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To all those who are truly seeking first the Kingdom - those who love God with all of their heart:

### THE GREAT DANGER OF "COMFORT ZONES"

*....this is the victory that has overcome the world - OUR FAITH".... 1 John 5:4 NASB*

In these days, in His great mercy, the Father is confronting the "comfort zones" that many have continued to "maintain" - even though the hour is extremely late. It is the deepest heart desire of the Father for the Glorious Church to come forth in these days - a Church that will truly impact the world and the "religious" church in order that the fullness of all that He has planned might fully manifest in the earth.

A short time ago the Father gave me a word and He said:

*...."The "comfort zones" that many of My children have established are about to become "mine fields", and those things [tactics] that appeared to "get one by" [in their fear and own understanding] will no longer be found sufficient. For, ultimately, it will only be a pure [absolute] faith and trust in Me that will empower one to stand victoriously in this final hour"....*

When the Father used the term "mine fields" He was referring to the fact that, in these days, those things that have been established in one's life by themselves [through fear {pride} and reliance upon their "own" understanding] will now become evident - and the very things that they had put their trust in will now no longer work for them AT ALL. In other words, the very things that they had placed their security in will now lead to great "insecurity" and restlessness. BUT if one's heart is found faithful they will truly turn their heart "wholly" back towards the Will of God and, thus, enter back onto the "narrow path" of perfect obedience - with a view to entering into the fullness of their true Kingdom-position in this final hour.

It is no secret that the Father has ALWAYS required an absolute faith and perfect trust in Himself [and His Word] and now, in this hour, it will clearly be seen that those who have entered into that place of an "abiding" faith and love will experience great victory - and the "manifestation" of the fullness of the vision [revelation]

for their life and ministry that He has given them. While those who continue to "maintain" their own life [through fear and self-effort] will slip deeper into darkness - all things becoming evident through the fruit of that one's life. Let us be those who are found pursuing the "fullness" of the Father's Will for our lives - those who are truly seeking first the Kingdom in an "abiding" faith, love and obedience. For it is ONLY in this way that one will overcome in this last hour - without exception.

### THE IMPORTANCE OF TRUE SPIRITUAL HEADQUARTERS [ENVIRONMENTS]

*...."I [Jesus] am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power [revelation] from on high".... Luke 24:49 NASB*

*...."Her gain and her harlot's wages will be set apart to the LORD; it will not be stored up or hoarded, but her gain will become sufficient food and choice attire **for those who dwell in the presence of the LORD**".... Isaiah 23:18 NASB*

It is the Father's desire for each one of His children to diligently maintain [on a daily basis] a perfect relationship with Him in the secret place of His Presence [the "inner chamber"] for, with a view to establishing His people both spiritually and locationally in this hour, He is going to provide the necessary finances to establish the true spiritual headquarters [both on a personal and corporate ministry level] that are necessary [each situation, of course, being unique].

It is very important for one to gain a revelation of the necessity of these true "spiritual headquarters" [environments] for, in this final hour, the Glorious Church - both individually and corporately - will continually work on the principle of first spending time in God's Presence, being clothed [endued] with power continually from on high and, THEN, going out with pinpoint accuracy in obedience to the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit to do mighty exploits for the Kingdom.

The failure of God's children in this hour to enter into this place of intimate fellowship with the Father and His Word will surely manifest in some form of "self-effort" - and the unrighteous [presumptuous] "works" that

are its spontaneous by-product. As was written by the prophet Malachi, we will once again be able to distinguish between that which is truly of God and that which is not - that which is truly of God being the fruit of those who love Him with ALL of their heart.

The aforementioned true spiritual headquarters [environments] will be places of "refuge" [both on a personal and corporate level] - and in these places the people of God will enter into the "fullness of joy" - continually going out from a position of perfect strength and empowerment to do the true works of the Kingdom.

