."⁶ The need for these to be removed is obvious. However, what most will find hard to understand is the removal of the sons of the Kingdom of Heaven as well, as part of the harvest. Jesus said, "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will weed out of His kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil."⁷ At first glance, you would think you are correct that He is referring to the sons of the devil who cause sin and do evil... but you are not. For anyone who professes to be a believer of Christ, but yet has conducted himself in such a way as to cause an unbeliever to refuse to believe, has caused sin and done evil. In fact, the failure of most who profess Christ to proclaim the Gospel with their words and their lives so that those who know them can be convinced of the reality of Christ, are those who have caused sin. For if you believe that only those who confess Jesus as Lord and Saviour can be saved, and yet out of political correctness, politeness or whatever excuse you care to make, you withhold the Gospel from those who do not believe for fear of offending them, this is a sin of hypocrisy that all need to be in constant repentance of.

And since no one is good, but God alone... then only the practice of the words given by God to Jesus can be considered a good deed... and the practice of things that go against the specific teachings of Christ is evil.

As an example, and a pertinent and offensive one, Jesus specifically commanded, "And do not call anyone on Earth 'father,' for you have one Father, and He is in Heaven."⁸ And yet the tradition of one group is that they teach everyone to call their bishops and priests, "father," "papa," or "pope." Tradition you say... traditions be damned if they go against the instructions of Christ, as reminded to us in the written form by the Holy Spirit Himself.

So, you see... those who cause sin and do evil are not just the sons of the devil, but are also sons of the Kingdom of Heaven, and they have no place in the Kingdom of the Son of Man when He returns to reign. Those who are righteous by faith will have their reward in Heaven awaiting them, so then, it is little wonder that Jesus said, "First collect the weeds and tie them into bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into My barn."⁹ They are removed because their refusal to listen and practise the words of Jesus until they succeed to perform the good deeds that would cause men to praise the Father in Heaven, is a stumbling block to those who need to see miracles and wonders to believe. For Jesus also said, "Unless you people see miraculous signs and wonders, you will never believe."¹⁰ And the inability... yes, inability of those who do not listen to Jesus and practise His words to do what Jesus has been doing,¹¹ is responsible for the continual unbelief of those who do need to see.

The truth is... those who say they are believers of Jesus, even His servants and disciples, are as great, if not greater, a stumbling block to a pagan believing the Gospel as the devil and his sons are. The latter are at least sworn enemies. The former... there is nothing worse for a father than to have sons and daughters who squander the family wealth for their own selfish ambitions. Any wise father would retire them, providing them with an allowance but making sure they have nothing further to do with the expansion of the family business.

As such, the return of Jesus, the Warrior King, this time on His white horse leading His army, is not out of anger and thirst for vengeance and revenge as it is for compassion... compassion for the two thirds of mankind who still do not and cannot believe because of the works of the sons of the devil and the laziness of those who are sons of the Kingdom of Heaven, who have not in mind the things of God but their own future comfort in Heaven.

So then, elect, even though this time the Lord, the Warrior King, returns on a white horse leading the armies of Heaven, He is returning out of compassion... compassion for the two thirds who cannot believe because of the success of the sons of Satan and the failings of the sons of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Any effort on our part to do anything else except to facilitate His return is to prolong the suffering. We may win the battle and provide some relief, but the comfort is palliative. For here is another truth: The very orphan we save and feed can just as easily grow up to be the world's greatest philanthropist or the

⁶ John 8.44

⁷ Matthew 13.41

⁸ Matthew 23.9

⁹ Matthew 13.30

¹⁰ John 4.48

¹¹ John 14.12

world's worst terrorist, as long as Satan's sons continue to live on Earth alongside the sons of the Kingdom of Heaven.

The cycle of good versus evil will only cease when He who is all powerful returns and once and for all removes all who do evil and whose idea of good is what man calls good... and not what Jesus calls "good."

So do not be alarmed and do not be afraid, even though He now comes with eyes like blazing fire, with a sharp sword coming out of His mouth, mounted on a white horse with armies following Him... He is still that same Jesus - He who is humble and gentle, mounted on a colt, the foal of a donkey, bringing righteousness and salvation. **For though He may come in a different form, His heart and soul of grace and compassion never change.** It is then the grace of God that these warnings are sounded, and miracles are made available to every believer, disciple and elect to do so that people everywhere may see and believe, and as such, it is right that we remind every believer, disciple and elect, "A curse on him who is lax in doing the Lord's work."¹²

This then also is the compassion of God, that the sons of the devil and the sons of the Kingdom of Heaven are harvested and removed for the sake of the remnants of mankind, so that all who cause sin and do evil are removed for the sake of those who are meek and deserving. As such, it is right that we remind every believer, disciple and elect, "A curse on him who keeps his sword from bloodshed."¹³

And this time, Jerusalem... He is not coming to enter your gates, for the earthquake will have split you into three. No, this time... all who live in Jerusalem, come out of her and find refuge on the Mountain of God, the Mount of Olives... on it you will be saved.

Mount up then, elect, and prepare to ride out... **the King, He comes, riding on a white horse, with eyes of fire and a sharp sword from His mouth, leading the armies of Heaven to judge with justice and make war. Ride and sound the alarm.** Ride and warn... perhaps they will listen, perhaps they will hear, perhaps they will see the One they have pierced and repent of His murder! Amen.

¹² Jeremiah 48.10

¹³ Jeremiah 48.10

The Peacemaker

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."¹ If those who are His disciples who are peacemakers will be called sons of God, then how much more is the Son of God, Jesus Christ, the Peacemaker, and indeed, the King of the peacemakers? The Lord who is a Warrior is not only gentle and humble at heart - in the core of His being, His soul and His spirit - but also is the One who so desires peace that He would make it at any cost.

As it has been written,² He is not one who would keep the peace at any cost but is the One who would make the peace at any cost. **He is not a war maker nor is He one who starts wars, but as the Peacemaker, He is the One who will wage the war required to make the peace.**

For in the beginning, He set everything in its place and grew a garden for Adam, not a fortress. Adam was to have dominion over the Earth from the confines of a garden... a residence that speaks not of war but of peace. It was not God who started the war, but Satan when he trespassed into the garden where he had no right to be and initiated the defilement of God's image. Satan was already "the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty,"³ who had his own sanctuaries with his own role to play as "a guardian cherub."⁴ However, in crossing the line and coveting God's place and throne and desecrating God's image - Adam - Satan declared war on God... not the other way around. By inciting rebellion amongst the angelics so that one third joined him, he spread that war, a war that continued with more defilement and desecration of that which belonged to God. The acts of hostilities escalated to the point where angels of God had children with daughters of men, producing children called the Nephilim⁵ - an abomination that celebrates the defilement of God's image by Satan. Perhaps now you might see why God wiped out the world of Noah with a flood and why the Israelites were commissioned to wipe out the Canaanites and all the descendants of the Nephilim that lived in their midst - the Anakites and the Rephaites.⁶

So commonly is it asked, "How can the angry, vengeful God of the Old Testament be reconciled with the gentle, saving God of the New Testament?" Indeed many say the God of the Old Testament is a different God from that of the New Testament as a confirmation of their ignorance of the Scriptures, and not just the Scriptures, but more importantly, the power of God.

It can be offensive to those who love and hold onto the Scriptures and search them diligently that I have said, "The knowledge of the power of God is more important than the Scriptures." Being offended by this statement is just another manifestation of ignorance, for anyone who truly knows the Lord knows it is the power of God that preceded all Creation, and therefore, certainly what we call Scriptures. Indeed, without the power of God, there are no Scriptures, for Scripture is but a written testimony to the acts of God by His power.

God does not change... He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. So the angry, vengeful God of the Old Testament who cursed Satan, who drove Adam and Eve out of the garden, who destroyed the Earth of Noah with the flood, who decimated Egypt, who wiped out Canaan and also Israel... is also capable of the same anger in the New Testament if we, like the people of old, refuse His peace offering. The gracious, kind, merciful, compassionate God who healed the sick, caused the lame to walk, raised a dead child to life, was also there in the days of old, except... they never gave Him the opportunity to show His kindness.

You see... repentance brings out the merciful, compassionate and kind side of God who is Love... but God never encountered repentance in the ancient days.

When He walked into the garden that fateful day, God was not greeted by a repentant Adam, but a denying, accusing Adam. God is many things - kind, generous, compassionate, forgiving - but an accuser and a denier He is not. God does not accuse but reveals and judges... as Adam became the accuser of God and Eve for his sin... "The woman You put here with me..." and denied his culpability in his sin, "...she gave me some of the fruit of the tree and I ate it."⁷ Forget repentance... Adam did not even apologize. Adam was no longer God's image for God, so God was given no choice but to drive Him out.

¹ Matthew 5.9

² www.holyspiritworkshop.com/?p=1103

³ Ezekiel 28.12

⁴ Ezekiel 28.14

⁵ Genesis 6.4

⁶ Numbers 13.33; Deuteronomy 1.28; 2.10-11

⁷ Genesis 3.12

See that God who knows all things did not walk into the garden saying, "Adam, come here," but rather said, "Where are you?"⁸ giving Adam the opportunity to answer in repentance... but Adam chose denial and accusations.

When Noah was building the ark having been commissioned by God, no one else who watched Noah doing something totally impossible and **inappropriate** for his time, repented at the preaching of Noah... for Noah did not preach with a message of words, but by a picture of wood nailed together of an ark being built that would only be needed if a devastating catastrophe were to happen. The people of Noah's day were given a clear sign and the time – to see and consider – but no one repented.

When Moses went to pharaoh with this request, "Let My son go, so he may worship Me,"⁹ God did not send Moses with a large and mighty army, but only with his older brother... an eighty year old man with an even older man with a wooden stick. That does not present to anyone the message of a God out to avenge for the maltreatment of His son, for the Lord said, "Israel is My firstborn son,"¹⁰ does it? Indeed, the use of Moses and Aaron shows the very nature of the gentle and humble God... two old men, one with a speech impediment and a wooden stick. I remind the reader again... His enemies have a habit of underestimating Him because He is humble and gentle at heart, and He is the Prince of Peace, no, the King of Peace, who prefers to avoid the war by giving a peace offering.

All God told Moses to say was, "Let My son go, so he may worship Me." There were no threats, there were no accusations of maltreatment, nor were the sins of Egypt's ingratitude brought up... just simply, "Let My son go, so he may worship Me."

You see how we fail to listen, really listen. "Let My son go..." but was God greeted with repentance from pharaoh, the beneficiary of God's kindness to his forefathers through Joseph? No, just proud and haughty words... "Who is the Lord that I should obey Him and let Israel go? I do not know the Lord and I will not let Israel go."¹¹ So God devastated Egypt with twelve miracles.

When Israel surrounded Jericho with an overwhelming army, did Jericho surrender? Did they use the forty years of grace to seek God or did they use it to breed even more Nephilims with the demons they worshipped so that they could build a wall high enough to defend themselves and an army of 'super' soldiers as well? For indeed, the first generation said of them, "All the people we saw there are of great size."¹² Neither did they use the seven days of marching as a time to make a peace offering to Israel. For how could a nation of three million or more survive in the desert and march out with an army of half a million unless they were provided for supernaturally? It is not as if the Jerichoans were ignorant of supernatural powers and beings, for they were breeding the Anakites.¹³

Did Israel repent... or did Israel just say, "Sorry," and relapse despite God's patience? You see, God the gracious, the compassionate, was never met with repentance or peace whenever He wanted to correct the son. Adam did not repent; Noah's world did not repent; and pharaoh refused God's offering of blessings each and every time. The angry God of the Old Testament, as people call Him, is because those who should repent did not, and those who should be grateful... were not.

Now see what difference repentance makes to God... for John the Baptist came, preaching... and saying, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near,"¹⁴ and people came confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River.¹⁵ The willingness of those who were the 'sinners' of Jewish society – the tax collectors and prostitutes – to accept the message of John and repent, allowed Jesus to begin His ministry with the same message, confirming His message with signs and wonders that were very different from the signs and wonders that were dealt out to Egypt.

Pharaoh did not greet Moses and Aaron with the contriteness to repent of the maltreatment of the sons of Israel who were responsible for Egypt's present greatness through Joseph... but denied the knowledge of God and received the twelve signs and wonders that devastated Egypt. Had pharaoh been a different man, a man who knew the truth well enough to acknowledge, "Yes, Israel is God's blessing to Egypt," and let them go into the desert to worship God... what would God have done to Egypt? The answer is easy... the exact reversal of the twelve signs and wonders of Moses and Aaron would have left Egypt in

⁸ Genesis 3.9

⁹ Exodus 4.23

¹⁰ Exodus 4.22

¹¹ Exodus 5.2

¹² Numbers 13.32

¹³ Numbers 13.33

¹⁴ Matthew 3.1-2

¹⁵ Matthew 3.6

such a powerful position that even as Israel marched east for Canaan, Egypt would have marched west and south.

For indeed, if Canaan was cursed to be a slave to Shem forever,¹⁶ so then the sons of Cush and Put¹⁷ would also be slaves to the sons of Shem and Japheth... the wiping out of all snakes from Egypt (snakes turned to sticks); the purification of all waters in Egypt (water to good wine); the multiplication of frogs to wipe out all the gnats and flies (the removal of sickness); the multiplication of the livestock; the healing of the people; the increase of rain instead of hail; the multiplication of bees instead of locusts; the blessing of enlightenment instead of darkness; the blessing of the firstborn; and the preservation, no, the increase of their military power... would have left Egypt a much more powerful society at every level, in need of no slaves to maintain their economy.

You see, if pharaoh accepted, God would have been able to do to Egypt as He did to those who lived in Judea and Galilee, for when the [people went out to him from Jerusalem and all Judea and the whole region of the Jordan, confessing their sins](#),¹⁸ God came amongst them and began to remove the vipers in their midst by first pointing out who they were... as John the Baptist [...when he saw many of the pharisees and sadducees coming to where he was baptising... said to them: "You brood of vipers!"](#)¹⁹ A snake exposed is a snake that can be killed. Then God changed their water (dirty) to good wine,²⁰ and He began to drive out demons (frogs, gnats, flies), and healed the sick (removal of sickness and boils), multiplied the bread and fish (multiplication of livestock and produce), controlled the weather (bringing rain, stopping the storm); and gave them light through the revelation of His word and the right to be born again (sons); and finally, gave them the power to overcome even the strongest enemy, the romans.

That is what Egypt could have received if they greeted Aaron (for he was the mouthpiece) with repentance, and Moses' staff would have brought miracles of blessings. You see, God does not change. The healing, kind, compassionate God of Jesus is also the God of Moses, except pharaoh did not repent, and neither did Adam nor the people of Noah's days.

Having said that... now what will happen in this age if the God of the New Testament – the blessing, healing, generous God – were to come upon this world of the 21st Century and begin to expose and remove serpents again, clean the waters, heal the sick, multiply the food and so on... so that the abundance so destroys lack that buying and selling would no longer be needed, and the people of this age consider it an affront so that they would rather take on a mark that would allow them to perpetuate lack and permit them to continue to buy and sell? What would happen, especially if these blessings, signs and wonders are to prepare the way for His Son to come back to receive the justice due Him? You will find that the God of the New Testament and the Old is very much the one and the same.

For God our King is indeed the Peacemaker. Always seeking to make the peace first... with a peace offering, delivered to head strong and sinful people using mild mannered men or women who appear to be of no threat... like a crazed boat builder when there were no oceans, or two geriatrics with a wooden stick and a speech impediment. Envoys that are in no way threatening so that the peaceable intentions of God cannot be mistaken... and finally, His Son, humble, gentle, healing, a Friend of sinners and tax collectors mounted on a colt, the foal of a donkey. No, you see... the intentions of God the Peacemaker, Jesus the Peacemaker, are always obvious... it is just that His enemies are too blind and too deaf to see and hear.

The resolve of the Peacemaker is such that if His peace offering is refused, then He will make the war that will make the peace. Indeed, Egypt's sons and warriors were laid to rest and never had to fight again after Moses left. So likewise, our King, the Peacemaker, now presents the world with a peace offering: His elect empowered to heal, deliver, multiply and provide the safety needed to see through those days when God restores the Earth to what it was before the flood devastated it. Those who accept it will be greeted by these words: **"Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world."**²¹ And those who refuse it will be removed first like the animals of Egypt, then like the sons of Egypt, and then like the charioteers of Egypt, and the peace will be made with the removal of all who have or intend to war against God.

The removal of the demons and sons of the devil will be like the removal of the snakes, frogs, gnats, flies and livestock. The removal of the sons of the kingdom will be like the removal of the firstborn of Egypt.

¹⁶ Genesis 9.25-27

¹⁷ Genesis 10.6

¹⁸ Matthew 3.5-6

¹⁹ Matthew 3.7

²⁰ John 2.1-10

²¹ Matthew 25.34

For all enter first the Kingdom of Heaven and some are then born again to enter the Kingdom of God. So in a way, the sons of the Kingdom of Heaven are like 'firstborns.'

The gathering of the armies of the kings of the world outside of Jerusalem will be like the gathering of the chariots of pharaoh in the Red Sea... and their demise will be just as certain, for the clouds of glory that will carry Jesus and His elect back to Earth will generate the electromagnetic pulse required to disable every modern chariot as if they were the chariots of Egypt with their wheels fully off. **God does not change; He is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He is always the Peacemaker... just how He will make the peace depends on our repentance or our refusal to repent. That is our choice, but as for God... He has no choice... He must make the peace, for He is the Peacemaker... our King and our Peace.** Amen.

Peace to all who give themselves no rest and give the Lord no rest till He makes His Son the praise of the Earth.

The King

"The Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished; He punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation"¹ - the Warrior who is all this with humility and gentleness who redefines everything we ever understood and thought we knew about gentleness and humility.

It is all these characteristics that our King has, which truly makes Him worthy to be the Peacemaker... the One who can make the final peace, the eternal peace, the everlasting peace. For it is the very nature of God in His humility and gentleness, His compassion and graciousness, His love and faithfulness... that makes Him the One we can surrender to and know that we who were once His enemies would be safe... and not be abused, mistreated and enslaved. For the purpose of war from our King's perspective is not to destroy His enemies, but rather, it is to protect... to protect them from the harm they are doing to themselves.

As such, because of the very unique nature of our King, so also the very nature, conduct and purpose of His war are unique.

In every war a powerful, strong, invincible, overwhelming enemy is to be feared. The peoples of their days feared Rome, Napoleon and Hitler because their armies were powerful and strong and no one seemed to be able to stop them. However, the reason the psalmist said that God is to be feared is not because He is almighty, all powerful, invincible... but because with God there is forgiveness, as it is written: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.²

Remember God, our God, is not waging war against other gods, for there is no other god besides Him... so that everything God is warring against was once made by Him for Himself. So that even Satan from whom all sin originated, was created by God... and the war that God is prosecuting against Satan, his angels and his sons, is a war between the Creator and His creatures. No other wars are fought like that... not in the Heavens or on the Earth. When the angels of God fought against the angels of Satan, it was only a war of creature against creature. And every war on Earth between men is a war of creature against creature. However, the war that God is fighting is the only war that is between the Creator and His creatures.

If our Creator was evil, wicked, cruel, vile and hateful... then there are grounds for His creatures to rebel, and not only rebel, but to continue to fight without a consideration of surrender or yielding. For to yield to one who is evil, wicked, cruel, vile and hateful... is stupidity, ensuring a future of unceasing torment and pain.

However, He is not... and He has demonstrated this time and again by His slowness to anger, putting up with Noah's world, with Egypt, with Israel and with those who murdered His Son and who now trample His word and covenant under their feet. And He has also demonstrated this by His willingness to forgive those who repent and bless them, even though by His foreknowledge He already knows that their repentance is short lived (see Israel's history).

It is the very gentleness within our God that He behaves like a Person who allows His enemies to assault Him, yet He does not retaliate, for He knows one word from Him would annihilate them. No, He lets them assault Him until they are exhausted and then shows them the futility of their ways and gives them a choice to surrender, to yield and change, or to persist being His assailants in such a way that His servants can no longer bear it and remove His assailants.

You see, it is the angels who are the harvesters at the end of the age, who remove the weeds and the bad fish... not the Lord. It is the saints who will sit in judgement of angels at the end of all things... not the Lord. It is not even the Lord Himself who binds Satan with a chain, but an angel, for his thousand year imprisonment.

Such is the reality of the greatness of His mercy, compassion, love, grace, faithfulness, forgiveness and justice... that He is feared because He forgives. Even though there now stands three individuals who will not benefit from the Lord's forgiveness - the false prophet, the beast and Satan, as it is written in

¹ Exodus 34.6-7

² Psalm 130.3-4

Revelation 19.20 and 20.10: But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. With these signs he had deluded those who had received the mark of the beast and worshipped his image. The two of them were thrown alive into the fiery lake of burning sulphur. ... And the devil, who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever - no one else is named as being condemned, for all still have an opportunity to have their names found written in the Book of Life. For on the day of judgement when the millennium is over, this Earth and Heaven are destroyed by fire... hell, death and the sea give up the dead that are in them, and each is judged according to that which is written in the books.³ If there is still a judgement, a decision awaiting those who are in hell now, it means those who are in hell now are not yet... not yet condemned eternally, but as the Lord has said, "Therefore wait for Me... Then I will purify the lips of the peoples, that all of them may call on the Name of the Lord..."⁴

For everyone who will take part in this final war of the Lord, which will lead to the eternal peace of New Earth and New Jerusalem, must understand and know this about their God: "...that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on Earth, for in these I delight."⁵

Understand and see that the three condemned ones have this in common: All three plotted and put into effect an act that would cause the death of an immortal. Satan's deception of Eve into tricking Adam to eat and disobey resulted in the death of Adam's and Eve's immortality. For as long as Adam did not eat of the forbidden fruit, he could never die and would remain immortal.

The plot of the false prophet to raise up the beast and exchange his power for Satan's authority, is so that they can muster the kings of the world and their armies to destroy the Mount of Olives so that Scriptures can be broken and so kill Jesus... as the Word of God who is the Truth. Their attempt to kill Jesus, the immortal One, is the same sin as Satan's.

That is why all three do not die the mortal death, but are subject to the immortal death – the lake of burning sulphur – hence they are thrown alive into it. This is the justice of God that those who take away immortal life receive the immortal death, and yet, even the worst of murderers who have massacred millions of other humans and animals will be given an opportunity, and they will die the death of mortals to be raised on the last day for judgement. If they choose then to deny the immortal life offered them on that day by calling on the Name of the Lord after the Lord Himself has gently and humbly purified their lips, then it is this denial of immortal life that gives them the immortal death – the lake of burning sulphur.

Now, for those of you who are mature and know the Scriptures **and** the power of God, the difference between eternal life and immortal life is plain. But for the sake of those who are still ignorant of the Scriptures and the power of God, and so still are subject to the errors of traditions and doctrines of men and demons... Jesus defined eternal life as, "Now, this is eternal life: that they may come to know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."⁶ And immortal life is the life given to those who will be the dogs outside of New Jerusalem on New Earth... as Jesus said, "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the Tree of Life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practise magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practises falsehood."⁷

These dogs are sinners who have paid for their sins themselves by serving time in hades, death and the sea... who are raised on judgement day and for whom there is no repentance, for a sinner who has paid for his sins does not need to repent for there is no forgiveness needed. They are merely given a choice to call on the Name of the Lord to receive immortality as dogs - creatures that can live forever but will never be able to come to know the Father and the Son - or to refuse the immortal life and choose the immortal death. Such is the justice and mercy of God... our God whose only begotten Son is Jesus Christ, our King.

It is then our knowledge and understanding of our God that give us the truth and power of our testimony: That we who were once His enemies are now His sons and daughters. Such is the goodness of God that anyone who is still His enemy may surrender to Him.

³ Revelation 20.12

⁴ Zephaniah 3.8-9

⁵ Jeremiah 9.24

⁶ John 17.3

⁷ Revelation 22.14-15

When you can begin to understand and see that every act of God in war is to protect those who are His enemies from harming themselves because they are all His creation whom He loves... then you are ready to be armed with the weapons of divine power with which we tear down every stronghold and take captive every thought to make them obedient to Jesus. We will be ready, as Paul said, to punish,⁸ not to destroy irrevocable, but to destroy as to protect from further harm.

God stopped Noah's world with the flood so as to stop the multiplication of Nephilims on the Earth that would have enslaved the human race beyond anything we have done to ourselves. Even though the whole world was wiped out, the human race was protected from a much worse fate.

Likewise, He wiped out the Canaanites to stop a revival of the Nephilim on the Earth. **Everywhere and every time when God destroyed, it was to protect us, His enemies, from the harm we had purposed for ourselves.**

It is our ignorance that allows us to misrepresent God through our religions when all He has ever offered us is **relationship**, from Adam until now. So, the soon arrival of Jesus Christ is yet another act of God, the gracious and compassionate God, to stop men from harming themselves. For we are on the verge of reviving Nephilims again... this time through cloning so that soulless humans are made - humans in which Nephilimic spirits can dwell and manifest their demonic powers and enslave humans yet again. Mankind cannot see the danger... but God does. For **from the first man we never saw or understood the mercy of God in all His commands that lead to eternal life.** As Jesus testified, **"I know that His command leads to eternal life."**⁹

Adam did not know that, for if he had, he would not have eaten of the fruit. Neither has every person since, who refuse to listen to God and His Servant. That is why God said to all who are deceived, **"What is this you have done?"**¹⁰ as He said to Eve. We don't know... we are ignorant, we do not understand... like dogs we only act as our instincts drive us.

So, elect, as this final war of God begins... know and understand who your King and Commander is: **"I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on Earth, for in these I delight."** For this is not a war of a few years... no, this is the war that will not end until the last battle is fought outside of **the camp of God's people, the city He loves,**¹¹ at the end of the millennium.

For though He will come and make the peace on Earth and for a millennium mankind will be blessed, there remains one enemy that is yet to be dealt with... even when Satan's sons, the false prophet and the beast and all men who followed them are removed, even when Satan has been imprisoned... there lays in the hearts of all men an enemy that would have condemned us to death and had Adam eat of the forbidden fruit even if Satan never deceived Eve. Death may be the last enemy, but as it is written: **"...the first will be last,"**¹² so **the ingratitude of men will truly be the last enemy of God to be dealt with, for it was the first.** For Adam was ungrateful for what God had given him when he never gave thanks for Eve but said, **"This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man."**¹³

Ingratitude has been in men's heart even if you put us into the garden of Eden. Even though the millennial Earth will be Earth as it should be if Adam never sinned... at the end of the millennium Satan is able to deceive men once more, because the ingratitude never left us.

Yes, elect, it is a war, but not as the world fights... our weapons, our tactics, our objectives are so vastly different... that truly as the Heavens are above the Earth, so our ways are different and higher... and unless you come to know and understand your King who is the Lord, the Warrior, you will not be permitted to partake of the full campaign. So rejoice, for God has not called you for a common purpose but a purpose beyond men's comprehension... and apply yourself once more to practice and master the art of our Master's warfare.

Let us bless when we are cursed;
Let us give life when we are killed;
Heal when we are wounded;
Deliver when we are imprisoned;

⁸ 2 Corinthians 10.6

⁹ John 12.50

¹⁰ Genesis 3.13

¹¹ Revelation 20.9

¹² Matthew 20.16

¹³ Genesis 2.23

Feed when we are hungry;
Turn the other cheek when we are struck;
In all things rejoice and be grateful for who God, our God, truly is... blessed be His Name forever.
Amen.

The King who can Change God's Will

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi, where are You staying?" "Come," He replied, "and you will see."¹

To all who will follow Jesus... you will find that He is not a leader who keeps secrets from you, but a Leader who will always make it plain to all His followers, especially His disciples, exactly what He is going to do and intends to do. It is only to those who are not prepared to listen to Him and follow Him that the words, plans and intentions of Jesus are shrouded in 'mystery' so that any mysteries perpetrated by so-called disciples of Christ are because they themselves have not listened, not followed, not practised, and worse still, are in truth not real disciples of Christ at all, but are those whom Paul described as servants of Satan masquerading as disciples of Christ.²

For to two men who did not really know Him who wanted to see where He was staying, He said, "Come and you will see." So it is this invitation that He has extended to all believers who desire to be disciples... "Come and you will see." However, to take up that invitation one must follow Him, and sadly, many believe Him but do not follow Him. Even the eleven who knew Him came to a place where they did not follow Him. They did not follow Him to Galilee for the angel's message to the women in Matthew 28.7 was: "Then go quickly and tell His disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see Him.' " If He had gone ahead, then surely anyone who went to Galilee was following Him.

There is no secret of the Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of God that is not available to a disciple. The problem is... there are not many disciples in the church, just many believers who bear the name of Christians, for their prime aim is to enter Heaven through faith in Jesus... not to enter eternal life through knowing Jesus. Indeed, immortality is what most who call themselves "Christian" are after – a life after death lived in paradise forever. Eternal life is not what many seek... for eternal life lets you come to know the One true God and Jesus Christ whom He sent,³ but not everyone wants to know God. Many are happy to just believe that there is a God or believe in God by their understanding, but to know Him, that's different. It is like many people of a nation like to believe their leader and know they have a leader... but to really get to know that leader? No thanks. However, dear reader, as I have reminded you many times through the years, God said, "... let him who boasts boast about this: that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on Earth, for in these I delight."⁴

So rejoice that before you need to learn about anything else of the Lord's conduct of war, He lets you come to know Him first, and not only that, He lets His enemies know what He intends to do as well... which is why in the days of Moses, God let pharaoh know exactly what would happen next before it happened.

You see, God is the Lord God Almighty... eternal, invincible, invisible, and no one can match Him in power, wisdom, understanding and knowledge... so that when God declares His will to do something, His enemies can do nothing... absolutely nothing, to stop Him. That is why God said in Isaiah, "Remember this, fix it in mind, take it to heart, you rebels. Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come."⁵

Thus, those who want to follow Him and take up His invitation, "Come and you will see," have been shown where Jesus lives, which is written plainly in Revelation 21 and 22 as John recorded: I saw the Holy City, the New Jerusalem,⁶ and The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him.⁷ So it should not surprise you that before the Lord returns to wage the war against ungrateful men... the end of the war has been made known from the beginning.

¹ John 1.35-39

² 2 Corinthians 11.13-15

³ John 17.3

⁴ Jeremiah 9.24

⁵ Isaiah 46.8-10

⁶ Revelation 21.2

⁷ Revelation 22.3

This is how this war will end: After the last battle is fought and won outside of the camp of God's people, outside of Jerusalem, both Earth and all the present Heavens will be destroyed and any human being will be killed and raised up for the great white throne judgement. Those who had placed their faith in Christ but were not eligible for the first resurrection will be raised and given the right to enter the Holy City, New Jerusalem, together with those of the first resurrection. From there they will continue their eternal life and come to know God and Jesus, except they will always know Jesus less than those who were raised at the first resurrection. For, those who were raised at the first resurrection will know Him as the King of kings and Lord of lords whom they served.⁸ Those who are of the second resurrection will know Him as John the Baptist introduced Him: "the Lamb of God..."⁹ as it is written: "the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and His servants will serve Him."

You see, Revelation 21 and 22 make known the end that awaits those humans who will be His people and who will be His servants. However to those who are His sons, Revelations 21 and 22 describe their inheritance: What God has given them, not what they will make of it.

You see, in Revelation 21.7 God said, "He who overcomes will inherit all this, and I will be his God and he will be My son." However, an inheritance is given to coheirs so that they make use of it for their future. As such, the future prepared for those who are sons is not made known... only the future of those who are the people and servants is known.

As for those who are the enemies of God, against whom this war has been waged and are taken prisoner, held in death and Hades, even their fate is made plain for them from the beginning. For God has clearly said, "But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practise magic arts, the idolaters, and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulphur. This is the second death"¹⁰ - to join the false prophet, the beast and Satan who had already been cast there as well as death and Hades.¹¹

However, the fact that there will be a reprieve for some of those eight who are condemned to join the first five in the lake of sulphur is also already written, for in Revelation 22 Jesus said, "Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the Tree of Life and may go through the gates into the city. Outside are the dogs, those who practise magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practises falsehood."¹² God condemned eight in Revelation 21.8 but Jesus gives reprieve to five of them in Revelation 22.15. Such is the mercy and grace of God through Jesus, His Son, that even those who are condemned can find reprieve in the words of Jesus. If the condemned can find reprieve in the words of Jesus... how much more so the repentant?

I say reprieve, for the five of Revelation 22.15 are not saved, that is, they do not receive the salvation of their souls... hence they are referred to as "the dogs". For the livestock have a spirit and a flesh, but no soul. For God has a soul and only His image, man, has what God has in full - spirit, soul and flesh - whereas the angelics have spirit and soul, but no flesh. Without salvation of their souls, those humans who are the 'dogs' are given the reprieve of living out an immortal life of having flesh and spirit, like a dog. Remember these are those who were condemned already, so rejoice for God's mercy to the condemned.

However, three of the eight - "the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile" - are given no reprieve and are also thrown into the lake of sulphur to join the other five - the false prophet, the beast, the devil, death and Hades - to make eight who will be in the second death. So that for Satan... he will have his new beginning just as God will be having His new beginning on the New Earth with His eight - Father, Son, Holy Spirit, angels, elect, disciples, believers and New Jerusalem. As such, God has given Satan his desire... as he had declared in Isaiah 14.14: "I will make myself like the Most High."

So indeed, he has been made like the Most High with a three person 'god' head of himself, the beast and the false prophet - their own personages of authority, flesh and power - like the Father, Son and Holy Spirit... with spirituals and sons (the vile, cowardly, and unbelieving) and a 'bride', Hades, like Jesus has His bride, the city of New Jerusalem.

Seven personages and a place... that is what God has prepared for Himself and so He has given His enemies seven personages and a place, and in between, as it were... the dogs.

⁸ Revelation 20.4-6

⁹ John 1.36

¹⁰ Revelation 21.8

¹¹ Revelation 20.14

¹² Revelation 22.14-15

Now, all these are very interesting, and for those who do not know the Scriptures or the power of God but worst of all, do not know God - for no one who does not know the Scriptures or the power of God can come to know God, inclusive from the moment Scriptures were given - such things are speculative. If anyone considers this speculative, they have not disbelieved the writer, but disbelieved God who spoke the judgement and Jesus who spoke the reprieve. So then, they are judged by their own ignorance.

For those who are the elect... see and understand your King... for God who condemned eight types of people - "the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practise magic arts, the idolaters and all liars—their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulphur. This is the second death" - is the One who can give reprieve to those condemned by God... and so He changed the sentence for the five... "Outside are the dogs, those who practise magic arts, the sexually immoral, the murderers, the idolaters and everyone who loves and practises falsehood."

Knowing and understanding that the King you are following is the One who can reprieve even those condemned by God, will gird you in the days of distress that are promised, for as He has and will give reprieve to the condemned, so shall anyone who has faith in Him. Indeed, one of the roles of the elect is to give reprieve to the condemned even before Jesus arrives, and that is to the sons of Satan who will be weeded out by the angels and thrown into the fire reserved for them and their father. It is our ability to do what Jesus does (for those who know what we are speaking of) that will divide the sons of Satan from their father and fulfil these words of Jesus: "From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other... father against son and son against father..."¹³ It is this reprieve by those who truly have faith in Jesus that will bring down Satan's house, leaving him no choice but to hand over his authority to the false prophet for his ability to do miraculous signs and wonders to deceive the people.

