

CHAPTER 5

PERFECT OBEDIENCE - ABSOLUTE AUTHORITY

...."If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied "Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father"....

Philippians 2:1-11

GIVE THE WORD OF GOD PRE-EMINENCE

This is a truly exciting time in the Church for all those who are seeking to know the deepest thoughts and intentions (revelations) of the Father's heart, for through the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit that is taking place, even now, many, many things are being revealed and the light that is shining forth is great. All those who will truly give the Word of God pre-eminence in their lives and thus continually seek to be obedient to the leadings of the Holy Spirit shall have their hearts "enlarged" to receive these revelations. All consciousness of sin and all sin-consciousness shall be cleansed away by the power of the Blood of Jesus and washed thoroughly through the water of the Word, and thus they shall be renewed in their mind to the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart. Every child of God must have a revelation of the fact that as they seek the Father with a view to carrying out His will, they will surely find - and have revealed to them - all that they need to fulfil their portion of the ministry of Jesus Christ. One must never

be concerned with the attainment of any knowledge apart from the revealed knowledge of God's Word, for if we feed ourselves with things that are not needful for the work of the Kingdom then we have surely lost sight of the goal or the vision which only God Himself can give us. Each day we, as children of God, must strive - in and by the Holy Spirit - to come into a deeper dependence upon the Father and His Word for ALL things - and for the meeting of all our "needs".

Any child of God who is not actively walking in ALL of the light that they have been blessed with, through the ministry of the Holy Spirit and their exercising of an absolute faith, has surely allowed the "leaven" of the flesh to both blind them and carry them outside of the perfect will of God to a certain degree.

WE ARE ALL CALLED TO BE OF THE SAME MIND - THE MIND OF CHRIST!

As we continue our study on spiritual authority we shall see clearly - from the ministry of Jesus - the "attitude" which we must maintain if our desire is to truly serve God and do the things which are pleasing to Him at all times. As we look at the beginning of the second chapter of Philippians we see clearly Paul's exhortation to be of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. Indeed we are called to be of the same mind, the mind of Christ, and to maintain the same love, the love shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit and we are to be united in spirit through an absolute dependence upon the Word of God for our entire lives and ministries - for it is only in this way that we become intent on one purpose, that is, the purpose of God. That purpose is to destroy the strongholds of Satan and set the captives free.

Paul goes on to say:

...."Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind, let each of you regard one another as more important than himself"....

We must never allow ourselves to be motivated by a desire for "self-preservation" or seek anything which would serve only to benefit us - apart from benefitting the Kingdom of God, and the only way to avoid this is to "consider" the will of God at all times. Failure to regard the Word of God as the ultimate authority in our lives will surely result in a departure out of the love of God and into the selfishness of the "flesh". It has been the failure of many children

of God to consider Christ (the Word of God - the Anointed One and His Anointing) first in their lives on a day to day, moment to moment basis that has prevented them from having their minds renewed to the will and purposes of the Father. For it is only in that place of abiding that our love towards both God and man shall steadfastly be maintained. The "revealed" will of God - both corporately and individually - as far as the Church and every member in her are concerned, is the one measure which the Father has provided for us to be united in spirit and to be of the same mind - intent on one purpose. Quite simply put, the cause of ALL strife and division within the church of Jesus Christ is a result of the failure of all those involved to have the Word of God as the chief and sole authority in their lives - and thus in departing from the will of God that one's intention becomes to "look out for themselves first" and not for the interests of God.

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Paul goes on to say in verse 4:

...."Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others"....

In writing this, the Apostle Paul, through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, takes for granted that the true essence of looking out for your own personal interests is to "seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). It is only as we seek first the Kingdom of God and thirst and hunger after His righteousness that we will ever come to the place of being of the same mind - not only with the Lord, but also with all those who serve Him. The Father has NEVER made any provision for anything less than this perfect unity and harmony to take place in His Church! Our failure over the preceding generations to be of the "same mind" and maintain the same love - to be united in spirit and intent on one purpose as a whole body - is because of a distinct failure to place God's Word first and to consider all things in the light of that "illuminated" Word, as our final authority. As one looks out upon the myriads of God's children throughout the earth, one sees very little in the way of true harmony and unity. And yet the Father - in His everlasting faithfulness and love towards those who belong to Him - has suffered

long over a stubborn and obstinate people, just as He did with the children of Israel so many years ago. But as with God's judgement of the house of Israel, so shall His church be judged and purified today! It is sheer foolishness, the way that many of God's children hold to "their" doctrines without any regard of the command to be of the same mind and to do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit. There is but one thing that should motivate each child of God who truly loves their Father, and that is to shout with every fibre of our being, "Thy will be done on earth as it is already done in Heaven!" Any movement, any action and even any thought, apart from the mind of Christ - regardless of how insignificant it may seem - becomes a seed of rebellion and disorder and confusion which Satan SURELY uses to hinder the establishment of God's Kingdom in the earth. It is only through a deep and genuine humility (dependence upon the Father and His Word) that, both individually and corporately, we shall shed the weight of sin and the futility of our self-seeking.

PERFECT OBEDIENCE - AN ABSOLUTE SUBMISSION TO THE AUTHORITY OF GOD

...."Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of man. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore also God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven, and on earth, and under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father"....

Philippians 2:5-11

In this scripture Jesus is seen as having humbled Himself twice: first He emptied Himself of His divinity and then He humbled Himself in His humanity. By the time He came into the earth, Jesus had so emptied Himself of the glory, power, status and form of His divinity that no one then living - other than by revelation - knew Him or acknowledged Him as God. In coming to the realization that we are called to walk just as Christ walked in the earth we must measure the Word of God "fully" in our own lives that we might abide in that place of perfect

obedience and true humility that we are called to - in Christ. As we continue on in our study of spiritual authority, we are going to get an overall vision of the Father's plans and purposes and we shall come to see how His authority was established in the earth. After seeing these things clearly we shall come to understand how "obedience" is the only thing that will cause us to walk in the "fulness" of our inheritance in Christ and thus fulfil the will of God at all times. The Trinity and the whole aspect of the Godhead is something that need not be stumbled over as we diligently seek the Father through abiding in His Word. It is of great importance for every child of God to have a deep understanding of the working of the Father and Son and Holy Spirit, for it is as our eyes are opened to understand the distinct "ministries" of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, that we shall understand the necessity of perfect obedience (an absolute submission to the authority of God).

TRUE AUTHORITY CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED APART FROM OBEDIENCE!

In knowing that we can do nothing apart from Christ, let us strive - in and by the Holy Spirit - to come to that place of a clear understanding of true spiritual authority. The three-in-one aspect of God is simply an arrangement within the Godhead. As the Son willingly submits to the Father's authority and declares that "the Father is greater than I", the Father becomes the emblem of authority, while Christ assumes the symbol of obedience - the Holy Spirit being the sole empowerment of that obedience. God conceived a plan to create the universe. In that plan the Godhead agreed to have authority represented by the Father; but authority cannot be established without obedience, since it cannot exist alone. God must therefore find obedience in His creation. From this, we will go on to understand how love and obedience cannot be separated (John 14:21,23). Two living beings were created by God; angels and man. According to His foreknowledge, God foresaw the rebellion of both the angels and Adam, and thus He was unable to establish His authority in angels or in the Adamic race. Because of these things, it was established by agreement within the Godhead, that authority would find it's fulfilment in the obedience of the Son, and from this plan came the distinctive operations of God the Father and God the Son - again, the Father being the symbol of authority and the Son being the symbol of obedience. In other words, all true authority has its origin in the Father of whom the Son is the exact representation of His nature (Hebrews 1:3). Because both authority and obedience

have been instituted by God, it is only "natural" for those who truly know and love God, to obey Him.