.... "the joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold".... Nehemiah 8:10 The Amplified Translation

.... "If you keep My commandments [if you continue to obey My instructions], you will abide in My love and live on in it, just as I have obeyed My Father's commandments and live on in His love. I have told you these things, that My joy and delight may be in you, and that your joy and gladness may be of full measure and complete and overflowing".... John 15:10-11 The Amplified Translation

.... "You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy, at Your right hand there are pleasures forevermore. [Acts 2:25-28, 31.]".... Psalms 16:11 The Amplified Translation

.... "Then those who feared the LORD spoke to one another, and the LORD gave attention and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who fear the LORD and who esteem His name. 'They will be Mine, says the LORD of hosts, on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him. So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him. For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. You will tread down [devastate] the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing', says the LORD of hosts".... Malachi 3:16-4:3 NASB

## **THE GREAT DANGER OF SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS [SPIRITUAL PRIDE]**

.... "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened".... Matthew 7:7-8 NASB

.... "You shall love [trust] the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind".... Luke 10:27 NASB

**"hypocrisy"** - the deceitful assumption of virtue [in this case the fruit of the Holy Spirit - Who is the Spirit of Love, the Spirit of wisdom and revelation etc.]; the pretense of having feelings or characteristics one does not possess;

Self-righteousness [spiritual pride] is a most dangerous thing for it "allows" a deep darkness to blind the hearts of those who hold to ANY element of SELF-desire in their life and ministry. This holding to a pursuit of self-desire also allows the spirit of "hypocrisy" to work freely in that one's life and, while, their words and actions may "appear" righteous [for a time] their origin, ultimately, is found in an unrighteous [selfish] motivation.

Again, the root of all self-righteousness [spiritual pride] is the desire for one to be right in their "own" thinking more than to have [gain] a revelation of God's Will [either individually or corporately]. This produces "blind spots" [areas into which they cannot truly see (discern) - though still believing they can], and this is precisely why it is so important for one truly desiring the "fullness" of their destiny, in Christ, to enter into the "inner chamber" - on a daily basis. For the continual flow of divine Light in that holy place will surely uncover any potential ground of self-righteousness. It is also in the "inner chamber" that any "preconceived notions" will be uncovered and exposed for what they are [unrighteous in nature] - thus allowing the faithful heart to repent, and begin to affix their faith upon a "revelation" of [instead of a mental ascent to] the Will of the Father.

If one refuses to lay down their life "wholly" unto God then they will SURELY fall into self-righteousness in one of its many forms. And it is certain that if "self" is allowed to remain on the throne of one's heart then, in a short time, they will begin to exhibit the "fruit of self-righteousness", which is ALWAYS self-exaltive and condescending in nature - as well as accusatory and condemnatory. This is the hour wherein every true believer must be found seeking first the Kingdom [as well as their place in it], and to be righteously motivated in ALL things - for it is certain that what one is TRULY

seeking they will most certainly FIND [experience]!

**THESE ARE THE DAYS IN WHICH MANY "JOSEPHS" SHALL NOW BEGIN TO COME FORTH**

....*"It [the vision] hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay. Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith".... Habakkuk 2:3-4 NASB*

....*"He sent a man before them, Joseph, who was sold as a slave. They afflicted his feet with fetters, he himself was laid in irons; Until the time that his word [destiny] came to pass, the word [vision] of the LORD tested him. The king sent and released him, the ruler of peoples, and set him free. He made him lord of his house and ruler over all his possessions".... Psalms 105:17-21 NASB*

These are the days in which many "Josephs" shall now begin to come forth in the midst of all those who are truly seeking God [the remnant Church]. There are many who, up until this time, have been held back by the Father as He has worked diligently to prepare the way for the fullness of His Will [purpose] to manifest "corporately" in this most glorious hour. While the advent of this "Joseph Company" will most certainly affect every area of life and ministry within the Church they will particularly accomplish great things in the area of Kingdom finances, and the establishment of "true" Kingdom-ministries throughout the Body of Christ in every nation.

This "Joseph Company" has continued to exercise faith in spite of sometimes hopeless circumstances. But through all of these things they have "held fast the vision" [revelation] through a perfect love [faith] and patience and, without fail, the Father's perfect Will and purpose will now begin to manifest in the lives of these holy and faithful vessels. For it is certain that this absolute faith and perfect patience on their part will SURELY inherit the fullness of the promises they have stood for, and bear maximum fruit for the Church and the Kingdom from now until the end of the age - and on into Eternity.

**THE FIRST AND FOREMOST TASK OF A TRUE WORKING FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY IS TO LEAD THE CHILDREN OF GOD INTO THE PLACE OF INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP [THE "INNER CHAMBER"] WITH THE FATHER AND HIS WORD**

....*"For a day in Your courts is better than a*

*thousand outside. I would rather stand at the threshold of the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness. For the LORD God is a sun and shield; The LORD gives grace and glory; No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, How blessed is the man/woman who trusts in You!".... Psalms 84:10-12 NASB*

One of the great distinguishing characteristics of the aforementioned "Joseph Company" [that holy remnant of those who are faithful to the Will of God in this hour] is that they have refused to "plateau" [level off] and, thus, have continued to pursue the "fullness" of the Father's plan - at all cost to themselves. Again, these are the days that the Father will now begin to show Himself strong on the behalf of those whose heart truly belongs to Him and, in the process, He will begin to expose ALL that is apart from Christ in the midst of the congregations.