You see... you serve a King who will keep no secrets from you and make known to you the end from the beginning so that this war begins from the end.

¹³ Luke 12.52-53

The King Invincible

Paul wrote to Timothy: **Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.**¹ Indeed, God is such a King... but rarely has He displayed the truth of the fullness of His power in such a way that we recognise Him as the King invincible.

It is interesting the word 'invincible' does not appear in the NIV or KJV translations, but yet when you come to know the Lord our God, the Warrior, and you see His humility and gentleness in the fullness of His power, you soon realise He is not only eternal, immortal, invisible, but also **invincible**. A reality of God our King that I fear all His enemies have not realised, and worse still, a reality that His own people and servants do not realise.

Perhaps it is because His people have suffered defeats at the hands of their enemies even when they had prayed before going into battle, or because when they cried out for deliverance, there was no deliverance, so that they think God is not able to help them, and if God is not able to help them... then God is not invincible. Perhaps His enemies have been able to get away with so much that they think God Almighty has a weakness.

After all, Satan defiled God's image² and revealed their nakedness with sin... and all God did was kill an innocent lamb to cover their nakedness and spoke curses against Satan. To the angelics watching... they did not see God draw His famous sword and cut Satan in two there and then. Perhaps that was what emboldened them into their reckless raping and marrying of the daughters of men as they chose to father their own abominations of Nephilim.

What all who do not know or understand God do not realise is this... that **God is slow to anger, patient and forgiving... not because He is weak, but because He is truly invincible... invincible not only as being impossible to destroy, but invincible as in being irresistible**. That which He wills and desires will happen when He wants it to happen. That which He plans will happen when He wants it to happen. And when He acts... no one can reverse it, as He stated in Isaiah 43.13: **"No one can deliver out of My hand. When I act, who can reverse it?"**

Paul saw this and recognised this invincibility of God when he wrote: **For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness.**³ There is no more powerful delusion that God can send than Jesus, His Son, in the flesh to die on a roman cross. The Holy One of God Almighty with enough power to destroy this Creation and replace it with an infinite number of other creations, allowed Himself to be tortured, flogged, nailed to a cross and pierced by a spear, to die as One strangled and cursed. To the unbelieving and the wicked... they saw a mere Man, unable to save Himself despite all His claims as they taunted Him, saying, **"He saved others; let Him save Himself if He is the Christ of God, the Chosen One."**⁴

For He had displayed some power with the miracles, yes, but not enough to protect and save Himself. So, even when they heard the reports that He had risen from the guards who witnessed it, they were deluded enough to order them to say, **"His disciples came during the night and stole Him away while we were asleep."**⁵

And then for 1900 years He has allowed the church to carry on as it has without returning as He promised. A church that had some degree of miraculous power, but not enough to resist the Roman legions and gullible enough to be led back into useless religiosity and become a tool for ambitious, wicked men to use to build their own kingdoms. It is as if one could ask, "He may be God, but He can't do everything, and since He knows Satan is roaming free on the Earth, why hasn't He come back to stop him and rescue His church?" One is almost tempted to think that Jesus is not as powerful as some make Him out to be.

Remember, a delusion is not a lie, for God does not lie, but rather, it is a presentation of the truth so that those who are not of sound mind would misinterpret the truth and come to a wrong conclusion according to their thoughts.

¹ 1 Timothy 1.17

² Man, male and female Genesis 1.27

³ 2 Thessalonians 2.11-12

⁴ Luke 23.35

⁵ Matthew 28.13

Jesus dying on the cross was not God lying about His immortality, but rather, God presenting the truth that not even death can hold Him down. Him - Jesus - not appearing to the elders and the priests after the resurrection was the delusion to His enemies that He was still dead, so that they would believe their own lies. For, as any man would think... if Jesus had risen from the dead, surely He would have appeared to the elders and priests who got Him crucified with their lies as well as to Pilate. And that is what those murderers thought likewise after a time when they did not see Him but only saw the rabble who were His disciples causing a disturbance in Jerusalem with their teachings... they would have thought He is dead, and these disciples are just making up the story of His resurrection to gather support for their cult. After all, if He is alive, surely He would have come to us and shown us our error... but He has not... therefore, He remains dead.

However, God knows He has time on His side, for time runs out for all men who are mortal and all who have not believed in Him will die, and then there will be more than enough time to settle any outstanding debts and scores. That is what He did to those members of the Sanhedrin... let them continue in their delusion until too late... they are dead and are before Him.

There is one creature on the Earth though who now knows the truth and that is Satan, for when he was cast down to the Earth... "He is filled with fury... because he knows his time is short."⁶ Such is the power of God that even those who are immortal know their time is limited. The fury of Satan is not anger, but desperation... the desperation that comes from knowing that God is invincible, even when Jesus was at His weakest. Indeed, it was when Jesus was hungry and thirsty after lasting forty days in the desert that baited Satan into tempting Jesus and caused Satan to express his murderous intent and lie, and had him kicked out of the Heavens.

It is this knowledge that drives Satan furiously to do everything possible to delay the return of Jesus, for he knows, Satan knows, he cannot defeat Jesus. No one can. It is this knowledge that causes him to give his authority to the beast... so that men will worship him in the hope that they will forget Jesus.⁷

However, have you not read, have you not seen, have you not realised... that when Jesus arrives ...the beast and the kings of the Earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the Rider on the horse and His army. But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf...⁸ and Satan is not with them. He leaves the fighting to the beast and the false prophet because they believe they can stop Jesus with the armies of the world, but Satan who knows better is not found on the field of battle.

That is why when the demons saw Jesus, they asked Him, "Have You come to destroy us?"⁹ or begged Him, "Swear to God that You won't torture me!"¹⁰ and not to send them to the abyss,¹¹ for they knew He could. And that is why at the Name of Jesus demons can be driven out if they know you believe in Him.

So invincible is our King that He has permitted the disobedience of the churches to bring Him even greater glory... even though our obedience could have facilitated His return sooner and reduced a lot of the suffering on this Earth sooner. Remember... the core problem – the ingratitude of men – is not solved even with the return of Jesus, and the millennium will prove that for all times. However, the delay of His return by our disobedience to have all the Scriptures fulfilled has meant that the armies of the world that will be gathered against Him will not be armed with bows and arrows or stone catapults, not even with cannons and muskets, but with nuclear warheads mounted on missiles. He is returning at a time when the armies of the world are at a height of power unimaginable by the Romans. They now have enough firepower to destroy the whole Earth many times over. He is returning at a time when men have the knowledge to create life, but not the compassion to preserve real life... as mankind pours the resources into cloning a single man whilst millions of children starve and die of sickness. He has waited until man has telescopes powerful enough to see the storehouses of hail and snow that God reserved for times of war¹² and to even see the Rock out of the Heavens approaching them.¹³

His invincibility, which He showed the disciples as He overcame every problem a man could face – devils, hunger, nature, sickness, lack and injustice as He allowed them to crucify Him and died before their very eyes and again before their very eyes ate with them - this same invincibility would be theirs too, if they

⁶ Revelation 12.12

⁷ Revelation 13.4

⁸ Revelation 19.19-20

⁹ Mark 1.24

¹⁰ Mark 5.7

¹¹ Luke 8.31

¹² Job 38.22-23

¹³ Daniel 2.45

believed, if they had faith, for anyone who has faith and believes in Him will be able to do what He has been doing and even greater things.¹⁴

And He purposefully hid Himself from the Sanhedrin after His resurrection to show them His tactics. The command He gave them to turn the other cheek was to allow those who would believe and practise to discover for themselves that they too shared the same invincibility. And even if they were killed as He was killed... they would come back with Him at the first resurrection, whilst those who killed them would watch, grinding their teeth in the darkness.

In an instant He turned Satan's most powerful weapon into His greatest apostle on the road to Damascus.¹⁵ When He told them of the harvest at the end of the age concerning the sons of His enemy, the devil, He called them weeds and said, "First collect the weeds and tie them into bundles to be burned..."¹⁶ He also said that like fish they will be caught and pulled to shore, and the bad fish will be thrown away.¹⁷ Straight away you should see that the sons of the devil are as hapless as weeds before a harvester when the angels begin to take them away. There is no fight, there is no battle possible, no more than weeds can fight against a man armed with a sickle. No wonder they begged Him not to torture them. They know resistance is futile and they can only prolong their days by delaying the harvest, nothing more... but once the order is given, the battle is so one-sided that it is like a harvest.

As a harvester goes through a wheat field, so are the efforts of men, even the sons of the Kingdom of Heaven, to resist God's will, futile... and like fish caught in a net, no one can escape.

For not only is our King eternal, immortal, invisible... He is also truly **invincible**. So invincible is He that He can be patient, slow to anger, humble, gentle and gracious to His enemies, even showing them love as He does good to them with His power. That is why it is said God wages war not to destroy His enemies, but to protect them from themselves, for truly as Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."¹⁸ And soon all men will come to kneel with Job and understand why he replied to the Lord, saying, "I know that You can do all things; no plan of Yours can be thwarted. You asked, 'Who is this that obscures My counsel without knowledge?' Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know."¹⁹

But if you would repent and return to listening to Jesus, if you would humble yourself and apply yourself to the practice of His words diligently, then one day you will be like one who can "...boast about this: that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on Earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord.²⁰ For Paul shared with Timothy, God his King, whom he had come to know by the grace of God, writing: Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God be honour and glory for ever and ever.

And by that same grace and mercy shown me who was brought out of the darkness of the abyss... now comes the King... **invincible** as He is eternal, immortal and invisible. Amen

¹⁴ John 14.12

¹⁵ Acts 9

¹⁶ Matthew 13.30

¹⁷ Matthew 13.47-50

¹⁸ Luke 23.34

¹⁹ Job 42.2-3

²⁰ Jeremiah 9.24

The Splendour of the King

The Lord highly exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel and bestowed on him royal splendour such as no king over Israel ever had before.¹ And yet when Jesus spoke of the splendour of Solomon, this is the comparison that was made: "Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"²

The splendour of the richest king of Israel, Solomon, cannot be compared to the lilies of the field, which the Lord called, "the grass of the field,"³ meaning a common thing, designed for food for the livestock. And if the Lord gave splendour to Solomon that was more than any king Israel ever had, the question then is: How much splendour has God endowed for Jesus, His Son, when He comes to His own kingdom?

Now, for many of you, the topic of a king's splendour is an unusual topic in the Book of War, for what has war to do with splendour? Much, from God's perspective. As usual, be reminded, God makes known the end from the beginning. So from the beginning of the church age, God has made known the end, especially how the lawless one will meet his end. Paul wrote of the end of days that he saw: **And the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of His mouth and destroy by the splendour of His coming.**⁴ See the word... it is not by the power or the glory of His coming... but by the 'splendour.' So what is splendour? It is that which displays power and glory with the delicateness, softness and beauty of a flower.

Our King is not just a Warrior of power and unimaginable self-control, precision and gentleness who is invincible... but He is the King of splendour, whose power and glory are blended in and presented with the beauty and glamour of the finest lilies and more, much more. For the splendour of the lilies of the valley is of mere grass of the fields for our King and His kingdom. The shock and the awe that will be inspired by the arrival of the King, when the false prophet (the lawless one) sees it for himself, will destroy him, for at that moment the false prophet will truly realise what a fool he has been. The lawless one is not Satan, for Satan is already revealed, and we know exactly who and what he is - the fallen guardian cherub, a liar and a murderer from the beginning. There is nothing left to reveal of him really, hence the foolishness of those who want to learn his so-called deep secrets.⁵

The beast that is raised by the false prophet is also revealed... there is nothing about him either that we need to know or worry about, for being the beast, he is the 'soulless' one, the one who is like an animal, having only flesh and spirit but without a soul, and therefore subject to no salvation and joins with the false prophet in the lake of fire first.

It is the false prophet who is yet to be revealed, especially to the 'church' who, by and large, have yet to realise that he is a disciple who is entrusted with a measure of power to perform signs, wonders and miracles that are false... not because they are not real, but are false because they are not performed for the glory of the one who sent him.

You see, what is false is obviously the opposite of what is true, and it is the one **"who works for the honour of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him."**⁶ Everyone who does not work for the honour of the one who sent him then has something false about him, meaning, every disciple of Jesus Christ who does not work for the honour of Jesus has something false about him.

See that it is for the 'honour' of Jesus... thus, what honours Jesus and what dishonours Jesus? When a disciple does not listen to Jesus, that is dishonour to Him, for a teacher who has disciples who do not listen to him is dishonoured. Hence, any disciples and any who do not listen to Jesus dishonour Jesus.

The failure of the eleven to listen to Him and go to Bethsaida immediately dishonoured Him before His enemies. The failure of the eleven to go to Galilee when the women, especially Mary, brought them the message dishonoured Him... and on it goes. Where do we get the right and the audacity to think that God would honour us when we do not honour His Son and those whom His Son has sent beginning with Magdalene? When the church begins to make mention of Magdalene wherever the Gospel is preached, then has honour for the Lord begun to be shown again.

¹ 1 Chronicles 29.25

² Matthew 6.29-30

³ Matthew 6.28-29

⁴ 2 Thessalonians 2.8

⁵ Revelation 2.24

⁶ John 7.18

So these 'false' signs and wonders performed by the false prophet are not false or counterfeit at all, but are real. What makes them false is that they are not done to honour the one who sent him... but how can the false prophet honour the one who sent him? For no one, no one, sent him. As such, he is a man of no honour and no honour will be given to him. Whatever he does, he does to honour himself... wherever he goes, he goes because he sent himself.

So, realise also... when we go where we send ourselves, there is no honour in it, for no one sent us. When Peter and the other eleven sent themselves to Capernaum, there was no honour awaiting them. Peter's walk on water was guaranteed to end in his humiliation and dunking in the water, for his "little faith"⁷ had nothing to do with belief, but rather there was no honour in the faith to begin with. When you do not repent of not listening to the Lord, you dishonour Him. Repentance for not listening to the Lord at least restores some 'face' or 'honour' to Him, for at least it shows He has servants and disciples who have enough courage to face up to their failings. As such, know and understand that the false prophet is the one who performs 'real' miracles... real blind men seeing, real lame men walking and so on... but they are false because there is nothing true about him, for he does not and cannot work for the honour of the one who sent him.

And so, when the Holy Spirit is ready, He will permit Himself to be taken out of the way and the lawless one will reveal himself as he works his miracles for no one's honour, not even his own, for in trading his power for Satan's authority, he will have disgraced himself by making himself a traitor to all his fellow disciples who probably admired him for the power he had been entrusted with.

So, when Jesus turns up, it is not the power or the glory alone that will overthrow the false prophet who is lawless because he has broken every law including the one that commands us not to blaspheme the Holy Spirit. For him, there is no law left to obey, and since there is no law left to obey, there is no sin left uncommitted and no possibility of obedience of anything. He is the absolute anarchist. **The splendour of Jesus is the beauty, glamour and the delicateness of the supremacy of His power and glory** that the lawless one will not be able to match with his clumsy rebellion, using the armies of the world to help him. Indeed, the very opening act of the beginning of the millennium will make all the acts of the false prophet look downright primitive... yes, primitive.

For the splendour of a king is also his ability to make all those who see him and visit him in his kingdom and palace to be in awe... such awe that they consider what they have to be inadequate. As the kings of Solomon's time, even Queen Sheba, came bearing gifts to him, they were entering a city, a temple and a palace that made their own cities and palaces look like humble huts. That... is true splendour - glory and power with finesse.

Finesse, yes... as Jesus displayed His glory and turned undrinkable water to the best of wine for the honour of the bridegroom. Finesse... as Jesus walked on the water, not towards His disobedient disciples, but walked as to pass them by... displaying His power and instantly translating them to Gennesaret so as to leave us without a doubt that He could have taken them to Bethsaida just as instantaneously, but He chose not to.

So, the splendour of our King is such that the least of His creation, the mere grass of the fields, is far greater than Solomon in his splendour. He is the King who uses the common, the humble, the down trodden to bring down the proud and the strong. He uses grass to humble Solomon's splendour. So He will once more use that which this advanced 21st century calls common, unacceptable, inappropriate and even primitive and ancient to bring scientific men who deny God to their knees.

So, what will bring forth the splendour of the Lord and reveal it? Honour. **It is not the wise or the strong, not the clever or the cunning, not the rich or the beautiful, who will reveal this splendour of Jesus our King... but rather, those who would honour Him enough to listen to Him, to believe Him and to obey Him.** The prerequisite to be a listener, a believer and an obeyer of Jesus is no respecter of men according to their achievements or ability. Indeed, even the foolish, the weak, the ignorant, the unschooled, uneducated and the lowly of birth, the poorest of poor... anyone... can be one who would honour Jesus. Indeed, the richer you are, the more successful you are, the more accomplished you are and the more capable you are, the harder it is for you to be one who would listen to Jesus, believe Him and obey Him.

⁷ Matthew 14.31

That is why He said, "...it is hard for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of God."⁸ The richer people are in spiritual wealth, with intelligence, experience, wisdom, knowledge and understanding of their own making, the harder it is for them to enter the Kingdom of Heaven. That is why it was said by Jesus, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven."⁹ For their richness causes them to see faith in Christ as foolishness. The people who are materialistically wealthy with silver, gold, money, possessions, power and status will find it impossible to enter the Kingdom of God, for they see no need for miraculous power as they can keep themselves healthy with science, afford the treatment of the best of medicine, buy the food, travel where and when they want, and so on. So it is for this reason that Jesus has said, "Blessed are you who are poor for yours is the Kingdom of God."¹⁰ So, when you see a rich young man displaying the power of the Kingdom of God then you will truly know... with God nothing is impossible.

However, it is in the way our King will use the common and weak ones, like the grass of the fields, to humble the greatest of wicked men (like Solomon), despite all their riches, that you see the splendour of our King.

The pinnacle of that splendour... indeed, the defining essence of the splendour of Jesus (the finesse of His power and glory) is His holiness. What sets our King apart from all other kings is His unflinching, uncompromisable holiness, His separation unto God.

For it is God alone He listens to...

God alone He obeys,

God alone He makes intercession to;

For God alone He works unceasingly,

For God alone He glorifies,

God alone He honours,

God alone He loves first and foremost.

That is why David wrote: "...worship the Lord in the splendour of His holiness."¹¹ And it is from that holiness comes the splendour of His majesty, for He alone is the King completely holy unto God. The measure of the majesty of our King that no other kings can match is then not in silver, gold, military power, political power, intellectual power, not even miraculous power... but it is in His holiness to God. No other king of the Earth, not even the man who wants to make himself king of the Earth, the lawless one, can match Jesus in His holiness to God and therefore match the splendour of that majesty. For the majesty of Jesus is displayed not as we think of majesty of pomp and ceremony, but of holiness.

So, whenever any disciple of Jesus comes to the place to see that every word spoken by Jesus is exactly what the Father said and was spoken exactly how the Father said it... that disciple is ready for the holiness of Jesus to be revealed to him. And any disciple who desires to do likewise as Jesus has done... to say exactly what the Father has said and in the exact way of how it was said, is ready for the Spirit of Holiness to also declare him with power to be a son of God.

And so it is from the humble, the common... the grass of the fields, 'ordinary' men and women, that God will begin to display His splendour and bring down even the mightiest, the worst, and the richest of kings because of their wickedness. If even Solomon cannot compare himself to a mere lily of the field in splendour, what man alive today can? So, do not delude yourselves with what you see of this world, for all its 'splendour' is nothing compared to the splendour of King Jesus. That is why it has been said and written that it was a foolish thing for Satan to offer Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour,¹² for they cannot even compare to a field of grass when it comes to true splendour.

So then elect, "If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you...?" especially if your faith, though it be little, is filled with the desire to honour Him and Him alone. When faith is committed to honouring Him and Him alone... then that is the faith of the Holy Spirit who remains here to honour God and God alone by bringing glory to Them, the Father and the Son. So, see that you who abide in Him and in whom His word abides... are abiding in the invincible Warrior King of unmatched splendour. And as He is, so you are, for where He is, so His servants must be... and by the time He arrives on clouds of glory, this world will have been given a morsel of a foretaste of His splendour through the elect of the Lord. Amen.

⁸ Matthew 19.23-24

⁹ Matthew 5.3

¹⁰ Luke 6.20

¹¹ 1 Chronicles 16.29; Psalm 29.2; 96.9

¹² Matthew 4.8

The Anger of the King

Again the anger of the Lord burned against Israel, and He incited David against them, saying, "Go and take a census of Israel and Judah."¹

It is written that it was *Again the anger of the Lord*, because Exodus 32.7-10 was the first time Israel provoked God to anger by turning quickly back to worship the gods of Egypt, as He was trying to establish for them the new life in the freedom of the nation of Israel. Chapter 32 of Exodus records their deeds of how they turned back to idol worship with Aaron's (the brother of Moses) help, for it was Aaron who made the idol: *So all the people took off their earrings and brought them to Aaron. He took what they handed him and made it into an idol cast in the shape of a calf, fashioning it with a tool.*²

Their action so angered God that He said this to Moses: *"I have seen these people, and they are a stiff-necked people. Now leave Me alone so that My anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation."*³ However, Moses interceded and persuaded God to turn from His fierce anger so that... *Then the Lord relented and did not bring on His people the disaster He had threatened.*⁴

However, after forty years of wandering in the desert, Moses had this to say of Israel as well: *"For I know how rebellious and stiff-necked you are. If you have been rebellious against the Lord while I am still alive and with you, how much more will you rebel after I die!"*⁵ And you can read through the history of Israel and see how they incited God to anger again and again, testing God's slowness to anger to the point that God did finally unleash His anger and decimated them with Nebuchadnezzar, leaving no survivors except those He had chosen to exile.

The question you must now ask is: *Have we, the church, incited God to anger like Israel did again and again, even though Jesus Christ is at the right hand making intercession for us?* If you would only read and see, you would know the answer is yes, for when John saw Jesus again at the end of his apostleship, this is how Jesus appeared to him: *His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes were like blazing fire. His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and His voice was like the sound of rushing waters. In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp double-edged sword, His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.*⁶ It is not a welcoming sight, for the Man with a white head of hair and blazing eyes is alien to any man or woman. It is not a sight of Jesus that would cause you to want to embrace Him or go near Him, for His feet are like bronze glowing in a furnace. Neither is He Someone you would want to hear speaking to you, for His voice is like rushing waters... like a flash flood through a canyon, it is not a comforting sound. And as He speaks, there is a sword coming out of His mouth. See and consider, it is a sight that would cause a man to stay back and then cover his ears and run from Him... with a face that shines like the sun in all its brilliance. You can't even look at Him comfortably. He advertises His power by holding seven stars in His hand... not lights; not balls of fire, but stars. See and understand, you men and women of the 21st century... seven stars, you who understand the power of the stars, and Jesus holds them in His hand like a child holds marbles!

So, was Jesus happy to see John, or was Jesus letting John see the anger of the Lord so that we might just hear how He dictated the seven letters to the seven churches? We know what Jesus said... but now see how He said it. *See and hear that the seven letters were dictated by Jesus with a sword coming out of His mouth and a voice that sounds like rushing waters and eyes of blazing fire... and read those seven letters again and tremble in fear because of the anger of the Lord we have aroused.*

If God was patient with Israel for a millennium, then truly He has been doubly patient with the church... doubly patient because after all the church is His body.⁷ Now, how did we arouse the anger of the Lord in exactly the same way as Israel? When the early church listened to James in Acts 15 and substituted devotion to the words of Jesus only for partial observance of the Law of Moses. It was like Aaron and Israel making a gold calf to imitate all the gods of Egypt. Just as Egypt had many images and Aaron only made one to represent them all, saying, *"These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt,"*⁸ so James' recommendations to we Gentiles to practise three of the 618 laws of Moses

¹ 2 Samuel 24.1

² Exodus 32.3-4

³ Exodus 32.9-10

⁴ Exodus 32.14

⁵ Deuteronomy 31.27

⁶ Revelation 1.14-16

⁷ 1 Corinthians 12.27

⁸ Exodus 32.4

represented the entire law. For as God did twelve signs and wonders through Moses and Aaron to set Israel free from bondage to Egypt, so likewise He did twelve signs and miracles that set us free from bondage to sin through the law, to bring us out in the new life that He had promised.

Even though God did not destroy Israel there and then because of the intercession of Moses, not one of that first generation saw the promised land except Caleb and Joshua. Likewise, not one of the earlier church, not even Barnabas and Saul, saw the fulfilment of the promise that anyone "...who lives and believes will never die."⁹ In fact, martyrdom was permitted for all who could have fulfilled John 11.26 but were **not allowed** to. Why? Because there was and still remains - has not been - repentance of turning back to partial observance of the law as a means of righteousness rather than a dedicated faith to Christ and devotion to the practice of His word in the history of the church since Acts 15.

In the New International Version it is written: Then the Lord relented and did not bring on His people the disaster He had threatened. But see what the King James Version and the Amplified have written: And the Lord repented of the evil which He thought to do unto His people; Then the Lord turned from the evil which He had thought to do to His people. See what Israel did? God had to **REPENT**, not just turn away or relent, which are all part of repenting. So in fact, **repent** is what God had to do... not because He did do it, but because He thought of doing it. You see, Jesus said, "But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart,"¹⁰ which really means if you were thinking about it when you looked, you have done it. God was thinking about destroying Israel as He watched them worship that golden calf, and so by His own standard, He had done it. So, do not be **timid** and see the greatness and majesty of your God and His righteousness that He repented of the evil He thought of doing!

If Israel provoked God to thinking, not doing, but thinking and saying to do of evil, then **consider carefully for yourself if our turning back to the partial observance of the law and our persistence in it has not likewise provoked such thoughts in God.**

Now, see and tremble in fear and understand what these words mean for the body of Christ if God ever decided to apply them to Himself... for straight after Jesus spoke of the adultery in Matthew 5.28 He said, "If your right eye causes you to sin, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell."¹¹ If that is what He expects us to do to our bodies, which cause us to sin... what will He do to His body that causes Him not to sin, for He does not sin, but **what will He do to His body that causes Him to have to repent of evil because of the way it provokes Him to anger?**

For Jesus is moving on from His present position at the right hand of the throne of God to take up His own throne on Earth. So, which parts of His body, that is, His church, will He take with Him and which parts will He cut off so that He is not hindered by them? If God almost destroyed Israel to the last man for being a continuous hindrance to His plans, but was gracious enough to raise Israel again after the exile, but not to its former glory... so likewise, understand and be in fear and trembling that He will not hesitate to trim back the body of Christ so that those parts that are in rebellion will no longer be a source of evil to Him as Israel was. So do not be surprised at all that parts of the body of Christ will make up the one third of mankind who will perish with these days of distress.

The Levites of Israel were able to save most of Israel by putting to the sword 3000 people that day in Exodus 32.28, but when they continued to provoke God's anger at the time of David, it was the angel of the Lord who killed 70,000 until God said, "Enough! Withdraw your hand."¹² And then we have the final decimation of Israel at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar. Likewise, if you will understand, like the Levites we can run through the camp and use our swords, the word of the Lord, and save the nation by removing those who oppose listening to Jesus... but we will not be able to stop the angels or the beast who will make war against the saints and overpower them. In the end, only the people who know their God will be able to resist him and so... the church will be purified and made ready for the end.

Yes, we have angered the Lord, and just because He is slow to anger and the Holy Spirit has interceded for us time and again as Moses did for Israel, the time when the Holy Spirit will be taken out of the way as Moses was taken out of the way for Israel... the time when the church will no longer have the Holy Spirit with it as Israel no longer had Moses is fast approaching. Those who are not ready and not prepared will be cut off and taken to Heaven, there to await the second resurrection, whilst those who

⁹ John 11.26

¹⁰ Matthew 5.28

¹¹ Matthew 5.29-30

¹² 2 Samuel 24.16; 1 Chronicles 21.15

are worthy of the first resurrection will remain alive until He arrives once the number of the martyrs under the altar in Heaven is fulfilled.

Yes, the days to come are days of distress because we have provoked the Lord to anger and He has burned with it for 2000 years.

So, He comes, our King with all His splendour, with all His graciousness, gentleness, compassion, self-control and power... but He comes in the anger of the Lord. So be warned, repent for the King is returning for His kingdom.

Grace and peace to all who repent and listen, but woe to those who still refuse, for the Son of the King is returning to avenge Himself of His own murder... consider this, all you rebels, and surrender while there is still time. Amen

Know Your Enemy

"Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men,"¹ Jesus said to Peter when Peter took Jesus aside and began to **rebuke** Him.² In case any of you dear readers think that Jesus was trying to drive Satan away from Peter with this rebuke rather than directly calling Peter, "**Satan**," for that was what Peter had become, look at the second half of the sentence: "...you do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men."

Just so everyone understands... rest assured that Satan the devil, formerly the anointed guardian cherub³ who became **the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan**,⁴ never has in mind the things of men. In truth, he has no one else in mind except himself, as he boasted in his heart, "**I will ascend to Heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High.**"⁵

As formidable a foe as Satan can be, to those who are ignorant of the scriptures and the power of God, he is far less dangerous than the Satan that Peter became, for it was Peter, a man, who opposed Jesus' plans to have Himself crucified, not the devil. Rather, the devil entered Judas later to inflame and incite Judas onwards in betraying Jesus and thus ensuring Jesus did get crucified. The crucifixion of Jesus Christ on the cross is the centrepiece of God's plan of salvation for this creation, for without the crucifixion, there is no death worthy of the curse, and if there is no death, there can be no raising from the dead, and if there is no raising from the dead, then death is not defeated and the Resurrection cannot put into effect the resurrections that have been prepared. No, at no time does the devil have in mind the things of men... only his own ambition. So then, be settled once and for all that **any man who does not have in mind the things of God but of men, even the good things, can be and is a Satan.**

For the anointed cherub was created by God for a specific purpose, not just as a guardian cherub at the gates of Eden, but rather, his role was revealed later when God instituted the Law of Moses with its sacrifices for the remission of sins when He instructed Moses, "**Aaron is to offer the bull for his own sin offering to make atonement for himself and his household. Then he is to take the two goats and present them before the Lord at the entrance to the Tent of Meeting. He is to cast lots for the two goats—one lot for the Lord and the other for the scapegoat. Aaron shall bring the goat whose lot falls to the Lord and sacrifice it for a sin offering. But the goat chosen by lot as the scapegoat shall be presented alive before the Lord to be used for making atonement by sending it into the desert as a scapegoat.**"⁶

With the goat that is killed he was to sprinkle "**its blood... on the atonement cover... because of the uncleanness and rebellion of the Israelites, whatever their sins have been. He is to do the same for the Tent of Meeting, which is among them in the midst of their uncleanness,**"⁷ but with the scapegoat, Aaron "**...is to lay both hands on the head of the live goat and confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites—all their sins—and put them on the goat's head. He shall send the goat away into the desert in the care of a man appointed for the task. The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a solitary place; and the man shall release it in the desert.**"⁸

As in all things, the end is foretold in the beginning and the beginning is revealed in the end... that is why He is the Alpha and the Omega.

In the beginning, had the anointed cherub not been placed conveniently as the guardian cherub of Eden so that he would have the opportunity to ply his trade with Eve and Adam and so deceive Eve to sin with Adam, then Adam with his innate ingratitude towards God would have disobeyed the command without any help from Eve or Satan anyway. For Adam demonstrated with his first words that he only had the things of men on his mind and not of God when he said of Eve, "**This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called 'woman,' for she was taken out of man.**"⁹ Not a word of gratitude to God or for God's purpose in bringing Eve out of his side. All Adam had in mind for Eve was what Adam had in mind and not what God had in mind at all.

¹ Matthew 16.23

² Matthew 16.22

³ Ezekiel 28.14

⁴ Revelation 20.2

⁵ Isaiah 14.13-14

⁶ Leviticus 16.6-10

⁷ Leviticus 16.15-16

⁸ Leviticus 16.21-22

⁹ Genesis 2.23

Had the devil not been there, conveniently anointed by God to be the guardian cherub, Adam would have become satan before the devil had a chance to become Satan. So the devil is the scapegoat. The very sin that Adam would have committed was committed by the devil before Adam had a chance to. So the actual sin and fault was transferred to the devil, thus saving us from being directly responsible, but rather, made us the victims of Satan's deception. As a result, Adam sinned because Eve was deceived by Satan rather than the unthinkable horror that Adam sinned because he did not have in mind the things of God.

So understand that the devil now, today, knows that he has been made the scapegoat by God's will, for in his own heart the devil had already thought of rebellion. God merely gave him the opportunity to live out the desire his (devil's) heart by placing him as the guardian cherub and then went away to give him an opportune time to talk to Eve alone. No wonder the devil is full of fury and is out to send everyone else down to the abyss without him if he could. For Satan, the devil, fears Hades as much as any unclean spirit does, for it is the place where souls are tormented and destroyed. That is why Jesus warned, saying, "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell."¹⁰

The devil has no body that can be killed, for he is an immortal, but he has a soul that can be destroyed in hell, for he has a heart that desires and plans and has a soul by which to exercise his freedom of choice... God's gift to the spirits and to men.

The lie that Satan is the ruler of hell is a lie... that is all it is. He roams the Earth in fear of going to hell himself and works furiously to prevent the return of Jesus so that he will not be thrown into the abyss for a thousand years. The abyss is the road to hell... and if Satan is the king of hell, then he would not have to be chained first before he is thrown into the abyss. Another lie those who do not know the scriptures or the power of God have had embedded into their theology and doctrine for centuries. Oh dear.

The game plan of the devil then is primarily aimed at keeping himself out of hell to avoid the destruction of his soul, which can only be achieved by the prevention of Jesus' return. As part of that plan, he has deceived the church into thinking that it is a battle for the winning of souls for Heaven to keep them out of hell when rather, it is the souls of men who will choose Heaven or hell as they succumb to the desires of the thoughts of their hearts.

For the Gospel preached allows men to make a clear choice in the simplicity of faith in God through Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, so that all who believe have believed that with God nothing is impossible... for God having a Son is the very proof that with God nothing is impossible. It is men whose thinking is set on the thoughts of men who say that God cannot have a Son. If God cannot have a Son, an only begotten Son, then for God some things, at least one thing is impossible... and such a God is not omnipotent and if He is not omnipotent, He is not God.

Nowhere - have you noticed - nowhere has Jesus told us to go and win souls. Jesus is not here to win souls... sorry, no... only to offer rest to the souls of those who are weary;¹¹ weary of having to always choose between good and evil, for the one who believes in Jesus has chosen God who alone is good and whose soul hates evil. The rest we receive for our souls when we chose to learn from Jesus is that the decisions on how to achieve eternal goodness have been made for us already in Him... and achieved and established in Him already. In learning from Jesus His gentleness and humility, we are merely learning and experiencing what has been done for us already so that as it is written: ...all that we have accomplished you have done for us.¹²

As such, anyone who renders Satan this assistance has himself become his son as it were, even if he confesses Christ. Judas confessed Christ, but nevertheless he became the instrument that Satan brought to us to kill Jesus when the devil was under the misconception that the death of Jesus would save him, Satan, from eternal destruction. He was one of the rulers of this age whom Paul spoke of who did not understand God's secret wisdom,¹³ otherwise he would not have entered Judas to incite him to betray Jesus. When the legions of angels were not released to prevent His arrest when they were held back when their King's Son was being mocked, spat on and punched, Satan knew something was amiss... too late! Even Judas' attempt to return the money was futile... the lot had been cast and the decision would not be overturned. Sinful men who had in mind the things of men and not of God demonstrated to Satan just how far men would go to out-devil him as they crushed Jesus' flesh to a pulp!