REBELLION IS THE PRINCIPLE OF SATAN AND OBEDIENCE IS THE PRINCIPLE OF CHRIST

In a previous teaching we learned that rebellion is the principle of Satan and obedience is the principle of Christ; principle being defined as, "a general truth or law basic to other truths", "a rule of personal conduct", "that which is inherent in anything, determining its nature". The expression, "perfect obedience" has sometimes caused many children of God to grit their teeth in a spirit of frustration; this "frustration" being a result of their own striving in the flesh to fulfil God's requirement for their lives - a requirement which can only be filled by the abiding Christ Himself, living in us and "consuming" every aspect of our lives. When one truly accepts the life of the Cross (self-denial), they accept the principle of Christ - or the principal of obedience. When one "refuses" to completely lay down their self-life (psuche) in any given area then they are controlled to some degree (and eventually wholly controlled if a deep and thorough repentance is not forthcoming) by a "spirit of rebellion". A believer who is FILLED with the Holy Spirit and who ABIDES in Christ is CONSUMED with a strong sense (perception) of obedience to the Father and His Word. This should not be surprising to us! For the same anointing that empowered Jesus Christ to walk in perfect obedience dwells in - and has "His" way with - all those whose hearts are wholly given to God.

THERE IS NO "INTENTION" GOOD ENOUGH IN OUR OWN UNDERSTANDING TO CAUSE US TO OBEY GOD

The reason why many stumble in their "attempt" to first enter into - and then "maintain" - their walk on the narrow path of perfect obedience, is because they have not yet forsaken the "belief" that they (in the flesh) can profit the work of God in the establishment of His Kingdom. When Jesus said, "You can do nothing apart from Me", and when He also said "the flesh profits nothing", He was making an absolute statement which can in no way be misinterpreted if one truly seeks to do the will of God. It is only as we "allow" the Holy Spirit to teach us and guide us and lead us into all truth, that we can EVER be fruitful in our service to God. We must ALWAYS remember that our life in Christ began with Him and shall ever be

maintained by Him as we seek to fulfil our ministry in the earth. Anything less than this "absolute empowerment" by the Spirit of God and the Word of God, PROFITS "NOTHING"! It is only as we separate ourselves from the world and unto the Word of God - thus emptying ourselves to be filled up with the Holy Spirit - that we shall be continually filled with a strong sense of and desire for obedience to God and His Word. There is no "intention" good enough in our own understanding to cause us to obey God. We MUST be filled with the presence of God, Himself. We must always remember that the chief characteristic of the old nature is the strong determination it has to succeed on its own (apart from God - or anyone else for that matter), and we must also remember that it was this very delusion that led to the first instance of rebellion in Satan's treason against God. So let us not be deceived into thinking we ourselves - apart from Christ - have any "intention" different than to exalt ourselves above the Word of God. Let us humble ourselves in our own weakness that we might be filled up with the strength and grace of God necessary to "sustain" us in perfect obedience.

DEFINING "TRUE" SUFFERING

...."In the days of His flesh, He offered up both prayers and supplications with loud crying and tears to the One able to save Him from death, and He was heard because of His piety. Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered. And having been made perfect, he became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal life"....

Hebrews 5:7-9

Again, in this passage, we gain insight into the life of Jesus Christ in His earthly ministry and as we open our hearts to the Father, the entrance of His Word shall produce the needed light for us to understand the importance of our "suffering for righteousness' sake". The word "suffering" is a word which has caused many children of God to shudder, but LET IT BE CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD that the suffering which the children of God are called to in this earth is to stand continually against ALL the things which they have been redeemed from. It is in no way associated with physical sickness or any other manifestation of the law of sin and death, but rather it is for one to continually release faith in the Word of God - regardless of the pressure of the circumstances which surround them! As our minds become renewed to the Word of God, "suffering" will become the joyful opportunity to further establish the Kingdom of

God in the earth through our obedience to the Word of God, rather than the sorrowful, painful concept "religion" has made it to be - through unbelief.

Let us hear the words of the Father:

...."Suffering" - as My children mentally ascend to any mention of this word in My Word, they immediately begin to conjure up lofty imaginations and dire speculations which are the product of a mind which has not been transformed and renewed and cleansed by My Word. I have both commanded and empowered My children to destroy these speculations and any lofty thing which is raised up against My knowledge (Word), that they might be freed from the bondage of the law of sin and death - and thus allow the Devil no opportunity at all to work in their lives. Each time one of My children exalts their own darkened understanding above My Word, they "allow" themselves to be held captive by the Evil One to, in some way, carry out his vile schemes. One cannot sow to the flesh without reaping immediately a form of death in their lives and now is the time to remove all forms of death from My church! Every action taken by My children which is of their own initiative shall surely perish and fail in such a way that every eye shall behold the folly of a "Christian" walk which is not "in Christ" and based solely on My Word! Have I not said in My Word that "whatever is not from faith is sin? I say to you this day that many of My children are, for the most part, ignorant of the sin in their lives. They believe that if they cannot perceive any wrongdoing in their walks through their five physical senses, that they are clean in My sight; yet because of these things, they allow themselves to be held in a form of condemnation - always held to a degree by a spirit of fear; and because of this they will, to that degree they allow themselves to be held, violate the law of love without realizing it. Truly I say to you this day, those who have forsaken all which proceeds from their "soul" life, I shall pour out My life (Zoe) in its absoluteness"....

WE HAVE BEEN "ABSOLUTELY" REDEEMED FROM THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH

One of the great spiritual principles which every child of God must be aware of, is that the very fear that we "maintain", shall come upon us (or shall come to pass). This is quite simply the counterfeit of faith. Fear is defined as "belief in a lie", whereas faith is defined as "belief in the Word of God". Faith is of God. Fear is of Satan. Therefore, for the child of God to have fear in their life, indicates that

there is an area wherein they have given "pre-eminence" to the lies of Satan, rather than the Word of God. And so, it is only as the believer seeks to replace that lie - or lies - with a revelation of the truth, that they shall overcome them (through their faith). Now the same principle exists when dealing with "suffering". Unless the child of God separates themselves unto the Word of God to find out from the Father - by His Spirit - what "suffering for righteousness' sake" really consists of - or for that matter, anything else that applies to their lives - then their sole influence in discerning things - spiritual or physical - will be the darkness of the sin-consciousness; that is, the consciousness of all things involved under the law of sin and death; a law - which it would seem unnecessary to state - that we have been ABSOLUTELY redeemed from!

Let us again hear the words of the Father:

...."Anything which causes fear to rear its ugly head in the hearts of My children is not of Me and should be dealt with immediately, for if any fear is allowed to exist in their hearts, they will remain in a form of bondage to the Evil One. For I have said in My Word, whatever is not from faith is sin and we know that what is not motivated by the heart of faith is motivated by the heart of fear. Faith is the force which puts into effect the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ and fear is the reciprocal force which causes the law of sin and death to come into effect. I say to you this day, no more shall My Church be a breeding ground from which the Evil One works his schemes; for in My children there will be no fear and as I purify the hearts of My people of all those things which lead them into death, any attempt to dwell on the things of the flesh will meet with a form of immediate judgement, and each one shall be called to make the decision to walk in light or continue to walk in darkness"....