How important it is for those who are out in the forefront of ministry [the "forerunners"] in these days to maintain a perfect fellowship with the Father and His Word in the "inner chamber". For it is only this intimate fellowship with the Father and His Word [on a daily basis] that can prevent self-exaltation [in any of its various forms] from creeping into one's life - causing a hardness of heart [which is a catalyst to darkness], and a certain falling short of the fullness of their destiny in Christ - both individually and corporately.

The first and foremost task of a true working five-fold ministry is to lead the children of God into the place of intimate fellowship [the "inner chamber"] with the Father and His Word. For in this hour, as vast multitudes of God's children begin to enter into proper relationship [perfect fellowship] with Him the fruit of their obedience shall cause multiplied blessing [empowerment] to manifest in their midst and true divine order shall become the spontaneous manifestation - this divine order empowering the faithful one to abide in a pin-point accuracy concerning the Will of the Father for their life and ministry [again, both individually and corporately].

**EVERY LAST CHILD OF GOD IS BEING BROUGHT TO THE POINT OF AN ABSOLUTE DECISION IN THIS MOST CRITICAL HOUR**

....*"For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh".... Romans 7:18 NASB*

....*"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life"..... John 6:63 NASB*

.... *"For the waywardness of the naive will kill them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them. "But he who listens to me shall live securely And will be at ease from the dread of evil".... Proverbs 1:32-33*

Many of God's children have entered into a place of "complacency" [*self-satisfaction*] because they have refused to let go of those things in their life that are not "profitable" for them - or for the furtherance of the true work of the Kingdom. In these days, it is most important [*urgent*] that every child of God sets themselves to a perfect obedience - in even the smallest things. For in this hour it is certain that the failure to forsake ALL to follow after the Will of God shall lead one deeper into [*onto*] the broad path of destruction but it is certain that the one who hearkens to the voice of the Holy Spirit in these days shall live securely and be at ease from the fear [*dread*] of evil.

Every last child of God is being brought to the point of an "absolute" decision in this most critical hour and, thus, it is of the utmost importance for those who truly love God to forsake ALL that is apart from Christ [*the Anointed One and His Anointing*] for it is ONLY in this way that one will enter into the fullness of their Kingdom-position and destiny, in Christ. What the Father has planned for His faithful and obedient ones in this hour will be found by them to be both thrilling and glorious. And He will surely make them a continual sign and wonder to all those who cross their path [*as His Love and Light flow through them*] impacting and changing every environment they set foot in [*in obedience to the Holy Spirit*].

**FROM THIS TIME FORTH, THE FORCES OF THE KINGDOM [LOVE, LIGHT, FAITH, WISDOM, RIGHTEOUSNESS ETC.] SHALL EMANATE [FLOW FORTH] FROM THOSE WHO HAVE CHOSEN HOLINESS**

.... *"I have chosen the faithful way; I have placed Your ordinances before me.".... Psalm 119:30 NASB*

.... *"I shall run the way of Your commandments, for You will enlarge my heart ".... Psalm 119:32 NASB*

From this time forth, the forces of the Kingdom [*Love, Light, Faith, Grace, Wisdom, Righteousness etc.*] shall begin to "emanate" from [*flow forth in an accelerated manner*] those who have chosen holiness in such a way as to expose all that is unrighteous in the hearts of those who cross their path. The spontaneous effect of these things shall be that those who have held to

ANY element of self-desire shall be confronted by this holy fire in such a way as to bring them to the point of the aforementioned "absolute decision" - either for or against the Will of God.