Satan knows that if men ever woke up, men could kick Satan out of Earth and become ruler of the Earth without God. In truth, it is also in the hearts of men to say, "I will ascend to Heaven; I will raise my

¹⁰ Matthew 10.28

¹¹ Matthew 11.29

¹² Isaiah 26.12

¹³ 1 Corinthians 2.6-8

throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." So he continues to deceive men and keep them sedated with the knowledge of good and evil, keeping them away from the knowledge of God. For if a man ever came to fully know and understand God, he would and he will encumber himself upon God to win the trust of God so as to acquire the power of God to become god... if of course such a man could also kill and dispose of God. A true son of Adam... a man who has not in mind the welfare of God – the things of God for God's good – but like Adam only has his own welfare, his own good and his own agenda in mind.

Such a man is now coming and is even now in our midst. A man who has and will come to know God to such an extent that he realises that God can be stopped and perhaps even killed by breaking scripture. A man who sees that there is an opportunity to seize the throne of God by the opposing of Jesus' return, not by delaying it like Satan, but by destroying it... if he could have enough power of God to do the miracles that Jesus has been doing and even the greater things, so that he could deceive all men and even the elect... if that were possible. Of course there is not just one individual but a whole company of them, and we have met some... but from that company will arise the anointed one, the one doomed to destruction because by his choice he will turn and trade his power for Satan's authority, plotting to first dispose of Jesus with Satan's help and the beast's armies, and to then subjugate the world and the beast, for after all, it is the false prophet who has the power to do miracles, not the beast or Satan. The tricks of the Egyptian magicians are not miracles as Aaron's and Moses' were, for they only imitated what Moses and Aaron did, not opposed them and even stupidly turned the rest of the water to blood.

That is why there were two goats – one a scapegoat that was allowed to go to the desert alone carrying the sin, and the other was slaughtered because of "...uncleanness and rebellion..." That second goat is not Jesus, for Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. However, there is this second goat that is killed because of the "...uncleanness and rebellion..."

Fully manifested in the false prophet is the satan man would have become if the devil did not step in first and take that position by deceiving Eve. And so the false prophet will be thrown alive into the lake of sulphur, like the scapegoat of the Lord for the sin offering for the people was killed and burned.

So then, as in any conflict (war), know your enemy before it begins... and as the Lord has said, "...a man's enemies will be the members of his own household."¹⁴

So, elect, we face three types of enemies: One who lives in fear of the return of Jesus and the other in ignorance of the return of Jesus until the archenemy comes, and the one who lives to kill Jesus again if he could... and this is the evil we should pray that God delivers us from... ourselves, lest we become the lawless one.

Amen.

¹⁴ Matthew 10.36

Know Your Enemy II

"...a man's enemies will be the members of his own household."¹ Judas Iscariot was the first to prove the truth of this word of the Lord when he fulfilled the role he was picked for and went to the chief priests and asked "What are you willing to give me if I hand Him over to you?" So they counted out for him thirty silver coins. From then on Judas watched for an opportunity to hand Him over.² See the premeditated effort that Judas put into the betraying: He watched for the opportunity.

The reasons why Judas did what he did are simple: He was chosen beforehand because he had the propensity to do it and God foreknew it even if Judas did not. You see... nothing escapes our God's foreknowledge; it just depends whether God permits it or not according to His perfect will. The trigger for the betrayal was the rebuke Jesus gave Judas³ and the others⁴ who complained about the waste of the precious nard by Mary when she anointed Jesus... as John recorded in his gospel: He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.⁵

You see, Judas was a thief, and as Jesus said earlier, "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber."⁶ It is the man who is a thief. But regarding Satan the devil, Jesus said of him, "He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."⁷

However, when Judas realised what he had done, he was seized with remorse and returned the thirty silver coins to the chief priests and the elders. "I have sinned," he said, "for I have betrayed innocent blood."⁸ Throwing the money away, Judas then went away and hanged himself.⁹ In one version however, it is written that Judas repented as well.¹⁰ As maligned as Judas has been through the centuries for being the betrayer of Christ, know and understand that he was chosen by Jesus because he had the capability and was given the opportunity to be all that he could be, as Jesus said, "Have I not chosen you the twelve? Yet one of you is a devil!"¹¹

However, in fairness to Judas, he was only a disciple who had yet to witness and understand the full power of Christ in His resurrection. He was basing his actions and motives on what he knew, and he knew Jesus had taught the eating and drinking of blood, he knew that for some reason the pharisees did not like Jesus, he knew Jesus had power like the prophets of old... however, he had also suffered humiliation before the others when he rebuked Mary for the waste of the nard. The desire in him to betray Jesus is understandable if you consider it from the perspective of a Jew and a disciple... so that when Jesus did offer them the bread and wine as His body and blood to eat and drink, it congealed his schemes to action and he went off to tell the chief priests where Jesus would be. Yet, when he did realise what he had done, he was filled with remorse.

The lawless one who is to come is far worse than Judas, for like Judas, he is a disciple, but a disciple of the post resurrection era, a disciple of the end times... one who has received the power to do the things Jesus has been doing and greater things as well as part of the Holy Spirit's preparation of the Earth for the arrival of Jesus Christ. He knows what Judas did and he knows the consequence of his actions for things are clearly written in Revelation 19. Judas betrayed Jesus believing he might be doing the right thing for his religion as well as to enrich himself... but had enough conscience left to show remorse and throw away the money. The lawless one – the false prophet – will do what he is about to do knowing the consequences, without ever showing any remorse. Judas recognised he had betrayed an innocent Man in the end, but the false prophet knows he intends to murder and kill his King when He arrives. He has no remorse, he has no regrets... he has chosen his course of action to enrich himself once and for all to become 'God' on Earth.

¹ Matthew 10.36

² Matthew 26.14-16

³ John 12.4-5

⁴ Mark 14.4-5; Luke 26.8-9

⁵ John 12.6

⁶ John 10.1

⁷ John 8.44

⁸ Matthew 27.4

⁹ Matthew 27.5

¹⁰ Matthew 27.3 - The Aramaic of the Peshitta: Then Judah the traitor, when he saw that Jesus was convicted, repented, and went away and brought back the same thirty pieces of silver to the high priests and the elders.

¹¹ John 6.70

In order to achieve his own private ambition, he will trade his power with Satan for his authority and raise up the beast's image for political convenience, using the beast as his puppet to gather the armies of the Earth to fight Jesus on His arrival. The false prophet needs Satan for his authority over the Kingdom of Darkness because he was one of us who suddenly turned. The demons will not obey him or follow him just because he has the power to do signs and wonders. No, he needs Satan's authority as much as Satan needs his powers, the gifts of miraculous power that he had received from the Holy Spirit. So understand and know... we will be dealing with one who can back up his false message with real miracles, not with tricks and illusions. **What is false about the miracles and signs of the false prophet is that they are real miracles used to confirm a false message, not false signs and miracles used to confirm a false message.**

He, the false prophet, is not one of those who would prophesy something that does not come to pass of Deuteronomy 18.22. Moses just said, "Do not be afraid of him."¹² However, he is the type that Moses warned of in Deuteronomy 13: **If a prophet, or one who foretells by dreams, appears among you and announces to you a miraculous sign or wonder, and if the sign or wonder of which he has spoken takes place, and he says, "Let us follow other gods and let us worship them"...**¹³ except he is far worse.

For it is he who uses the power he has been given to breathe life into the image of the first beast who had suffered a fatal wound but was healed.¹⁴ He will raise up to life an image of the first beast and will perform miracles and signs and wonders on behalf of the first beast whose authority he, the false prophet, will also exercise. Whereas the prophets of Deuteronomy 13.1 used the signs and wonders to entice Israel after other gods... the false prophet will use the power of signs, wonders and miracles to convince and confirm his message and claim, "I am the Christ," as Paul wrote to warn us: **He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or worshipped so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.**¹⁵ Now understand this... the temple of God Paul was speaking of is not the temple of Jerusalem but the church, which is the body of Christ... the true temple of God. So this character - the false prophet, the lawless one, the second beast of Revelation 13.11, the one who looks like a lamb but speaks like a dragon (i.e. he lies) - will use the power, the gift of miraculous power that was given him by the Holy Spirit, to do the signs and wonders that Jesus had done and even greater ones to deceive people to confirm his message so that he sets himself up as 'Christ' in the place of Jesus. That is how deadly he is... **he is not leading the people to worship other gods... no, he is leading the people of God to worship him. He is truly the thief out to steal the whole flock for himself.**

Now there will be those who will resist him... yes, but how do you resist a miraculous man when you have no miraculous power? Though the saints may wage war against him and denounce him because they know the scriptures... they will not have the power to resist him. The lawless one will be able to use the forces of the beast to control the resistance against him, and as it is written: **If anyone is to go into captivity, into captivity he will go. If anyone is to be killed with the sword, with the sword he will be killed.**¹⁶ Now, for those saints who resist him without the power... **This calls for patient endurance and faithfulness on the part of the saints.**¹⁷

In the final days, as multitudes resist the beast and the false prophet's system, there will be many brothers and sisters of Jesus who will become naked, homeless, sick and be thrown into prison, giving those who are righteous by the law of their hearts¹⁸ the opportunity to feed them, clothe them and visit them as it is written in Matthew 25.34-40, and also it will reveal the hearts of others as they choose not to do so... so that when Jesus is enthroned, He can say to them, **"I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for Me."**¹⁹ Likewise, many will be put to the sword in various places and thus placed to partake in the first resurrection with the earlier martyrs... just as Jesus told us in the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard.²⁰

This also calls for patient endurance and faithfulness as well on the part of the elect... to not interfere and to not stop him, for the least of the elect of the Holy Spirit is far more powerful than the false prophet. For after all, **he is only a prophet and not an apostle. He does not have a gospel of his own given him by Jesus personally...** but merely have a ministry of signs, wonders and miracles to confirm the false gospel he has concocted to proclaim himself as the Christ. And the only time he will get to see Jesus personally will be outside of Jerusalem when Jesus arrives. **Neither is he a man of great perseverance...** for he is a

¹² Deuteronomy 18.22

¹³ Deuteronomy 13.1-2

¹⁴ Revelation 13.1-3, 15

¹⁵ 2 Thessalonians 2.4

¹⁶ Revelation 13.10

¹⁷ Revelation 13.10

¹⁸ Romans 2.15

¹⁹ Matthew 25.45

²⁰ Matthew 20.1-16

man without patience, who is in a hurry and so will betray himself to those who know their God by his lack of patience... for God is Love, and love is firstly patient.

As such, elect... know your enemy but do not fear him, for he is already doomed to destruction. Have no pity for him, for truly, Judas deserves your sympathy before the false prophet does. This man is just out to steal what belongs to God and he has no intention of allowing the image of the beast and Satan to rule with him once he disposes of Jesus; that is what is in his heart, mind and soul.

So, now that you know, let us get on with the work and you will see why the restoration of full power to the saints - the church - is of such importance, for when the power is restored, as it is written: "...many who are not sincere will join them." Now, if you look at the full verse of Daniel 11.33-34, you see in what is written - "Those who are wise will instruct many, though for a time they will fall by the sword or be burned or captured or plundered. When they fall, they will receive a little help, and many who are not sincere will join them" - that those who are not sincere will not join at the time of the sword or being burned, captured or plundered. Persecution is the best way to remove those who are not sincere... rather, those who are not sincere will join when the "little help" arrives. That little help is the restoration of miraculous power to the church... that is what will motivate those who are not sincere to join, and they are the ones who will serve with the false prophet in his church and propagate his message that "He is the Christ." However, they will find that when the false prophet has the kings of the Earth firmly in his grip, he will dispose of those who helped him rise to power. So those who are not sincere will be betrayed as they betrayed.

So, "Have faith in God." "For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. Therefore, consider carefully how you listen."²¹

There are no surprises for God and neither will there be surprises for those who have trained their ears to hear what the Holy Spirit has to say, for He will make known to us what He has heard, what is yet to come and what was too much for the eleven to bear... and now, not only listen, elect, but consider carefully **how** you listen. Listen without fear... listen with joyful anticipation, like ones waiting for the sound of the approach of their Beloved... for the news of every disaster, every earthquake, every famine, every sign in the Heavens, every good or bad thing, is a progress report of the ever decreasing distance and time that separates us from Jesus our King.

Rejoice, I say, rejoice, because our King comes.
Let all who are not sincere take heed and be warned.
Let all who forsake the power of God be warned.
Let all who ignore the scriptures be warned.
But let the one who still plots for the death of Jesus... be damned.

Here is a true saying: "Judas Iscariot is better off that the false prophet, for he was not thrown alive into the Lake of Burning Sulphur... the false prophet will be."

²¹ Mark 11.22/Luke 8.17-18

Enemy III – The Prostitute

Dear children, this is the last hour; and as you have heard that the antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come. This is how we know it is the last hour. They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us; but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.¹

So in the beginning, the 'antichrists' did not arise from outside the church, but as John clearly stated, they came from within but left the church. The 'antichrists' were not from the pagan religions of their time, but were those who left and not just left, but also drew others with them with their own version of the teachings of Jesus other than that which was given to the eleven and Paul. But then it was the eleven who first lost control on the type of teachings that is acceptable when they permitted James the Younger to make his judgments and accepted them and also sent them on for us gentiles to observe in Acts 15.

Once the partial observance of the law was added for the church to also practise, the lines became blurred and Judeo Christianity arose, rather than a church that practised only the words of Jesus because Jesus had fulfilled the law for them. Instead of a church that practised the Lord's word in total holiness while upholding the law for those who chose to uphold the law, you have a religion that now practises a little of the words of Jesus, observes much of the law for themselves as well as the teachings and traditions of men, just like the pharisees and sadducees of Jesus' day did. The more the power was lost, the more ritualism and politics took over, and the institution was born. An institution that will oppose the return of Jesus as rigorously as the worst of Jesus' own enemies who are not yet under His feet. For when Jesus arrives, every ministry will have to give account to Him personally on what they have done with His words, just like king Saul had to do. The word of the Lord to Saul was, "Now go, attack the Amalekites and totally destroy everything that belongs to them. Do not spare them; put to death men and women, children and infants, cattle and sheep, camels and donkeys."² However, Saul thought he could improve on the Lord's command and so as not to waste the livestock, Saul and the army spared Agag and the best of the sheep and cattle, the fat calves and lambs—everything that was good. These they were unwilling to destroy completely, but everything that was despised and weak they totally destroyed.³ And the Lord said to Samuel, "I am grieved that I have made Saul king, because he has turned away from Me and has not carried out My instructions."⁴ And so Saul lost his kingdom.

The keeping of what he thought was good and removing the weak and despised by Saul is exactly the same as James the Younger's actions. For James the Younger kept what he thought was the 'good' parts of the law – avoidance of sexual immorality and avoidance of eating blood, strangled meats and food sacrificed to idols – and removed the parts that were weak and despised like the expulsion of women on their menstruation days and the stoning to death of adulterers.

You see, with the word of God, it is all or nothing. Either you obey it in whole or not at all. Obedience in part is useless. It is like going to Capernaum instead of Bethsaida... yes, they got into the boat to go, but they went to the wrong town! It is like going to Galilee after the resurrection... yes, they went to the mountain where Jesus told them to go,⁵ but they went on the wrong day!

The apostles were told, "Listen to Him,"⁶ and Jesus never left any instructions to listen to James, but rather, He said clearly, "...the Counselor, the Holy Spirit... will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you."⁷ James reminding the apostles of what Moses said was not the Holy Spirit speaking through him, for if it is, then the Holy Spirit has broken faith with Jesus! And that can never be.

So from the example of James introducing teachings that go against the teachings of Jesus, the antichrists have come out of the church, each with their doctrines that they have received from an angel or deep revelations, some of which even deny the Sonship of Jesus, as John had experienced by 1 John 2.22-23 that he could pen this warning: Who is the liar? It is the man who denies that Jesus is the Christ. Such a man is the antichrist—he denies the Father and the Son. No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also.

¹ 1 John 2.18-19

² 1 Samuel 15.3

³ 1 Samuel 15.9

⁴ 1 Samuel 15.11

⁵ Matthew 28.16

⁶ Matthew 17.5; Mark 9.7; Luke 9.35

⁷ John 14.26

So just as Saul lost the kingdom conferred on him, the apostles lost the Kingdom of God, the kingdom of power, conferred on us, and just as Israel lurched from its heyday of mighty military power to a mere puppet under Roman rule, so the church has decayed from its heyday of being the center where all who come were healed to being a puppet of worldly systems, like health services where treatment is offered but no miracles are available like they were from the beginning.

If the liar is the one who denies Jesus is the Christ, then who is the man of truth? The one who says Jesus is the Christ? Surely not, for even demons have said, "[I know who You are—the Holy One of God!](#)"⁸ No, it is not those who say that Jesus is the Christ who are people of truth, but as Jesus said, "[He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself, but he who works for the honor of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.](#)"⁹ You see, a man of truth is not determined by what he says, but by whose honour he works for. A man who works for his own honour is not a man of truth even if he is a completely honest man in whom there are no lies. Of Nathanael, Jesus said, "[Here is a true Israelite, in whom there is nothing false.](#)"¹⁰ But Israel never worked for the honour of the One who sent them. When you work for the **honour** of the One who sent you, you do not grumble, you do not change what He commands you to do, you do it exactly the way you are told so that the glory of the success goes to the One who gave the command and not the one who did the work! Which is why Jesus taught us, "[So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'](#)"¹¹ See the word now: "[...when you have done everything you were told to do...](#)"

By Acts 15 the eleven had not yet done everything they were told to do and as such, they had no business at all listening to James the Younger.

Saul lost his kingdom because he did not do everything he was told to do, and so did we. Just as Saul sought to defend his actions, so will many do likewise. Like Saul we have said, "[But I did obey the Lord. I went on the mission the Lord assigned me.](#)"¹² It is like the twelve saying, "But we did get into the boat," and the eleven saying, "But we did get to the mountain in Galilee," and the rest of us saying, "But we did build a church, preach the Gospel and convert the heathens." However... we also did a few other things because we could not do what You did, Lord.

In the beginning, Mark 16.20 recorded: [Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed His word by the signs that accompanied it.](#) However, as we substituted His words for our words, there was no longer a need for the Lord to work with us, for there were none of His words to be confirmed with signs. Certainly, the Lord was not told by Jesus to confirm our words, for Jesus clearly said, "[...the Spirit of Truth... will testify about Me.](#)"¹³

You see, if one preaches Jesus' words, the honour goes to Jesus. If you preach your own words, the honour goes to you. So if you are working so that you can preach your own message, who are you honouring? Not the O/one who sent you unless you sent yourself, in which case you have no right to call yourself a 'Christian' or a 'servant of Jesus' or a 'disciple of Jesus'.

So what do you call a church that practises the words of James the Younger in Jesus' Name? Who are they honouring – James or Jesus? Since the Holy Spirit is here to confirm Jesus' words with signs, it is little wonder that any church that practises the recommendations of James the Younger is devoid of the signs that accompany the preaching of the words of Jesus. And when the real signs are missing, then the counterfeits must be put in their place.

In the days of Solomon, he made golden shields and placed them in the temple,¹⁴ and when Rehoboam lost them he made bronze shields to replace them,¹⁵ which looked like the gold shields but were not gold shields. So likewise, when real miracles like blind men seeing and lame men walking were gone, like sinners in weeping and conviction of full repentance were gone, the church replaced it with relics like bottled blood that liquefied, weeping statues, confirmation services and so on and so on. When the power to drive out demons was lost, exorcism with its incantations and rituals replaced it. The bronze replaced the gold in the hope that no one would notice and everyone pretended the bronze was gold.

When Jesus came to reveal the Father, the church revealed herself and took over as mother and some even had their priests called 'father'.

⁸ Mark 1.24

⁹ John 7.18

¹⁰ John 1.47

¹¹ Luke 17.10

¹² 1 Samuel 15.20

¹³ John 15.26

¹⁴ 1 Kings 10.16

¹⁵ 1 Kings 14.26-27

You see, a prostitute works for no one's honour, not even her own, but sells herself to the highest bidder or any bidder just to keep herself alive. This is not a slur to those women who have to be prostitutes to feed themselves and their children, or those who are tricked and sold into sexual slavery daily around the world. Rather, it is an apology to all of them, for they are all victims of the worst prostitute of all – MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF PROSTITUTES, AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. ...the woman was drunk with the blood of the saints, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus¹⁶ – an entity that came into existence after the fall of the Babylon of Nebuchadnezzar... an entity in which the people of God are living in, for God said, "Come out of her, My people..."¹⁷ And in what entity do the people of God live in now that they may come out of her? Is it not the church itself, the church that is the prostitute?

So what makes a church, any church, a prostitute?

It is any church that is a liar, not because it does not say, "Jesus is the Christ," but because it does not honour the One who sent it. Who sends a group of believers and disciples? It is Jesus... and we dishonour Him every time we do not listen to Him or practise His words, but go and listen to those who use His Name to introduce teachings and practices that go against Jesus' teachings just because it seems good to them. The moment the church at Jerusalem adopted James' recommendations and said, "It seemed good..."¹⁸ the truth was gone and the lies began. You cannot say you honour Jesus when you approve of another whose words go against Jesus. A man cannot serve two masters; you cannot honour Jesus and the one who is not with Him. Worst thing of all, a church that practises words contrary to Jesus' words in His Name is lying to itself. It is a church that does not reveal the Father to her children through the words of Jesus.

James' words do not reveal the Father because James did not know the Father. James knew God through Moses, but it is Jesus alone who can reveal the Father. So any church that does not practise the words of Jesus cannot reveal the Father, and any children who do not know who their Father is can be children of a prostitute. Certainly if you belong to one that teaches you to call many men 'father', then that is as blatant a proof of your sonship of a prostitute as any... for no prostitute can tell their children who is their father... could be him or him or him. And their prostitution continues to bring disgrace to the Name and personage of Jesus to this day.

However, it is not just the lack of words and revelation of the Fatherhood alone that makes a church a prostitute. It is the comfort it offers that makes it the prostitute. All prostitutes offer temporary relief for a need at a price without relationship. Thus any church that offers temporary relief at a price to anyone has behaved like a prostitute. Temporary relief in the form of ritualistic sanctifications, justifications, baptisms and ceremonies without discipleship for sonship or daughtership. You see, the relief that Jesus offers is not a temporary relief, but a permanent one – a place in His family – where the true relief comes not from attendance at a religious ceremony or being part of an organisation, but from the relationship a person develops with God the Father through Jesus Christ.

It is the prostitution by those who claim to be the believers of Jesus that offends those who hunger for the truth to the point that they would bear arms to fight.

If we were able to heal all the sick in every village we made first contact with, multiplied the food, healed their waters, controlled the weather, removed the curse from their land, and broke the power of witchcraft and sorcery from them without demanding their conversion, what people would fight and kill to prevent the preaching of the Gospel for free? Only the sons of Satan, and even then, if we had retained the power, we would have been able to blind them like Elisha did and then serve them lunch after we healed them, and then send them home.

No, the real enemy is us who have deluded ourselves in accepting the bronze to be as good as the gold, like the Israelites of Rehoboam's days did. The truth is this is a very unpalatable message and few are they who would accept this, for there is only a very narrow road and a very narrow gate – Jesus is the true Gate and He is the only Way and that Way is in His words and His words alone, confirmed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The only way we can overcome this enemy is to not become one ourselves. As such, the overcoming of the prostitute begins with each and every individual in each and every church to repent and work only for the honour of the One who sent them – Jesus – by listening to His words and doing everything He told us to do first without listening to anyone else... not even Moses or Elijah, even if they were to appear, for the

¹⁶ Revelation 17.5-6

¹⁷ Revelation 18.4

¹⁸ Acts 15.28

Father said, "Listen to Him," that is, Jesus, even when Moses and Elijah were standing beside Him. Having done that, ensure that the Father Jesus came to reveal to us is made known to all who believe as they take up their right as children, ensuring no one else is called 'father', for we only have one Father and He is in Heaven. And finally, realise the purpose of the church or any ministry is not to offer temporary relief for a price. So nothing, nothing is ever sold but is freely given, and the relief to its members is a continuous permanent relief that comes through participation in the Family of Jesus and an ever deepening relationship with the Father... without ritual, without organisational hierarchy, without limit of access, but all may boldly approach the Father's throne to receive mercy and grace at anytime in secret prayer and righteousness.

The false prophet is but one man... but the prostitute, she sits over many nations and languages and she is a formidable enemy, so do not underestimate her and do not become her yourself. So watch yourselves... and as we go on, understand we are to echo the Lord's warning, "Come out of her, My people..." not by condemning those who are under her spell and witchcraft, for a voice, if shouted to those in darkness, only confuses them and frightens them even more and they will run away. Rather, be the light that Jesus said you are to be and let the light of His presence and word shine out of you. Heal the sick who have received her plagues and let everything be confirmed with the power of miracles, signs and wonders in these final days of grace before the Lord unleashes that which He has held back for so long.

You see, dear reader, as long as you work with all your heart, soul, might and mind – because of the mercy withheld from Jesus, because of the justice due to Jesus, and because of the faithfulness shown by Jesus, for you know He is the only **innocent, righteous and faithful Man** who ever walked this Earth – for **His honour**, you are a person of truth. There is nothing false about you and no prostitute or her daughters can have any power against you, for God has said, "Those who honor Me I will honor, but those who despise Me will be disdained."¹⁹

If that is what God will do to the ones who honour Him, what will He do to the ones who honour His Son and bring Him justice and glory for His faithfulness and give Him rest?

Selah.

¹⁹ 1 Samuel 2.30

Know Your Enemy IV

After the false prophet and Satan (the devil) comes enemies that are much closer to home... and these are from fellow disciples who do not listen and fellow believers who do not believe. Disciples who do not listen and believers who do not believe include ourselves more often than not, so that the overcoming of this group of enemies lays not in identification as much as in repentance.

Those who have accompanied us on our journey thus far are well and truly aware that the twelve did not listen to Jesus when He told them to go to Bethsaida immediately after the feeding of the 5000 and that the eleven did not believe the message He gave to Mary and the other women to go immediately to Galilee on resurrection morning. They are for us - the examples penned in scriptures - to teach us and to rebuke us as much as they are a record of what they failed to do, for whatever the failings of the twelve and the eleven were, these failures are also within each of us and more. Because of the hindsight given us to see their error and to be living in the consequences of that error... less, not more, grace is given to those of us who are aware of the truth.

As such, like the false prophet and Satan, it is firstly for us to come to know the enemy within us... as well as the enemy among us and the enemy opposing us. The devil (Satan) is the enemy opposing us; the antichrists including the false prophet are the enemies among us... but we who do not listen and do not believe when we are disciples and believers, are the enemies within us.

The central key to the overcoming of all our enemies lies in the overcoming of the enemy within us. For no devil or antichrist has any power over a disciple who listens and a believer who believes, for their obedience and faith empowers them and delivers them from the deception of the other two.

Satan can only oppose those who have not listened to Jesus' commands that say, "Do not resist an evil person,"¹ and "Love your enemies..."² For anyone who applies these two commands and practises them concerning Satan has the perfection of the Father, which is far superior to the perfection of the fallen cherub, for his perfection is only in beauty, but God's perfection is in all things.

The false prophet, when he finally makes his appearance, can only deceive those who do not know their scriptures or the power of God, but cannot deceive those who have obeyed and believed enough to come to know their God through the scriptures or the power of God. As such, for us elect of the Lord, neither of these enemies are to be feared; they are to be accommodated and tolerated so that they may play their parts to fulfill scriptures. Satan should not be bound until the angel who has the chain does so... otherwise we are in a way breaking scriptures. He is not to be slandered or even hated, but at all times, the truth about him should be told to him with love, and every effort must be made to assist him to come to the place assigned for him when Jesus is sitting on the throne of the Father, and that is under the feet of Jesus.

For the Father has sworn an oath to the Lord, "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."³ Under the feet of Jesus is where Satan is meant to be, which is why binding him and throwing him into hell is not the proper place for him, and since Satan can no longer access Heaven as he did in the days of Job, then Satan is not one of those who are to be blessed with being under the feet of Jesus as Jesus sits on the throne. Just let him run free, for he knows his time is short, and let him continue his wickedness amongst the wicked. Those who fear him are those who do not know the scriptures or the power of God.

As for the false prophet, without him the final phase of the end times cannot be fulfilled. As such, his coming should not be resisted, but rather, be assisted as much as possible through the reactivation of the miraculous powers within the body of Christ and the ushering in of the conditions that will avail for him - the opportune moment to breathe life into an image of the beast and to trade with Satan his power of miraculous signs and wonders for the authority of Satan. For, the false prophet cannot deceive those who know their scriptures **and** the power of God and, more importantly, those who know their God. Only those who are ignorant of these three pillars of knowledge - the scriptures, the power and the Person - will be deceived, and indeed, deceived they will be because of their failure to fulfill their duties as believers and disciples to believe and to listen.

¹ Matthew 5.39

² Matthew 5.44; Luke 6.27

³ Psalm 110.1

However, **the enemy within us** – the believer within us who doubts and disbelieves the message of the Lord and the disciple within us who does not listen and therefore does not do what the Lord says, but listens to recommendations and judgements of those who darken the Lord's counsel with words without knowledge - **that enemy must be resisted, vanquished and even put to the death at all cost and at all times**. For the disbelief of the eleven and the disobedience of the twelve left them ignorant of the glory God had for them and struggling in the middle of nowhere in the dark, buffeted by the wind. So likewise, our disbelief and our disobedience leaves us in the same pitiful situation – ignorant of the glory God wants to reveal to us in the Kingdom of God and struggling with our physical power against forces that are beyond us.

Know then and understand... every time we disbelieve the Lord's words and disobey the Lord's words by not doing what He said and not practising them with full expectation of the eternal life that they bring... we have placed ourselves in a place of ignorance and darkness, struggling against things that were not meant for us to struggle against, while the Lord watches. As epic as your struggle may be to overcome those forces that you have subjected yourself to... do not expect a reward from the Lord when He comes to you or even to acknowledge you. For when the Lord did walk out on the lake, He was about to pass by the twelve until they called out to Him, even though He had been watching them from the hillside as He prayed with the Father. Likewise, any disciple now who does not listen should not expect the Lord to come to him, even though the Lord has been watching him from the throne as He prayed for him.

When the Lord had to return from Galilee to that locked room in Jerusalem, because no one had joined Him because of the eleven's stubborn refusal to believe Mary Magdalene and the other women, the Lord rebuked them for their lack of faith as well. It is just as well the Lord is gracious and patient that He did walk out on to the lake so the twelve might see Him and call out to Him and that He did walk back from Galilee to the locked room so that at least they beheld Him on resurrection day. For if the Lord had not walked out on the lake, the twelve might have perished in that squall. If the Lord had not come back to Jerusalem, none of the eleven would have seen Him on resurrection day, only the women would have. How untenable their positions as His disciples to lead His church would have become if it was only the women who saw Him on resurrection day... and even then, it was only to the ten He came, for Thomas was not there.⁴ Thomas, the disciple who missed out on seeing the Lord on the day of His resurrection, the greatest moment of joy and relief for any grieving disciple of the Lord, the moment when the news that He is alive is made real to you, when you behold Him with your eyes and claps Him in your arms... Thomas never experienced.

So then, know your enemies, for knowledge will give you the forewarning you need to avoid the traps and repentance will deliver you from them... if you still blunder into them. Blunder into them you will, so be in continuous unceasing repentance of your unbelief and your stubborn refusal to listen, even as you are bending your ears to listen and committing your faith to believe.

You will find that when you have overcome the enemy within you, you will be able to overcome the enemy who is among us and the enemy who opposes us. For the believer who believes without a doubt the words of Jesus will receive whatever has been said and promised, for that is how God honours those who have faith in His Son... and the words God has given His Son to speak to us have more than enough blessings to overcome every problem we can encounter from any enemy amongst us or against us.

The disciple who listens and puts into practice what he has heard will find that the words of Jesus have enough power to not only make him like a wise man who built his house on the rock, which can withstand the wind, the rain, the rising river and the torrent, but that the **successful** execution of His commands allows that disciple to be more than a wise man... much more. He will be one who will bear witness that with God nothing is impossible and that all things are possible for those who believe. He would not be like a wise man who built his house on the rock, but would be a man who can build his house where the wind does not reach, the rain does not touch, the river cannot rise to and the torrent cannot find... a man who builds his house where even the wise cannot build.

And as you learn to overcome the enemy within you - that unbelieving believer and that disobedient disciple - remember always to love your enemy... for love never fails. Pray for your enemy, bless your enemy and do good to your enemy - you - until he is convinced that the best there is for him is to believe and to obey no one else except Jesus. At that moment, when you are fully convinced in your faith of Jesus and fully convicted to obey Him... the miracle of the glory of God will change all your enemies to your friends, like water to good wine.

⁴ John 20.24

For you will be able to realise and see every moment of your doubt and disobedience was another moment of your coming to know the Lord in His justice, mercy and faithfulness so that you may understand the fullness of His kingdom and seek **all** His righteousness, not just some, but **all**... and go beyond what has been commanded of you. So, the unbelief and disobedience of the ten, eleven and twelve availed for them a lifetime of study to come to know the Lord in His justice, mercy and righteousness, and as they paid the price with their martyrdom, so now they will return to reign with Him. Had they obeyed, had they gone to Galilee, had the Kingdom of God been launched in full power from resurrection morning on Earth, not one of them, not one of us, would come to be able to reign with Christ as His kings and lords through the millennium. Surely God works all things out for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

And in true transformation and transfiguration that comes through the knowledge of His glory, the false prophet is no longer the feared enemy, but rather, an essential lackey that must play his part to prepare the Earth for the Lord's return... and not just play his part, but rather, thanks to him the Earth will be prepared with even greater glory and honour for the arrival of its King – the Lord Jesus Christ.

Through him (the false prophet), the Holy Spirit will be able to satisfy Himself through His elect, that His mission as the Spirit of Sonship has succeeded as the elect take their stand to defend and protect the meek so that they can inherit the Earth.⁵ Through him (the false prophet), the image of the beast will be able to abolish buying and selling without his mark, so that the elect of the Holy Spirit can do what Jesus has been doing to continue to feed the hungry, heal the sick and clothe the naked as Jesus did. Through him (the false prophet), the elect will be able to show the kings of the world and their armies how badly mistaken they are... if they thought the weapons forged by men had any power at all. Thanks to him (the false prophet), all the kings of the Earth and their armies will be conveniently gathered in one place for Jesus to destroy by the splendour of His coming. You will rejoice to see the false prophet take centre stage in the eyes of the world, for you know in a little while, Jesus is finally come!

As for Satan, suddenly he becomes that scapegoat who never realised that he was created to be the scapegoat from the beginning and that everything he has ever done has all worked out for God's greater glory to display the fullness of the measure of God's wisdom... through the mercy He shows ungrateful men on judgement day.

Thanks to Satan, man has been saved from committing his own sin of ingratitude, but was deceived to commit the sin of rebellion concocted by the serpent. Thanks to Satan, as it was in the beginning so it will be in the end, Satan will deceive men... and cause Gog and Magog to rise up in rebellion against the rule of Christ, a rebellion that would have taken place anyway, even if Satan did not go out to deceive after he was released from the abyss at the end of the millennium.