"SELF-EFFORT" PERVADES THE VERY FOUNDATION OF THE "DENOMINATIONAL STRUCTURE"

It is a grievous thing to the heart of the Father to look upon a church which - for the most part - has remained in bondage to the very things which the Blood of Jesus was shed to redeem them from - not the least of which is the "self-effort" which pervades the very foundation of the "denominational structure"! Through pride and unbelief - which is the spontaneous by-product of pride - men and women have fought over the centuries, to maintain their "right" to forge their own

destiny and in their deception they have "attempted" to fulfil the will of God for His church. But in this final hour, the darkness of the unbelieving traditions and doctrines - which are a product of man's own understanding of God rather than the result of revealed knowledge of His Word - is being swallowed up and a new day is dawning in the Church for all those who truly love the Lord. For as the children of God come to realize the futility of all "fleshly activity" - and thus forsake leaning upon their own understanding to lean wholly on God - the glory of God shall ONCE AGAIN become the chief characteristic of the Church.

Let us again hear the words of the Father:

...."It is now the time wherein I shall call each one of those who truly love me out and away from the bondages of "denominationalism". Truly I say to you, only those who are willing to forsake any and every attachment with the world, shall obey My instructions to separate themselves from those whom they have fellowshiped with up until this time".... There will be those of My children who shall be openly deceived by the Evil One in spite of their "apparent spirituality", for unless one's heart is "wholly given" to Me in this last hour and unless all things are discerned through the light of My Spirit, that is, through a perfect dependence upon Him as: Teacher, Counsellor, and "sole" Guide, then even some of the "elect" shall be deceived and be found to be fighting against My "true" Church. But through the fulness of the anointing upon My true apostles and prophets all that has its source in darkness shall be openly exposed. Many of those who have been "influenced" greatly by the "Pentecostal" revival of the twentieth century (Azusa St.) and all that which has been a result of "anti-denominationalism" (local fellowships which began in the Spirit but shall end in the flesh) shall crumble and fall. For truly I say to you each and every step and action taken by My children outside of the revelation of My Word and the unction of My Spirit, shall crumble and fall and be utterly destroyed, and thus shown clearly to be a work which is not of Me"....

"FAITHFULLY RESIST" OR "SUCCUMB" - IT IS OUR CHOICE!

In understanding "suffering for righteousness' sake", EVERY child of God must realize that as we walk in this earth we are indeed going to suffer as servants of the Most High God. We shall either faithfully resist all that we have been redeemed from and thus, in our obedience, suffer for righteousness' sake - or we

shall "succumb" - in some way - to the things which are under the law of sin and death, such as disease, sin and fear. So in knowing that we shall "suffer" let us come into a clear understanding of the joyfulness and gloriousness of suffering for righteousness' sake, and "God's purpose" in that - for it is not a thing to be feared, but a thing which we should seek diligently after. The only thing that fears suffering for righteousness' sake is the "flesh". Therefore, in "knowing" this fact (if the love of God has truly been shed abroad in our heart) we shall seek this holy suffering - AT ALL COST TO OURSELVES. It is only those who desire to "maintain" the pursuit of their own selfish desires who mentally ascend to the true suffering we are called to and thus "formulate" (contrive) a "suffering" for God - which to them "seems" pleasing to God and still allows them to do the things THEY desire to do, but in reality is an abomination to God. This "counterfeit holiness" shall be judged accordingly by the Lord Himself!

PERFECT OBEDIENCE IS SIMPLY WORDS AND ACTIONS WHICH ARE THE SPONTANEOUS RESULT OF "REVELATION" - COMBINED WITH THE UNCTION OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

When we suffer for righteousness' sake, we learn an obedience which "transcends" all the temporary evil of this world. In other words, as we obey the Father - through an utter dependence upon His Word - we shall experience the fulness of the salvation (deliverance - "soteria") which He has blessed us with in Christ - a salvation which will indeed cause us to rise above all "temporal evil"). Our usefulness before the Father is not determined by how much we have suffered, but by how much obedience we have learned through that "suffering" (resisting every aspect of the curse and the law of sin and death). Let us therefore learn to obey in suffering for His Names' sake, for it is only those children of God who are obedient that will experience the "fulness" of their salvation (inheritance) in Christ. If we truly have a revelation of God's inherent authority we shall find obedience to be "easy" and the Father's will to be simple and clear, because the Lord Himself was always obedient and He now abides within our hearts.

"WORK OUT YOUR SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING" (HOLY CAUTION)

...."So then, My beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in My presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling - for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing; that you may prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life so that in the day of Christ I may have cause to glory because I did not run in vain"....

Philippians 2:12-16

Paul states, "Work out your salvation with fear and trembling". This of course, IN NO WAY, opens a door for us to strive in our own "good intentions" to fulfil the will of God. In verse 13 he clarifies his statement saying, "for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work". We must continually guard our hearts diligently in order to prevent a spirit of self-exaltation from rising up and taking us to a place wherein we "believe" that we are in the will of God - but, in reality, the light that is in us is darkness (Luke 11:35) and thus we are deceived. This is a most dangerous position for any child of God to be in, because, in believing that they themselves are one with God, they must "criticize" or put down or seek to compromise all that around them which is truly of God. As we continue in our study we shall come to see clearly, in more depth, this perilous situation which has developed in many "so called" spiritual areas of the church. We must depend ENTIRELY on the power of God to bring us to the fulness of the wondrous salvation that is ours in Christ - for any "mental ascension" to this portion of God's Word will SURELY bring a deep and abiding "passivity" and darkness upon the hearer. While we must depend on God for ALL things we still have our part in our moment to moment obedience to the Word and voice of the Holy Spirit. One can easily understand that if we are a stranger to "watching", fasting, prayer and self-denial, how can it be said that we are, "working out our salvation with fear and trembling?" God must indeed do the work but we - through a constant self-denial and doing the things which are "profitable", must enable Him to work His glorious work in us.

THE FATHER EXPECTS FULL - NOT PARTIAL - OBEDIENCE IN HIS CHILDREN

Having established the necessity of putting God's Word first, and thus establishing that Word as our sole authority, we shall move on to examine how the authority of God manifests itself (Himself) in the daily and practical operation of the Church.

...."For I am not ashamed of the Gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, " But the righteous man shall live by faith." For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. For even though they knew God, they did not honour Him as God, or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the incorruptible God for an image in the form of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed animals and crawling creatures. Therefore God gave them over in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, that their bodies might be dishonoured among them. For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen. For this reason God gave them over to degrading passions; for their women exchanged the natural function for that which is unnatural, and in the same way also the men abandoned the natural function of the woman burned in their desire toward one another, men with men committing, indecent acts and receiving in their own persons the due penalty of their error. And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice, they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, arrogant, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, without understanding, untrustworthy, unloving, unmerciful, and, although they knew the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them. Therefore you are

without excuse, every man of you who passes judgement, for in that you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. And we know that the judgement of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things"....