## **THESE ARE THE DAYS OF HOLY FIRE**

.... *"Now the LORD was angry with me on your account, and swore that I would not cross the Jordan, and that I would not enter the good land which the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance. "For I will die in this land, I shall not cross the Jordan, but you shall cross and take possession of this good land. "So watch yourselves, that you do not forget the covenant of the LORD your God which He made with you, and make for yourselves a graven image in the form of anything against which the LORD your God has commanded you. For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God".... Deuteronomy 4:21-24 NASB*

These are the days of holy fire - a fire that will both expose and consume ALL that is not in Christ. This is a necessary judgement in the midst of God's people IF they are going to enter into the fullness of their true Kingdom-position - and, thus, fulfil their precious destiny, in Christ. Do not allow yourself to be dismayed [*disheartened*] by the "rampant emotionalism" displayed by some who are bound by fear and unbelief for, in reality, we, as the remnant Church, are simply the messengers - a plumb line [*measuring stick*] dropped in the midst of God's people. Because of the release of this holy fire there will be many who shall begin to hearken fully to the voice of the Holy Spirit in this hour and, thus, "suddenly" they will turn [*repent*] and enter into the place that the Father has prepared for them [*true spiritual environment*] - a place wherein they will be continually edified by those who are wholly given to My Will and highest purposes.

## **WHAT ONE COMPROMISES THE WILL/WORD OF GOD TO KEEP THEY SHALL LOSE IN THIS HOUR**

.... *"In righteousness you will be established; You will be far from oppression, for you will not fear; And from terror, for it will not come near you. If anyone fiercely assails you it will not be from Me. Whoever assails you will fall because of you. Behold, I Myself have created the smith who blows the fire of coals and brings out a weapon for its work; And I have created the destroyer to ruin. No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; And every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their vindication is from Me, declares the LORD"....*

Isaiah 54:14-17 NASB

**"compromise"** - a settlement of differences by mutual concessions [*in this case, a putting aside of God's Word/Will in order to facilitate an agenda {plan} that is not in the Will of God*];

....*"The fear of man brings a snare [trap]"*....  
Proverbs 29:25a NASB

....*"For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ"*....  
Galatians 1:10 NASB

If one "maintains" a fear of man [*fear of what others think and/or seeking the approval of man before the approval of God*] in this last hour then they will SURELY compromise the Will of God for their life and ministry - in order to remain in the "comfort zones" [*relationships, ministries etc.*] that they, themselves have established.

This is the hour wherein the Father is calling His people into the true spiritual positioning that He has ordained [*ordered*] for them from before the foundations of the earth. For it is only from this position [*true spiritual environment - both individually in the "inner chamber" and corporately*] that they can enter into the place of refuge [*divine protection and, indeed the fullness of the Covenant blessing that are theirs, in Christ*] - a place wherein they are protected from every scheme of the Enemy and, also, the place from which they will go out to mighty exploits for both the Church and the Kingdom. It is very important for EVERY child of God to remember that what one "compromises" the Will/Word of God to "keep" they shall lose in this hour.

....*"If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul"*.... Mark 8:34-36 NASB

### **THIS IS A TIME OF SUPERNATURAL [DIVINE] RESTORATION FOR ALL THOSE WHO ARE TRULY SEEKING FIRST THE KINGDOM**

....*"Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded"*.... James 4:7-8 NASB

The only thing that will counteract "idolatry" [*the placing of people or things above their relationship with the Father and His Word*] in the lives of God's children in this final hour is a heart "wholly" given [*Luke 10:27*] to His Will. For it is ONLY a heart "wholly given" that will cause [*empower*] one to be positioned properly [*both spiritually and locationally*] so as to not be ignorant of Satan's schemes - "rising above" them, and victoriously overcoming him at every turn.

Many have received revelation [*vision*] over the years that they have allowed [*through idolatry*] Satan and his forces to "bury" [*cover up*]. In their failure to hold fast the vision [*revelation*] that the Father blessed them with throughout the years [*seeds of revelation that were designed to keep them on the "narrow path" until the fullness of time*] they have allowed "double-mindedness" to creep in - and, thus, that which was once their "reality" has now become an "unreality" to them.

If those who have departed from the Will of God turn around in this most critical hour, and enter into the "inner chamber" [*the secret place of His Presence*] - forsaking ALL that is apart from Him - THEN the Father, in His great mercy, will surely "resurrect" the vision [*revelation*] He placed in their heart and He will re-establish them in the center of His Will, and in the fullness of their true "Kingdom-position", in Christ. This is a time of supernatural [*divine*] restoration for ALL those who are truly seeking first the Kingdom, and all that is restored by God will SURELY be used in such a way as to do GREAT harm to Satan and his forces - and, because of these things, they will be put to flight at every turn.