Such is the omnipotent might of our God who knows the end from the beginning and makes things known before they happen, that every knee will bow and every tongue confirm that He is the Lord to the praise and glory of His Name.

So then, elect... **know your enemies that you may truly love them, for as it is said, you cannot love someone you do not know.** Repent then of the idolatry of your enemies, for anyone who loves the enemies they do not know has made an idol of them... and God hates idols!

⁵ Matthew 5.5

The Manual I Weapons of Divine Power

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.¹

The array of weaponry that the Lord provides is as diverse and as numerous as there are stars in the sky... for all of Creation, whether seen or unseen, and all the forces that govern their existence can be turned into a weapon of war by the Lord. As such, any attempt of categorisation of the weapons of God that He uses when He wages war is at best a shallow overview of the sophisticated machinery that God has at His disposal to achieve the ends that He has purposed. And as such, the means by which the ends are achieved are just as diverse.

So, for the reader, it is not a matter of knowing every detail of every weapon of war that is at God's disposal, but what is important is that the reader develops an expertise from continuous practice of the words of Jesus in some areas of God's warfare, while also acquiring an overview of the awesome array available to the Kingdom of God. Not that we put our confidence in the created, but rather, let our confidence in the Creator increase as we come to know the limitless ability of God to shape and achieve all things for His purpose and for the good of those who love Him, whom He has called according to His purpose.

The Lord's warring capabilities were first demonstrated when the world of Noah's days, with its society of humans and Nephilims, produced such wickedness that the Lord was grieved that He had made man on the Earth, and His heart was filled with pain.² In one cataclysmic unleashing of natural forces beyond men's understanding, as the 'windows' of Heaven opened and the springs of the deep emptied their contents, water flooded the Earth until every high mountain was covered by twenty feet... and only the occupants of the ark of Noah and the fish survived.

Even as God wiped out one set of His enemies, He was already preparing for the next battle, and delusions were being created even as the waters of the flood were still rising. Delusions that would have the future enemies of God rendered unable to believe even if they were told or shown. Though Jesus had said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the Kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, 'Though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand,'"³ the disinformation campaign by God began millennia before Jesus walked the Earth.

As such, understand that not everyone is destined by God to see or hear the truth in the Gospel we preach, for God knows their hearts, and according to their hearts, God has already prepared the way for them to come to judgement.

When Egypt's pharaoh of Moses' days forgot the favour God had shown him through the kindness of the forefathers of Moses to the forefathers of Egypt... God once more revealed His terrifying superiority as the Lord of war who wages war against injustice, cruelty and faithlessness. These three points – injustice, cruelty and faithlessness – are the salient features of all of the wars of men everywhere. It is faithlessness that starts the wars of men, cruelty that mars the wars of men, and injustice that fuels the wars of men, whereas God, our God who is the Warrior, wages war for justice with mercy out of faithfulness.

The twelve miracles of Exodus, done through Moses and Aaron, were the warning shots that gave pharaoh the opportunity to capitulate to the final devastating blow with the wiping out of his charioteers, and are the precursors of the current birth pains of the end times that Jesus foretold to His twelve disciples. Through those twelve miracles, God again demonstrated the power of His weapons that no weaponry of man can withstand, not even sorcery or magic... for the snake of Aaron's staff ate the snakes that came from the Egyptian's staffs.⁴

Those miracles also show the progressive escalation of each move of God, so that at every turn pharaoh could have relented. However, because he refused, his heart was hardened so that he would not even if

¹ 2 Corinthians 10.3-5

² Genesis 6.6

³ Luke 8.9-10

⁴ Exodus 7.12

he could. The dealing of pharaoh by God is a warning to any man who thinks he can stand against God's will when God marches out to wage war to deliver justice, mercy and faithfulness.

Justice... because the Egyptians would never have had a mighty kingdom if Joseph did not help them through the seven years of famine with his brilliant plans. Mercy... because no nation deserves to live as slave to another. And faithfulness... because God had promised the deliverance to Abraham, His friend, in exactly the number of years of slavery. Even the killing of the firstborn of Egypt was merely God giving to the Egyptians that which they wanted for themselves. For God, the command to **"Do to others as you would have them do to you,"**⁵ remains the only one that fulfils the Law and the Prophets.⁶ So the killing of the male babies of the Hebrews by the Egyptians⁷ was the expression of their desire to have their male children killed as well. Except in His mercy, God only killed the firstborn male... not every male child, so that Egypt might have a future.

As such, the mastery of the weapons of war that belong to God does not come by knowing what they are or even how they work... it comes from knowing who God is and how He works. And God is working all the time to bring forth justice, to show mercy and to display faithfulness.... if only you have ears to hear and eyes to see.

In the battle of Egypt, God used two men of faith and the forces of nature bent to His will, as well as directly participating in the action Himself. For the killing of the firstborn was not done by some angel of God, but as the Lord said, **"About midnight, I will go throughout Egypt. Every firstborn son in Egypt will die."**⁸ And Moses recorded for us: **At midnight the Lord struck down all the firstborn in Egypt.**⁹

The first thing one must always remember is that our God is a Commander who leads from the front and who reserves for Himself the worst of the battle to fight so that we might be spared its horrors. Just as He killed the firstborn of Egypt, thus sparing men and angels of this task, so He allowed Himself to be crucified on the cross and spared all of us from the most horrible part of the battle against sin and death for the salvation of the world. As such, remember, saints... whatever task you are assigned, God has already done the worst of the work and yet He shares the glory of the whole work with us that we might reign with Him.

Now as to the weaponry used by the Lord, they are best summarised by four headings:

1. The personnel
2. The natural elements
3. The supernatural elements
4. The psychological elements

When it comes to personnel, God chooses men and women who seem to be the most unlikely for the work with characteristics appreciated by few except God. The number of the personnel does not matter to God. **What matters is their doggedness in completing the work no matter how insurmountable it looks or seems.**

For the first battle, God chose only one man – Noah – to do what would be impossible for one man – build a large ocean going vessel of 450 feet by 75 feet by 45 feet high¹⁰ in a world that has no known boat building industry.

In the second battle, which was delayed by a generation due to unbelief, God was going to send half a million untrained men against fortified cities with trained military personnel... and not only untrained, but unarmed, for Israel did not come out of Egypt with its weapons, only its gold. Unfortunately, that group did not have the faithfulness required, as shown by the ease with which they turned away from God in Exodus 32 no more than forty days after they had heard God speak to them from the top of the mountain in Exodus 20.¹¹ In less than six weeks they had forgotten their meeting with God and what He had told them, **"You shall not make for yourself an idol..."**¹²

⁵ Luke 6.31

⁶ Matthew 7.12

⁷ Exodus 1.22

⁸ Exodus 11.4

⁹ Exodus 12.29

¹⁰ Genesis 6.15

¹¹ Exodus 20.19; Deuteronomy 5.23-24

¹² Exodus 20.4

So it is the unlikely, unsuitable, unworthy men and women that He tends to use... rarely does He choose one who is suited for the task, like Saul (both of the Old and New Testaments). Paul¹³ was only brought in because of the digression of the eleven from the original script.

The use of the natural elements by the Lord is well documented and should be familiar enough to all that only a cursory remark about them need be made. In the first battle, the springs of the deep were used to supply some of the waters, as well as the windows of the Heavens... what we call, 'worm holes' were opened to send the water that had been placed above the sky¹⁴ to join with the waters on the Earth.

For the battle of Egypt, God used gnats, frogs, flies, plague, soot, hailstones, locusts and wind, that is, insects, bacteria and weather, as well as the waters to blood and the unearthly darkness. As He was about to send Israel into Canaan for the battle of Canaan, He was going to use the hornets, as He said, "I will send the hornet ahead of you to drive the Hivites, Canaanites and Hittites out of your way."¹⁵

However, God is not limited to just the use of natural elements... and anyone familiar with the wind will know God uses the supernatural as well. As He did with Moses... from the snake of Moses eating the snakes of the magicians to the changing of the water to blood - a process of transformation and transfiguration, so that a stick of wood was transformed to a snake and water was transfigured to blood - the weapons of transformation and transfiguration were used and demonstrated by Jesus first at Cana, then on the holy mountain in Galilee and finally on the road to Emmaus. Sufficient that at this point in time you realise they are there. The mastery of their use will come with practice and when the need for them arises.

When it comes to the supernatural, the Lord also uses supernatural personnel - His angels - and of course, His Son and Holy Spirit. The first thing the Lord said to Moses in Exodus 23.20 was, "See, I am sending an angel ahead of you to guard you along the way and to bring you to the place I have prepared." Angelic personnel are used by the Lord to encourage and supply His people, also to give directions to His people as well as to rescue them. The power of one angel was demonstrated when the entire Assyrian army was wiped out in the siege of Jerusalem: That night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death 185,000 men in the Assyrian camp.¹⁶ The coming harvest of those of the Kingdom of Heaven as well the removal of the sons of the devil (SODs) will be done by these angelic personnel of the army of the Kingdom of God.

The last of God's general group of weapons is what is best described as His psychological warfare department. He said to Moses, "I will send My terror ahead of you and throw into confusion every nation you encounter. I will make your enemies turn their backs and run."¹⁷ Confusion... of not knowing what is happening and of conflicting reports and data, as well as warning signs of what is about to happen. Seven days of watching an army of 500,000 march around their city would have given insomnia and loss of appetite to every Jerichoan. And the sudden shout and collapse of the wall would have killed most of them, for after seven days of marching around the wall, the Jerichoans would have all been lured one and all to watch from the strength of their wall... and become even complacent as they were beguiled into thinking that the Israelites may be marching around and around on the seventh day because they found the walls too impenetrable. First, fear and worry of the attack... and then relief and even complacency as they were lulled into thinking the Israelites did not dare to attack before suddenly... the wall they trusted collapsed on them.

Can you see how deadly a foe God is? First He frightens you and then when you think you are safe, suddenly the very thing in which you trusted becomes the weapon He uses to destroy you. Of course, if the Jerichoans had surrendered before the seventh day, they might have been shown mercy, for God does not delight in the death of the wicked.¹⁸ However, the sight of Israel not attacking, but just marching around every day and more so on the seventh day, just emboldened them to put their trust in the works of their hands. This is the classic maneuver of God to all peoples... first He puts the fear of what is to come into your heart and mind, and if that fear spurs you into repentance and obedience of God's word, you are spared.

It is sufficient for now to gain a simplified overview of the array of weaponry available to the Lord and His army... but what is of utmost importance is to know that the Lord our God wages war to bring justice, to show mercy and to confirm His faithfulness. God did not start the war... but His enemies did when they

¹³ Acts 9; 13.9

¹⁴ Genesis 1.6 - "Let there be an expanse between the waters to separate water from water."

¹⁵ Exodus 23.28

¹⁶ 2 Kings 19.35

¹⁷ Exodus 23.27

¹⁸ Ezekiel 18.23; 33.11

broke faith with Him, showed Him no mercy and were unjust to Him. Beginning with the guardian cherub who left his position and entered the garden where he did not belong and lured two innocent creatures to their deaths by deceiving them, knowing that they were the image of God and God would have to redeem them or suffer the shame of His image's nakedness exposed. Satan broke faith with God, showed God no mercy and was unjust to God.

Man - Adam - likewise broke faith with God by eating the fruit from the tree he was not to eat, unjustly blaming God for giving him the woman and failing to repent of his nakedness... so that a lamb had to be killed to cover his nakedness. Faith was broken, injustice was done and mercy was withheld... because of Adam.

No... it was not God who started the war, but His enemies who broke faith with Him without mercy and treated Him unjustly, and when God tried to make peace once more, those same enemies did the same thing to His Son... denying Him justice by falsely accusing Him, showing Him no mercy and breaking the faith with Him by deserting Him. No, God did not start the war... but God will finish the war and with justice, mercy and faithfulness.

With justice He will judge and rightly apportion to all who have sinned what is due to them as punishment, separating the evil and wicked from those who are ignorant and deceived. And even as He judges, He will do so with mercy, forgiving the sins of those who repent and allow Him to purify their lips that they may call upon the Name of the Lord right up to judgement day... for salvation will be available even for those who have been held in Hades, death and the sea. All these He does because He is faithful to Himself, for He is "...the Lord, the Lord, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin. Yet He does not leave the guilty unpunished; He punishes the children and their children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation."¹⁹

And because He is faithful to Himself, He cannot wage war in any other way... as terrifyingly powerful as He is.

So consider carefully whom you are serving and examine yourselves and your motives before you fall in and follow Him as He marches out to battle. Consider carefully whom you are opposing and surrender while there is yet time... for blessed is the dust that His feet rests on, for so glorious is He. Better to humble yourselves, enemies of the Lord, and place yourselves under His feet before you are cast into the lake of fire where your worm never dies.

Always remember, dear reader, the only reason our weapons have divine power is because He who gives such these weapons... is **Divine**. Now, raise up your arguments, set up your pretensions... oppose the knowledge of God with all your heart, soul, might and mind, and God will demolish them all as He teaches you, His enemies, what is worth fighting for – justice, mercy and faithfulness.

¹⁹ Exodus 34.6-7

The Stand

Shammah got up and got dressed...

Put on his armour...came out of the tent, and then assembled with the rest of the army, as the rams horns sounded and vibrated through the valley, for the Philistine army was marching towards their campsite.

As Shammah looked across the valley, the hordes of the Philistines filled his vision, but he remembered the Lord would fight on the side of Israel if they would be of good courage as he commanded Joshua his forefather.

Standing there, though he could hear the whispers among the other men, whispers of fear... for the Philistine army was far greater than theirs, he remembered the stories of Jonathan and his young armour bearer...

He remembered Eleazar's stand with King David at Pas Dammin...

He remembered the great and mighty deeds of the Lord, but as the army marched out into the valley floor, the whispers began to grow... "David is not with us" they were saying... "where is the King"... "the army is too great for us".

Shammah looked around and sure enough his King was not on the field yet –

They were not yet ready... they had not formed their battle formation, and the Philistines are charging.

No one was there to lead... Joab was not around –

And so in confusion, the army of Israel fled... but Shammah stood his ground.

His King may not be there, his commander may not be there, but he is... he is here... and **he will** give a good account of himself before the Lord this day.

For this was his day to stand and defend what no other would stand and defend, and so defend it he would ...alone, in the sight of God.

So elect - who is to say what lies ahead in the days of distress which may come upon us like a flood of Philistines.

And though we may have been training, and though we may have been prepared... who is to say, what is to come –

What will each of us do if we find our King has not arrived, and our commander is not on the field.

What will determine the day elect, is not what the army will do, nor is it whether our commander is there, or whether our King is there –

What will determine the day, is whether we who are there, take our stand like Shammah, and account ourselves well before the Lord, showing no fear to our enemies.

For as Paul wrote:

"Stand firm in one spirit and in one soul, contending as one man, triumphing together through and for the faith of the gospel... without being frightened, so that in nothing are you terrified in any way by those who oppose you, for this is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – saved even by God Himself."

For the Lord did not give us a spirit of fear nor did He give us a spirit of timidity... but a spirit of power, of love and of self discipline.

For it has been granted to us on behalf of Christ, to not only believe on Him, not only trust in Him, but granted also the privilege of suffering for Him.

For even as the 'Book of Wars' is being opened for us now and the details of the weapons, the details of the tactics, and even the details of the personnel are being made known to us...

All of this is superfluous... all this needless, if each of us do not individually take our stand as Shammah did.

For it is not whether we win -

It is not whether the Lord delivers us -

It is whether we give a good account of ourselves against the enemies of God, in the sight of God.

For we judge no one, and are judged by no one... but by God and God alone.

For we speak not on our own to gain honour and glory for ourselves, nor are we working for our own glory, but for the glory and honour of the One whom the Father has sent -

For Shammah was not sent as much as he took his stand -

So likewise, when you are an elect of the Lord the Holy Spirit, you need no sending but need to take your stand -

For if he who works for the honour of the one who sent him is a man of truth, and there is nothing false about him ...so then what of the one who works for the honour of the One sent by God ?

What is such a person ? - HE IS GREATER THAN A MAN OF TRUTH -

HE IS A MAN OF HONOUR, for as he honours so he will be honoured.

So likewise, the forefather of the elect, the chief prince of our tribe, Paul the apostle... when all the other apostles were led astray by the men from James, he took his stand alone and he kept his stand that day... which is why to this day, salvation by grace through faith remains the treasure in the field of the Lord -

Just like Shammah, who defended his field on that day.

Shammah, who when he took his stand in that field, he knew that his blood would soon join the blood of Abel that was spilt so long ago by his brother Cain.

For Shammah knew all men came from Adam and after Adam came from the sons of Noah ...and so are not all men brothers ?

So then why... why, do we shed each other's blood.

But still Shammah stood on that lonely hill ready for his blood to join the blood of his brother Abel, and alone he defended that field that day... in the sight of God ...and struck the Philistines down, and in him taking his stand, and giving a good account of himself before God, allowed the Lord to bring about a great victory... the depth of its riches, the riches of its treasure, held in reserve for the day when all is revealed for the glory and honour of the One who sent Him ...the One who sent our Lord Jesus Christ, who alone is the victory cry... who alone is the consummate VICTORY of His Father and His God... our Father and our God.

For, elect, we are not much different from Shammah, not much different from Paul.

For Paul would never have been given the opportunity of the honour he was given if all the others did what they were supposed to do...

And Shammah would not have had his opportunity of honour if the army of Israel did not turn and run...

So now, you who are the elect of the Lord, be of good courage - do not be distressed – do not be distracted.

Do not be concerned of the failings of others, for their failings have given you your day of glory –

And it will come, when like Shammah, **you will** stand on that lonely hill and defend it against the Philistines of your day.

For hence, it is not whether it is 100 or 1,000 or 1 million of us... what matters is if you have determined like Shammah, to stand and give a good account of yourself before God.

So, gird up -

Tighten the braces -

Grip the shield of faith even tighter -

Squeeze your hand around the sword of the Spirit and look at the enemy as one that you truly are - One who can never die because JESUS LIVES !

JESUS LIVES ! ...so be prepared for the soon arrival of the King of the Kingdom, as His Kingdom comes on Earth as it is in Heaven.

Read the word even if you have read it 100 times before -

Practise, even if you have practised 100 times before... and keep practising even if you have succeeded 1,000 times before.

For if you must keep practising even if you have succeeded, then how much more do you need to practise if you have yet not succeeded.

For it is not the enemies of the Lord that you need to fear facing, but rather it is the returning saints of the first resurrection you need to fear.

For by them, by their faith, by their works, all will be judged by the Lord.

For they were faithful, even unto death.

And to stay alive until the end you must be worthy to greet those who are coming back.

So raise your standards and settle for nothing less than perfection of justice, perfection of mercy, and perfection of faithfulness, for our King arrives... triumphant and in all the splendour of His Kingdom ...for He comes in His glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels –

Our King who is called Faithful and True arrives, and with justice He will judge, and with justice He will make war...

So take your stand and remain faithful and true until the end that you may be counted as worthy to greet Our King... even worthy to greet the returning saints and to then be counted worthy enough to take part in the first resurrection with them... and so reign with them, with our King, who in the splendour of His coming again in the flesh, will destroy the lawless one, just as it will only take the breath of His mouth to overthrow him -

Overthrow and destroy he who contrived and plotted and schemed without mercy, without justice... being faithful only to himself, as he forged his plan to murder the King of God's Kingdom.

Plans to murder He who is ...the Lord INVINCIBLE IN BATTLE ...the Lord God who is our INVINCIBLE ARMY.

Murder is on his mind and in his heart, but we remain absolute in our faith in God ...we remain with absolute faith in God -

For it is written "it takes faith to please God" ...and all who are working for the soon return of our King all want to please God...

But yet the consequences of pleasing God is that men will hate you and want to kill you, as they did first to Abel ...and as they then did so unmercifully to Jesus... for with Him alone, with Jesus alone God was not only pleased... but with Him God was WELL PLEASED, and so Jesus also had to suffer the consequences of what has to happen when God is not only pleased with you, but when Your God is more than pleased... when He is well pleased with You.

And so as we stand now on the precipice of our King's imminent arrival we must be ready to take our stand like Shammah - like Paul - in the field we are defending, regardless of whether our King has arrived or whether our commander is with us on the field.

Take our stand for mercy, for justice, for faithfulness... and in loyal defiance stand opposed to all and sundry who raise their hand, who raise their voice, who raise their spear, who raise their throne up against our King... for we stand already covered in His blood, the blood He shed for the forgiveness of our sins ...we stand already covered in His blood, for by His blood He purchased our freedom that we might reign with Him in His Kingdom on Earth as it is in Heaven.

For the Word was made flesh and stood amongst us that we might stand, alone, for the glory and honour of the One who sent He who is the Word made flesh ...for whether we are with all in that field or are alone in that field... we are in Christ united in motive, one in obedience... with harmony of thought, word and action -

For we stand in and by the power of the Truth of the Word of God and have determined in our heart, soul, and mind, that we will, with all our might stand like Shammah, and defend the treasure in the field, and give a good account of ourselves on that day before God... showing no fear of those who oppose us.

And even though we fly the banner of love high above our heads, it is no way a statement that all is forgiven by God, that all is forgotten by God, that all escape the wrath of God... for it is only those who believe in the Name of God's One and only Son who shall not perish but have eternal life.

For those who do not believe in the Name of God's One and only Son stand condemned already.

Stand condemned already, for by their own unbelief they have already condemned themselves.

So know elect, that blessed are you to see and hear what others have longed to see and longed to hear... for that is the privilege beyond worth.

So do not be concerned with the little troubles of today, but appreciate the privilege you have been given, so that on that day when you are left alone to defend your field of lentils, you **WILL** take your stand without fear of the enemy who opposes you and **WILL** be a sign to them that they are being destroyed and you are being saved even by God Himself, and in doing so, give a good account of yourself in the sight of God, that you may be found worthy to greet not only the returning saints on their arrival back to this Earth, but to greet Jesus Christ Himself... found worthy to be called up to meet your King and Lord in the clouds of glory as He returns to bring salvation to those who are eagerly awaiting Him... even to those who have remained alive even though they should have died for men hated them and wanted to kill them for by their faith in God, God was pleased with them.

So lift up the standard by which you measure and be measured by the ONLY standard worth being measured by - The One and Only JESUS CHRIST ...the One the Father sent...

Jesus THE Man, THE king, THE warrior...

For He is the most Elegant One - the most elegant of all men, the most elegant of all kings, the most elegant of all warriors.

Gentle humility wrapped in full power manifesting with all gentleness and all humility, IS TRUE ELEGANCE from God's perspective, and true elegance can only be seen, can only be heard, when we listen to Jesus and watch our King and be transformed, even transfigured by the true elegance of the WARRIOR INVINCIBLE... the true invincibility of the most elegant of Warriors.

So gird yourself well and be accountable to no one but God Himself, for as it was in the beginning so it will be in the end –

For as it was in the beginning God said "Let there be light" ...and out of that light He made the Heavens and the Earth... so in the end God will say again "Let there be light" and out of that light He will make the New Heavens and New Earth.

For when this present Earth and Heavens are destroyed by fire every single star, every one of them will explode and in that explosion once more there will be light... so as it was in the beginning so it shall be in the end... for out of that explosion of light will come the New Heavens and the New Earth.

The light formed once more, and all things are made new –

And so as it was, so it will be again forevermore from eternity to eternity, and our God and Father will have what He has purposed from this creation by His word, and He will move on to His next creation ...and so He will be who HE WILL BE as HE IS WHO HE IS.

But make no mistake about it, the glory and the splendour of His next creation will make the glory and splendour of this creation like the grass of the fields.

And so remember, we have merely learned one drop of an ocean of an oceans of an oceans worth of wisdom, knowledge and understanding of He who knows the end from the beginning, of He who says "Let there be light"... and there is light...

So elect, be focussed - and remain focussed, letting nothing nor no one distract you, for it is now the time for the return of our KING and the return of all the saints with Him and it must consume the thoughts of our hearts and minds... for only then will we learn to be like Shammah who got up and got dressed...

Put on his armour, came out of the tent, and then assembled with the rest of the army, as the rams horns sounded and vibrated through the valley, for the Philistine army was marching towards their campsite.

And to always remember what will determine that day for each of us individually as we stand to defend the ground the Lord has given us to defend ...that it is not what the army will do, is not whether our commander is there, nor whether our King is there -

What will determine the day elect, is whether we who are there, take our stand like Shammah and account ourselves well before the Lord, showing no fear to our enemies, being not alarmed by our opponents, for it is a sign of their destruction, a sign of your salvation - that you are being saved - even by God Himself.

So prepare yourself well ...prepare yourself in such a way you have no fear, not even the fear of facing the returning saints of the first resurrection.

For as they were faithful even unto death, so we honour them by remaining alive even until the end, that we all may reign with Christ together.

For we live because JESUS CHRIST LIVES - the same Jesus Christ who has come in the flesh... the same Jesus Christ who is now returning in the flesh.

So praise be to God who knows the end from the beginning and reveals what He is about to do to those who work for the glory and honour of the One who sent Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, the Son of God.

Jesus Christ the Lord Invincible in Battle, the Lord God our Invincible Army...

So what can we say... elect... but HAIL KING JESUS... LONG LIVE THE KING !

AMEN.

Manual II – Weapon of Faith

Building on what everyone knows and has taught on faith... the utilisation of faith as a weapon shows the justness and therefore the fairness of God.

Before we proceed any further, the reader should realise this one and most important point: **God is omnipotent and as such, in any war that He fights, He is the assured Victor**. There is no enemy - no man, no spirit or gods – who can fight and win any war against God because He is the Creator of every man, spirit and 'god' who is not God. As such, His omnipotence makes any conflict so one-sided that God is never the warmonger even though He is the Warrior.

As stated earlier, God did not start this war, but He will finish this war and make the peace, which is why His sons are called 'peacemakers,' as Jesus said, **"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God."**¹

So know and understand this about God when He said, **"I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on Earth, for in these I delight,"**² that kindness, justice and righteousness are extended through every aspect of His life and person, even to the very weapons and tactics of **His warfare**.

Kindness to His enemies in that He forgives them and tolerates them, not delighting in their death, but being patient with them in the hope that they repent, as Peter found out and wrote for us: **He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.**³

If there is anyone who understands the patience of God, it is Peter who was called Satan by Jesus because he did not have in mind the things of God; who did not go to Bethsaida or Galilee as instructed when instructed; who denied Him three times when he said he would not; who recommended they fill Judas Iscariot's vacancy before the Holy Spirit had arrived with Jesus' decision, and so on, and so on. Indeed, Peter's actions carry for all of us a most comprehensive list of our failings as disciples of Jesus and an example of Jesus' grace and patience, so that like Peter, we can continue with our learning. For like Peter:

1. We all have a tendency to not listen and obey, but set off with others to places that suit us at times that are convenient to us.
2. When we are exposed, we do not repent, but cover up our disobedience with some bravado act of faith like walking on water.
3. Since, like Peter, we are not in the habit of listening and obeying, we do not know what God has in mind when we do listen and we tend to say something that shows we do not have in mind the things of God, but rather that of men.
4. Like Peter, we like to think and boast we would never deny Him, and like Peter we can deny Him when the time comes and in less oppressing circumstances.
5. Like Peter, we do not like to believe the messages of fellow disciples or revelations we are not part of, and even when we are confronted with the evidence, we prefer to hide rather than go as commanded.
6. Like Peter, we like to propose our solutions to a perceived problem without waiting for the One sent by God with the solution.
7. And like Peter, we tend to value the opinions and praises of men more than God's.

These seven 'failings' of ours as disciples make us perfect as vessels to receive God's grace and mercy, so that through us God can remain gracious and merciful to those who have not been called or chosen by Him. For if those who are called and chosen by Him can fail Him so and yet still be recipients of His grace and mercy, then how much more those who never could repent or believe because the Gospel was never preached to them with signs and wonders to confirm it remain in His grace and mercy? So that God's kindness to disciples like us who do not listen and obey, who do not repent, who do not have in mind the things of God, who boast of our loyalty yet who are in truth unbelievers, who replace God's ways with our ways and who value the opinion of others more highly than we do God's... permits God to continue to show justice to the unrepentant and the unbelievers who are not His disciples.

Paul spoke of this in his letter to the Romans in chapter 11 when He was comparing the election of Israel to that of the Gentiles, writing: **Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received**

¹ Matthew 5.9

² Jeremiah 9.24

³ 2 Peter 3.9

mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that He may have mercy on them all.⁴

As it was with Jews and Gentiles so it is now with believers, disciples and unbelievers. If God can be patient with His disciples like Peter and us, waiting for us to come to repentance, then it is justice that compels God to be even kinder and more patient with those who are not His disciples and worse still, even His enemies. And this stance of God whose gifts and call are irrevocable⁵ with those who are yet unbelievers and unrepentant and may even be opposers of God because of His disciples' failure, is the righteousness of God that He "...exercises on the Earth."

See the verse that God is speaking of... the justice, kindness and righteousness that He exercises on the Earth for those who are from the Earth – the man and the woman who come from the dust, to dust they will return. This kindness, justice and righteousness are not that which is exercised by God in the Heavenly places, for indeed, there is no need for this. For there are no creatures created in the Heavenly realms who have not beheld the glory of God and who have not been privileged to come into God's holy presence and hear His voice and know Him.

From the first book of the library, it is written: One day the angels came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came with them. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From roaming through the Earth and going back and forth in it"⁶ – so that we might know that angels and even Satan have seen and spoken to God. As such, the privilege (blessing) and the grace that come by faith are no longer theirs, and we who are born of the dust of the Earth are forever more blessed, for as Jesus has said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."⁷

Likewise in Psalm 82, it is written: God presides in the great assembly; He gives judgement among the 'gods': "How long will you defend the unjust and show partiality to the wicked? Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless; maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed. Rescue the weak and needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked."⁸ Of these 'gods' He has said, "They know nothing, they understand nothing. They walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the Earth are shaken."⁹ And He sentenced them, saying, "I said, 'You are 'gods'; you are all sons of the Most High.' But you will die like mere men; you will fall like every other ruler."¹⁰ (In Psalm 82 is a list of those we are to defend and those we are to oppose.)

And we know from one reading that the demons knew and recognised who Jesus is, like the one in Luke 4.33 who called out at the top of his voice, "Ha! What do You want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"¹¹ There are no angels, no cherub like Satan, no 'gods' or demons, who do not know who God is and who Jesus is... they have all seen and beheld the glory of God and many have chosen to rebel despite knowing God. As such, in the execution of the war against the evil spirits and rulers in Heavenly places... there is no need for God to show the kindness, justice or righteousness that He shows on Earth. Why? Because all these angels, Satan, 'gods' and demons have seen and known and yet chose to rebel. Whereas on the Earth the wicked, the unjust, the evil amongst men, have not yet seen and have rebelled ignorant of the majesty and goodness of God compared to the measure shown to the spirituals and rulers in Heavenly realms.

Paul wrote to the Ephesian church about the armour of God, which you are all familiar with: For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the Heavenly realms.¹² However, to the Colossians he wrote: And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross (or them in Him).¹³ Reconciling Paul's two verses, a disarmed enemy is one that you should not have to struggle against... unless you are ignorant of their state of disarmament or lack the knowledge to know the extent of their disarmament. Ignorance of an enemy's state of disarmament can lead to a waste of time and resources trying to disarm them... we have such a real life scenario played out in the last ten years on the world stage.

⁴ Romans 11.30-32

⁵ Romans 11.29

⁶ Job 1.6-7

⁷ John 20.29

⁸ Psalm 82.1-4

⁹ Psalm 82.5

¹⁰ Psalm 82.6-7

¹¹ Luke 4.34

¹² Ephesians 6.12

¹³ Colossians 2.15

So, having finished the preamble, let us look at the weapons of God and their power in the light of the knowledge of God who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on the Earth and who wages war for justice with mercy out of faithfulness. Remember also that God's kindness to those who are ungrateful is the sign of His fullness of mercy, as Jesus taught us, "...be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."¹⁴

Faith, as many are familiar with, is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see,¹⁵ and it is through faith we are saved by grace¹⁶ and it is that which the righteous live by¹⁷ and through which our righteousness is credited as it was to Abraham. However, for a person, whether spirit or flesh, faith only can exist if you have not seen, if you have not known and if you have not rebelled. For the person who has seen does not have the substance called faith, for that substance exists in the surety of the hope and certainty of what we have not seen. The person who knows cannot have the believing faith, for he knows. And the person who rebels cannot have the fullness of faith, for that can only come by obedience. This faith in its various forms, which is the substance of what we hope for but have not seen, which carries with it that certainty of the unseen, which exists in those who believe in what they do not know and who obey that which they know... is not, and I repeat, **is not** available to angels, demons, 'gods' and Satan, for they have all seen, for they all know and have all disobeyed.

Faith is not a substance available to the spirituals who oppose God, and therefore oppose us, to use at all, and as such, they have to harness and rely on the faith of humans who have faith because we have not seen that which we hope for and neither do we really know. However, what we lack in the faith available to humanity is the obedience that brings faith to its fullness. However, having some is better than none, which is why these spirituals – 'gods,' demons, fallen angels and Satan – have started so many religions and cults so that the faith available to men is also available for them to use as a weapon. For faith is required to bring into existence that which we hope for as well, and without faith we cannot receive what we ask (or speak) for... as Jesus has said, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here or there,' and it will move."¹⁸

Without any faith of their own in any form, the spirituals have had to 'con' faith from men – the only creatures in this conflict who have any faith – for the side of those who oppose God, the rebellious angels, 'gods', Satan, demons and men. Understanding this allows you to understand why the enemies of God raise up so much and so many religions that utilise 'faith', and why they can continue to harass and cause so much suffering amongst mankind with 'faith' wars or religious wars. For though the spirituals need the faith of men for them to have their way on Earth, they themselves are haters of men because man is made in the image of God... and they hate God in the first place, which was why they rebelled with Satan in the Heavens until they were defeated by Michael and his angels and were driven down to Earth. Even before that war in the Heavens that expelled them, the rebellious spirituals were already harnessing God's gift to men – 'faith' – so that they could manifest what they hoped for, raising up peoples and nations that would worship them and take possession of this world, which is filled with God's glory. The ultimate aim was to use men through their faith to take possession of this Earth in whatever name these 'gods' had called themselves, so as to take possession of the repository of God's glory in the hope that they can use this glory to so change their own nature that these rebellious spirituals – these 'gods', these demons – would somehow also become omnipotent gods like God is.

That then is the root and the real motive of these 'gods' starting religions, deceiving men and women everywhere not so much for the adulation or praise or worship, for all that is meaningless unless these 'gods' themselves can acquire the means to become as 'God', omnipotent, so that they are at least equal to God Almighty and therefore escape destruction and perhaps even fulfil the hope, desire and ambition of their ring leader – Satan – to "make myself like the Most High."¹⁹

However, faith like a mustard seed has three parts – a seed coat, a food store and an embryo from which comes life – and if only one of these is missing or defective, then the tree that comes from it is maimed and fruitless.

Deprived of faith of their own because of what they have seen, what they know and what they have disobeyed, these 'gods' now had to acquire whatever faith they could, with the only available for them being that of sinful man... faith that is faith because men have not seen nor does man know, but

¹⁴ Luke 6.35-36

¹⁵ Hebrews 11.1

¹⁶ Ephesians 2.8

¹⁷ Habakkuk 2.4; Romans 1.17; Galatians 3.12

¹⁸ Matthew 17.20-21

¹⁹ Isaiah 14.14

incomplete faith, for man has also disobeyed... faith that is like a seed without a seed coat or a food store or an embryo. Seed that cannot yield a harvest, but nevertheless 'faith', the substance of things hoped for, the certainty of things not seen by which what is said can be formed. Hence you see and understand the practice in these religions of the gods of the need of their believers to be ever in prayer, chanting, reciting, mantra-ing whatever has been given to them, so that in believing their faith would permit what is said to be, and if they say it often enough, long enough, they might just be able to achieve what Jesus said a person could if he has a mustard seed of faith.