Romans 1:16-2:2

In our previous study on spiritual authority, we have come to understand that "rebellion" is that which sets itself in opposition to the authority of God (Word of God). We have also come to understand that God's Kingdom is that realm within which the will of God is carried out without any interference. God purposes that we, as His Church, be the sphere wherein His authority is exercised. He desires the whole Church to give His Word "absolute preeminence" in order that His authority may prevail and there be "no rebellion". The Father expects full - not partial - obedience in His children and indeed the very nature of the Gospel calls us to obey it. When one's heart becomes hardened towards God, they then allow themselves to become deceived in their own thinking, and consequently they will lean upon their own understanding to the degree that they have "allowed" their heart to be hardened. Once one has allowed hardness and darkness to creep into their heart they are in a MOST CRITICAL position - for their next step will either bring them back towards the light (in a spirit of true repentance), or they shall step out into a deeper darkness - one which knows no end to its sinfulness (the principle of "leaven").

A GREAT AND SIMPLE TRUTH

In verse 18 Paul states:

...."the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness"....

One "fallacy" that has long been held to, in many areas of the church, is that one's "new birth" alone qualifies them for a continued godliness and righteousness and thus, as "believers", they are then exempt from the judgements and the wrath of God against "all" ungodliness and unrighteousness. If such a thing were true, then the child of God would need have no fear of sin or disobedience or rebellion towards God and this is precisely why so many have fallen prey to the deception that a "moral" existence meets the requirements of God. This is not to belittle the

Blood of Jesus and the mercy of God in forgiving one should they fall into sin, or in the tremendous provision the Father has given us in His Word and His Spirit to remain in Christ. This is simply to say that, what the Father means by being "in Christ" and what many have "mentally ascended" to what "being in Christ" means are two totally different things altogether! If the child of God is ignorant of the "fact" (spiritual reality) that there is "no" good thing in the flesh THEN they shall carry on in their sin and rebellion "attempting" to live a "moral" life before men, but their back shall be to the Father and His Word and thus they shall not be aware of the fact that the life they are leading is "immoral" in the eyes of God! Quite simply put, being in Christ constitutes a complete and abiding submission to the Word of God (the authority of God)! Anything apart from this takes us outside of Christ to do (partake of) the things which are apart from Him and if we are apart from Him in ANY way, how can we be "in Him"? This is a great and simple truth but how unclear it becomes when the seeds of rebellion and disobedience are sown in our hearts.

THERE SHALL BE A DISTINCT AND SEVERE JUDGEMENT

Without dwelling too long on the sinful and rebellious state which the child of God will soon find themselves in - apart from a continued obedience to the Word of God and the voice of the Holy Spirit - I must state that this is a great danger, particularly in this final hour as "great darkness" encompasses the world and all those who align themselves with its ways. It is the sinful desire to allow "self" to remain on the throne of the heart - even in one's "attempted" service to God - that is at the root of all strife and division amongst God's leaders. It is certain in this most critical hour that the people (sheep) of God, NOT rooted and grounded in the Word, shall be but a "clone" of the "flesh and blood" that they have put their faith in - in a spirit of idolatry! We are called to continually put the Word of God before "flesh and blood" (give the Word of God pre-eminence in all things), and as we are faithful to put the Word first in our lives we shall most surely be conformed to "His" glorious image. There shall be a distinct and severe judgement upon all those "ministers" of God who have forsaken the Spirit of the Cross to seek the approval of men and the "prestige" which results from their compromising words and deeds. These things are an abomination to the Father!

ONE WILL EITHER EXERCISE FAITH IN GOD OR FAITH IN THEMSELVES - THROUGH THE BELIEVING OF SATAN'S LIES

In light of this portion of Paul's letter to the Romans, we sadly look out upon certain areas of the church and see a clear manifestation of the ungodliness and unrighteousness he speaks of.

In verse 17 Paul states:

...."but the righteous man shall live by faith"....

and in Luke 18:8 the Word states:

...."however, when the Son of man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"....

Every child of God must clearly understand that regardless of what they do they are going to exercise "faith". The faith which constitutes righteousness is the exercising of an "absolute faith" (dependence) in the "revealed" Word of God - with a view to carrying out the purposes of God. In short, one will either exercise faith in God or faith in themselves - through the believing of Satan's lies. The Evil One continually attempts to deceive the "flesh and blood" into believing that they are capable in themselves of meeting God's standards of righteousness through a "moral" existence (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil) based on just about everything except a "perfect relationship" with the Father through a complete submission to His authority (His Word). In this final hour the Father is revealing - through His apostles and prophets - the absoluteness of His divine requirement. The tremendous outpouring of His light is giving a new and fresh application to His Word and the absoluteness of that Word.

When He states:

...."Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart"....

then that is the condition that we, as His children, must be in moment to moment - constantly guarding our hearts with all diligence lest we fall into a hardened state and fall short of His glory!

THE SOON COMING JUDGEMENT ON THE "REBELLIOUS MINISTERS"

Many children of God, because they have not submitted themselves wholly to His absolute authority (the Word) continue to view all "heavenly instruction" and "reproof" (loving correction) as something to rebel against. The reason they do this is because they have forsaken the personal fellowship with the Father that He has called them to, in order to maintain their fellowship with "flesh and blood" on a "soulish" level. This one thing alone stands as the greatest detriment to "excellence in ministry" and unless there is a thorough repentance on the part of many of God's ministers", they shall be removed from the place of "delegated authority" which is theirs "in Christ". How great is the foolishness of fear (selfishness) and how glorious is the trust and absolute dependence in God that we are called to! May these words concerning God's judgement upon His rebellious ministers strike a cord of holy fear deep within them, for the cleansing of the Blood and the wisdom required to regain their place on the narrow path of perfect obedience (the highway of holiness) is but a "heart-cry" away. We must not take lightly the call of the Father upon our lives and we must be willing to forsake ALL to follow Him. For to believe that we ourselves could forge a path with greater blessing and benefits than the blessings and benefits which God has blessed us with in Christ, is utter foolishness! And yet, if one does not develop the intimate relationship which the Father desires them to have with Him, it will always seem "safer" to go their OWN way. But although that way may "seem" right to them as they walk on in darkness, its end is the way of death (Proverbs 14:12)!

WE ARE NOT TO BE MOVED BY ANY OTHER VOICE THAN THE VOICE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - NOR ANY OTHER WORD OTHER THAN THE WORD OF GOD

Speaking the truth in love does not always bring with it an "outward" reward - but rather persecution, trial and "attempted" affliction from the Evil One. For to the rebellious heart, the uncompromised word of God is "repulsive". Therefore, we must be a people who are not moved by anything other than the "direct leading" of God. We are not to be moved by any other voice than the voice of the Holy Spirit - nor any other word other than the Word of God. This is not a state which is reached - apart from an absolute pouring out of one's self, moment to moment, and day by day. To all those who desire to be "true" ministers of God, let them

acknowledge this one fact: that it is only a heart "wholly given" to the Father and His Word that shall stand in this final hour. The end-time man or woman of God shall be one who lives for God alone.

THERE MUST BE A BREAKING AWAY, A "WRENCHING" FROM ALL THOSE THINGS IN OUR LIVES WHICH - WHILE "TRADITIONALLY" PERMISSIBLE, ARE FOREVER "UNPROFITABLE" TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOD'S KINGDOM IN THE EARTH

How few have "fully calculated" the cost of this venture into faithfulness and perfect loyalty to Jesus Christ! In many, the denial of God's Word has taken precedence over the absolute self-denial which is required to truly serve God. Through unbelief in, and ignorance of, the Father's Provision, darkness has clouded the hearts of many who would deem themselves as "leaders" in the church. And it is certain that if the "leaders" are grounded in darkness, the "flock" shall surely follow. There must be a breaking away, a "wrenching" from all those things in our lives which - while "traditionally" permissible, are forever "unprofitable" to the establishment of God's Kingdom in the earth. Many children of God have become "conformed" to the world and thus they maintain a subtle and deadly fellowship with the "system of darkness", allowing themselves to be deceived into somehow thinking that they can render effective service unto God while maintaining a heart- fellowship with that which is apart from Christ.