....*"When the LORD brought back the captive ones of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter and our tongue with joyful shouting; Then they said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.' The LORD has done great things for us; We are glad..... Those who sow in tears shall reap with joyful shouting. He who goes to and fro weeping, carrying [his] bag of seed, shall indeed come again with a shout of joy, bringing his sheaves [with him.]"*....  
Psalms 126:1-6 NASB

....*"rejoice, O sons/daughters of Zion, and be glad in the LORD your God; For He has given you the early rain for [your] vindication. And He has poured down for you the rain, The early and latter rain as before. The threshing floors will be full of grain, and the vats will overflow with the new wine and oil. **Then I will make up to you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,.....** You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied*

*and praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you".... Joel 2:23-26 NASB*

## **"RIGHTEOUS" ONE ACCORD**

*...."If anyone is willing to do His will, he will know [discern the authenticity] of the teaching".... John 7:17 NASB*

*...."For those who are according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you".... Romans 8:5-9 NASB*

It must be clearly understood by every Christian in this most critical hour that the prerequisite for one clearly "seeing" their path *[and discerning between true and false doctrine - that which is righteously motivated and that which is unrighteously motivated]* in this hour is for that one to be willing to do ALL of God's Will at ALL times.

The difference between the "one accord" that is the result of the "organization of man" as opposed to the one accord *[perfect agreement, in Christ]* that the Father both desires and requires in the midst of His people is that the former is a result of "the mind of the flesh" - and the striving of man in the pursuit of the self-glory that is its spontaneous fruit. Whereas, the latter is a result of revelation knowledge and the Mind of Christ, and is ALWAYS the spontaneous result of a heart wholly given - a heart that is willing to do ALL of God's Will at ALL times *[John 5:30-44]*.

## **IT IS ONLY "REVELATION KNOWLEDGE" ABIDING IN THE HEART OF THE INDIVIDUAL THAT CAN SUPERNATURALLY LINK THEM WITH OTHERS OF KINDRED SPIRIT IN THE BODY OF CHRIST**

*...."Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, Coming down upon the beard, Even Aaron's beard, Coming down upon the edge of his robes. It is like the dew of Hermon Coming down upon the mountains of Zion; For there the LORD commanded the blessing - life [love, truth, revelation, righteousness] forever".... Psalms 133:1-3 NASB*

**"project"** - to speak forth or act on something proposed or mapped out in the mind *[usually based on one's past experience]*, as a course of action, discernment; to visualize *[imagine]* as an external reality;

Because of these things, it is of the utmost importance for every last child of God to be found pursuing a revelation of the Father's Will *[Word]* on a daily basis. For if one does not put themselves in the proper position *[the "inner chamber" - the secret place of His Presence]* to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit *[Who is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation]* THEN it is certain that they will continue to lean upon their "own" understanding - thus, "mentally" ascending to the Word *[Will]* of God on a continual basis rather than receiving a continual flow of revelation *[divine Light]* into their heart.

Because of this, they will not be able to discern things properly and, thus, they will continue to "project" *[in their fear and darkness]* out of their "past experience" upon all those who cross their path in a spirit of self-desire *[ungodly desire]* - and the self-righteousness that is its spontaneous by-product. This leads to much confusion and disorder - and all but nullifies the possibility of the aforementioned true one accord *[unity]* in the midst of God's people.

For it is ONLY "revelation knowledge" abiding *[dwelling actively]* in the heart of the individual that can "supernaturally link them" with others who are of a "kindred spirit" *[and "like precious faith"]* in the Body of Christ - and, thus, produce the true one accord and unity that the Father so desires.

*...."Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through [a revelation of] the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ: Grace and peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge [revelation] of God, and of Jesus our Lord".... 2 Peter 1:1-2 NASB*

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## **NUGGETS FROM THE INNER CHAMBER**

\* It is absolutely amazing what transpires in one's life when the very first hours of the day are given to the Lord.

*...."Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn [the "inner chamber"]".... Psalms 110:3 NASB*

\* With revelation comes the "GREAT responsibility" for one to walk in Love - regardless of what has been revealed.

....*"Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails".... 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a NASB*

\* All that matters both now and in the Eternal scheme of things is that we, as true sons and daughters of God, get it right where the Will of the Father is concerned *[both individually and corporately]*.