However, whatever is formed by the faith will have the longevity and endurance of that faith. An incomplete faith can only form the incomplete hope and bring about the incomplete result.

However, God did choose faith as the means by which this war would be fought in the first instance, the faith of man, so that all are equal in this war, and even God's omnipotence would not hold sway in the battlefield less the enemy cry foul and taunt God for being unfair and therefore unjust and unrighteous. When you understand this about faith as the weapon chosen to win this war, then you will begin to understand why God has to wait for men to believe Him, to love Him and to obey Him, and why every religion likewise seeks the same from the men and women who adhere to them.

Because, *By faith we understand...*²⁰ so it is by faith we begin that journey that leads to the understanding that by faith we believe, we search, we listen, we seek, we acquire the knowledge and secure the wisdom to come to the place where we do understand. Faith therefore is not the weapon that is in our sole possession, but is available to all men.

So then, in the selection of His personnel, the Lord and all His enemies look for the same type of servants – men and women of faith, believers – and as far as the type of faith is concerned, both natural and supernatural in quality that can overcome the mind of men and women. So that the four categories of weaponry mentioned in the previous chapter of weaponry²¹ – personnel, natural and supernatural phenomenon, and psychological aspects – all speak of the different aspects of faith, the common weapon of this war.

Eve believed Satan when Satan told her she would not die and she chose not to believe God who said she would, so the first round of the war went to Satan. Likewise, Adam believed Eve and chose not to believe and obey God whom he knew and had seen, and so Adam handed his faith over to Eve whom he believed and knew but did not have to obey. Through Eve, Satan harvested (acquired) the one thing he had none of – 'faith' – and however tainted it was, it was faith, enough for the war to begin. With that successful acquisition of some faith, the rest of the rebellious angelics likewise threw in their lot with Satan, and to strengthen their hold on God's repository of glory, they began to breed with the women to create their own sons – Nephilims who would help ensure that mere men would continue to commit their faith to these 'gods' who fathered such heroes... these half sons of the gods of legend and mythology, except they were not myths but were real, as real as Goliath's head that stopped David's pebble.

However, when a son of man – Abel – began to show faith in God to shed blood in offering animals to Him, he had to be stopped, and so Cain succumbed to the sin of murder that crouched at his door and killed Abel. With Abel out of the way, Seth's and Cain's lines were able to propagate the Earth and began to bring forth a world that so grieved God's heart that He had to destroy it all... and that came when Noah's faith in God provided the instrument necessary for God to win the battle with the flood. Noah had the faith to believe whom he had not seen and what he did not know and to obey the command to the letter... the faith that had all three parts. And from Noah, Mary, the virgin who likewise believed what she was told without knowing or seeing He who would conceive in her Jesus by His power, in obedience to the angel's message, permitted God to field His ultimate Champion of faith – Jesus, His Son, the Faithful One. Faithful, for He had in Him the heritage of the faith of man and His own faith, the faith of an obedient Son to the Father, even to the point of death. The faith of One who laid down His power as Son of God so that He then endured the cross as the Son of Man, and rightly took to battle as One fully eligible to fight the war as Man with faith in God and as God with faith in Man. In Him was found the natural faith of a Son of Man who believed, trusted and obeyed what and whom He knew, even Mary the mother, as well as the supernatural faith of the Son of God who obeyed God even when He was forsaken. A faith superior to that of all sons of man and all the sons of God who were there before the foundation of the Earth as well, those angels who did not hold their positions.

Through Him, all men who put their faith in Him, if they were men, would not be condemned or perish, for they would come to know God whom they had never seen, much less know, and all angels who obey

²⁰ Hebrews 11.3

²¹ <http://www.holyspiritworkshop.com/?p=1216> [Wars of the Lord XIII – The Manual I – Weapons of Divine Power]

Him would likewise be rewarded through the transformation and transfiguration afforded them by His glory.

As for the enemies of God – the men and women who believe their gods whom they have not seen – they can never come to the fullness of faith, for once they come to know these gods in spirit and in truth, they can never fully obey them. For who can fully obey someone who has been lying and deceiving him from the beginning? This is the genius of God and His fairness... using a weapon available to all that neutralises even His omnipotence, but a weapon that can only come to full power if all three parts are present – certainty of the unseen, belief in what is unknown and obedience to what is known – so that God who Himself has no faith since He has seen all things, knows all things, and has no one that He can obey, would present it to His enemies knowing that even if God made Himself no longer omnipotent, His enemies would not be able to reach the fullness of faith, which has no doubt, and so have whatever they say.

However, Jesus in submitting Himself to the Father's will and becoming fully Man, then acquired the faith of man, and in His complete obedience to His Father became the only One on the field of battle with the fullness of faith, the Faithful One, so that whatever He says even as the Son of Man... will be.

And to all who believe in Him, that is, commit their faith of the unseen to Him, and to all who practise His word to come to know Him so that they would believe what and who they know, and all who do not shirk away from their obedience of His word even unto death... He will likewise form in them that same fullness of faith, which one needs a mustard seed's worth to move any mountain.

That is why He has said, "Anyone who believes in Me, has faith in Me, will do what He has been doing. He will do even greater things than these,"²² and, "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you, ask whatever you wish and it will be given you,"²³ because of this incredible weapon of God called faith, which does not come to full power unless it is handled by One who has the faith of God... who sees the unseen and the certainty of hope as God sees, who believes in what He knows as God knows, and who obeys the commands of God as God obeys them. For this is what Jesus did... in becoming the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world, He believed and hoped with certainty in what was not yet seen... in doing and saying exactly what the Father showed and told Him to say and how to say it, He believed what and whom He knows. And in applying to Himself all that His own words commanded and decreed, He also obeyed fully the One He knows, loves and serves – God Himself.

A trifacta of faith in all its fullness that no man or spiritual can match, and as such, no one, no son of men or 'god' or demon or cherub or angel, can bring forth a faith that would also ensure whatever they say will happen. For only perfect faith casts out all doubt as surely as perfect love casts out all fear.

The very incompleteness of the faith of all who oppose God ensures their inferiority when it comes to having whatever they say to manifest, and in so doing, ensures their defeat. Now, can they blame God for that? No, for God likewise limited Himself to the use of faith once the war began. No, the enemies of God can only blame themselves because they chose to ally their faith not with T/truth but with lies. That mistake of the enemies of God ensures that no man or woman, once they discover how they have been deceived of their faith, will be able to complete their journey of faith... and that is to obey the one they know even to the point of death. The choice of Satan to lie to Eve to steal from her her faith ensured his own demise. For man is made in God's Image, and God is the Truth... so that men can never live forever with a lie but only with the truth because of the very basis upon which man was created.

How different the war would have been if only Satan did not lie to Eve²⁴ and told her the truth, saying, "Did God say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'" and after Eve gave her answer, all he had to do was say, "Indeed you will die, but at least you would have died a rebel, free from the burden of obeying God who made you." Had he dared say that and Eve still listened to him and ate, then he would have acquired Eve's faith in truth. Then... just perhaps he might have received whatever he said, "I will ascend to Heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."²⁵

²² John 14.12 NASB/NIV

²³ John 15.7 NKJV/NIV

²⁴ Genesis 3.1

²⁵ Isaiah 14.13-14

But alas, it will never be, it will never happen, for faith does not come into its fullness on the basis of a lie, but only on the basis of truth, and so that which the man of God said will happen instead, "But you are brought down to the grave, to the depths of the pit."²⁶

You see, although sin originated in Satan,²⁷ Satan never mastered the sin, which is why God's command to a man who was about to make Satan his father and become a murderer, was this, "If you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."²⁸ For whoever has mastered sin is no slave of sin and has turned the originator of sin into his tool as well, whom he can use as he chooses to. That is why, elect, our apostle – the one who is abnormally born – was able to use Satan (the originator of sin) as an instrument to teach Hymenaeus a lesson for his heresy and bring him back to the Lord, as he wrote to Timothy: Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.²⁹

For he was prepared to obey that which he had not seen to the fullness of its letter, even killing and imprisoning those who followed Jesus, blasphemers, blood drinkers and flesh eaters by their own admission, who deserved to be cut off as written in the law, but when confronted and he saw Jesus, he was likewise repentant in his utter obedience of that which he now knew and obeyed that which he was now commanded even to the point of suffering, imprisonment and death. In him, the first elect of the Holy Spirit who stayed the course like Shammah of old, his stand ensured God's victory of which we are now participants and beneficiaries of.

So then, having come to know and understand God your Father – the God and Father of Jesus Christ – boast that He does delight in showing kindness, justice and righteousness on the Earth. But in the Heavens He has no need to do such things, for no kindness need be shown to those who have seen the glory of God and still rebelled. For it is justice to offer the Heavenlies no repentance, only judgement, for they have heard, they have seen and as they have boasted, they know. It is righteousness that those spirituals – these 'gods' who are not gods, demons who recently appeared (whom our fathers did not know or worship) – be convicted of their judgement, for it was their judgement, not God's, their judgement that erred and caused them to make a decision that would see them face a sure defeat and condemnation. That is why the Holy Spirit who convicts of righteousness and sin, convicts the devil unceasingly of his judgement because by his judgement he stands condemned.

But even now God's mercy has no bounds and no limits, so that Satan could escape his final fate if only he does not go out to deceive Gog and Magog to gather them for battle when he is released from his prison at the end of the millennium.³⁰ Such is the omnipotence of our God that He can reveal to His enemy the opportune moment for him to effect an eternal stalemate knowing it can never be, it will never be... for Scripture cannot be broken.

So elect, "Have faith in God,"³¹ and commit your faith to the Truth.

God alone is God and there is no other God besides Him, for God Himself has searched and found... none, not one.³²

²⁶ Isaiah 14.15

²⁷ Ezekiel 28.15

²⁸ Genesis 4.6

²⁹ 1 Timothy 1.20

³⁰ Revelation 20.3, 7-10

³¹ Mark 11.22

³² Isaiah 43.10-11; 44.6-8; 45.21; 46.5,9

Weapons Manual III – Truth

The weapon of choice that God uses together with faith is truth. As Paul illustrated for us in Ephesians 6 about the armour of God in the language of the warriors/soldiers of his days, faith is the shield and truth is the belt.

Faith as the shield reveals itself as the weapon that protects the soldier, but it is also the weapon with which a soldier can push back the enemy so as to topple him or to deflect the strike of the enemy to set himself up for a counter strike. However, have you ever wondered why Paul wrote that truth is the belt... [the belt of truth](#)¹? It is hardly the weapon that we would imagine it to be. Perhaps if it was large and thick enough it could protect the waist, but aside from that, a belt is hardly that which you would consider to be a weapon.

However, a weapon it is, and [it is not a weapon of warfare, but rather, a weapon of discipline](#), for when a man uses a belt as a weapon, it is not to inflict death but pain... pain of punishment so that a person, a wrongdoer, might pay for his wrongdoing, and a servant is punished not as to death, but as to correction.

It is this 21st century society where man and Satan have caused discipline to be mistaken for abuse because of the horrendous acts of abuse that have been perpetrated in the name of discipline. Again, the use of a belt in the context of a weapon, and more importantly, [the type of weapon, an instrument of punishment and discipline](#), is offensive to those who do not have in mind the things of God, but of everyone else. The counterfeit of loving discipline is harsh, abusive discipline, so often portrayed with the father undoing his belt to attack his child in rage, which has blinded most of us to the true value and use of the belt and why Paul called truth the belt of truth rather than the sword of truth in his description of the armour of God.

As a belt is used to hold clothing in place so that a person's nakedness is not exposed, so likewise, truth is used to bind the garments of salvation over our nakedness (our sinfulness) so that we need not be ashamed anymore. However, it is truth, not excuses, reasons or causes, that is the belt... and [the truth that holds the garments of salvation in place over all of us is this simple one that Paul wrote: ...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...](#)² For salvation is for all as Paul wrote: [...all... are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus](#)³ ...not just any 'christ', but by [Christ Jesus](#). Without truth, like a belt, the garments are not tied down and a person's clothing may fall and nakedness exposed... then the grace of God through Jesus Christ cannot cover over the sins of a person.

You see, Adam when confronted by God about his acquired knowledge of his true state, offered an excuse rather than a confession of the truth... that is, he gave a reason for his nakedness that was designed to excuse his culpability – ["The woman You put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it"](#)⁴ – rather than a straight forward admission of the truth, saying, "I ate the fruit You forbade me to eat." How different the response of God would have been... because in Adam admitting that he ate of what was forbidden, he would have in fact told God that he had made use of the one gift of God that sets all of man apart from animals – the gift of choice. He may have chosen wrongly, but at least he would have chosen and used the gift of God. He still would have chosen not to believe and obey God, that is true, but he would have admitted to the truth of what he did and who he was... a sinner. Whether he repented or not is not as relevant as we might make it... for it is the exercise of choice that is more important. The man, the image of God, being able to make a choice is the proof that he is made in God's Image and because he makes it by faith, then God has succeeded in His venture... created His image that produced an ingredient called faith... that same faith that Jesus produced when He permitted Himself to be the Lamb of God slain before the foundation of the world. So then man would have made himself, by the use of his choice, a creature, a creation, worthy of being the image of God, for indeed he had in him the very substance that was brought by the slaying of the Lamb – faith, that is, the substance, hope and certainty of what is yet unseen.

Had Adam used the truth from the beginning instead of an excuse and a relegation of blame and responsibility, he would have been able to continue his walk with God, having gone from an innocent creature without knowledge of good and evil in an instant to a creature knowing good and evil, if only he had then repented as well. For [it is repentance that brings God's glory to manifest His grace, even to the point of changing God's mind even after it has been decreed](#). This was displayed in Ahab's life and in the

¹ Ephesians 6.14

² Romans 3.23

³ Romans 3.24

⁴ Genesis 3.12

city of Nineveh... as both repented, both were spared. Had Adam taken hold of the truth that it was his choice to sin and then chose to repent, then the truth would have set him free from the expulsion from the garden. Even had he refused to repent, but did not accredit the cause of his failure to God and the woman God gave him, then he would not have made himself subject to Eve's answer and excuse to God, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."⁵

The truth is the serpent did not deceive Eve first, for all he said was, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"⁶ but asked a simple question that required a simple "Yes." Eve began the deception the moment she added to what God said and so she was no longer speaking the truth... and the rest is history. Eve added to what God said... and Satan opposed what God said when he said, "You will not surely die."⁷

So no one, not man or Satan, chose to use the truth and in so doing, exposed their weakness, their nakedness, in their plans, like garments not held down by a belt would expose nakedness... so everything man and Satan do can be exposed and therefore will be exposed, but that which God does is never exposed unless He chooses to. To this observed truth, Moses commented: *The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may follow all the words of this law.*⁸

Truth then allows God to have His secrets in such a way that His secrets can never be revealed unless He chooses to, whereas the untruth, the lie, is of no value in keeping a secret a secret. What this means in war is that *God's secret plans remain secret if He chooses, but Satan's and man's plans can never remain a secret but will always be eventually exposed.* Now the side whose plans are exposed is the side that stands to lose in any war.

That is why God's choice of weapon, 'truth' rather than 'lies', is so superior, and the figure of speech used to define it, 'the belt of truth', also reveals God's Father nature... the Father who uses truth to discipline and to dress His children so that their nakedness is not exposed.

Because God uses and speaks the truth about everything, even when asked of His deepest secrets, He can give the answer that hides the secret without the secret being revealed unless He chooses to reveal it. An example is when Moses asked God, "Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is His Name?' Then what shall I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM."⁹ God told Moses everything about Himself without telling Moses anything. That is the incredible power of truth... being able to reveal everything without revealing anything that you do not want to be revealed. So that anyone like the Israelites may know God who is "I AM," but yet not know anything more.

Likewise, when the Lord said to Isaiah, "I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things,"¹⁰ that is the truth that you may believe and fear Him, but yet, in that truth, nothing about how God forms the light or creates darkness is ever known... nothing about how He brings prosperity and creates disaster... nothing is nothing, and so the secret things of God remain with God.

But a lie, which is the weapon Satan has chosen, is anything but a belt. A lie does not hold up to testing no more than clothes without a belt will always cover a person, and as such, a lie has no secrets and everything about it will be made known. If it has a weakness, it will be known. If it has a failure, it will be known. If it can be neutralised and countered, it will be made known, that is, made manifest and be witnessed. So therefore, unless a person is perfect and can produce a perfect lie, then all lies will fail and with time and attrition be exposed, which is why God is patient, why Love is patient, and why patient endurance is called for from the saints.

For the best way to expose a lie is patience... for time proves every prophecy and promise, unless the lie is perfect. Now, if Satan had not sinned before he lied, then perhaps he might have been a formidable enemy who could have contended with God. Unfortunately for the father of all lies, he sinned before he lied, and in so doing, the lie he produced was devoid of perfection.

⁵ Genesis 3.13

⁶ Genesis 3.1

⁷ Genesis 3.4

⁸ Deuteronomy 29.29

⁹ Exodus 3.13-14

¹⁰ Isaiah 45.7

For when God first created him, it is true that, as God said, "You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty,"¹¹ but unfortunately, he sinned and ruined his perfection when, as it is written: "Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned."¹² You see, Satan's first sin, which destroyed the perfection, was not lies, not even pride, but wickedness because "...wickedness was found in you."¹³

The forsaking of God and His ways – wickedness – was the originator of Satan's sin, and since it was the forsaking of God's ways, then it was the forsaking of all that God had done to make him. This meant Satan forsook, departed, cast aside, turned away, from perfection, wisdom and beauty – the three qualities God endowed in him.

In forsaking God by his wickedness, he condemned himself to imperfection, foolishness and ugliness, so that whatever he would produce thereafter would always be imperfect, foolish and ugly. Meaning that which he is credited with fathering is imperfect, foolish and ugly as well. All lies are imperfect and being imperfect cannot endure. All lies are foolish and being foolish cannot win souls. And we do not have to mention about ugliness.

That is why as much as Satan has desired to win and gain the souls of men, he has not been able to save his own, much less win the souls of any man... for when the truth about him is revealed and "All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more."¹⁴ That is why there is never a need for God to lie to win the war, for Satan has already lied. In lying Satan has already lost the war. It is not that the war was won before it began for God, but that the war was lost by Satan before it began. Now if you understand this, then you will appreciate the true power of truth, which reveals what it chooses to reveal and yet conceals forever whatever it chooses to conceal, and no one who is not on truth's side can see what is hidden behind the truth.

But yet truth is the belt, not the sword. It is not the weapon that kills, so therein again lays the mercy and compassion of God who is the Father. Truth binds the coverings so that nakedness is not revealed and shame is not produced. Truth as a belt disciplines and in the proper hands only hurts enough for the one who is loved to repent and be forgiven. And finally, truth is the belt, for upon it you can hang all other things until you need them, even the sword. It allows the person to enter a household without a sword in his hand, for it allows the sword to be sheathed and carried. It allows any warrior to approach in peace and make a peace offering.

The truth allows God the Warrior to approach His enemies in peace without a sword in His hand, only the shield of faith, and to extend a free hand in peace and friendship.

God's second choice of weapon, the truth, is because of what it is able to do, to hide what He chooses to hide and so keep His secrets, for an enemy with secrets you do not know is a dangerous enemy. However, above all else, it allows Him to approach His enemies in peace, for after all, He is Prince of Peace, Everlasting Father, Mighty God, Wonderful Counselor.¹⁵ And as the last shall be the first, so the Wonderful Counselor, the Holy Spirit, will give place to the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ the Son.

In Isaiah 9.6, this verse by Isaiah, this prophecy – And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace – illustrates all that I have said about truth. It reveals and yet hides what it chooses to hide, for this verse declares the "I AM WHO I AM" and yet reveals the "I WILL BE WHAT I WILL BE"¹⁶ to those to whom God chooses to reveal and hides forever the plans of God from those who delight in wickedness, so that "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand."¹⁷ For God has always declared the truth from the beginning and has never withheld anything from those who seek Him, for Him and His way. Rather, it is His enemies, those who delight in forsaking Him and His way, who blind themselves, deafen themselves, stupefy themselves and deceive themselves with their lies, and so lose their souls because they refuse to be sent, and even when sent, they refuse to work for the honour and glory of the One who sent them... and a creature, a man, without a soul is but a beast.

And we become this wondrous weapon... yes, truth is not a weapon we use, but a weapon we become... we become this wondrous weapon whenever we do not speak on our own, but work for the honour of the One who sent us, for Jesus said, "He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself, but he

¹¹ Ezekiel 28.12

¹² Ezekiel 28.16

¹³ Ezekiel 28.15

¹⁴ Ezekiel 28.19

¹⁵ Isaiah 9.6

¹⁶ Exodus 3.14 footnote

¹⁷ Matthew 13.13

who works for the honor of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him."¹⁸ So the man of truth is not the man who speaks the truth, for Paul has declared: Let God be true, and every man a liar.¹⁹ A liar who speaks the truth is still a liar, and if he repents of the lie, if he confesses of the lie, then he remains not worthy to be listened to again. So how can a person be a man of truth when all men are liars, for Adam never spoke the truth about his sin and Eve allowed herself to be deceived when she believed Satan and in doing so, called God a liar?

No, the man of truth is the man who **works**, not speaks, for the honour of the one who sent him, and that man is the weapon in God's hand.

Truth then is God's weapon of choice that is not shared by His enemy, and we become such a weapon when we work for God's honour whenever and wherever He sends us. And no one can honour the Father if he denies the Son, and no one can honour the Son when he denies the Father, so that only he or she who works for the honour of the Son honours the Father, and he or she who honours God the Father honours the Son, for this is the truth of God about God... "I AM WHO I AM," Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. He is the Father, He is the Son and He is the Holy Spirit because He has said, "I AM..."

No one who claims to work for the honour of God when God has not sent him is a man of truth, and when you are not a man of truth, then you are doomed to be exposed for all that you are, for only a man of truth has nothing false about him... nothing, and that is the unmatched power of truth.

That is why we must show mercy to our enemies, for they have chosen that which will guarantee their destruction, the refusal to go when sent and the refusal to honour the one who sent them, which is what makes them true liars.

¹⁸ John 7.18

¹⁹ Romans 3.4

The Weapon – The Man of Truth

When Jesus met with the two on the road going to Emmaus, He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked Him, "Are You only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" He asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a Prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people."¹

Now from their reply it is evident they are **not** disciples, for Jesus never told His disciples that He is a Prophet, not once ever. People thought He was a prophet, but never ever did He say He was a Prophet. So if those two **non-disciples** gave such a reply to Jesus, that would be fine, for that was the perception of Jesus by the people at that time, for when He had asked them a short while earlier, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."²

Unfortunately however, the two on the road to Emmaus were not just 'people', for they were able to return to Jerusalem at once and find the eleven immediately after Jesus left them, as it is written in Luke 24.33. For them to be able to find the eleven the way they did meant that they had to also be disciples... that even though they were not part of the eleven, they were still part of the group of disciples. If that was the case, then their testimony to the Enquirer, "What things?" was truly inadequate... for their testimony of Jesus was, "He was a Prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people," and in verse 21 they said, "...but we had hoped that He was the One who was going to redeem Israel."

If Jesus told Nicodemus, who was not a disciple of His, that "For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son... to save the world through Him,"³ then you can be certain He would have made this amply clear to His disciples, so that at the end of three years they should be in no doubt that He was not there to redeem Israel, but that He was there to redeem the whole world. Now either Jesus was an extremely poor Teacher that His disciples could not tell a stranger who He is, or His disciples were poor students who did not really believe and retain what He had been telling them... that they should bear witness about Him to the 'Stranger' that He was a Prophet. Indeed, when Jesus told the disciples that they were His witnesses, that witnessing surely included telling all who enquired about Him that He is the Son of God and not just a Prophet.

Now herein lays the problem... if even His disciples could not testify plainly about Him as to who He is to an enquiring stranger, then what do you expect believers to say of Jesus? And without the discipline of truth on witnessing about who He is, no wonder we have succumbed to so many fanciful stories and theologies as to who Jesus is. It is not just the people who were spreading rumours and fanciful stories as to who they thought Jesus is... even disciples were doing the same thing and that was no more than three days in the grave, as it were.

So how can anyone work for the honour of the One who sent him if that person cannot even begin to testify truthfully as to who sent him? If you say, "Jesus sent me," then what is your answer as to who He is that you know and not believe, for a witness does not share what he believes, but rather what he knows? So then you may believe He is the Son of God, wonderful, that will get you saved, but how can you work for His honour when you do not know that He is the Son of God? Faith saves, but faith does not make the witness, knowledge of the truth does.

So be very clear... to be the weapon of God's choice in His hands, 'a man of truth' does not and cannot occur until you know whose honour you are really working for and who it is you are really honouring, not believing.

As powerful as faith is, as a weapon it is not unique to the Kingdom of God, and as such, the enemy knows and has that weapon as well as us, and therefore has counter measures to our faith, even to the point of so annulling our faith that it is only good for saving ourselves, but not sufficient for pressing on to overwhelming victory. Truth therefore is a far superior weapon, but unfortunately, even though the enemy may not have that weapon, it is a weapon that we ourselves neglect and so often we deny it ourselves for our own convenience. Remember, it was not the servant girl who declared that Peter was not a disciple of Jesus, but it was Peter who denied he was a disciple.

¹ Luke 24.17-19

² Matthew 16.13-14

³ John 3.16-17

You see, no demon denied that Jesus is the Holy One of God⁴ or that He is the Son of God,⁵ but rather, it was the disciples who denied Jesus His truth, for when asked, two said, "He was a Prophet..." and another said of Him, "...Jesus of Nazareth was a Man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs... This Man... ..this Jesus..."⁶ and "Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ,"⁷ and again in Acts 5.30, "The God of our fathers raised Jesus from the dead..." According to them, He was a Prophet, a Man, Lord, Saviour, Christ... but Jesus kept telling them that He was the Son of God and the Son of Man, yet nowhere did they testify that He was the Son of Man or the Son of God. When asked by the Sanhedrin if He was the Son of God, Jesus said they were correct to say that and Himself told them, "In the future you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of Heaven."⁸

How can you work for the honour of the One who sent you if you will not honour Him first by introducing Him as who He said He is?

Worst of all, the comments of Acts 2 and 5 were by Peter, one of the three who heard the voice from the cloud, as he himself testified in his letter, "This is My Son..."⁹ How can you introduce Jesus as "This Man..." when you yourself were told by God personally, "This is My Son..."?

As such, the man of truth Jesus spoke of is not a believer or a disciple who introduces Jesus Christ in the manner that suits him or according to what he believes or on the basis of political correctness. Ignorance or failure to have the courage and integrity to introduce a person as who he said he is means that you cannot work for his honour, no matter what the reason, cause or excuse is. Hence, there may have been truthful persons or persons who speak the truth and do not lie, but there are very few 'men of truth' as defined by Jesus Christ. And the moment you wish to argue about the definition of what a 'man of truth' really is, then as a disciple, you can no longer work for His honour, for you have dishonoured Him by questioning His definition.

So the weapon of God's choice that is greater than faith and truth is the man of truth, who is not a common creature at all. So from here on, if you say you are a believer, praise God, you are saved, and you may in your zealously to share what you believe preach to many and even convince many to share your faith, but that does not make you a man of truth, however truthful or sincere you may be.

You may be a disciple and a zealous one at that, always the first to speak and always the first to run and investigate, and you may be forgiven of your many feelings, and your hard work and perseverance may cause great works and ministries to be built, yet it does not make you a man of truth if your claim to discipleship is overshadowed by your failure to introduce your Teacher the way God introduced Him to you, "This is My Son..."

It is not enough, Peter, to say you are a disciple of Jesus Christ. It is not enough, elect, to say you are a disciple of Jesus Christ... for that does not honour Him but honours you. You see, the attachment of any part of the Name of Jesus Christ to you and your life honours you, not Him.

To say, "I believe in Jesus," saves you, not Jesus.

To say, "I know Jesus," honours and glorifies you, not Jesus.

To say, "I am a Christian," identifies you, not Jesus.

It is only when you say, "Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the Son of Man," when you introduce Him that honours Him.

When you can say, "I believe in Jesus, the Son of God;" that honours Him.

When you can say, "I believe in Jesus, the Son of Man;" that glorifies Him.

When you can say, "I am a sinner whom God saved with His Son, Jesus;" that justifies God, not you, for when you say, "I am a sinner. Have mercy on me," Jesus has already saved you; that justifies you.

So then if you thought being a truth speaking, not lying man makes you a man of truth, think again, for Jesus' definition is: "He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself, but he who works for the honor of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him."¹⁰

The power of a man of truth is "...there is nothing false about him," a power that can only be made known when such a man or woman is available for God to use... the power of having "...nothing false..."

⁴ Luke 4.34

⁵ Mark 3.11

⁶ Acts 2.22, 23, 32

⁷ Acts 2.36

⁸ Matthew 26.64

⁹ 2 Peter 1.17

¹⁰ John 7.18

Now, elect, you have been elected by He who does not speak on His own, but He will speak only what He hears.¹¹ I hope you might now understand why it is so important to recognise His voice that you may hear what He is saying and, like Him, you might become one who does not speak on his or her own, but only what he or she hears. And not only that, the Holy Spirit "...will bring glory to Me by taking from what is Mine and making it known to you,"¹² so that He is truly One who also works for the glory of the One who sent Him, which is what makes Him, as I have taught you, the Spirit of Truth, who is One with the Man of Truth, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, sent by God to save the world and who works only for the glory of the One who sent Him whilst seeking no glory for Himself.

That is your election, elect, to be a witness of the Son of God, the Man of Truth, and to fellowship with the Spirit of Truth so that you too might learn to be a man of truth with a spirit of truth, who will not speak on his own but work for the honour of the One and Ones who sent you by introducing Them as who They truly are – Jesus Christ, the Son of God, and the Holy Spirit.

So then, elect, if a 'stranger' were to walk beside you on the road one day and enquire of you about things, as they do... who do you say and who will you say Jesus Christ is? And when you have practised your testimony rightly, then you can begin your training as the person of truth, the weapon God is looking for to put all who are the enemies of His Son under His feet... for He has declared an oath, "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet,"¹³ and so until that footstool is complete, Jesus will remain at the right hand of His Father.

But when the footstool has been completed, then shall Jesus arise and return on clouds of glory, as He said, "...you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of Heaven." Those enemies who died have all seen Him at the right hand of God. Now it is our work to let those who are His enemies and are alive to see Him, the Son of Man, coming on the clouds of Heaven. Have you then the metal to be forged into such a weapon, elect.

¹¹ John 16.13

¹² John 16.14

¹³ Luke 20.42-43; Psalm 110.1

The Weapon – The Man of Truth II

Jesus said, "My teaching is not My own. It comes from Him who sent Me. If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether My teaching comes from God or whether I speak on My own. He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself, but he who works for the honor of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him."¹

Know and understand this, elect, a man who works for the honour of Satan who sent him is more of a man of truth than anyone who comes in the Name of Jesus but has not found out for himself whether the teachings of Jesus are from God or whether Jesus has been speaking on His own. For the man who works for the honour of Satan who sent him knows who Satan is and what Satan is, for if you have been deceived by Satan into working for him for his honour, you are not really working for Satan as you are working for a lie. As such, the man who works for the honour of Satan who sent him knows who Satan is, as Jesus said, "He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."² And with this knowledge, if such a person is still prepared to work for Satan's honour, then such a man is also a man of truth, and being a man of truth, he can never remain with the father of lies. So, anyone who works for the honour of Satan is either deceived, in which case he is not a man of truth, or if he is not deceived yet still works for Satan, he can never remain working for him because he is a man of truth. Which means Satan can never have anyone who is a man of truth, who has nothing false about him, working for him. Because of this, everyone who works for Satan has something false about him, something that cannot pass the test of truth and reality, and as such, whatever he plans, whatever he purposes, whatever he is working on, will always collapse at some point in time and dissolve into the nothingness that belongs to fantasies and lies. That is the weakness of all who are not men of truth... for when you do not have the quality of a man of truth in whom there is nothing false about him, all your plans, all your life, with time will dissolve into the nothingness that is the void that consumes all fantasies and lies.

As such, even though a man who works for the honour of Satan who sent him is more of a man of truth than many who come in the Name of Jesus, no such man can or will even exist because of what it means and what it takes to be a man of truth. So have no fear, for you will never have to face a man of truth who works for Satan, whether that Satan is the devil himself or someone who does not have in mind the things of God, who then is a 'satan' like Peter became.

As such, as formidable as the false prophet can seem as an enemy, especially when he adds to his power of signs, wonders and miracles, the authority that Satan will give him, he himself, that is, the false prophet, can never be a man of truth, for no one sent him and he works for no one's honour. He is just like Satan, one who works for his own honour because no one sent him in the first place, and as such, like each other, neither can ever be a man or person of truth.

As for the image of the beast that is raised to life – the politician who will be the beast like his two masters, Satan and the false prophet – he can never be a man of truth either, for no man can serve two masters, as Jesus said either he will love one or hate the other.³ And yet this politician must serve both Satan from whom he received his authority and the false prophet upon whom he depends for his very life.⁴ Without either one, he has no authority or life... the lack of either one would render him useless as the beast, and the kings of the world would never submit to him.

As such, elect, before you come to know and understand what a man of truth is so that with time you will become one, know and understand the enemy can never be or have a man of truth in whom is nothing false in their ranks. And because of this truth, then also does it behoove on each of you to personally become such a man of truth in whom is nothing false.

Consider then the battle of Jonathan and his armour bearer, the battle of Pas Dammin, the battle of the field of lentils... each time with one or two men God overcame a far superior army so that the Israelite army was only needed to do the mopping up. Likewise, the availability of a few 'men of truth' will ensure that no matter how large the 'Philistine' army may be or how frightened the 'Israelite' army may be, the victory will still go to God.

¹ John 7.16-18

² John 8.44

³ Matthew 6.24; Luke 16.13

⁴ Revelation 13.2; 13.3, 15

Now, not everyone who is sent by God and who works for the honour of God who sent him can be or is a man of truth either. If it were that simple, then we would have an invincible church by now, not a floundering church whose leaders need bodyguards and bulletproof cars. The reason for this is simple and you have been trained to overcome the problem for the last nine years... the reason for this is because not everyone whom God sends and who honestly, whole heartedly works for His honour has taken the time out to "...find out whether My teaching comes from God or whether I speak on My own," as Jesus said.

What does it mean, this finding out if Jesus' teachings come from God or not? You say, "But I believe in Jesus and His words, is that not sufficient? I even practise His words, is that not sufficient?" If that were, then all who believe in Jesus and His words and even put them into practice, working for His glory and honour, would surely be men of truth in whom is nothing false, and the world would have beheld the wonders of the ministries of the men of truth in these last 2000 years, just as the Galileans beheld the wonders of Jesus' ministry and were amazed. However, we all know there has never been a single individual whose ministry of signs and wonders has ever even come near or equaled the ministry of the original Man of Truth, Jesus Christ. For despite all faith and well meaning obedience, few have found out for themselves whether the teachings of Jesus come from God or from Himself.