GOD IS RAISING UP ONE "FINAL WAVE" OF THE FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY

In this final hour - as the "clash of kingdoms" moves to center stage - those who truly desire to serve God must not take any "preconceived notions" and they must "actively" place their entire being and sustenance upon the altar of the Cross - for it is only in this way that one shall be found to be "worshipping" in spirit and in truth. Through the subtle and devious plans of the Evil One, and through the "highest" hosts of darkness, the "spirit of anti-Christ" continues to consume the hearts and minds of all those children of God whose "deepest desire" is not towards the Father and fulfilment of His will - and this is a most grievous thing to Him! As the people choose their "allegiance", the Father is preparing "leaders" (handmaidens and bondservants) to lift the hearts of His children back to Himself.

God is raising up one "final wave" of the five-fold ministry, men, women, and children who have received the apostolic vision (Christ ALL in ALL), the fulness of which has not been revealed in the earth until this final hour. A vision and a clarity of the Word of God shall issue forth through these "pure vessels" that shall cause a glorious Church to rise up from the dregs of darkness and fleshly activity - which UP UNTIL NOW - has been called "church"!

DARKNESS...SHALL BE CONSUMED BY A GLORIOUS LIGHT AND FIRE FROM ON HIGH

In this last and greatest outpouring of God's power - through His glorious Church - the traditions and doctrines of men and the darkness of the "spirit of the world", which has, up until this time, run rampant through the midst of God's children, shall be consumed by a glorious light and fire from on high. From these things, one can see the great importance of being prepared to receive God's delegated authorities, for without their entrance into the midst of the congregations of God's people and the adherence to the Word of God which they deliver - as His messengers - there shall be no escape from the bondage and captivity which has beset ALL those who have rebelled in their heart against their God. A truly apostolic Church such as the Father is raising up in this final hour views ALL things through His eyes and does all things in terms of eternity - without any regard whatsoever for "temporal" circumstances. It is for this reason that we must diligently set ourselves in fellowship with the Father and His Word in order that we might be saturated through and through with His presence - until all that goes forth from us in word and thought and deed, shall be of God - AND OF GOD ALONE! For are we not those who are called to live and move and have our being in Christ and, if so, why have we been so ignorant of this "absolute standard" which the Father has set forth in His Word?

IN THIS LAST HOUR ANYONE WHOSE DEEPEST HEART-DESIRE IS NOT TO BE FOUND WALKING IN, AND OBTAINING, ALL THE WILL OF GOD, SHALL SURELY BE FOUND FIGHTING AGAINST THOSE WHO ARE - WITHOUT EXCEPTION!

In many areas of the church the Cross of Christ has become little more than a decorative figure to adorn our shallow and powerless religion. There are many who crave the miracle-working power of God in the midst of His people and on

out into the "world", but without a deep humbling and self-denial in order to exalt God and His Word as the supreme authority in their life, the child of God will not see the power of God, nor will they walk in a "perfect" obedience. Quite simply - and for the most part - the church has become a cheap imitation of the Father's deepest purpose - one that has been formed and organized by the power of man. But the good news is for those who are truly seeking the will of God and the establishment of His Kingdom: every work of the "flesh" - regardless of how insignificant it may seem - shall be both judged and consumed and exposed for what it is: an act of rebellion against God! There are some who would think these words "harsh", but this reaction is just a product of the "soft" carnal living which has taken them apart from the true plan of the Father for their lives and for the Church. In this last hour anyone whose deepest heart-desire is not to be found walking in, and obtaining, ALL the will of God, shall surely be found fighting against those who are - WITHOUT EXCEPTION!

WITHOUT A "SEVERE AND ABSOLUTE WRENCHING" OF OURSELVES AWAY FROM THE "WORLD" AND ITS WAYS AND SEPARATING OURSELVES UNTO THE WORD OF GOD, WE BECOME CANDIDATES FOR DECEPTION

Each of us, as children of God, must learn to live before Him without any regard for the "approval" of "flesh and blood". It is ONLY the deep and constant abiding in God's presence that shall keep us from the ravages of sin, deception and rebellion in this last hour. We must not be a people who measure our "sinlessness" by the approval of men, for it is only through giving the Father and His Word preeminence in our lives that we shall ever come to that place where God's abundant life flows freely. It is only the "entrance" of His Word that can produce the needed light to constantly make us aware of sin - in us or around us. Many - through a fear of what others think - set themselves on a course which brings a snare, yet until the trap is sprung they shall have no knowledge of the danger that they are in, unless - through repentance - they fix their eyes on the Word of God which is able to enlighten them. As mentioned before, without a "severe and absolute wrenching" of ourselves away from the "world" and its ways and separating ourselves unto the Word of God, we become candidates for deception; that is, both being deceived and being "vessels of deception" to others held captive by Satan to do his will, rather than the will of God. Perhaps the greatest aspect of the apostolic vision going forth in this final hour is that the Father is revealing

Himself in His absoluteness - an absoluteness which cuts like a knife, separating immediately all that is of Christ and all that is not of Christ in the innermost parts of our being.

THE JUDGEMENT OF GOD UPON HIS HOUSEHOLD IN THIS LAST HOUR SHALL BE BOTH SWIFT AND DEVASTATING!

One can see clearly from these last statements that the judgement of God upon His household in this last hour shall be both swift and devastating once His "vessels of judgement" are prepared. There will be little time for discussion, only time for action - through either an overt act of repentance and consecration or an overt act of rebellion in the forsaking of the Blood and the salvation (soeteria) of God's Word. Until the children of God establish a deep and abiding trust in their Heavenly Father, then they shall continue to reject - at least "partially" - the "delegated authorities" which the Father, in His goodness, has sent as "gifts" to the Church. Indeed, anything sent from God shall always be perceived as a "threat" by all who have formulated their own plans in their service to God. And therefore, there shall be a great "clash" between the true servants of God and all those "ministers" still bound by a "spirit of religion". A "spirit of religion" always has - as its main thrust in its effort to deceive a minister of God - the de-emphasizing of one's "personal relationship" with God as the first and foremost prerequisite to excellence in ministry, and onto a belief that places relationship with "flesh and blood" before one's relationship with God. This is precisely why many men and women of God have been "stalled" in their efforts to fulfil God's will for their life and ministry. Unless a thorough separation from the "idols" which they themselves have set up in their lives - whether they be people or things - is forthcoming, they shall continue to "miss" God, and thus, their prime function in the church will be one of hindering the establishment of God's Kingdom instead of furthering it! The Father will deal severely with those of His children caught in the throes of idolatry! These things which I speak of, cut at the root of Satan's plan to keep the Church of Jesus Christ asleep in this last hour, but we must always remember that Satan is never greater than God IN ANY WAY and all that he does is but a "counterfeit" of that which the Father has already done in Christ. Thus, a simple adherence to the word of God will ALWAYS override (overcome) the schemes of Satan - schemes which we shall not be ignorant of if we walk in that glorious place of "resurrection" and "ascension" that is ours in Christ! There is not one child of God walking in the earth right now that is not "vulnerable" to succumb to any one

of Satan's schemes - IF THEY SET THEMSELVES IN A PLACE APART FROM THE WORD OF GOD. It is the same Word that has delivered us that shall keep us, and empower us to fulfil the Father's purpose for our lives. Let us not take these things lightly for it is our obedience or disobedience, as children of God, that will "forge" our eternal position in the Kingdom of God!