....*"And you shall love the Lord your God with all your [mind and] heart and with your entire being and with all your might".... Deuteronomy 6:5 The Amplified Translation*

....*"If you live in Me [abide vitally united to Me] and My words remain in you and continue to live in your hearts, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you".... John 15:7 The Amplified Translation*

....*"not My will, but Yours be done".... Luke 22:42 NASB*

\* There will be many "surprises" in this hour as each man's work becomes evident before a holy God. The first *[in their own thinking]* shall be last and the last *[in their own estimation as they serve God]* will be first.

....*"According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is to be revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire".... 1 Corinthians 3:10-15 NASB*

....*"But many who are first will be last, and the last, first".... Mark 10:31 NASB*

\* "The "traditions of men" *[the organizational hand of man]* begins to take effect in a corporate environment *[fellowship]* the very second that those in delegated authority make a decision *[in their heart - through self-desire and deception]* to depart from the mandate *[vision]* of God and the "full" control *[leading and Wisdom]* of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of life and ministry.

"**the traditions of men**" - a doctrine or body of doctrines or "practices" regarded as having been established by Christ or the apostles though not contained in Scripture - or based upon a "revelation" thereof;

....*"And He [Jesus] answered and said to them, 'Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment [Word] of God for the sake of your tradition?'.... Matthew 15:3 NASB*

\* The "transmission of fear" *[unbelief, darkness]* from the pulpit *[under ANY circumstance]* is a horrific thing in the sight of the Lord.

"**transmission**" - transference of force *[in this case, the force of fear, darkness, unbelief, mistrust etc. as opposed to the various Kingdom-forces: love, righteousness faith, wisdom, truth etc];*

....*"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind".... 2 Timothy 1:7 KJV*

....*"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love".... 1 John 4:18 NASB*

\* Spiritual reality dictates that for one to disrespect the Word *[by not giving it preeminence in one's life]* is for one to disrespect Jesus *[Who, as we know, are one and the same]*. The written Word is unique in that it is both "living and active" and has the capacity *[Power]* within itself *[Himself]* to bring itself to pass - right from the first seed to full growth, "perfectly" *[perfectly being defined in this context as the "fullness" of the Father's purpose for which it was sent]*.

....*"For the Word that God speaks is alive and full of power [making it active, operative, energizing, and effective]; it is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating to the dividing line of the breath of life [soul] and [the immortal] spirit, and of joints and marrow [of the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and sifting and analyzing and judging the very thoughts and purposes of the heart".... Hebrews 4:12 The Amplified*

*Translation*

....*"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there without watering the earth and making it bear and sprout, and furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; **It will not return to Me empty, without accomplishing what I desire, and without succeeding in the matter for which I sent it**".... Isaiah 55:10-11 NASB*

\* If there is any "mixture" [*self-desire maintained*] in one's heart THEN what is perceived as a "confirmation" from the Lord is, in reality, the Enemy reassuring them in their soul [*mind, will, emotions*] or through "outward" circumstances that he creates that they are on the "right" path. Always remember, he is nothing but a "counterfeiter" - and so his method is simply a copy [*albeit an unrighteous one*] of the way the Lord confirms things [*through a divine peace - a divine peace and assurance in the depths of one's heart which is the spontaneous fruit of one's perfect alignment with His Word {Will}*].

....*"There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death".... Proverbs 14:12 NASB*

....*"Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands".... Psalms 90:17 NASB*

....*"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see [know and understand the Will of] God".... Matthew 5:8 NASB*

\* One can follow after "flesh and blood" or they can follow after the Lord BUT they cannot do both at the same time.

....*"Then Jesus said to His disciples, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me'.... Matthew 16:24 NASB*

....*"If anyone comes to Me, and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be My disciple. Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple".... Luke 14:26-27 NASB*

....*"For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ".... Galatians 1:10 NASB*

\* Over the years whenever the Enemy is attempting to "speak into my life" I learned to immediately tell him [*in no uncertain terms!*] to "shut up" - for it is written ALL unrighteousness will [*one translation says MUST*] shut its mouth!" [*it works, too!*]

....*"The upright shall see it and be glad, but all iniquity [unrighteousness] shall shut its mouth".... Psalms 107:42 The Amplified Translation*

or I continually remind him of his destiny found in Revelation 20:10 - which is a very effective way of resisting him and putting him to flight!

....*"And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; **and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever**".... Revelation 20:10 NASB*

....*"**Submit** therefore to God. **Resist** the devil [stand firm against him in faith], and he will flee from you. **Draw near** to God and He will draw near to you".... James 4:7-8a NASB*

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