The power of this lays not in the fact that much of Jesus' teachings are neglected and not practised, but rather, in the fact that so much of what the church teaches and practises is not the teachings of Jesus.

Why would you subtract or add to a person's teaching that comes from God unless you do not believe his teaching comes from God or you have not found out if it comes from God? You may have read it, you may have heard of it, and you may have believed and practised what you have read... but who has found out if the teachings of Jesus come from God or whether it comes from Jesus?

If the teachings of Jesus come from Jesus, then He has been speaking on His own, in which case, by His own definition, He is not a Man of Truth. And if such is the case, why bother following or listening to Him, and if you do, you are merely propagating the teachings of One who is not a Man of Truth. What a waste of your time and everyone else's... and what motivates you to do such a thing? Greed?

You see, Jesus said, "If anyone chooses to do God's will, he will find out whether My teaching comes from God or whether I speak on My own."⁵ Anyone who chooses to do God's will and has found out for himself that Jesus' teachings do come from God, will never add or subtract or detract from the narrow teachings of Jesus.

Indeed, if James the Younger had taken the time to listen and observe his half Brother and had believed in Him when He was still on Earth, then he would have found out if Jesus' teachings came from God. If he did, he would have never stood up in Acts 15.13-21 and said, "Brothers, listen to me. Simon has described to us how God at first showed His concern by taking from the Gentiles a people for Himself. The words of the prophets are in agreement with this, as it is written: 'After this I will return and rebuild David's fallen tent. Its ruins I will rebuild, and I will restore it, that the remnant of men may seek the Lord, and all the Gentiles who bear My Name, says the Lord, who does these things' that have been known for ages. It is my judgment, therefore, that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God. Instead we should write to them, telling them to abstain from food polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from the meat of strangled animals and from blood. For Moses has been preached in every city from the earliest times and is read in the synagogues on every Sabbath."

For such are not the words of someone who has found out for himself whether the teachings of Jesus are from God! For James did not direct us to the practice of the words God gave Jesus, but to the words God gave Moses! Why? Unless he was not certain, unless he himself had not found out for himself that the words of Jesus are from God, and being the Son of God, that the words of Jesus are as superior to the words of Moses as the position of a Son is superior to the position of any servant, any apostle, any prophet and any king.

And when the disciples present condoned James' recommendations and sent their infamous letter of Acts 15.23, they had in fact put in writing that they too had not found out for themselves that the teachings of Jesus are from God and not only from God as God would give to a servant, but from God as a Father would give to a Son.

You see, if you take the time and find out for yourself if the words/teachings of Jesus are from God, your journey would take you to the place where you would have found out that not only are the teachings of

⁵ John 7.17

Jesus from God, but that they are the teachings that a Father gave to a Son and not the teachings a Master gave to a servant.

You see, the teachings Moses received from God are the teachings that a Master gave to a servant; that a King gave to a people, but not that which a Father gave to a Son. So then if you know that you would realise no servant of God, no matter what he claims himself to be, has any teaching or word superior to that of Jesus! For even the woman who was the mother was but a handmaiden of God, a servant. You would only listen to her if you did not know or believe Jesus is the Son of God, but you believed that Jesus is only her Son, so that her wisdom and knowledge might be superior to Jesus. You would only listen to Moses or Elijah if you were not convinced that Jesus is the Son, which is why God came and told the three, "This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him!"⁶ after Peter wanted to build three shelters to keep Moses and Elijah in their presence in the hope of hearing what they were saying to Jesus. Jesus was only listening to Moses and Elijah as a Son listens to the report of the servants of the household, reminding Him what the Father's plans are, and not as another servant listening to other servants giving Him instructions from the Master.

You see, elect, to find out for yourself whether the teachings of Jesus are from God, you would first have to listen to God's commendation of Jesus and you would have to believe it. Since all God ever said of Jesus has been, "This is My Son..." at His water baptism and at His transfiguration, now why would you want to substitute the words of servants with His? And since God's only command is to listen to Jesus, why would you want to listen to James the Younger who was neither a disciple nor a believer of Jesus during the days of Jesus' ministry? Now do you see why you have been put through your training to listen to Him and to practise His words, to put them into practice enough so that you have found out for yourself that yes, the teachings of Jesus are from God, but wait, more than that, that the teachings of Jesus are the teachings of a good Father to a well pleasing, beloved Son.

It is only after you have found out for yourself from whom the teachings of Jesus come, that you are ready to be a man of truth yourself... even as you choose to do God's will and live the life of being the weapon in God's right hand as Jesus is the Man of Truth.

If you have not done so, if you have not arrived at this conclusion yet, do not fret... there is still a little time... repent and double your efforts to find out for yourself if the teachings of Jesus are from God. Then you will be truly ready to work for His honour, for you have truly honoured Him. How could James the Younger in Acts 15 say he was working for the honour of Jesus when, in truth, he had not honoured Jesus at His word?

So, like Shammah, do not turn your eyes to look at the fleeing army, but fix your eyes on the advancing Philistines and know that you too, on your day, will be able to give a true account of yourself before God in the face of His enemies. So, grip the shield of faith, tighten that belt of truth, dig into the ground with the shoes of the gospel of peace, trust in your breastplate of righteousness and have your mind covered by the helmet of salvation, even as you lay your hand on the only weapon that can win the day for you – the sword of the Spirit, the word of God that He has recalled to your heart – and stand, remembering these words of the Lord Jesus, "By standing firm you will gain life."⁷

And stand you can... if you have the knowledge that the teachings of Jesus are from God, and more than just stand... you will advance against the hordes when you know that they are the teachings of the good Father to His well pleasing and beloved Son, and you will smite and overcome everyone who dishonours Their relationship.

Praise be to God the Father and the Son who gave such a life as this that we can be men and women of truth as well.

To be continued...

⁶ Matthew 17.5 NASB

⁷ Luke 21.19

Discerning the 'Real' Man of Truth III

"And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?"¹ Jesus asked this of the pharisees and teachers of the law as they came complaining, "Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!"² and He went on to call them, "You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: 'These people honour Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me. They worship Me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'"³

A man of truth is not one who honours God with his lips... so let us get that very clear right now. Indeed, the hallmark of the false 'christs', as Jesus warned, is this: "For many will come in My Name, claiming, 'I am He,' and, 'The time is near,'"⁴ and Jesus said, "Do not follow them," and that they will also say, "I am the Christ."⁵ These warnings are aimed at two types of people: Those who come in the Name of Jesus and say that Jesus is the Christ, and those who come in His Name claiming that they themselves are the Christ. Now the second group is mostly locked away in psychiatric institutes, except for a few who raise up cults who have been deceived into believing they are the Christ. And until the antichrist comes with the false prophet to deceive with their very real miracles, signs and wonders, by and large there is little to worry about. Indeed, for all who know the words of Jesus and the power of God, who through constant fellowship with the Holy Spirit and practice of the word, have nothing to fear about these self-proclaimed 'christs', for you know the real Jesus Christ, the Son of Man, arrives on clouds of glory with all the holy angels and His elect... a feat that none of these self-proclaimed 'christs' can imitate.

You see, knowledge of the Scriptures will allow you to test the message of a so-called 'christ', and if you know the Scriptures, you know there is only one way for Jesus to return – on clouds of glory – and there is only one place He will touch down on – the Mount of Olives – on a day only known to the Father. As for those who say, "The time is near," that has been happening since He left. However, what makes them false is that though they say the time is near, they have no knowledge of the power of God nor are they working to prepare the Earth for His arrival. You see, the finishing of the preaching of the Gospel of the kingdom is so that the end will come.⁶ However, the preparation of the Earth for His arrival requires more than the finishing of the preaching of the Gospel. It is one thing to say that the time is near, and it is another to live as one who thinks the time is near and lastly, to live as one who is bringing the time near.

What do I mean that Noah is our example as always? Noah did not go around saying, "The time is near," nor did he live as one who thinks the time is near by moving to higher ground, but rather, he lived as one who was bringing the time near by building the ark and finishing it exactly the way he was told by God.

Those who know the Scriptures and the power of God live to bring the day near and not live waiting for the day. That is the difference. When you are saying that the time is near, you may not be living as though the time is near. Many live as though the time is near, but do nothing to bring it near. Moving into caves and deserts and stocking up food is not the way a person who is living to bring the time near lives. Practising the words of Jesus until all the Scriptures are witnessed and testified to begins to bring the day near... not that we can dictate the day, no, God decides on that day... but the sooner we finish what we are supposed to be doing, the sooner then can God decide on the day and even change the day if He so wishes.

And if you have sat down and counted the cost in the time that it would take for you to complete the work, then you would realise that anyone who hopes to live a long, quiet Christian life and then to die in peace to go to Heaven really has not in mind that which is needed to complete the work. Anyone who has been seriously practising the words of Jesus, getting to know them and the power of God, knows that it can take decades... so what is the point of dying just when you have learned to begin to master the knowledge of the Scriptures and the power of God? There is no need of the power of God to cause the blind to see, the lame to walk, to multiply food and so on in Heaven. The need is here and if you have even begun to wrestle with the knowledge of the Scriptures and the power of God, you would know it takes many years if not decades to master... so then, should you not prepare yourself to live longer than you anticipate? Should not the words of John 11.26 be of the most paramount importance to you so that at least you have prepared yourself so as not to waste your efforts? So you may say, "The time is near," but how are you preparing for it? Running away before the days of distress so that Jesus returns to an

¹ Matthew 15.3

² Matthew 15.2

³ Matthew 15.7-9

⁴ Luke 21.8

⁵ Matthew 24.5

⁶ Matthew 24.14

empty house? No wonder He asked, "However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the Earth?"⁷

However, the knowledge of the Scriptures alone is insufficient to overcome those who would dishonour God for the sake of their traditions. The Lutherans with their stand on 'solo Scriptura' have spent 500 years proving that though they hold onto the knowledge of the Scriptures, they have not valued the knowledge of the power of God... so that though they reformed the church, they were unable to resurrect the church that should have been with the fullness of power because they had men and women of truth in their midst. Men and women who had found out for themselves that Jesus' teachings are from God and who would resist all who tried to add or subtract or detract from His teachings. A church where men like James the Younger would never have his recommendations adopted and practised alongside the teachings of Jesus.

For anyone who wants to truly honour Jesus must work as Jesus works, for Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in Me or has faith in Me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father."⁸ So then, without an earnest devotion to the acquisition of the knowledge of the power of God so that we may begin to do some of the things that Jesus has been doing, how can we even think we are honouring Him? We can say it with our lips, but our inability to multiply the food, raise the dead and heal the sick betrays our hearts. And if we are not even prepared to practise doing these things until God deems it fit to entrust us with the power to do so, then any mention of 'honouring' Jesus is superfluous and downright hypocritical. How can anyone who is more zealous for the recommendations of James and the practice of the Mosaic Law be one who honours Jesus when Jesus' teachings go against James and Jesus has fulfilled the Mosaic Law?

And if you have not practised the power of God, then where can you acquire the knowledge of that power? Remember, elect, Jesus said to the sadducees, "Are you not in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God?"⁹ So ignorance of either leads to error and error allows for deception, and so those who are deceived and who can be deceived fall into such a fate because of their own ignorance.

Where does ignorance come from? It comes not from the lack of opportunity to receive knowledge, for even if the disciples failed to preach, the Holy Spirit has been poured on all flesh and He can make known to all what belongs to Jesus and the Father. Ignorance comes when we do not learn to see, watch and listen. And if those who use the Name of Jesus or come in the Name of Jesus are ignorant of the Scriptures or the power of God, then their ignorance allows God to be merciful and gracious to those who cannot believe in Jesus because of the messages preached by these users of Jesus' Name that were not confirmed with signs and wonders. If they did not believe, then all the more grace is given them. However, having believed, then each one is personally responsible to do his best to acquire the knowledge of the Scriptures and/or the power of God.

For if the knowledge of the Scriptures can help you recognise the voice of the deceivers so that you know not only their error, but their error shows their motives, then the knowledge of the power of God removes all fear of them from you.

You see, many are those who watch out for the deceivers out of fear of being deceived. Now when you do that you dishonour Jesus, for He said, "When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed."¹⁰ Now if Jesus said that even wars should not alarm you, why should you be alarmed or be in fear of the false men? It is however the powerless who fear what they know, not the powerful. The lack of knowledge of the power of God is what generates fear in those who believe in His Name concerning what is yet to come.

You see, intimate knowledge of the power of God, that is, a well practised mastery of the power so that you know what you have available for your own self sustenance, allows you to overcome even wars... and if you yourself can do what Jesus has been doing, then you will have no need of those who come in His Name, saying, "I am He," who offer you their miracles, signs and wonders, unless you are unsaved.

The justice of God is such that the deceivers will suffer much more than the deceived... that is the righteousness of God. That is why all the kings of the Earth who are deceived by the false prophet and the beast will be killed on Jesus' arrival to await their judgment on the last day when God will purify their lips so that they may call on the Name of the Lord still. The false prophet and the beast are both thrown

⁷ Luke 18.8

⁸ John 14.12 NIV, NLT

⁹ Mark 12.24

¹⁰ Mark 13.7

alive into the lake of sulphur. You do suffer if you are deceived, that is true, but nowhere near as much as the one who deceived you... such is God's justice to the weak and gullible, the needy and the ignorant, even the ungrateful.

However, all the practice of the word and all the desire to have the power of God will never avail you of the power of the Man of Truth without limit unless you are one who truly works for the honour of the One who sent Him. Herein lays the genius of God that keeps those who make themselves unclean by their hearts away from the holy and the saved.

For in the first instance, it should be clear to all by now that it is not those who honour God with their lips who are men of truth. And those who work to honour themselves are not men of truth either. And those who practise the words of Jesus so that they might be seen as 'holy' are not men of truth either. Neither are those who work for Jesus so that they may be rewarded. Sure, by God's grace they will receive some reward... but the experience of the life of a man of truth? Not unless they repent and realise you practise the words of Jesus to show Him holy, you work for Jesus so that Jesus might be rewarded, and you care not that the practice of the words of Jesus exposes you to be the sinner whom He saved... and for all your 'hard' work, you expect no reward, for the reward itself is the privilege to have heard what He said, to be allowed to practise what He said, and to be a servant on whom His feet rests.

So then, even though we also say, "He is the Christ and the time is near," it is not what we say as much as how we work that reveals whether there is enough truth in us that we might be called 'men of truth'.

A man of truth **works** for the honour of the one who sent him. And honouring a person by your work depends not only on what you do, but how you do it and when you do it. That is why Paul wrote: [My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power...](#)¹¹

To be continued...

¹¹ 1 Corinthians 2.4

Man of Truth IV

Superiority of the Man of Truth over the Man of Faith

Jesus only ever defined what a man of truth is when He said, "...he who works for the honour of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him,"¹ but said nothing about the man or woman of faith, as surely as Paul made mention of the 'word of truth' – And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the Gospel of your salvation² – and never made mention of the 'word of faith' that is so popular in many circles.

More has been made of faith than of truth unfortunately, and the unbalanced emphasis on faith ahead of truth is one of the causes of the troubles you see in the body of Christ. The internal civil wars of the church, when 'christians' persecuted and killed 'christians', have always been over faith rather than over truth. Fights always broke out over what people believed rather than what people knew... some believed Jesus to be the Son, others a son, and so the split began. However, those who know the truth have nothing to argue or fight over.

Hebrews 11 lists those who were commended for their faith, from righteous Abel to men and women too numerous to name. And it was by their faith they were saved, as the writer wrote: And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.³

So, what does God reward those who earnestly seek Him with? More faith? A life lived in paradise after death where they can fulfil all their dreams and fantasies? No... for those who earnestly seek Him God rewards with the knowledge of the truth about Him. That is, those who seek Him earnestly will be permitted by God to 'find' Him, and not only find Him but come to know Him. And if faith pleases God, what then does truth do to God? After all, did Jesus not say, "God is Spirit, and His worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth"?⁴

Abel had faith and by that faith he was declared righteous... but unfortunately, he was unable to save himself from Cain. Enoch had faith and walked with God until he was no more... but his walk of faith did not allow anyone else to come with him. So, as much as faith is important to please God, it takes more than a man of faith to overcome the days of distress that lay ahead. Even Noah who is the first true man of faith – for neither Abel nor Enoch received any command from God, but Noah did, so that Noah's faith was not just believing faith but also obedient faith, for he obeyed that which he was told – was only able to build the ark and save those God permitted him to save... but he had no power to do any miracles to convince those who were observing him. Thus, a man of faith is able to save himself... and though Noah may have shared what he had heard from God, he did no miracles to convince those who lived in his time.

And whilst Moses is included in the list of the men and women of faith in Hebrews 11, Moses was the first man of faith who began to display the foretaste of what is to come... the man of truth. For Moses not only believed with faith but he obeyed that which he was commanded after he had seen the Lord in the burning bush. Moses had the complete faith that makes a seed complete – the belief, the obedience and the knowledge – for God introduced Himself to Moses with a sign, a wonder and a miracle, that is, the bush that did not burn, the staff that became a snake and his hand that became leprous, which was then healed.⁵ Indeed, Moses was the first man of faith who had the power of signs, wonders and miracles to confirm the words he had been given to deliver, and in fact, became the first man of truth when he began to work for the honour of Him who sent him... however imperfectly.

Whereas Noah was able to save himself and his family out of holy fear as he built an ark, Moses' faith was not just to save himself or his family, but rather his faith delivered his nation from the bondage of the Egyptians. So then, even though it is often mentioned that Abraham is the father of faith, the true father of all men who have enough faith to fear God and so save themselves is Noah, the third man who was given an instruction from God. Adam disobeyed and brought death to all his sons. Cain disobeyed and brought extermination to all his line... so the flood of Noah wiped out all the sons of Cain and spared perhaps his daughters if the women of Noah's family were from Cain and not from Seth. Certainly no Nephilims or their children were included in the ark, and though Abraham's faith credited to him

¹ John 7.18

² Ephesians 1.13

³ Hebrews 11.6

⁴ John 4.24

⁵ Exodus 3.2-6; 4.2-7

righteousness, his faith did not accord to him the power of miracles, signs and wonders... whereas Moses' did.

In Moses we see the transition of a man of faith to the beginning of a man of truth as his focus began to shift from saving the Israelites to ensuring that God's reputation would not be sullied. He went back to Egypt to set his people free... but in the desert, when the people showed their fickleness and ingratitude to God as they made that golden calf and worshipped it, Moses' loyalty and zeal changed from being zealous for Israel to being jealous for God. Instead of working for the deliverance of his people, Moses began to work for the honour of God when he made intercession for the Israelites in Exodus 32.12, saying, "...why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that He brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the Earth?'" Moses in his intercession showed concern not for the safety of the Israelites but for God's reputation with the Egyptians... and so was formed in him the beginning of a man of truth, and likewise that seed was carried forth into the generations of prophets that came after... each working to correct Israel of her many rebellions for God's honour, for Israel in her rebellion was far from honouring God who sent her. That was her prostitution, for she was more concerned about pleasing herself than honouring the One who raised her up and sent her into Canaan to be a lampstand amongst the nations of the world to show them what God wanted of the nations of the world and how God blesses and protects His people. However, her prostitution made it impossible for God to continually bless and prosper her without rebuking her... for if God did that then God would no longer be true to Himself... a just and righteous Person. However, for all their intentions, none of those heroes of faith were able to make the complete transition from men of faith to men of truth.

Moses, when he struck the rock instead of speaking to the rock, failed to show God holy in the sight of his people in Numbers 20.11-12 and thus did not complete his mission and did not bring Israel into the promised land. The man of God from Judah, because he went to the old prophet's house to eat instead of obeying the word of God, was killed by a lion.⁶ Elijah, when he ran from Jezebel, was told to anoint Elisha to replace him... and though Elisha had the double portion as he desired, he could not stop himself dying of a sickness for he had called curses on some boys who teased him.⁷

Each of these great men of faith gave us a preview of the man of truth who would come forth from the Man of Truth – He who not only believed the One who sent Him, but worked for the honour of the One who sent Him... flawlessly.

Though Moses, the man of God from Judah in Jeroboam's days, Elijah and Elisha all worked for the honour of God, not one was able to do so flawlessly.... until Jesus of Nazareth came. **In Him and through Him, all those who had not only believed God but also worked for His honour would be perfected...** which He demonstrated by using the words from Moses' mouth instead of God's words to repel the devil in his temptations. Each time, Jesus used Moses' words against Satan rather than the Father's words, quoting from Deuteronomy 8.3, 6.16 and 6.13 rather than from Leviticus. In so doing, Jesus began to show the first glimpse of who He is... the Resurrection, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, as the writer of the Hebrews recorded in Hebrews 12.2.

You see, the writer of the Hebrews had this to say of all the men and women of faith: **These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.**

That something better is the ministry and work that God sent Jesus to do and finish... and **Jesus, in doing it only for the honour of the One who sent Him, perfected the works of faith for all men and women of faith who preceded Him,** so that in the battle against Satan in the desert, Jesus was able to use the words of Moses as if they were the words of God... that is, as if they were words of truth, for indeed, through Jesus, Moses' words had become the truth as well. The desire by Moses to honour God completely, which died when he failed to speak to the rock, was resurrected in Christ so that his words became the truth that refuted Satan. So the man of faith who desired to be the man of truth received the goal of his faith through Jesus, the Man of Truth, when Jesus fulfilled the Law and the Prophets for the honour of God who gave the Law and sent the prophets.

You see, if Jesus came to abolish the Law and the Prophets as many thought He was doing, then He would have dishonoured God... dishonoured God because Jesus would have been saying that the Law given by God was not good and the prophets sent by God were false, that is, God is a liar. However, in fulfilling the Law and the Prophets and even the Psalms, Jesus honoured God... declaring His Law to be

⁶ 1 Kings 13

⁷ 2 Kings 2.23-24; 13.14

just, His prophets to be true and His promises reliable so that whosoever believes in Jesus has likewise honoured God who sent His Law and promises through His prophets and psalmists.

Indeed then, the heroes of faith from Abel to John the Baptist did not receive what had been promised until Jesus fulfilled the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms so that, together with all who put their faith in Jesus, they would receive the promise of the life that a man of truth would live... a man or woman in whom is nothing false as surely as there is nothing false in God. That is, a man or woman who would begin to live the life known only to God who said, "I am the Truth," through His Son, Jesus Christ.⁸

Yet rarely have you ever heard made mention of the terminologies of truth in the church, only the terminologies of faith, such as "the doctrines of our faith," "the men of faith," "the people of faith," "the prayer of faith," "the acts of faith," and lately, the "word of faith;" and from Paul, fighting the good fight of faith and contending for the faith.⁹

Check the archives, search it out and you will see that rarely do you hear or read of the terminologies of truth... "the doctrines of truth," "the men of truth," "the people of truth," "the prayer of truth," "the acts of truth," and "the word of truth," much less fighting for the better fight of truth and contending for the truth.

For you see, to use these terminologies in the context of Jesus' words you would have to be a man or woman who works for the honour of the one who sent you. If Moses, the most humble of men, lost his place and standing to lead the people into Canaan because he did not do what he was told, even though water did come from the rock, then how can we who say we believe in Jesus and that we are His servants and even His disciples, do not listen to Him or do what He says, but gladly listen to those who did not believe in Him even when they lived with Him, expect to enter our promised land... the life lived only by a man or woman of truth so that we can come to know and live as God lives.

And if we honour those who went to Capernaum instead of Bethsaida, who stayed in Jerusalem instead of going to Galilee, who went fishing instead of waiting in the city, who appointed a replacement of Matthias instead of waiting for the Holy Spirit, who approved the recommendations of a man who was more interested in honouring Moses than Jesus... without seeing the truth in the accounts left by the Holy Spirit so that we might be taught, rebuked, corrected and trained in righteousness, without judging or condemning them, no more than we could judge or condemn anyone... how can we begin to live the life of the people of truth that is held in Jesus Christ for those who not only believe Him but work for His honour?

Where is the honour to Jesus...

When we water down His words for more politically acceptable words?

When we stay away from practising His words for the sake of traditions?

When relics of dried bones and saints are held with more reverence than His words?

Where is the honour of Jesus when His work of salvation is deemed imperfect and incomplete, so that men from Judea taught, "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved"?¹⁰

So when we do and say all these things, have we truly honoured Him who sent us? No, we have not and so we are found to be a people of faith but not of truth, and though our faith may save us, it does not reveal that which God had promised and the world does not see the Father Jesus came to reveal... but just another group of religious people making up their rules and enforcing it on others. So then, the cry of people of faith has been prostituted and deteriorated to the point that the sons of Satan have come up with their imitation and dishonour our Father with their murderous howls, "Convert or die!" And God has been dishonoured by those murderers who satisfied their blood lusts in the Name of God as they tortured and murdered the multitudes of people who may not know God but believed in the good news of God enough not to lower themselves to convert out of fear.

So elect, it is not just for the justice of Jesus that we must succeed in this task and have formed within us that man or woman of truth that Jesus spoke of. It is for every man, women and child from Abel onwards whose eyes were fixed on the grass of the field, the birds of the air, the stars of the Heavens and knew God who made this universe has nothing to do with those whose swords, spears and flames were about to murder them all because they had faith to believe God is good.

⁸ John 14.6

⁹ 1 Timothy 6.12; Philippians 1.27

¹⁰ Acts 15.1

So then, it is not so much that we seek to dishonour the forefathers of the truth we have been handed through them, but rather, we seek to honour the One who gave us that truth, Jesus Christ, that we must acknowledge their failings as well as take encouragement from their faith and come forth with that which they gave their lives for... the truth.

So Moses struck the rock, the man of God ate a meal, Elijah ran from Jezebel, Elisha cursed when he should have blessed, the twelve went to Capernaum, the eleven stayed in Jerusalem, the seven went fishing, no one waited for the Holy Spirit before replacing Judas, and everyone listened to James the Younger, and so on and so on... those are the works of men of faith.

Now, see the works of the Man of Truth who changed water to good wine, opened blind eyes, raised the dead, walked on water, calmed the storm, multiplied the food, showed mercy to those who did not deserve mercy and so on and so on... and know that as you listen to Him, practise His words to work for His honour wherever, however He may send you, you will bring honour to every man and woman of faith who are groaning with the rest of creation to see the sons of God revealed... the brothers and sisters of the Man of Truth, who work for His honour for the glory of the Father who sent Him.

Never will it be for us to say, "Convert or die," but that we may forever erase the shame of these words uttered in Jesus' Name by murderers and liars... murderers because they killed to enrich themselves without being able to give life, and liars because they lied about the One who sent them. But rather, elect, in the days of distress that now envelope us in ever increasing intensity, our message must be... "Repent and you will live, even as Jesus lives." Since we ourselves desire to remain alive until Jesus arrives, so then we must do to others as we want done to us... keep all whom God entrusts to us alive until Jesus arrives so that all may honour Him, the Son of Man.

So then, this is the confidence we have, for even though like our forefathers we are at best men and women of faith who would if we could be men and women of truth... through Jesus Christ, the Author and Perfecter of our faith, will emerge the men and women of truth we desire to be when we earnestly seek to know Him in order to honour Him.

Work then without ceasing, not for reward, not for your honour, glory or vindication, but for Him who honoured the One who sent Him and then the life of the Man of Truth is yours to live forever. For no man of faith was declared to be the Son of God by the power of the Holy Spirit and was raised from the dead to be seen by hundreds.... only the Man of Truth was. Such then is the superiority of the Man of Truth over even the man of faith. Amen

To be continued...

The Man of Truth V – He Who is Not False

Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?"¹ when Jesus said to Pilate, "You are right in saying I am a King. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me."² If you do not know what truth is, how then can we define or know what is a man of truth?

If you define truth by your own knowledge and understanding without listening to Jesus, does that mean you are on the side of truth and does that mean you have spoken truth? According to Jesus' definition that He gave Pilate, the answer is **no**. For according to Jesus, it is what He testified to that is the truth and therefore, that which Jesus did not testify to is not truth and anyone who does not listen to Him is **not on the side of truth**.

So then anyone who does not listen to Jesus is a false person in the making, for such a person is not on the side of truth. He may not lie or be a liar, but is a false person in the making, because he is not on the side of truth. At any point a person does not listen to Jesus is the point in his life that he is made false.

Look at the twelve as an example... at the feeding of the 5000 again, it is written: **Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of Him to Bethsaida...**³ but they did not listen and someone suggested that they should go to Capernaum as it is written: **When evening came, His disciples went down to the lake, where they got into a boat and set off across the lake for Capernaum.**⁴ However, they never got to Capernaum but landed in Gennesaret instead...⁵ so that whoever suggested Capernaum was made a liar, for that which he thought, said and purposed to do did not eventuate. A liar not because he lied when he thought of going to Capernaum and they agreed to go and when they got into the boat to go... no, but they were made liars because what they thought, said and put into action never came to be and as such, their thoughts, plans, words and actions were proved false. Their plans did not eventuate, their words were proved false and their efforts did not give them entry to Capernaum but to Gennesaret.

And so it will be for all who have heard the words of Jesus, but have not listened to Him... they will be proved false, be they disciples, believers or non-believers. For anyone who does not listen to Jesus is not on the side of Truth and therefore is false.

Anyone who has heard the words of Jesus, including those who believe in His Name, but have not listened to Him, so that their thoughts, words and actions are modified accordingly, will be proved false. False because whatever the plans may be, whatever the words may promise or propose, even state, and whatever their actions are will come to nothing... nothing that Jesus should be concerned about, for it has nothing to do with His words.

So then, elect, look again at why Jesus said to those who drove out demons in His Name, prophesied in His Name and did miracles in His Name, **"Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from Me, you evildoers!'"**⁶ For they are those who said what they said and did what they did without listening to Him.

Again, take the twelve... if they had succeeded in going to Capernaum and there in Capernaum did miracles just like Jesus did and drove every demon out of Capernaum, not a single one of their words or actions would be considered acceptable, but would be considered evil doing, for they would have been in Capernaum by not listening to Jesus. They may have gone there in His Name and driven out demons in His Name and did miracles in His Name, but because they got there by not listening to Him, nothing would count, for nothing said or done in such a circumstance is on the side of truth.

Only that which is said and done on the side of truth has value in the eyes of the One who is the Truth. And since to be on the side of truth, you have to listen to Jesus, then anything that is done without listening to Jesus, even if they are miracles, is false... real, but false so that they have no value at all in Truth's perspective.

¹ John 18.38

² John 18.37

³ Mark 6.45

⁴ John 6.16-17

⁵ Mark 6.53

⁶ Matthew 7.23

Of course anyone can argue that such a definition of truth is too narrow, too fundamental... that is correct, yet this is not a definition from the writer but from the words of Jesus who said, "**Everyone on the side of truth listens to Me,**" and He is the final Arbiter of the eternity of every individual.

Certainly, those who do not believe in Jesus or have never heard of Jesus are not subject to this definition. It is those who say they belong to Jesus, who use His Name or part of His Name to designate their place, position, faith and organisation who have to face up to this. For if you say that you believe in Jesus, you work for Him, you are related to Him and He is your Lord and Saviour, and yet you do not listen to Him, then be warned, you are not on the side of truth even if you have all the facts correct, even if you never lie, even if you are a 'good' man. No matter what, when you are not on the side of truth, then you must be on the side of the false.

Those who have not heard of Jesus or His words cannot listen to Jesus, so they are not under the same judgment. Those who have heard of Jesus and His words but reject them, as Jesus said, there is a Judge for them and they stand condemned for judgment.⁷

However, for those who believe in Him and were beheaded holding onto their testimony **for** Jesus and because of the word of God, though they died they will be raised at the first resurrection because of the way they honoured Jesus in their testimony for Jesus and because of the Word of God who said, "**Those who honour Me I will honour...**"⁸

Now, in the NIV, see that John wrote he saw **those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus...⁹ not of Jesus**. What is the difference? The difference is this: Even demons had a true testimony of Jesus when they said, "**I know who You are—the Holy One of God!**"¹⁰ and another said, "**What do You want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God?**"¹¹ and others cried out, "**You are the Son of God.**"¹² All true testimonies of Jesus – for He is the Holy One of God, the Son of God – from the mouths of demons, but they were not testimonies **for Jesus**. They were not spoken out of love for Him, out of honour for Him or out of gratitude for Him. They may have been spoken out of 'fear of Him,' but there was no respect or honour in that fear, just fear of punishment by rebellious persons who had no intention of repenting.

Likewise, there are many who testify of Jesus truthfully, saying, "He is the Christ, the Holy One of God, Son of the Most High God," and so on so that people would listen to them, honour them and lift them up... without teaching those they speak to the meaning of this testimony and command of God: "**This is My beloved Son... listen to Him.**"¹³

Even if they were beheaded testifying of Jesus, they may not be raised in the honour of the first resurrection, for their testimony of Jesus may not be for Jesus, even if what they said of Jesus is true... their testimony may have been said to be against Jesus, just like those demons. Certainly, as Jesus said, "**...by their fruits you will know them,**"¹⁴ those ones who testify of Jesus without listening to Jesus. By what fruits? By their lack of patience for those who do not accept their message immediately; their lack of goodness to those who are meant to be saved by their message; their lack of kindness to the ungrateful; lack of gentleness to the weak; lack of joy at the repentance of a sinner; lack of love of enemies; lack of peace that surpasses knowledge and understanding; lack of faithfulness to those assigned to them, let alone to the Lord; lack of self control so as not to give over to greed for fame, power, honour and glory for themselves; lack of righteousness in honouring the One who sent them so that they are without truth and the sacrifice of praise will never be found on their lips. This was how Jesus warned about the false prophets in Matthew 7.15.

So you see, the false prophet who must come as part of the preparation for Jesus' glorious return is a man who will have a true testimony of Jesus Christ, saying, "I know who He is, the Holy One of God, Jesus, the Son of the Most High," just like those demons, but he will not have a testimony for Jesus Christ. His deception of many of those who believe, but are deceivable because of their ignorance of the Scriptures or the power of God, is carried on successfully because he has a testimony of Jesus Christ but not for Jesus Christ.

⁷ John 12.48

⁸ 1 Samuel 2.30

⁹ Revelation 20.4

¹⁰ Mark 1.24

¹¹ Mark 5.7; Luke 8.28

¹² Mark 3.11; Luke 4.41

¹³ Matthew 17.5 NASB

¹⁴ Matthew 7.20 NKJV

It is only those who have a true testimony for Jesus Christ who can begin to be considered men of truth... begin, I say, because many have a testimony for Jesus but they are too lazy to work for His honour. **You see, a man of truth is not one who speaks for the honour of the one who sent him, but one who works for the honour of the one who sent him.** As such, one who listens but does not work may be on the side of truth... however he is still not a man of truth.

For those who are honoured with the first resurrection because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God,¹⁵ all died and not one of them was able to be witness to the truth of John 11.26, but are returning as witnesses of John 11.25. The power of God that is needed to fulfill John 11.26 was withheld from them. And if we are to avoid their fate, then we must learn from them as much as we need to listen to Jesus without regard for them. That is the paradox – to regard and honour them, but yet at the same time disregard them. Why? Not because of the truth. They were great heroes of the faith, holding onto their testimony for Jesus and the word of God, as well as great men and women of truth who sought to work for the honour of the One who sent them, even laying down their lives, but for all their efforts, for all that they achieved, they are only witnesses of John 11.25. They are useful for anyone who wants to emulate them and join them in the first resurrection, and they should be honoured rightly. However, the truth is this: They are of no help to those who seek to be witnesses of John 11.26 for the honour of Jesus. All that they have done and said achieved for them the honour of being just witnesses of John 11.25 as they return with Jesus, but not of John 11.26.