Let us hear the words of the Father:

ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE AN "ACTIVE OVERCOMING FAITH" ABIDING IN THEIR HEARTS....SHALL COME THROUGH THIS TIME OF ATTACK AND CONFRONTATION BY THE ENEMY

...."This is a time wherein My bondservants and handmaidens who have been faithful to Me through these years of turmoil and strife and division in the midst of the congregations, shall be exalted; for the time wherein the "sinner" seems to have "prospered" has come to an end! For truly I say to you there shall be such a great "influx" of demonic activity in every place among My children, where there is "ground" given and the "destroyer" shall come forth to destroy, the "thief" shall come forth to steal and the "murderer" shall come forth to kill. Only those who have an "active overcoming faith" abiding in their hearts - these things being a product of godly diligence and obedience to My command to separate themselves unto My Word and enter that place of "abiding", apart from the world - shall come through this time of attack and confrontation by the Enemy.

THIS IS AN HOUR OF "CONFRONTATION"

As I look out upon the hearts of My children, I still see many who are "content" to some degree to hold the reigns of their life and truly I say to you, this is a most dangerous thing! For Satan will surely take that ground given and turn that one's heart against My true purposes and plans and in "allowing" themselves to be deceived, they shall SURELY - as they continue on their "misguided path" - run directly into the "point" of the sword of My Spirit in the form of My beloved handmaidens and bondservants speaking the Word which I give them to speak in that hour of "confrontation". And many shall be "grievously" convicted of their sin and their rebellion and many others shall perish because in their heart they cannot conceive that they "in themselves" could ever be wrong. Such is the danger of the darkness which pervades the nature of the flesh and such is the seriousness of the

call to close and intimate fellowship with Me. For indeed, without the "required" time in My presence, that is, "all of the time" (abiding) My children will surely be deceived and be overcome by a "spirit of self-exaltation".

"BLESSED IS THE ONE THAT TRUSTS ONLY IN ME"

Have I not spoken before of this "absolute judgement" upon My household? - a time wherein each man's work shall become evident so that even the deepest thoughts and intentions and motivations of all who have "taken" My Name shall become evident? Blessed is the one who trusts ONLY in Me, for there is nothing that can stop that one from accomplishing all that I have created them for, and in knowing this in their hearts they shall go on to a most glorious path and they shall be bright lights in the midst of this crooked and perverse generation - a generation that causes My wrath and My fury to rise up upon every remembrance of their existence! Fear not My beloved ones! For I am with you always - even to the end of the age. And this is the end of the age. Hold fast! Continue faithfully in the "small things" that I might bring forth the "large things" that I have prepared for you. Take no pre-conceived notions or thoughts, only abide, knowing that I shall surely reveal to you the deepest thoughts and intentions of My heart - purposes which shall astound and confound the peoples of the earth, for they shall indeed see My presence abiding in - and resting upon - all those of My children who truly love Me. And this shall happen to such a great degree that they will have no comparison from any of their past experiences - "spiritual" or otherwise - and they shall clearly see that Jesus is Lord of Lords and King of kings - whether they "choose" to believe it or not!

"I SHALL EXALT THE NAME OF MY BELOVED SON ABOVE "ALL ELSE"

For I shall exalt the name of My beloved Son above "all else" in this last hour and the foolish plans of Satan, and all those who choose to believe his lies above My truth (Word) shall crumble and "evaporate" regardless of how "omnipotent" they may have appeared to be. I have sat back and waited for My perfect time to "unleash" the fullness of My Spirit upon the earth, and truly I say to you, I have prepared a selected and chosen" few to lead all those who "truly" love Me, home. Take heed of these Words for as the manifestation of My glorious Church comes forth boldly and triumphantly, it shall be "non-stop" supernaturally

until the catching away of My true Church. Go forth to where I lead you and proclaim boldly My absoluteness and the need for My children to abide in My absolute Provision; for even now My mighty and glorious angels stand ready, rank upon rank, to devastate all the forces of darkness, and My holy apostles and prophets stand ready in "perfect position" to carry out My every Word of My command; for indeed Satan's "day" is over and he has exhausted every plan and scheme to divide, and thus defeat, My children and now I shall build My true Church through the "supernatural" power of My Spirit and indeed that same Spirit, the Spirit of love, shall abound in the hearts of My elect and they shall be tremendous signs and wonders - both in word and deed - and the fulness of My power shall "inundate" their every word and all the nations shall see My sons and daughters as they are in the fullness of Christ and many, in seeing the "true heritage" of My children, shall drop ALL to take their place with Me"....

THERE CAN BE NO ELEMENT OF SELFISHNESS"

Anything anyone says or does - apart from faith in God's Word - is rooted and grounded in fear. One is either being motivated by the love of God or they are motivated by fear through unbelief. If the child of God is not motivated by the love of God - which always seeks for the "preservation" (edification) of others - they will be motivated instinctively by a fear which seeks only for the preservation of "self". There can be NO element of selfishness in the hearts of those who are called to lead the people of God into the fulness of their inheritance in Christ - for to the degree selfishness is "maintained", it is to that degree that one is an "unfit vessel" to carry out the fullest purposes of the Father - and thus the manifestation of the "glorious" Church is hindered. The Father does not need many to take this position of leadership and intercession but He does need a "few" whose sole and abiding motivation is to seek first the Kingdom and the establishment of the Glorious Church.

ANY FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE CHILD OF GOD TO BRING "EVERY" THOUGHT CAPTIVE TO THE WORD OF GOD DENOTES AN "AFFECTION" FOR THE THINGS BELOW

We are promised success wherever we go as we abide in the Word, and as we "strive" - in and by the Holy Spirit - unto a perfect obedience we shall see clearly that this "success" is not based on what we see or what we feel, or even

what we "have", but rather on the absolute integrity of God's Word. Any true success which we have experienced up until now in the Lord is the result of an intense and unwavering adherence to the things which are not seen (the Word of God - the voice of the Holy Spirit) - and this will always be the "main factor" in the true life of faith. Any failure on the part of the child of God to bring "every" thought captive to the Word of God denotes an "affection" for the things below. The bringing of every thought captive is not something which any loving child of God can afford to take lightly, for it is obedience to this command that is a springboard to "true spirituality". It is only through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit and an absolute belief - that is, an absolute dependence upon the Word of God, that can carry the seeking one into the fulness of their calling, in excellence of ministry.

THE ADVENT OF THE APOSTLES AND PROPHETS

God has given some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers to the Church in order that the "few" should bring the "many" into the fulness of their calling.

The offices of the ministry have been given:

...."until "all" attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ"....

Ephesians 4:13

Paul goes on to say that:

...."as a result we are no longer to be children, tossed here and there by waves, and carried about by every wind of doctrine by the trickery of men, by craftiness and deceitful scheming"....

Ephesians 4:14

As the children of God truly submit themselves to the Word of God they shall become able partakers of the "anointing" upon those whom God has sent for the equipping of the saints. On the other hand, those who refuse to submit their "entire" lives to the authority of God's Word shall both ignore and reject the words

spoken through the bondservants and handmaidens of the Lord - words which are "needful" for the hearer to walk in the fulness of the ministry that God has created them to walk in. From these things one can see clearly why Satan fights with everything at his disposal to keep the child of God from giving their lives wholly to the One they profess to serve. If he can keep the child of God in the dark concerning the "absoluteness" of God's command (the Divine Requirement) to love the Lord your God with "all" of your heart - and thus serve Him with every fibre of their being - then he can, to some degree, still retain a portion of that deceived one's "allegiance". It is this very "allegiance" which - up until now - has kept the Church of Jesus Christ from fulfilling her true potential. Because of the failure of many who, even now, are in positions of delegated authority, to subject themselves wholly to the authority of God, the apostles and prophets have, for the most part, been rejected, and these "rebellious ones" have continued to fight against the advent of the apostles and prophets - thus preventing them, UP TO THIS TIME, from entering into their rightful place in the Church, and this is a matter which is of grave concern the Father.

GOD'S FIRE SHALL FALL

The cry of all those in true intercession is a cry to Heaven with great urgency for the advent of the apostles and prophets. In their absolute faith and perfect obedience every stronghold which has hindered the coming forth of God's "gifts" to His children shall be torn down and the very thing that Satan has fought so hard to prevent shall come to pass in the Father's perfect timing. In this last of the last hour, as the apostles and prophets of Almighty God go forth, waging war on sin and rebellion with their EVERY word and action - God's fire shall fall, and thus, all that is apart from Christ in the Church shall be "consumed"! Indeed, as God sends forth His ministers of "righteous judgement", every work of the "flesh" shall become evident and even the very things which many thought were the "pillars" of the church shall be exposed as nothing more than "rotting wood"! There are many who have assumed positions of leadership within the church, some of God and some not of God, and in their assumption (all assumption being the product of mental ascension to both the Word of God and the ministry of the Holy Spirit), they have a very "shallow revelation" of the true plan of God for His Church in this last hour. Not only have they deviated from the true path of God for their own lives, but they have been used by Satan as vessels of resistance to the anointed handmaidens and bondservants of the Lord as they seek to enter into the

fulness of apostolic and prophetic ministry - and the offices thereof.

ALL FAILURE TO DISCERN THE TRUE WILL OF GOD FOR ONE'S LIFE STEMS FROM ONE ROOT - AND ONE ROOT ONLY - AND THAT IS THE ROOT OF REBELLION!

The deepest desire abiding within the heart of a bondservant or handmaiden of the Lord is that a Church which is both glorious and pleasing to the Father might be established in the earth. It is time for EVERY child of God to set themselves in the position wherein they will be able to hear the voice of God clearly in order that they might have an "absolute assurance" in their hearts that where they are is where the Father would have them be. We must forsake ALL rebelliousness that we might gain holiness; for to the degree that we "maintain" the root of rebellion, it is to that degree that we forsake the glorious opportunity to become partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:2-4). This is a most serious time! The Father who has "winked" in times past, is now making His final glorious move in preparing the Church which He set in motion at Pentecost nearly two thousand years ago, and by His power ALL that seeks to exalt itself, and thus hinder His plan, shall be consumed and reduced to ashes. There are many "distractions" and "hindrances" which Satan has attempted to use, for, as mentioned earlier, he knows that if one is not "wholly given" to God, through a continual exercising of faith in His Word and the faithfulness of God to sanctify them entirely spirit, soul and body - THEN the door is open for him (Satan) to actively hold captive - through a spirit of idolatry - those who, in reality, belong to God.

THE GREAT TRAGEDY OF "IDOLATRY"

Throughout the long history of God's "chosen people" we have seen the tragic and disastrous affects of their idolatry. From Israel up until now in the church it is this "idolatry" (the love of anything - regardless of how small or seemingly insignificant - above God and His Word) which has resulted in a weakness and impotence that has caused not only the multitudes throughout the nations, but even those who profess Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, to be held captive to the law of sin and death - a law which all mankind has been "absolutely" redeemed from. This is a "fact" which, for the most part, has escaped even those in positions of leadership in the highest authority in this earth - the

church of the Lord Jesus Christ! It is little wonder that God the Father grieves over this state of affairs, for He paid a steep price by sending Jesus to shed His Precious Blood to redeem mankind from his "darkened existence". For a child of God to be satisfied with anything apart from God Himself (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) is a foolish and idolatrous act which, when held to, shall reap the death and corruption which was sown to - through a continual transgression against the Father and His Word.

THIS IS THE TRUE FAITH: AN UNCEASING DEPENDENCE UPON THE FATHER AND HIS WORD FOR ALL THINGS

In light of these things, the focus of God's judgement must begin with His household, and in particular those in positions of leadership within that household - those who, in the sight of God, bear the responsibility for leading His children closer to Him and not farther away into a dependence upon the world and its systems. All those who would be true servants of God must remember this one thing:

Faith in the words and actions of men and women, which have their root in the "flesh" (fallen nature), constitute not true faith, but rather idolatry - as does the "worship" of anything which exalts itself above the wisdom of God regardless how good it may "seem".

It is precisely for this reason that EVERY minister of God who would pursue the excellence of ministry which comes only as a product of one's submitting themselves wholly to, and abiding in, the Word of God, must forsake "all" - husbands or wives, children, lands, food, and even the very things which are "lawful" but not "profitable", must be forsaken if one is to constantly do the things which are pleasing to the Father. For this is the true faith - an unceasing dependence upon the Father and His Word for ALL things. All those who would seek to walk in the "fulness" of the end-time ministry of God need to know that there is deliverance from all that would constitute idolatry in their lives, but at the same time they must heed this severe admonition to be "expedient" partakers of God's glorious Provision - for to ignore the wisdom of God in the lateness of this hour is to open themselves to a devastating "frontal attack" by the Evil One and his hosts of darkness - one which will imperil their very existence in the earth!

THIS IS TRULY THE FATHER'S REQUIREMENT: THAT WE ACKNOWLEDGE HIM WITH ALL OF OUR BEING

Both God and Satan are "playing for keeps", and thus, as we approach the climax of the Father's plan, we must have a sense of urgency which continually awakens us to the fact that every "matter" before us regardless of how "small" it may seem at times, is a matter of life and death - both for us and for all those who cross our path. Every fibre of my being cries out for those who claim to know God, and who would profess Jesus Christ as their Lord, to acknowledge the God of Glory in ALL of their ways, that He might direct their paths always into that perfect place that He has specifically prepared for them from before the foundations of the earth. For this is truly the Father's requirement - that we acknowledge Him with all of our being. As one abides in the absoluteness of Almighty God there is no confusion as to the deepest thoughts and intentions of His heart. For indeed the Father's will shines forth clearly in the prayer of the apostle Paul when he wrote:

...."I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you may know what is the hope of his calling, and what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead, and seated Him at His right hand in Heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the Church which is His body, the fulness of Him who fills all in all"

Ephesians 1:18-23

WHAT A MARVELLOUS WORD THE WORD "ALL" IS!