However, for those who desire to bear witness of John 11.26 and remain alive until Jesus arrives, to witness the raising of the dead in Christ first, to hear the voice of the archangel, to rise and join with Jesus in the clouds to be with Him forever as Paul said we will,¹⁶ then we need to learn from these martyrs to see what they did not do, what they did not think, what they did not believe or practise, for it is their omission that can give us the answer to fulfilling John 11.26.

To follow them in all they have accomplished without seeing what they omitted can at best give you a place at their side to await the first resurrection. It is to see what they accomplished and what they omitted that will surely grant you a place amongst those who will remain alive until Jesus arrives to greet them. So even for those who seek the honour of the first resurrection, there is a choice – you can join them to return or you can greet them on their return.

Since those who were martyred were great men and women of faith, then we know their doctrines, the vocabulary of faith, are insufficient for John 11.26, for Jesus said, **"I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"**¹⁷ When we answered, "Yes," to this question, we committed our faith. Now how do we bring out the fruit of that commitment so that we will have what we believe for, we will have what we hope for, what we speak of and what we work for? The answer lays in the manifestation of the man of truth within us, the one who works for the honour of Him who sent us and in whom is nothing false!

So when God first restored to us the command **"Listen to Him,"** the journey, the process, for the production of the man of truth in us began. Why? **Because to be on the side of truth, one must listen to Jesus according to Jesus... but to be a man of truth, you must be one sent by Him, and how can He send anyone who has not listened to Him? And to complete the process, having listened, having been sent, you must be prepared to work for His honour, not yours.** When that man of truth is fully formed in you, then in you there is nothing false.

You see, having nothing false about you does not make you a man of truth. An honest man, a man who does not lie, is only just that, an honest man having nothing false... but it does not make him a man of truth. For when Jesus said what He said in John 7.18, **"He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself, but he who works for the honor of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him,"** have you noticed there is a semicolon before He said, **"...there is nothing false about him"?**

The reality then of having nothing false about you does not manifest for an honest man who does not listen to Jesus, who has not been sent by Him, who does not work for Him and who does not work to honour Him.

That is why a man of truth is such a rare creature, for indeed Jesus Christ alone is the Man of Truth who listened to the Father who sent Him and who worked for the Father's honour. As such, this creature, this

¹⁵ Revelation 20.4

¹⁶ 1 Thessalonians 4.16-17

¹⁷ John 11.25-26

man of truth who fulfills John 7.18, can only come from those who have listened to Jesus, who are listening to Jesus and who will be listening to Jesus, for he must emerge from the side of Truth.

So know and understand then, elect, your obedience to the command, "Listen to Him," has placed you on the side of truth, and it is from this side that a man of truth can emerge. Having listened you can be sent, and being sent you can work if you choose, and work to honour the One who sent you if you choose.

So then the beginning of knowledge and understanding of what constitutes a man of truth gives also a better understanding of what a man of falsehood is, a man in whom there is nothing true. Such a man is a dog who loves and practises falsehood,¹⁸ even though he may not be a liar.

So pause and consider now that which you are elected for, for you have listened and soon you will be sent and what will become of you will depend on whether you will work for the honour of the One who sent you, so that in you the vessel that can contain the full power of God and not the corrupted can manifest.

It is one thing to have power, but what good is power if it corrupts and destroys the vessel that holds it, both are worthless, like salt that lost its saltiness... what is it good for except to be cast out and trampled on?

But when you can be a vessel that power does not and cannot corrupt, then truly you are the most formidable weapon, worthy of the invincible God to use as He pleases.

So then "What is truth?" Only those who listen to Jesus will live to find it out. Amen.

¹⁸ Revelation 22.15

Power of a Man of Truth VI

"Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for His chosen ones, who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off? I tell you, He will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the Earth?"¹ Jesus said when He was explaining the parable of the persistent widow to the disciples to show them that they should always pray and not give up.

However, the man of truth has gone and taken his discipleship the second mile, for it is no longer a matter of seeking after things for himself, but seeking the honour and the things that bring that honour for the One who sent him, that is, seeking it for Jesus. He has gone beyond concern as to whether he is greater or lesser than his fellow disciples, so that the juvenile behaviour displayed by the twelve at the Passover would be far from his concern. In the gospel of Luke 22, just after the Lord passed around the bread and the cup, Luke recorded that... **Also a dispute arose among them as to which of them was considered to be greatest.**² How absolutely insensitive we who claim to be disciples of Jesus Christ can be to the needs of the Lord, to be disputing as to who is the greatest right in the middle of the supper that He was using to teach us about His sacrifice for us. Imagine what we do to the Lord with our petty insecurities and need for recognition. And as they did it then just before the Lord's terrible day, so you will be doing just like them before the Lord's glorious day unless you learn now to have His welfare foremost in your heart and mind so as to honour Him.

The beginning, the start, of your journey to honour first began when you first believed Him, when you heard His words and then you began to practise them, moving through all the stages of a believer, a disciple, a servant, a friend, a brother and finally a king from an unbeliever. The honouring of Jesus can occur at any stage of a person's life, even when he is an unbeliever. For though an unbeliever will not directly bring honour to Jesus, he does so indirectly as he experiences the condemnation that becomes his as he displays and continues his unbelief, so that his unbelieving life bears witness to the truth of these words of Jesus: **"...whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the Name of God's one and only Son."**³

A believer honours Jesus when in the preaching of his message of the kingdom he is able to have it confirmed with the accompanying signs of a believer, that is, in the Name of Jesus he can speak in new tongues, cast out demons, drink poison and pick up serpents and have no harm come to him, as well as lay hands on the sick so that they will be healed.⁴ The Holy Spirit confirms his message by performing those signs on his behalf, so as to honour him for he has honoured the Lord. However, what honour can a believer bring to Jesus if he does not preach what he was told, but rather, preaches some eloquent theory that another man has made up, which goes against the finished work of Jesus, like those who **came down from Judea to Antioch and were teaching the brothers: "Unless you are circumcised, according to the custom taught by Moses, you cannot be saved"**⁵? How could they even think they were honouring Jesus in any way?

For the disciple who says he is a disciple and yet does not listen to his Teacher nor hold onto His words is not a disciple at all. So, far from bringing honour to Jesus, such a disciple has brought dishonour to himself, showing himself to be a lazy student who does not hold onto the teachings of Jesus, as Jesus said, **"If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."**⁶

Just as the disciple who does not hold onto his teacher's word brings dishonour to himself, so too the servant who does not do his master's will but does someone else's will or even his own whilst using his master's name and resources. The servant who does not do his master's will is a lazy and disobedient servant. The servant who uses his master's name and resources to achieve his own will is a thief, for he has stolen his master's name and property.

As for the friend who betrays his friend's trust and only uses his friend to enrich himself, he has brought disgrace to himself by showing himself to be a traitor, a devil, a serpent, and that he is like Judas Iscariot. Which is why Jesus when He greeted Judas said, **"Friend, do what you came for,"**⁷ and because

¹ Luke 18.6-8

² Luke 22.24

³ John 3.18

⁴ Mark 16.16-18

⁵ Acts 15.1

⁶ John 8.31-32

⁷ Matthew 26.50

Judas kissed Him, He asked Judas, "Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?"⁸ Neither are those who are friends to deny and desert Him in His hour of need, which for the eleven was when He was arrested, but for us it is now when these days of distress begin when He needs His friends to go and care for His family... in the same way as He spoke to John and told him to care for His mother.

The brother who thinks, "He is out of his mind,"⁹ like His family did just because the miracles He was doing were gathering such large crowds that they could not even eat, is not a brother who honours Jesus. Neither were those who said to Him when He was staying in Galilee, "You ought to leave here and go to Judea, so that Your disciples may see the miracles You do. No one who wants to become a public figure acts in secret. Since You are doing these things, show Yourself to the world."¹⁰ They dishonoured Jesus because they told Him to leave Galilee to go to Judea so that the local population would not associate them, that is, Jesus' brothers, with Him.

As for those who want to be kings, the kings of Israel are sufficient examples for the moment as to how to dishonour the Lord, as they all turned from His word and pursued other gods. And the few Godly ones are examples of how those of you who desire to be His kings and lords can honour Him, like David, Hezekiah and Josiah.

So then, believers, disciples, servants, friends, brothers and even kings of Jesus Christ are not necessarily men of truth just because they are believers, disciples, servants, friends, brothers and kings, for at any time you do not work for the honour of Him who sent you, you are not a man of truth, and if you are not a man of truth, then there is a falsehood about you. Fear not, by God's grace your salvation remains secure, for God does not lie, yet the life of a man of truth is not yours to experience but only to observe. Just like the multitudes who saw Jesus heal the sick, drive out demons, walk on water, multiply the food and so on, so you will observe but you will not experience being one who actually does what He has done, much less the greater things.

So repent of your unbelief, and if you must preach, preach the Good News of the kingdom rather than some concocted theology and doctrine that your putrid heart and reprobate mind has spewed forth. And when you have corrected yourself in your preaching, you might just live the truth of those words and find yourself speaking in new tongues, driving out demons, drinking poison and picking up serpents with no harm coming to you, and the sick being healed as you lay hands, for the Lord is working with you to confirm your message because it brings honour to Jesus. **When your faith as a believer brings honour to Jesus, you will find that there is nothing false about your faith and that which you believe for you will receive and so your faith is glorified.**

So repent of your unwillingness to listen and to hold onto the words of your Teacher if you are a disciple, and cease your practice of the words of other men, even if they claim to be apostles, until you have completed your listening to your Teacher and have completed your practice of His words. Truth be known, disciples, you will find that once you have really listened to Jesus and practised His words, you will have not one desire to listen to others or to practise their words, even if they are apostles, for these words of Jesus to Peter will come for you: "What business is it of mine what they are doing for the Lord? As for me, I am already following the Lord."¹¹ However, a disciple who is earnestly listening and practising the words of the Teacher will find fellowship with those of like mindedness, where listening to each other is a means of refining one's practice of His words further. And as you overcome your laziness and hold tightly to His words, the freedom that He promised to the Jews in John 8.31-32 will be yours to live because the disciple who listens and practises the words of the Teacher for His honour will find that whatever he practises will come to be, for the man of truth that he is causes all his practices to succeed. And he will discover that being like the wise man who built his house on the rock means being able to enjoy the prosperity that comes with that wisdom. For a man who succeeds in all that he practises is truly a prosperous man, and how much more prosperous can you be when your practice is based on the words of Jesus that will have your water turned to wine, your sick healed, demons driven out, your storms calmed, your obstacles overcome, your dead raised and so on. **A disciple who succeeds in all that he practises from his Teacher is a disciple who has truly glorified the Teacher as well.**

The servant who does what he is told exactly the way he is told for the honour of his Master who sent him glorifies not only his Master but himself as well, for those who see him would envy his Master for having such a servant as he is. So repent of your slackness of doing your Master's will and your thieving as you use His Name and resources to enrich yourself, for if you would do His will for His honour then you are a servant of truth, and you will never need to be ashamed of the Master you serve, like many who

⁸ Luke 22.48

⁹ Mark 3.21

¹⁰ John 7.3-4

¹¹ John 21.22

serve masters who bring them nothing but shame. The servant who honours his Master's will and does it to the end is the servant who will be rewarded with far more than his wages, for that glorifies his Master, for then even as a servant you will find your dreams to be true. So find out what your Master's will is and obey it to the end for His honour.

To be the friend who honours his Friend who sent him is to be one who ensures that not only is the welfare of his Friend secure, but also that His F/family's welfare is secure, so that the friend who does so will enjoy the rewards of a man of truth in whom nothing is false, by living and exceeding the life of true friendship.

As for the brother who works for the honour of his Brother who sent him, is he not in truth working for the glory of H/his Father? For whenever you say your Brother is out of His mind and you send Him away, are you not dishonouring your Father? But if you would live as a brother who honours the Brother who sent you by working for Them, then you are glorifying the Father and the F/family and you will live the life of a brother of truth about whom nothing is false... so that whatever you hope for your F/family will be, whatever you think of your F/family is.

And when the Man who sent His message, taught His disciples, assigned His servants, called His friends and loved His brothers, has believers, disciples, servants, friends and brothers who work for His honour and there is nothing false about them, then He is truly glorified in their company and by their company. That is what it means to become one who would work for the honour of the One who sent him, and you can do so at anytime, whether you are a believer, disciple, servant, friend or brother. For the power of a man of truth that the enemies of Jesus fear the most is that such a man has the power to bring glory to Jesus by his mere presence in the company of Jesus. If Jesus is glorified, then God is glorified. Now consider what power rests in a man of truth that he can glorify even God.

So elect, will the Son of Man find faith when He returns? Your answer must be and should be "No"! For faith alone is insufficient honour for the One who has been true to His Father beyond measure. More than faith, the Son of Man must return to find glory waiting for Him, the glory that comes with victory over His enemies and the glory that comes with overwhelming love, which comes from His believers, disciples, servants, friends and family who have been waiting eagerly for His return!

Now consider where you are with Jesus, and if you will get up and work for His honour, then the life of a man of truth begins for you!

Man of Truth VII – The Fulfilment

No strategy, no plan, no faith, knowledge, wisdom or understanding and whatever else we may consider to be essential to God's final victory in these last days matters if the key ingredient is missing – the man of truth.

For the game has been played out now for 2000 years with all sides waging a war based on faith, doctrines, theologies, traditions, knowledge, understandings and wisdoms, and yet no one has been able to decisively achieve that which will bring an end to this tragedy of a powerless church flailing around trying to overcome a world where evil and wickedness get worse everyday. To add to the tragedy, the travesty is that the church in the Name of Jesus has been responsible for as much of the wickedness and evil as the good that it has tried to do. Why? Because we departed from the royal command a long, long time ago. We stopped listening to Jesus for so long that anything and everything that has been done has been by faith through God's grace, for we certainly did not know what we were doing. No wonder the Lord said from the cross, **"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."**¹

Understand that he who works for the honour of the one who sent him listens firstly to the one who sent him and obeys the one who sent him, and if he were to improvise on that which he has been shown or told, it is because he is convinced that it will bring more honour to the sender. However, an improvisation – that is, an improvement in action – is only valid after you have obeyed the command and in the midst of obeying the command, you see the opportunity to improve on the honour to be gained by the sender. Like the servants given the minas and talents, it was only after they went and invested the monies that an improvisation was valid. What the lazy and wicked servants did in hiding and burying the money when they were told to put it to work was not an improvisation.

The disobedience of the twelve to go to Bethsaida immediately but rather, waited until dark to go to Capernaum, was not an improvisation but disobedience. However, going immediately to Bethsaida to find that there were no lodgings in Bethsaida or that there were men from Capernaum waiting in Bethsaida asking them to go to Capernaum because of a need would be an improvisation. So then, listening to James' recommendations is permissible after you have finished listening to Jesus and have practised Jesus' words to a satisfactory completion in God's eyes. As Jesus said to Sardis, **"...I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of My God."**² The truth be known, anyone who has completed the task of listening to Jesus and practising His words will have no need of the words of James the Younger, no more than a man who can see has need of a guide dog for the blind, for such is the superiority of the words of Jesus.

By now it should be obvious to all that Jesus is the supreme Man of Truth in whom nothing is false, who has worked for the honour and glory of the One who sent Him. **This He has achieved by first listening to what the Father told Him and watching what the Father showed Him, and then repeating what the Father said in exactly the way the Father said it and did what the Father did in the exact same way, so that as His words and actions caused people to be in awe, they were in truth in awe of the Father who gave the words and showed Jesus the actions first.** As Jesus told us, **"I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by Himself; He can do only what He sees His Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows Him all He does."**³ ... **For I did not speak of My own accord, but the Father who sent Me commanded Me what to say and how to say it. I know that His command leads to eternal life. So whatever I say is just what the Father has told Me to say."**⁴ Because of this, there is nothing false about Jesus, for He has fulfilled His own words of John 7.18.

And when He said to the ten, **"Peace be with you! As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you,"**⁵ which can only mean that as the Father sent Him to say what He said and do what He did in the exact same way, so He was sending the ten to say and do what He has told them and shown them in the exact same way.

Indeed, they were the ones who bore witness to how Jesus gave thanks, not just the fact that He gave thanks at the feeding of the 5000 and how He said to the man with the legion, **"What is your name?"**⁶ so that when their turn was to come to multiply the food and drive out demons, they would know what He said and how He said it, and their imitation of what they had heard and seen would bear witness to the

¹ Luke 23.34

² Revelation 3.2

³ John 5.19-20

⁴ John 12.49-50

⁵ John 20.21

⁶ Mark 5.9; Luke 8.30

truth of Jesus and His words when those watching would then be reminded that it is true that anyone who has faith in Him can do what He has been doing.

The details of how Jesus said or did most of what He said and did are not written, simply because they are not needed, for Jesus sent the Spirit of Truth who does not speak on His own but works for the honour of the One who sent Him. **The Holy Spirit is here to show us the 'how' as we read the 'what' in the Scriptures...** but then you would have to be one who can recognise His voice, otherwise you would not know who is the One speaking when He speaks.

So, elect, you can now begin to see the purpose for which you have been set aside and the work the Holy Spirit has for you. Set aside so that you may testify that Jesus is the Man of Truth about whom nothing is false, because in listening to Him, in practising His words, in working for His honour, you too can testify that it is possible to become a man of truth about whom nothing is false. And rather than speculate about what it means to be a man of truth, you who have learned not to speak on your own but to work for the honour of the One who sent you, will live such a life, and to live it and testify to it to make others witness it.

In Jesus and through Jesus we are shown what can be done with faith, with words, with spit, with saliva, with a few fish and barley loaves, with every situation and circumstance, so that what is impossible with man is made possible for the glory of God who sent you.

The power of a man of truth can then be seen clearly in the life of Jesus in all that He has done and said to honour the One who sent Him, and in so doing, He brought glory as well.

For in the hands of a man of truth, faith – that is, being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see⁷ – becomes reality, so that a mustard seed's worth is sufficient to move any mountain, for whatever a man of truth says and believes for in his heart is, for there is nothing false about what he says or what he believes for. Faith in the hands of those who are not men of truth is nothing more than theories, fantasies, hopes and dreams that may or may not be without certainty. The absence of falsehood gives certainty to faith and it is a man of truth who removes falsehood, for there is nothing false about him. As such, when you are a man of truth there is little need for faith, nor is there a need for much faith. The apostles cried out, **"Increase our faith!"⁸** when there was no need of that, for all they had to do was not speak on their own and honour the One who sent them by going where they were sent. As such, Jesus did not have to invest faith in believing that which He was told to say would happen, for He knew that what He said would be since there is nothing false about Him, and what faith He had was eventually invested in the Person who sent Him rather than what He needed to believe in. Likewise, when you are working for the honour of Jesus who sent you, you need not waste your faith believing for what you pray for, but rather, invest all your faith in Jesus the Man whom you believe and are coming to know, and that investment yields the returns as your unceasing practice of His words will likewise unceasingly show you the truth in the Man in the truth of His words.

Now, words in the hands of a man of truth become as dangerous as a double-edged sword and as sure as a foundation on a rock... for the words of a man of truth have nothing false about them and therefore, what those words construct and illustrate, reveal and decree, are and will be as if they always were... for words in a man of truth have no falsehood and without falsehood, these words then become what is, what will be, as if it always was, and come into the realm of being eternal. Which is why Jesus said, **"Heaven and Earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away."⁹** Words from a man of truth are eternal, for there is nothing false about them and as such, not only can they describe the present and prepare or form the future, they can also change the past, as God has said, **"I am making everything new!"¹⁰** For by his word a man of truth calls into being things that are not as if they were and they are!¹¹ You see, you cannot be a person who can call things that are not as though they were unless they are... otherwise you are a liar, and God is no liar; neither is Jesus. The reality that Jesus spoke not on His own but worked for the honour of the One who sent Him is what made Paul realise that God can and does call **things that are not as though they were.**¹²

Satan can do no such thing because he spoke on his own and was never sent, which was why God had to ask him, **"Where have you come from?"¹³** Since he was never sent he can never work for the honour of

⁷ Hebrews 11.1

⁸ Luke 17.5

⁹ Matthew 24.35

¹⁰ Revelation 21.5

¹¹ Romans 4.17

¹² Romans 4.17

¹³ Job 1.7; 2.2

the one who sent him, hence Satan is the father of lies because as Jesus said, "...there is no truth in him."¹⁴ The moment Satan worked without being sent for his own honour, he had no truth in him, and so all his words can only be false and therefore lies. Likewise, all the angels who joined him in the rebellion lost all the truth that was in them and became nothing but lying spirits even when they are trying to tell the truth. Now compare them with the one who was sent to be a lying spirit in the mouths of Ahab's prophets to entice him to his death. He succeeded because God said, "You will succeed..."¹⁵ but not only that, but because he (she) spoke up for the honour and glory of God so that Israel might be rid of a king who brought nothing but shame to God, even when God had mercy on him in not destroying him earlier as He promised through Elijah.

Now if you do not listen, how can you be sent? If you do not obey what you have heard, how can you honour? And if you speak of things contrary to what you have heard, have you not spoken on your own? And have you not ensured that falsehood abides in you and are you then surprised you have no certainty of what you believe for or see what is unseen? Should you be surprised then that your prayers are unanswered, your plans wither to nothing and your prophecies are proven false? You see, being a man of faith can save you, but it is a man of truth who has the confidence that he is saved and from that salvation walks into the new life. A man of faith lives in the constant hope of the salvation he has yet to see. **A man of truth lives as a consequence of his salvation... that life he knows is his already.**

Now, what then of knowledge, wisdom and understanding in the hands of a man of truth if words and faith alone can yield such results? **Because there is nothing false about a man of truth, then truth has reached its perfection in such a man and from that perfection, which comes not by the love of enemies but rather, it exists because of this reality: There is nothing false about him.** Then knowledge, wisdom and understanding manifest with the perfection that belongs to God alone, yet no longer, for that same perfection is now also available to he or she who does not speak on his or her own, but works for the honour of the One who sent him or her.

You see, He who was perfect was perfected in suffering... suffering at the hands of those who hated Him without reason, so that He would add to that perfection He had as the Man of Truth through His love of enemies, just as His Father is perfect because His Father loves His enemies. **Understand the perfection of the Father is in His love of enemies; the perfection of the Son is in Him being the Man of Truth honouring the Father who sent Him when Jesus also loved His enemies who crucified Him, which added to perfection and took perfection into the next realm, doing that which is impossible and proving that He is God, for with God nothing is impossible, and also making nothing impossible for God forever.**

As for us in whom there was no truth, for we were born slaves to sin, sold to Satan by our forefather Adam, we could not begin our existence as men of truth, for no one sent us to the slavery we were born into... Adam went into it contrary to God's command. As such, all men, all sons of Adam, are born rebels... and a rebel can never be a man of truth, for to be a rebel you have to work against the One who sent you. Knowing our state of wretchedness, **God gave Jesus the words for us to practise and in the command "Love your enemies" came the ability to transfer His perfection to us as we practised it.** However, the perfection that comes through the love of enemies is unreliable, not because God's word is unreliable, but because we cannot be relied on to practise it every time. However, it was enough to give us a deposit as it were of perfection and for us to come to know the Father all the more in His perfection and fullness of mercy... enough to **inspire** those who had practised to come to want to work for the honour of Jesus if He would send them.

So the perfection that came by the practice of the first command of love from Jesus gave those who obeyed it a grain of perfection, which would permit God to fulfill another truth of His word – **"...to everyone who has, more will be given..."**¹⁶ – **so that the sending of those who have practised might raise up one and ones who would work for the honour of the One who sent them and give God the harvest due Him from the Son He had sown...** more men of truth and a new creature, a female of truth, a daughter in the fullness of the stature of the Son... only female.

Now is it any wonder then that Paul saw a time when the Holy Spirit would be taken aside so that the **man of lawlessness would be revealed**¹⁷ **in order that the men of truth (male and female) may be tested and show to all creation the manifold wisdom of God,** that He planned not only to have sons and daughters, but sons and daughters worthy of the fullness of the stature of Christ?

¹⁴ John 8.44

¹⁵ 1 Kings 22.22; 2 Chronicles 18.21

¹⁶ Luke 19.26

¹⁷ 2 Thessalonians 2.3

So you see, elect, this much feared 'man of lawlessness' is really nothing more than a tool to test the manifold wisdom of God and prove Him true once more as he is allowed to do what is permitted so that those who have listened, obeyed and practised can release the man of truth (male and female) from within them. And as they release this creature on Earth, so it is released in Heaven... and the Kingdom of God can finally be launched at full power through men of truth in whom there is nothing false, so that the kingdom itself will have nothing false, not in its King or its citizens, thus becoming the kingdom that can truly endure forever.

So then, repent if you have spoken on your own. Repent if you have not listened. Repent if you have not obeyed. Repent if you have not been working. And if you have been working, repent if it was not for His honour but for yours.

For the man of truth is within you, waiting to come forth out of you to become one with you for the glory of God who planned this so long ago and brought it all forth for everyone to see when He said, "Let there be light," and there was light.¹⁸

Now do you understand or are you still dull of heart?

¹⁸ Genesis 1.3

The Man of Truth VIII – The Simplicity of Full Power

When Paul wrote to the Corinthians in his second letter – [For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds](#)¹ – the weapons that he wrote of can be seen firstly in his description of the armour of God in Ephesians 6: [Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes,](#)² where he lists the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit...³ and also the glory of God⁴.

What we fail to see in Paul's letter to the Ephesians is that his description gave encouragement to the disciples and believers in Ephesus to see themselves as soldiers... for he wrote to them about the defensive tactics they should adopt.

For his advice to them in verse 6 was: [Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes](#), and there was a note of futility and chance of being overwhelmed by the devil, for in verse 13 he wrote: [Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.](#) The whole passage speaks of a defensive posture to be adopted by the church, which was different from the offensive posture that belayed his writings to the Corinthians. As in all wars, there are moments of offensive action and defensive action, even in spiritual wars. However, if the church of Jesus Christ truly has weapons of divine power, then any defensive position by such a church could only be adopted in moments of rest and bivouacs, but not in moments of counter attacks by an inferior enemy. However, the defensive position that Paul advised the Ephesians to take in Ephesians 6 was in preparation to repel the devil's schemes with a tone to it as if they might be overwhelmed, hence his words: [...and after you have done everything, to stand.](#)

The letters of Paul show the fluctuating state of power within the church of his times. At times able to advance with divine power; other times defending what they had with a personal faith, righteousness, peace, truth, salvation and even the word, like a foot soldier... standing like Shammah took his stand. You see, Shammah took his stand to defend... not to attack.

So then, elect, as much as you need to learn from men like Shammah to take your stand of aloneness in God, [the purpose of your stand is not to defend, but rather, it is to advance... yes, advance.](#) Now, look at what is not written and see Shammah not standing in the field of lentils but advancing against the Philistines, and you will see Josheb-Basshebeth, a Tahkemomite, also known as Jashobeam, who raised his spear and killed 800 men in one encounter and 300 in another.⁵ Unlike Shammah who stood to defend, Josheb/Jashobeam advanced alone in offence and attacked the enemy fully, far more than Shammah did.

So likewise, the men of faith are the defenders; by faith they stand and defend that which they believe and know... even to the point of death. Like Noah, who by faith built the ark and so defended the last remnant of God's desired righteousness in men from the evil world of his day, those who take their stand against Satan's schemes are merely defending what God has given them, but are not expanding or building on what God gave them.

[The man of truth however, is not the one who stands to defend, but rather, advances to attack, to recover and to expand that which belongs to God.](#)

So then, elect, know that the command to listen to Jesus has been recovered and that which has been lost has been defined for you. Those of you who permit the man of truth to emerge from you are not being raised up to defend the Kingdom of God but to recover what was lost, and from there to expand and establish the beachhead of the Kingdom of God on Earth until Jesus arrives with the main force of His saints.

As such, the weapons of divine power Paul wrote of far exceed the shield, sword, belt, breastplate, helmet and shoes of the armour of God. For they include word, knowledge, wisdom, understanding, prophecy, signs, wonders and miracles, just to name a few... yes, a few, for the list of substances that

¹ 2 Corinthians 10.3-4

² Ephesians 6.10-11

³ Ephesians 6.14-17

⁴ Isaiah 58.8

⁵ 2 Samuel 23.8; 1 Chronicles 11.11

become weapons with divine power are without limit when there is a man of truth to wield them. Now, come and see why the Man of Truth is invincible and has laid the foundation for all who come after Him.

Except for lies and sin, all things – all substances and situations, physical and spiritual, seen and unseen – are created by God and God alone and come from the very substances of God. And indeed, as it is written: *God, for whom and through whom everything exists...*⁶ we know and understand easily that everything exists through God, for as Paul said to the Greeks, *"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of Heaven and Earth..."*⁷ However, we rarely realise that it is **for** God that everything exists. See the word: *God, for whom... everything exists...* That means everything – faith, word, wisdom, understanding, knowledge, light, death, prosperity, disaster, darkness, life, air, water, fire – everything exists **for God** and has come from the very substance of God.

It does not exist for someone else and even if someone else were to pick up a stone or use a word or faith, he is using something that has its existence for God, not for him. And since such things are from God and God alone... then, elect, know and understand now, once and for all, *everything that is made by God contains within it the very essence of God Himself, the essence of His glory as it were, not in its entirety as Jesus is the exact Representation of God's glory in its entirety*. No, but yet each and every substance seen and unseen, be it faith or a grain of sand, holds within it the purpose as well as the evidence of its origin of existence. And since God is Love and the Truth... the divinity that has been imparted in all created substances recognises the hand and the feet, the sound, the very thought of its Maker, and responds yielding the power within them to fulfil the very purpose of their existence... for all things exist for their Maker.

Herein then lays the glorious genius of God's plan through Jesus Christ that can never fail, even if it has been laying dormant for 2000 years.

The air and wind that responded to the words of Jesus, the water that held up His feet, the time that shortened so that the boat immediately reached the shore, the bread and fish that multiplied at His touch and word... recognised their Master for whom they exist, and responded, yielding forth the power that is inherent to them, the power that created and sustained them... and what is impossible for man became possible for the Man of Truth.

And likewise, anyone who believes in Jesus and has faith in Him and so has begun to honour Him can do what He has been doing and greater things than this will he do...⁸ because in the doing is the work that displays the honour of the One who sent him. So then, it is not as much that a man of truth who works for the honour of the One who sent him has all the power within him, but rather, *he has that power which causes all things which exist for God to yield their full power to him, for they too want to honour and glorify the God who brought them into existence* and are themselves released from bondage to find fulfilment in the destiny appointed for them by their Creator... to exist for the Creator for His good pleasure.

As such, dear reader, there is no detailed list of weapons of divine power in this Book of Wars of the Lord that you need to study as to acquire their divine power and learn their use of. No, that is the way of the world. Rather, what there is is a detailed description of the person you need to become... the man of truth just like Jesus Christ. For when you are such a person, everything becomes a weapon of divine power for you, because all that exists for God recognises the son of God in you and yields forth their power, which originated from God to your thought, word and action, so that God is glorified.

All the power, all the weapons, all the means, tools and substances for you, elect, to fulfil the work that the Holy Spirit has set you aside for already exists within you and around you. You only need to become a man of truth by learning to work for the honour of the One who sent you until you are truly working for His honour. Then you will find that faith, word, thought, action and even the elements of nature will yield their power and be whatever you purpose, whatever you think, whatever you say and whatever you do for the honour of Jesus.

You might have observed that those who do not work for the honour of the one who sent them can use these same God-created substances to destroy and enslave, as they use words to lie or faith to deceive, and even splitting the very elements to yield an imaginable destructive power... like the atom bomb. That is true, for all substances made by God can be manipulated to yield a measure of their God-given power and so appear to be controlled, but it is only to a man of truth that substances yield the fullness of

⁶ Hebrews 2.10

⁷ Acts 17.24

⁸ John 14.12

their power so that not only is the power evident, but the perfect, precision of the elegance of God in His divine nature is revealed.

For when Jesus turned water to good wine, the very atoms of hydrogen and oxygen split and welded together in what should have been a holocaustic release of atomic fission and fusion energy, which would have required massive machinery to contain if Jesus was not the Man of Truth that He is... but to Him the atoms responded to His very thought and a nuclear fusion reaction occurred in those clay jars where water became good wine without so much as a bubble breaking out of the water. Yes, an atom will yield a trace of divine power to men who desire to be 'God' themselves, but never with the elegance and simplicity with which it will yield to the man who honours God.

So have no fear... "Fear not," as the Lord has said,⁹ for even the very metal on the knife or bullet that is racing towards your flesh exists for God and not for His enemies and recognises the purpose for which it exists. Creation groans waiting for the sons of God to be revealed, as it is written,¹⁰ but until there are men of truth, how can there be sons of God, for God sent His Son, the Truth, to raise them?

So then, here is the simple secret to the power of the man of truth in whom there is nothing false. Not only do his thoughts, words and actions contain no falsehood, and therefore whatever he thinks, says or does becomes so that he can even call things that are not as if they were, and they are; but to such a man all substances seen and unseen gladly yield, for the divine power that has been placed in them by God is released cooperatively so that what he thinks, says and does manifests to an extent beyond what he may have intended. For creation has groaned too long and desires to be released from its bondage to fulfil the purpose for which God birthed it for in the first place – to yield forth the New Heavens and New Earth that would carry that which this creation forged with time into eternity for God's good, pleasing and perfect pleasure.

So, as we near the end of this phase of our journey, it is time to see what lays ahead and we have come full circle, elect, for the man of truth begins his existence by first listening to the One who will send him.

So then, "Listen to Him!"¹¹ Selah

The church that honours the One who sends it is the church of full power. "Let them who have ears to hear, hear what the One who sent them says."

⁹ Isaiah 43.1

¹⁰ Romans 8.19-21

¹¹ Matthew 17.5; Mark 9.7; Luke 9.35

Sanctification by Truth IX – The Anointing

Jesus prayed, "Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth. As You sent Me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify Myself, that they too may be truly sanctified."¹

When Jesus asked the Father to sanctify the eleven and also those who would believe in Jesus through their message,² He was asking that disciples be "Set apart for sacred use" or "Make holy,"³ as this is something done by the Father and reinforced by Jesus who also sanctified Himself so that the consequences of the disciples (us) being sent into the world would be nullified.

You see, when the Father was asked to sanctify us, it is not so that we would be secreted into a monastic life or a hermit's life to maintain and to live out our sanctification, but rather, the reason the Lord Jesus asked the Father to sanctify the disciples is because, "I have sent them into the world, as You sent Me into the world." So the holiness, the setting apart for sacred use, involves an engagement with the unholy world with all its sin and temptations in the same way as Jesus engaged the world – walking, talking, eating and drinking with sinners and tax collectors so that He came to be a "friend of tax collectors and 'sinners' "⁴.

Sanctification as such has been provided by the Father and the Lord, and we who are His disciples are sanctified for the **specific purpose** of being sent into the world **as He was sent into the world**. Sent into the world to finish the work was what Jesus was sent into the world for... to save the world and to reveal the Father to those the Father gave Him. Since the work of salvation of the world is finished and the revelation of the Father is finished by Jesus, for He said, "It is finished,"⁵ we are sent therefore not to do the sacred work, but sent as He was sent to do our own set of work with the same prerequisites which were given to Jesus... and that is, to work for the honour of the One who sent Him and to not speak on His own.