What a marvellous word the word "all" is! It is surely the word which best exemplifies and portrays the "absoluteness" of God, and therefore, when we come across this word in our daily meditations, we must pray earnestly to have that portion of the Word brought into our "practical experience" in order that we might come to see Jesus Christ as our "all in all". For failure to gain a revelation of the glorious provision that God has blessed us with in Christ shall SURELY result in

our "rejection" of those whom the Father is sending forth in this final hour to lead all of His children into the fulness of the victory that is theirs in Jesus Christ. As the children of God experience the fulness of their "inheritance" (salvation) they shall turn on Satan to destroy his strongholds and THEN shall the captives truly be set free! These are the true purposes and plans of God for His Church in this final hour and if we deviate, "to any degree", from the path which God has set out before us, it shall surely mean that we shall be found to be "unfit vessels" for His glory - unable, through pride and rebellion, to please the heart of the Father. There needs to be a great humbling before God on the part of His church that she might truly have her eyes opened to "all" the will of God, and - in having her eyes opened - be prepared to lead the onslaught of God's glory against the strongholds of the Evil One. It is as we make the Father and His Word our all in all (having wholly submitted ourselves to His most holy Word - this being the prerequisite to making this a true experience in our lives) that we shall rise above all the "things below" to walk in the fulness of the authority we have been given in Christ. It is only as we exercise the "fulness" of this authority that we shall attain to our "maximum" fruitfulness. For one to "think" (believe) that they bear fruit for the Kingdom without first being wholly submitted to God and His Word constitutes the greatest deception which can beset a child of God. It creates in them the "false assurance" that the things which they do are "acceptable" to God when, in reality, they have missed the Father and His will completely and are operating from a root of self-seeking and self-exaltation! Let all those ministers with an honest heart before the Father repent of the "self-initiative" which they have displayed in their "leadership" of His children - for failure to do so shall SURELY result in their removal from the position to which they "themselves" have attained in the church and the true origin of "all" of their works shall become evident - exposed for what they truly are: a product of the quest for "self-glory" and the esteem (approval) of men, rather than a continual quest to glorify God in all - esteemed of Him and all those who truly love Him.

THE NECESSITY OF OUR BEING IN THE PERFECT PLACE OF SUBMISSION UNTO THE FATHER AND HIS WORD

We MUST come to understand - once and for all - the necessity of our being in the perfect place of submission unto the Father and His Word. We MUST see that the failure to do so can only promote lawlessness and disorder - regardless of where that improper submission is found. Whether it be in the five-fold ministry,

or any other part of the church. Whether it be in the family or the government. The moment that one's "deepest desire" (that which they are truly submitted to) is apart from seeking and carrying out the will of God, then the "chief characteristic" of that situation must be disorder and disharmony and lawlessness (rebellion) - as opposed to the perfect order and one accord that are the deepest thought and intention of the Father's heart. From this, it is not hard to see why there is confusion and strife and disorder in many areas of the church! It is because of this "lawlessness" and disharmony with God's Word that the "family structure" - as ordained by God - is almost lost sight of - both in our "laws" and in our experience! It is not hard to see why governments waste vast sums of money through the futile attempts of men and women who have lost sight of God's Word and His will for mankind, and who, in their blindness, attempt to meet the needs of the people! Many of these "needs" are the responsibility of the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ. In reality, the Church is responsible ("spiritually speaking") before God for EVERY government of EVERY nation in the earth, and so, as we look out upon a crumbling and perishing world - ravaged by the law of sin and death throughout the centuries - we must take hold of the measure of the stature which belongs to the fulness of Christ, and in our God-given authority "inundate" that which is both secular and profane with that which is sacred and holy and eternal. All of these things begin with a Church which is WHOLLY submitted to the Word of God (authority of God) and this is where we must strive - in and by the Holy Spirit - to enlighten the many children of God who have been held captive by Satan to believe that the submission which they are called to - man or woman - has its priority in "flesh and blood" and not with the Word of God (the revealed will of God). For it is this act of esteeming "flesh and blood" above God (thus seeking the approval and acceptance of flesh and blood instead of seeking the approval and acceptance of God), that allows ALL manner of evil to work against every institution ordained by God. It will only be as we get our "priorities" straight that "perfect order" shall be restored in the Church (the spotless and unblemished Church), and that ultimately the nations shall come streaming forth unto Zion!

Amen

Let us hear the words of the Father:

THE "FULNESS OF TIME" HAS ARRIVED FOR THE "ABSOLUTENESS" OF MY JUDGEMENT UPON MY HOUSE TO BE MANIFESTED

...."Spiritual pride" is a far greater force and has greater "effect" than a natural or "worldly" pride. The spiritual pride I speak of can only be found in one who has been "born-again". If one of My children fails to enter in by the "narrow" gate then they "allow" themselves to be guided and influenced by the forces of darkness - ending up in a place wherein "self" is still on the throne of their heart - and thus they are "devoid" of any true spiritual knowledge, and their motivations and goals are not of Me, and the "kingdom" they seek to establish is one wherein they themselves are exalted. I do not say that these ones are "conscious" of their folly; indeed, they have "allowed" themselves to be deluded and thus they can do nothing other than abuse the "authority" they have been given as a child of Mine; and they seek not to establish "My" Kingdom in love, but rather they seek to establish themselves in a position wherein they are continually esteemed by flesh and blood, without any "true" regard for the Truth. Truly I say to you, these "unholy ones" - these sons and daughters of disobedience - are a short time from stepping out beyond the "covenants of promise" which protect, continually, all those who truly love Me and who are willing to exercise faith and walk in love at all cost to themselves; and though it grieves My heart to see ANY of My children turn their back on My Word, nevertheless, the "fulness of time" has arrived for the "absoluteness" of My Judgement upon My house to be manifested.

"NOW YOU SHALL BEGIN TO SEE CLEARLY, THOSE IN MY CHURCH WHO HAVE TRULY LOVED ME AND THOSE WHO HAVE NOT!"

For as I look upon the congregations of My people I see much fear and much sin, and thus much evidence of the deadly effects of the "law of sin and death"! Indeed, unless My leaders are abiding in Christ, then there is no way for them to "supercede" the "curse of disobedience" (the law of sin and death), and now you shall begin to see clearly, those in My Church who have truly loved Me and those who have not! For Satan and his forces shall "claw" and "maul" all those of My children who have "wandered" out into his territory (the world) through their own pride and rebellion!

All those of My children who have sought Me from a pure heart are able to discern the things I speak of. The ones who shall be "trapped" by the Evil One are the very ones who have a "false revelation" of My grace and My mercy - a "revelation" of darkness which "assures" them that they can do just as they please, because they have become deluded into believing that there is always forgiveness for their "wilful actions". But truly I say to you, there is no such thing as a forgiveness for an "unrepentant" heart! For the unrepentant heart seeks not its forgiveness with a view to a perfect obedience in the carrying out of My will, but so that it may continue on in its evil ways!

"MULTITUDES SHALL "FLOW TOWARDS THE ONE TRUE LIGHT (CHURCH)!"

Is it not written that I am not mocked, and that what a man sows, that he will also reap? Hold fast My beloved ones, for the time for Me to "exalt" all those of My "chosen ones" - all those who have sought only to carry out My will - has come. Indeed, all those of My children who are seeking after righteousness shall "know" in their hearts and "see" with their eyes a great "void" in the leadership of My Church, and in one accord they shall cry out to Me for the advent of last wave of My five-old ministry, and I shall send forth My holy apostles and prophets to "lift up" My children to the plane of holiness and righteousness which exists far above the "principalities and powers" and all the hosts of darkness. And then shall the earth (world) see My true Church in all Her Glory, and the world in all its darkness shall be "turned upside down" and the multitudes shall "flow towards the one true Light (Church)!"....

Amen