So, what then is our work? To preach the good news of the finished work of Jesus to all creatures, to make known the revelation of the Father to all who have been drawn by the Father and to allow the E/end to come with the completion of the preaching to all the nations. And this work is to be done as Jesus did it... to honour the One who sent us, that is, to honour Jesus.

Honour for Jesus begins when all creation, creatures and mankind rejoice at the good news of the **finished work of salvation** of the world... it is finished. We dishonour Jesus when the so-called gospel we preach calls sinners to believe so that salvation can begin in them, rather than to repent and believe that the work of saving them has been finished by Jesus. So perfect is that work that no one can add to it, but can only be grateful for it by living a life of one who is saved.

Jesus is dishonoured whenever men in His Name add more conditions for those who are meant to be the beneficiaries of salvation for salvation to begin. If the disciples understood the dishonour the men from Judea who came down to Antioch teaching the brothers, "Unless you are circumcised, according to the customs taught by Moses, you cannot be saved,"⁶ had brought to the Name of Jesus, there would be no need for Paul and Barnabas to go to Jerusalem to have the matter settled. Jesus said to the Jews who believed in Him⁷ but who did not continue in their belief, "...I honour My Father and you dishonour Me,"⁸ when they turned from their belief to disbelief and said, "Aren't we right in saying that You are a Samaritan and demon-possessed?"⁹

The moment James the Younger said, "...we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God,"¹⁰ and made his recommendations, he had in fact dishonoured Jesus, as if the way Jesus had made for Gentiles in John 4.40-41 to be saved is harder than partial observance of the Mosaic Law. It was also an insult to God who gave Moses the Law (which is more than the Ten Commandments), as if the Law was hard on the Jews in the first place. Harder than slavery in Egypt?

¹ John 17.17

² John 17.20

³ John 17.17 footnote

⁴ Matthew 11.19; Luke 7.34

⁵ John 19.30

⁶ Acts 15.1

⁷ John 8.31

⁸ John 8.49

⁹ John 8.48

¹⁰ Acts 15.19

You see, at any point we disbelieve, at any point we add to or belittle the work of Jesus, we have dishonoured Him.

So, how could have those men from Judea who went to Antioch been working for Jesus' honour? How could James' recommendations be working for Jesus' honour? And if they are not, then how much more we have never worked for the honour of the One who we say sent us when we have not listened to Him and our very words, actions and lives constantly make Him out to be a liar?

The truth that sets us free – when we learn to hold onto the teachings of Jesus, when we learn to listen to Him – is that we are constantly dishonouring Him with our work, and as such, there has been something false about us. Repentance of our falsehood, our practice of it, our love of it, is what will set us free into the true freedom to know the sanctification that is ours so that we may go as He went, for we have been sent as He was sent.

This sanctification is what John was speaking of when he wrote: **But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth.**¹¹ As articles of the old system were sanctified by the anointing of blood or oil, so articles of the New Covenant are anointed, sanctified, set apart by the truth – the word of God and the Truth, the Word of God (capital W). This anointing then is not just for a few, but for all who have believed and are disciples so that they are fit to be sent out as Jesus was sent out... and it reveals itself not as mighty oratory skills or signs, wonders or miracles or success... no, it reveals itself in honour.

When what a person says, does and plans for honours Jesus and His finished work, that is the anointing of truth and he who has that anointing is a man of truth... and the sanctification of the word and of the Lord is displayed when disciples who are sent out work for the honour of the One who sent them without speaking on their own.

So, from the time we began to dishonour Jesus, we began to lose the anointing. When we thought the words of His messengers were nonsense, we began to dishonour Him. When we went where we wanted after He told us to stay, we continued to dishonour Him. The road we have travelled from that first morning of the new birth of the Firstborn from the dead, from resurrection morning, has been the road of dishonour... and any relief along that road has been because God is gracious and will not allow Himself or His Son or His Spirit to suffer disgrace. Had we been travelling on the road of honour from the first morning, then the disciples would have encountered the Lord on the road and not in some locked room.

The man of God from Judea failed to honour the word of the Lord and instead of walking the road of honour to return to Judea, he encountered the lion on the road and received death and dishonour... for the donkey lived and he died.

Elijah, in running off before the cloud arrived at Mount Carmel, found himself fleeing from a woman's threat. Instead of being enveloped by that cloud and being transfigured on Mount Carmel, he met with the word of the Lord in a small dark cave.

Moses, when he struck the rock the second time and failed to **honour** the Lord as holy in the sight of Israel, was placed on the road to death rather than remaining on the road to the promised land and could only see it from a distance.

You see, a man of truth does not repent of sin as a sinner repents; rather, his repentance and his concern are of dishonour and honour. Repentance of our dishonour of Jesus restores us to the road of honour... the road where we might encounter Jesus and be changed even as we are on our way. Failure to repent of our dishonouring of Him casts us on to the road, the broad road, of destruction where only death, fear and a distant view of what we lost awaits us.

See in 1 Kings 13.24 after the lion had killed the man of God from Judah, the lion and the man's donkey stood beside his dead body. Why did the man of God not repent and remain in Bethel, for after all, was not the word of the Lord to him after his disobedience this: **"Therefore your body will not be buried in the tomb of your fathers"**?¹² Had he showed his repentance by honouring the word of the Lord by staying put in Bethel so as to fulfil the word, he would have lived and enjoyed a ministry in Bethel as the man who shrivelled and healed the arm of the king. You see, even when God is angry with His servants, His word of rebuke still gives life and honour and life abundantly, if only we learn to honour Him. For the man of God to hop on his donkey to go back to Judea was adding dishonour to disobedience.

¹¹ 1 John 2.20

¹² 1 Kings 13.22

Elijah redeemed himself when he obeyed the Lord and went and anointed the men God told him to anoint, including his own successor. His obedience to the rebuke saved him from death. Moses' obedience to anoint Joshua, the choice of God, saved his body from decay, and centuries later he did set foot on the promised land as he stood on the Mount of Transfiguration with Elijah to speak to Jesus of His day. So, what did Elijah and Moses have in common? When they knew they had dishonoured the Lord, they restored His honour by obeying Him at His rebuke without trying to behave as if the rebuke never happened, like the man of God from Judah did. Have you not wondered why we do not know his name? When you do not know someone, you do not know even his name.

The encounter of Saul on the road to Damascus is a very different encounter, different from the nameless one, from Elijah and from Moses. For Saul was on the road to Damascus to honour the ones who sent him, the sanhedrin, and in a way, to honour the God he knew as a pharisee of pharisees. Even though he was breathing threats and murder, honour of the one who sent him was truly in his heart, and so he met with his true Master on that road, and it changed him forever. The eleven did not set out on their road as they were commanded, invited and told, and even though they saw Him again at least three times, it did not change them for long. Whereas Paul relinquished all his Jewishness, except when he listened to the elders of Jerusalem... the eleven were only too eager to re-embrace their Jewishness at the first opportunity.

As long as Paul had nothing to do with the observance of the Law for his righteousness, his sanctification was in place so that no one could hold him... even a prison was broken by an earthquake when he sang. The moment he went back to participating in the observance of the Law, especially in a purification rite, he broke not faith... no, he broke honour with Jesus and suffered the consequences.

You see, elect, when you are a believer you can break the faith, for that is all you have with God as long as you remain a believer. However, when you are sent as Jesus was sent... and now understand this, disciples... Jesus was not sent as a Man of God, nor as a Disciple of Moses or of God for that matter... He was sent as a Son, the only begotten Son, for He had testified, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son... that the world through Him might be saved"¹³ ...Jesus was sent as a Son, the Son... so likewise, when we are sent as He was sent, we are sent firstly as sons who have been disciplined to bear witness to the truth of God as He was.

And sons do not break faith with the Father who sent them. No, unfortunately, I wish that is all we break... sons, elect, break the honour of the Father and in so doing, break His heart whenever they do not work for His honour.

The prodigal son broke the honour of his father when he wasted his share of the inheritance on foolish living and lived amongst the pigs. If he had been seen by those who knew his father, he would have brought shame to his father... and shame to your father is to break his honour.

The commandment that carries a blessing: "Honour your father and your mother so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you,"¹⁴ was to teach the Israelites the truth of honour, for when you cannot **honour** your father and mother you know you can never honour God whom you do not know. Though Jesus lived only thirty-three years in Canaan, He will live a millennium as its King very soon.

So you see, elect, it is true that "...narrow is the road... and only a few find it,"¹⁵ for the road that leads you to all God has planned for you is called righteousness, and to find that road takes honour. Righteousness may be credited to you by faith... true, but it is honour that confirms that righteousness.

Your faith in God may have accredited to you the righteousness to receive the salvation, but it is your honouring of God that manifests for you the righteousness of His salvation, that is, God showing creation the rightness of saving you... the justification of your salvation, why you are truly worth saving, so that in the end He is not ashamed of you and will not say to you, "I never knew you."¹⁶

So then, elect, your journey from here on is not the walk of faith, neither is it the walk of knowledge... for Satan knows but will not honour. You see, the antichrists, all antichrists, even *the* antichrist, have faith; they have the faith to deny Jesus is the Christ and to believe in other gods and even themselves as a god. So they are walking that road of faith. The antichrist himself knows Jesus is coming back. He

¹³ John 3.16-17 NKJV

¹⁴ Exodus 20.12

¹⁵ Matthew 7.14

¹⁶ Matthew 7.23

doesn't just believe it... no, like you, he knows it, and he is out to oppose it. So, when you see that the road of faith and knowledge in God and about God is not as holy or sacred as you thought it was... it is then you will see the path few see... that path of honour upon which a man of truth alone will venture and have his encounter at the end of it to be one greater than a man of truth. Sufficient however for now that you see the path and walk in it, as the Holy Spirit says, **"This is the way; walk in it."**¹⁷

That sanctification, which has always been yours, manifests in its fullness when you walk the way of honour for the One who has sent you, and the man of truth whom God has sent is revealed full of grace and truth with power to confirm every word he has been told to say.

So then, elect, **the work for which you have been set aside for by the Holy Spirit is that same work Barnabas and Saul were set aside for** – to oppose all those who dishonour the Lord and His Name, to bring to nothing all who have added or subtracted from the prophecy of Jesus Christ, who have added to His delay in returning and who have subtracted from the honour and glory of the fulfilment of His promise: **"Yes, I am coming soon"**¹⁸ ...restoring honour to Jesus by proving that it was we, His lazy and wicked self-serving servants, who prevented and delayed His return so that **"soon"** has become a laughable 2000 years.

And restoring the glory by turning the delay into a richer, deeper harvest and more auspicious occasion, so that not only will the Son of Man find faith when He returns, but He will find knowledge, and more than knowledge... **honour**. He will have no fear of not being recognised, no matter what form He chooses, for this time there will be those who know Him even though they have never seen Him.

And if He were hungry He need not ask or tell us, only to find a piece of broiled fish brought to Him, but rather, a fruit that even the Tree of Life has not borne... a fruit denied the Tree of Life for Adam had shunned it for the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. He will find... He must find... He should find honour awaiting Him... honour that He can receive and treasure to forge into a dowry befitting His bride, the New Jerusalem, coming out of God from Heaven. Honour!

As Jerusalem of old was trampled by gentiles... so the New Jerusalem will enjoy honour because of her King, her Husband, the Lamb of God, who resides in her, and as John saw it, so it shall be... **the kings of the Earth will bring their splendour into it. On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. The glory and honour of the nations will be brought into it.**¹⁹

You see, dear brothers and sisters, your Father is generous beyond understanding, for what else can you expect from One who is **"kind to the ungrateful and wicked"**²⁰? If that is how He is to those who are wicked and ungrateful, how much more will He be to those who are grateful and who do not forsake Him, who do not leave Him to pursue their own desires, goals and ambitions, whilst demanding from Him what they want; those who do not leave Him assuming that He does not need or appreciate their help? God is God and He does not need our help... yes, after all He has said if He were hungry He would not tell us. Now that is a sad, sad statement that we must never allow God to ever say again. What sort of sons or daughters are we if we cause our Father to say, **"If I were hungry I would not tell you"**²¹?

No, to those who are grateful, to those who have ears to hear the desires, the needs and the hopes of God in every carefully chosen, perfect word... God gives the power of a man of truth in whom is nothing false. Power to not only part the Red Sea with an outstretching of the arm, but the power to cause Him to set the day and hour for the arrival of Jesus Christ, because what He needs, what He desires and what He hopes for Jesus to receive is in its place on Earth.

So then, set your heart, mind, will and strength not only to love the Lord your God, but set it all to honour Him, and to honour Him not as students, servants or friends do... no, but as sons and daughters would honour their good Father, whose Apple of His eye is His Firstborn... bringing joy as well as honour to the Father in how you participate in the preparation for the Kingship and soon and coming marriage of the Heir to His bride.

So, lift up your eyes, elect... if you complete this simple task of bringing the Son of God back with honour to crown Him King of the Earth, the Son of Man... then it will be your reward to not only reign with Him, but your privilege to prepare the New Jerusalem for her immortal appearance out of the Heavens. Immortal because the sight of her coming out of Heaven from God will be forever emblazoned in the eyes

¹⁷ Isaiah 30.21

¹⁸ Revelation 22.20

¹⁹ Revelation 21.24-26

²⁰ Luke 6.35

²¹ Psalm 50.12

and hearts of every creature, great and small. To some it will be eternal joy, but to others it will be eternal torment.

So honour Him who has sanctified you for the work He has for you and guard yourself from dishonouring Him. Let the patriarchs' lives teach you, rebuke you and discipline you, so that together with you we may all testify to the goodness of what God had planned, for as it is written: [Only together with us would they be made perfect.](#)²²

All those heroes of faith are waiting, waiting for the heroes of truth. So together... yes, together shall they witness...

[Love and faithfulness meet together;](#)
[Righteousness and peace kiss each other.](#)
[Faithfulness springs forth from the Earth,](#)
[And righteousness looks down from Heaven.](#)
[The Lord will give what is good,](#)
[and our land will yield its harvest.](#)²³

Sanctified, yes!

Anointed, yes!

But only as sons... when we are sent to work for His honour is He truly glorified.

²² Hebrews 11.40

²³ Psalm 85.10-12

The Destroyer

"See, it is I who created the blacksmith who fans the coals into flame and forges a weapon fit for its work. And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc..."¹

Anyone reading these words who does not know and understand the story and the reality God faced and faces, might have thought that God is a diabolical megalomaniac who unleashed the most horrible of human experiences on the Earth – war. And for God to say, "And it is I who have created the destroyer to work havoc..." certainly would challenge the beliefs and doctrines of those who live on a faith fed by candy from stories of God's blessings. God blesses, yes... but God is just and God is a Warrior and so it should not surprise anyone that God created the destroyer to work havoc against His enemies. As to the so-called 'dark' side of God, God has never kept it a secret, for He declared, "I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things."²

Why the destroyer to work havoc? Because when Satan deceived Eve and Adam disobeyed, these three caused the destruction of God's plan to raise up His created image to become just like Him without having to nail Jesus to the cross in the flesh, even though He was already the Lamb of God slain before the foundation of the world.

Even though you may be unfamiliar with the term 'destroyer' being applied to men of God, and by habit think only of Satan as the destroyer... it is time to see and know that Satan is not the only destroyer, but God has had many destroyers. Even though Satan is a destroyer, for all murderers and liars are destroyers, Satan was not created by God as a destroyer to wreak havoc. The description of Satan in Ezekiel 28 does not sound like a creature made and created for causing havoc through destruction. No... for he was "anointed as a guardian cherub,"³ that is, as one who guards, protects and oversees as to preserve and not destroy. However, when Satan trespassed into the garden he became a destroyer, of which Isaiah wrote about: Woe to you, O destroyer, you who have not been destroyed! When you stop destroying, you will be destroyed; when you stop betraying, you will be betrayed.⁴

No one who has not experienced destruction and betrayal is allowed to be a destroyer, as such destroyers will be destroyed themselves when this work is over.

The first man of any righteousness worthy of God to be used as a destroyer, Noah, by his faith condemned the world and by his work brought forth its destruction. You see, Noah's faith alone would not have been sufficient to effect the destruction of the world, for it was only when Noah **finished** the building of the ark that God said, "Seven days from now I will send rain on the Earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the Earth every living creature I have made."⁵ And so, by his faith Noah condemned the world and by his work destroyed it by unleashing the promised flood.

You may lament the destruction of the world, but lament it not, for it was not a world God ever intended, populated with creatures not of His handiwork – Nephilim lording it over the sons and daughters of men. And if their fathers, the angels, were marrying any women they chose,⁶ then you can be certain those Nephilim would have been absolute tyrants as well, with power beyond that of Adam's sons, creating a world according to their schematics and not God's.

So God, the Creator, has the right to remove all trespassers from what is His and to destroy all that He had not authorised to exist. Understand this, elect, for this is the basis of your authority as well.

God only ever sends His destroyers, be they a man like Noah or an angel, when His people do not obey Him and worse than disobeying Him, become His enemies to the detriment of the generations yet to come. If God allowed the world of Noah to continue with its Nephilimic society, then all future generations of the sons of Adam would be subject to the rule of the Nephilim and would never have an opportunity to ever see and live even a shadow of the life God had intended for them.

When the angels went through Israel with their plagues, every time it was because Israel was in rebellion. When the Levites were unleashed on their own brothers, it was because Israel had prostituted

¹ Isaiah 54.16

² Isaiah 45.7

³ Ezekiel 28.14

⁴ Isaiah 33.1

⁵ Genesis 7.4

⁶ Genesis 6.2,4

herself with the golden calf. Aaron was 'lucky' to be spared for a while because he was needed, but when his two sons burnt unauthorised incense, they were instantly destroyed.

Sennacherib and Nebuchadnezzar, the Assyrians and the Babylonians, were raised up as destroyers because Israel and Judah persisted in their prostitution and rebellion. However, of those two when they overstepped their authority, one was killed by his own sons and the other went mad, and when they were no longer required, they were removed as enemies as well.

So, elect, do not be surprised when you read, "And it is I who created the destroyer to work havoc..." for you yourselves have been listening to the Destroyer of destroyers these last nine years and following Him. Yes, Jesus is the Lamb of God who took away the sin of the world... yes, Jesus is the Son of God who has saved the world... yes, Jesus is the One who has revealed the Father to us, and all who believe in His Name and in Him will be saved... indeed He is Saviour.

However, in being God's Saviour for us, He is also God's Destroyer of all that God hates and all that God rejects. For John has testified that Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil⁷ and Paul testified He has destroyed the power of sin, which is death.⁸ In fact, Paul told us that Jesus will destroy all dominion so that He can hand back every power and authority to God the Father.⁹

In His work of salvation and revelation, Jesus destroyed the darkness as the Light. He destroyed the lie as the Truth. He destroyed the imprisonment as the Gate. He destroyed the senseless wandering of the lost by being the Way. He destroyed death by being the Life. He destroyed sin by being the Sin Offering. He destroyed ignorance with His knowledge, and cruelty, injustice and all manners of evil by all that He is... the Great Amen of God's work. Just to list a few of the things Jesus destroyed.

So that is it any surprise that you should now also come to know and see Him, the Lord and Saviour, the King, as also the Destroyer sent by God who brings nothing but woes to the enemies of God? It should not surprise you, for the Creator of the destroyer certainly would know how to be a Destroyer Himself and if the created destroyers can wreak havoc... then is it any wonder that these days of distress that are upon us are unequalled since the creation of the world?

Unequalled by the destruction of the Nephilimic world; unequalled by the stripping of Egypt; unequalled by the decimation of Jericho; unequalled by the sacking of Jerusalem and the conquest of the Assyrians and the Babylonians... unequalled, for when God sent His destroyers of old as He did against Jerusalem, He said, "I will send four kind of destroyers against them. The sword to kill and the dogs to drag away and the birds of the air and the beasts of the Earth to devour and destroy."¹⁰

He has in the past only ever sent destroyers with angelic powers and men with human power by the sword, but He also gave us glimpses of the devastation that men with divine power can do when Sampson killed the Philistines, Elijah called down fire and Elisha blinded the whole Aramean army.¹¹

Yet to none of them had been entrusted the fullness of the Holy Spirit and none of them were called the elect of the Lord, the Holy Spirit. What every destroyer of God had in common, who themselves were not destroyed, is this: They all did it for the honour of the One who sent them. Those who were raised up as destroyers but dishonoured God as they worked, were themselves destroyed. As the Lord said in Isaiah 10, "Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of My anger, in whose hand is the club of My wrath! I send him against a godless nation, I dispatch him against a people who anger Me, to seize loot and snatch plunder, and to trample them down like mud in the streets. But this is not what he intends, this is not what he has in mind; his purpose is to destroy, to put an end to many nations."¹² Assyrians overstepped the mark and began to glorify themselves... "For he says, 'By the strength of my hand I have done this, and by my wisdom, because I have understood.'¹³

So then, the men of truth who work for the honour of the One who sends them, in whom is nothing false, are the destroyers that God will send forth into the world... and by their destruction of all that opposes the knowledge of God and the restoration of all that God had intended for the church and the Earth... will bring the days of distress.

⁷ 1 John 3.8

⁸ 1 Corinthians 15.54

⁹ 1 Corinthians 15.24

¹⁰ Jeremiah 15.3

¹¹ Judges 15-16; 2 Kings 1,6

¹² Isaiah 10.5-7

¹³ Isaiah 10.13

A man of truth who starts off simply as someone who would listen to the One who is sending him and obeys, destroys rebellion in all its disguises. Had Adam listened to God who put him in the garden, he would have destroyed Satan there and then, and saved God the problem.

Had one of the twelve not waited until dark but went immediately to Bethsaida in the boat, he would have destroyed the disobedience of those who were planning to go to Capernaum. Had one of the eleven gone to Galilee as soon as the messages were given, he would have destroyed the unbelief of the others, and the list goes on.

Anyone who obeys the Father and listens to Jesus to practise His word until he is ready to be sent can be a man of truth (or a woman of truth). You see, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother could not fulfil the conditions for the launching of the Kingdom of God from Galilee, for the word, the command, the decree, the invitation, was, "Go and tell My brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see Me."¹⁴

However, now it is the Holy Spirit who sets aside His elect for His work... and He who does not speak on His own will speak on His own, for the rebellion and disobedience cannot be tolerated any further. Above all else, He is able to speak on His own because He has finished His work in disciples who have listened to Jesus.

He now has once more one and ones in whom His work of reminding them what Jesus has said, guiding them into all truth, telling them what is yet to come, convicting them of righteousness, telling them what He has heard, revealing to them what belongs to Jesus and bringing glory to God and empowering them to be the witnesses of Jesus is finished!

As He had in Barnabas and Saul when He did speak on His own, as He said to the church in Antioch, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them,"¹⁵ so now, elect, He has one and ones in whom He has finished His work and the Spirit can speak on His own. So hear Him, you who have ears to hear, for as the Lord has always done new things to herald in a new age – where there was no rain, He brought rain through Noah; where there was no grace He brought grace through Jesus – so He is about to do a new thing. So where there has been no fulfilment, He will bring forth the fulfilment... the men of truth, males and females, who work for the honour of the One who sent them.

Destroyers of a type the world has never seen, avengers of God who restore the honour due His Name and the justice denied His Son, who unleash the vengeance He has held back for a time such as this. So, see with God nothing is impossible.

For without a blacksmith, without fire or coals, He has forged a weapon fit for war. With the fullness of grace and truth and the fire of His love He has forged the Man of Truth... the Destroyer of all that opposes God, the Avenger of all that dishonours God. So the time has come... for the kings of the Earth, the princes, the generals, the rich, the mighty, and every slave and every free man... to call to the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us..."¹⁶

Have you not heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for Us?"¹⁷ Whom indeed? The word is spoken, its power unleashed and that which it is purposed by God's will will be manifested.

Arise, avengers of God... arise and rejoice!

To all who live on the Earth, above the Earth and below the Earth, "Peace and grace to all who love God and honour Him," for the Avenger comes.

¹⁴ Matthew 28.10

¹⁵ Acts 13.2

¹⁶ Revelation 6.15-16

¹⁷ Isaiah 6.8

The Avenger of Blood

As mentioned in the previous chapter, whenever God does something new He brings something new with which to bring about the change. When He purposed to wipe out the Nephilimic world to give the sons and daughters of Adam a fresh start in a world without Nephilims, He brought rain to a world that knew no rain or flood. When He introduced His nation into a world where no nation belonged to Him, He brought the law through Moses when no nations on Earth had any law from God. And when He wanted to bring salvation to the world where there was only law, He sent Jesus who brought His grace to a world that only had His curse and His law.

And now as we enter the final days of this age of grace, He is bringing something new again – fulfilment. For no one in the church age has ever lived in a time such as this when the fullness of the words of Jesus is available for all and sundry to read, listen to, believe and practise until they are all mastered and witnessed to as being true. Now before the millennium begins when men will see the Son of God/the Son of Man physically in their presence again, God is bringing in something new to introduce the next age – fulfilment.

For until all the Scriptures of the New Covenant were put together to join with the Scriptures of the Old Covenant in the 'Library', for almost 1500 years no one had all the commands, decrees and laws of Jesus in one place so that no one, even if they wanted to, could fulfil that which is written as Jesus fulfilled that which was written about Him and for Him in the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms.

The locking away of the Library by the church had certainly prevented anyone who had faith in Jesus from fulfilling any command, decree and law of Jesus in his own life for himself. For when the professional clergy locked away the Library, they replaced it with their catechisms, which prevented everyone who wished to from fulfilling all that Jesus has said that needs to be fulfilled. It is only now, hundreds of years since the printing press unlocked the Bible and since the Lutheran reformation, that believers have free and full access to the written Scriptures so that anyone may study them.

In particular, it is now that anyone who obeys the Father and listens to Jesus can see for himself all the laws, commands, decrees and prophecies of Jesus and live them in his personal life so that all that is written for a believer, a disciple, a servant, a friend and a brother or sister of Jesus can find fulfilment in the body of Christ, the church. It is such availability and possibility of fulfilment of the words of Jesus in the lives of more than two or three witnesses that allows all things to be made certain, especially the certainty of the end of this age.

For where we have failed Jesus most evidently is in our lack of belief in the literal meaning and application of John 11.26. No one alive can testify to John 11.26 and all who are dead only wait in the hope of John 11.25. Even now the majority of those who call themselves believers, even disciples, live in the hope of John 11.25 – to die and live again at the resurrection. And as pointed out in an earlier book, many are still ignorant of the two resurrections that are to come, not one.

Another scripture of Jesus that we have failed to fulfil is John 14.12. Few if any can do what Jesus has been doing, much less the greater things. And when you combine that with some of the outright anti-Jesus teachings that are practised by certain groups, little wonder, I say, that there has been no fulfilment of the laws, commands or decrees in sufficient witnesses for the Lord God to bring this age to an end.

But now the Holy Spirit has you who have listened to Jesus and practised His words to see the truth about our disobedience, our disbelief, our disunity and our distractions of the last 2000 years to realise that which Jesus has spoken remains unfulfilled. For to fulfil the words of Jesus requires persons who have listened carefully enough to understand what He meant, much less believe and know and then go when sent to practise them and bear witness to the truth that they are for His honour.

Did the twelve go to Capernaum for His honour? No.

Did the eleven hide in Jerusalem on resurrection morning for His honour? No.

Did the seven go fishing in Galilee for His honour? No.

Did they select Matthias without waiting for the Holy Spirit for His honour? No.

Did James the Younger speak up for Jesus' honour with his recommendations? No.

And we know what happened after the first generation of disciples was gone, just like what happened to Israel after the generation of Joshua was gone.

So if you are looking for an Old Testament similarity to what has happened to you, look to Josiah and what followed Josiah's restoration of the Book of the Law. It is a shadow of what is about to happen to the church of Jesus Christ, whether you like it or believe it or not. Opinions and faith matter less now than repentance. No matter what you believe, no matter what you hold to be true, it matters little... for the days that are coming, if you have not learnt to listen to Jesus in the way the Father commanded, will surely test you.

Listening to Jesus the way the church defines listening to Jesus is useless if it does not conform with the standard that the Father has in mind. These words of Jesus to the church in Sardis – "...I have not found your deeds complete in the sight of My God"¹ – begin with the way we listen to Jesus, much less in whether or how we practise His words.

To listen to Jesus at the standard prescribed by the doctrines and theologies of the church, no matter what denomination, will incur these words of Revelation 3.2. You do not have to agree or concur, for each person will be tested and judged soon enough. However, those who are wise and have understanding will quickly realise that to listen to Jesus at the standard commanded by the Father is the only sure way to fulfill and complete the fulfillment of this command.

Likewise, learning to believe and practise the commands, decrees and laws of Jesus at the standard that Jesus had in mind is the only sure way to fulfill them to His satisfaction. And how do we know if we have done it the right way? The conviction of righteousness that comes from the Holy Spirit is that first sign of course, followed by the voice of the Holy Spirit recalling to your remembrance these words of Jesus: "Well done, good and faithful servant!"² a word that is confirmed by the power of the Holy Spirit entrusted to you so that you can do what Jesus did and more.

When you have a person who is dedicated to working for the honour of the one who sent him, there you also have a person who will fulfill that which he is sent to fulfill. Jesus – the Man of Truth because He worked for the honour of the One who sent Him – naturally fulfilled all that was for Him to fulfill. Likewise, now that we can read for ourselves what needs to be fulfilled, then those who do work for the honour of Jesus who sent them will fulfill all that needs to be fulfilled. And so for the first time in the age of the church, fulfillment is at hand.

And so anyone who hears the words of Jesus and believes them changes from an unbeliever to a believer; just as anyone who, having believed, chooses to practise the words becomes a disciple; just as any disciple who chooses to then serve once their practice is complete becomes a servant; just as a servant who develops a friendship while he is serving his Lord and Master becomes a friend; just as a friend who is adopted to the family with equal rights as coheir becomes a brother or sister. This is what the words of Jesus, the testimony of Jesus, does to everyone. It changes them and brings out of them a new life, a new role, a new perspective, to live and fulfill. And any believer, disciple, servant, friend or brother who has listened enough to be sent by Jesus and who works for His honour, is changed by the sending and his honouring of the One who sent him to be a man of truth about whom nothing is false. The man of truth – this creature of such absolute power because there is nothing false about him so that whatever he thinks, says and does is true, being able to speak into existence things that are not as if they were so that they are – has always had what it takes to fulfill all that must be fulfilled. It is only that now what must be fulfilled is wholly made known. As such, the saints who have gone before us, who did work for the honour of the One who sent them, were men and women of truth, but they were not in a position to bring about the fulfillment of all that is written. Such a privilege is left to those whom the Holy Spirit has elected, for now that which is written is complete and may be fulfilled.

Now if the testimony of Jesus can change men and women as it has been outlined so that their sending out can bring out the men of truth in them, then there is one final revelation of the testimony of Jesus that will change the man of truth into the creature/man who will bring terror to the heart and soul of every enemy of Jesus on the Earth and beneath the Earth.

What happens to the man of truth – the one who works for the honour of the One who sent him, in whom there is nothing false – so that he has the fullness of power entrusted to him? What happens when he finds out that the One he honours, the One he loves, the One who is his Saviour, his Teacher, his Master, his Friend, his Brother, was not slain or killed only, but was in fact murdered? The plot of the Sanhedrin to murder Jesus and the running of the roman spear through His body meant that the death of Jesus did not prevent His murder. The intent was there and the intent was proven by the act perpetrated on His corpse. Just because Jesus is the Lamb of God slain before the foundation of the world... just because He

¹ Revelation 3.2

² Matthew 25.21

is the Son of Man crucified as the Sin Offering so that all who believe may be the righteousness of God... does not allow men who plotted His murder and who did carry out their intention to escape the justice due Jesus for His murder.

The crucifixion of Jesus, the sacrifice of Jesus, allows sinners who repent to be saved and become saints. However, the murder of Jesus allows His kinsmen to be the avengers of blood. The truth that they did plot to murder Jesus with their false witness and testimony and their insistence of crucifixion when Pilate wanted Jesus set free, is the proof of the intent of the murder.

Now then, herewith is the most terrifying of the weapons of God – the man of truth about whom is nothing false who becomes the avenger of blood for his Kinsman who was murdered.

You see, elect, anyone may want to be an avenger of blood when his loved ones are murdered. However, if you are not able to overcome the murderer when you find him, but the murderer himself overpowers you, then the avenger becomes another victim himself. And so it has been through the ages as men and women better than you and I have stood their ground and refused to deny the testimony of Jesus and the word of God in order to bring justice to Jesus, the Victim, have also fallen victim to the murderer and his henchmen (his sons) and have been added to the number of the martyrs who await the day of their vengeance, even now. Multitudes of our brothers and sisters have also been murdered, just as our Saviour, our Teacher, our Master, our Friend and our Brother was murdered. The evidence is complete and the witnesses are proven true because their words have been tested and have been found trustworthy.

The account of Matthew about the trial of Jesus is trustworthy. Likewise also the accounts of Mark, Luke and John... and when there is more than one witness, then the murder is exposed. Those who now can loose on Earth their testimony that they know Jesus was murdered, then by their testimony release the avenger of blood as it is written. And the avenger is free to fulfill his work that he was sent to do for the honour of the One who sent him. As it is written: "The avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death; when he meets him, he shall put him to death."³

Certainly, those who intended to murder and share that same intent to murder Jesus by refusing to believe that He has risen from the dead can be put to death by the avenger of blood when he meets them. Even those who are like those described in Numbers 35.22-23, for whom the shelter of the city of refuge was available, will not escape... for now there are no cities of refuge. There is no temple even in Jerusalem in the first place... and for those who run into the Lord Jesus as refuge, they forfeit the power to turn away the avengers of blood if they refuse to be witnesses that He lives by working to bring Him back to Earth.

There is now no escape for all who refuse to repent and believe, for men and women of truth are being released, men and women who have the power to speak into existence things that are not as if they were so that they are, who can take captive every thought and make them obedient to Jesus, demolish every stronghold and argument that raises itself up against the knowledge of God, because they are working for the honour of the divinity of God's Son, and so the power that works in them is divine. And because the truth of the attempted murder of Jesus, which was enacted on His dead body with a roman spear, is revealed and testified to by more than three witnesses, then released also from amongst these men and women of truth are the avengers of the blood of the Lamb.

Some are like the two witnesses, those prophets who will be killed to rise first, others will be like those who will remain alive but will rise up to greet the Lord in the clouds after the dead in Christ rise, but whether they are dead or alive when Jesus arrives, until Jesus arrives there now roams the Earth the avengers of blood, kinsmen of the Victim, Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Woe to any who meets with them, who have refused the grace and mercy of the Father of the Victim. Woe to them, for the avengers who have power enough to overcome the murderers are now released... men and women who can stand beside the sea of glass and who will be victorious over the beast and his image and the number of his name, who will sing, "Great and marvelous are Your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are Your ways, King of the ages. Who will not fear You, O Lord, and bring glory to Your Name? For You alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before You, for Your righteous acts have been revealed."⁴

Woe! Woe! To inhabitants of the Earth whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the

³ Numbers 35.19

⁴ Revelation 15.3-4

creation of the world. Woe! To all who forsake the grace and mercy of the Father of Jesus Christ. Woe! For the men of truth have become the avengers of blood because their Brother was murdered.

To those who are not sent for this time, hold onto what you have until He comes. And yes, He is coming soon! The Warrior King.