

11. Two Human Races and their Inevitable Separation

“Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have Righteousness and Lawlessness; or what fellowship has Light with Darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer (‘Headed’ obedient one) in common with an unbeliever (decapitated disobedient one)? Or what agreement has the Temple of God with idols? For we are the Temple of the living God; just as God said, ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

“‘Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate,’ says the Lord. And do not touch what is unclean; and I will welcome you. And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me.’ says the Lord Almighty.” (2 Corinthians. 6:14-18 Emphasis added.)

The Fall of the First Humans

The above text reiterates the same revelation and commandments given in Genesis and Exodus. It is continued revelation that the nature of our Perfect God is Perfect, Selfless Love. And humans are created to be His image and likeness. We may achieve many things and perform incredible feats at astounding levels of excellence, but if we fail to be reflections of His perfect selfless love, nothing else will matter. That’s why nothing can be allowed to twist, distort, replace or erase God’s image and likeness. Nothing alien and corrupted by Sin can be allowed to be mixed with it:

“If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing.” (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

We must take this into account in all of our considerations: In the light of mankind’s rebellion against God and disastrous fall into Sin, and how far short we all fall from God’s changeless standard for true humanity, how does His perfect love nature react and respond to Sin-full Adam and Eve who were now so undeserving of His love?

Did He suddenly change his mind and attitude and turn against the human race? Did He give up on them? Did His Perfect Righteousness, Holiness, Purity and Justice drive Him to get even and punish and seek to squash or banish them because He despises and abhors people who are not ‘good enough?’ Well, that’s exactly how our fallen flesh reacts, isn’t it? Those urges naturally become aroused in us whenever we feel threatened or insulted or wronged, don’t they? But Scripture tells us that the ways of the real, true, living God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are not our ways (Isaiah 55:8-9). Perfection never changes! So He loves His Creation and means it nothing but good on an eternal, unchanging basis:

“Love (God) is patient, Love (God) is kind and is not jealous; Love (God) 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 (God) never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part; but when (God) the perfect comes, the partial (what falls short of His image and likeness) will be done away.” (1 Corinthians 13:4-10 Emphasis added.)

If God’s eternal loving, perfect heart disposition never changes...then...our corrupt, Sin-ful, shabby performances will never change Him either. No matter how bad or good we may be by our reckoning, we’re much worse when we’re measured against His Eternal Perfection. But our perfect God has always known it would be this way, even before He created us and gave us free will. His eternal mindset, will and purpose is this: He created us all to be redeemed, forgiven, regenerated and fully restored to total, eternal union with Him.

But, because He never changes and is perfect in His Justice, He also never takes back what He has ordained and established and given. He never changes the laws of His Creation. He has given us free will. And our free will works according to His laws of ‘*sowing and reaping*’ and according to His laws of physics that govern the behavior of energy. Because we have free will, we must always choose what we will be and do...which then determines which results we will achieve and where we will end up.

“I, the LORD, search the heart; I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds.” (Jeremiah 17:10)

“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you, being evil, speak what is good? For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. The good man brings out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings out of his evil treasure what is evil. But I tell you that every careless word that people speak, they shall give an accounting for it in the Day of Judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.” (Matthew 12:33-37 Emphasis added.)

“Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.” (Galatians 6:7-8 Emphasis added.)

‘Energy always seeks the path of least resistance.’ (A law of physics which is part of God’s Creation)

The path of least resistance is determined by the layout of whatever structure through which the energy has to pass. The structural layout tells the energy which is the easiest way for it to go. Then the energy follows that route, every time. This is a law of God’s Creation. It never changes and applies to everything and everyone that uses energy. It applies at all times.

So God, through His awesome living Word, has already created, bestowed, paid for and given His perfect, all-sufficient Covenant structure to all of us. His covenant structure, provided we choose to come into it on God's terms, contains everything we will ever need to be restored to the fullness of His Original Genesis 1 Creation and Blessing. And that will fulfill the purpose and destiny God gave to the entire human race as well as to each one of us as individuals.

“Thus the heavens and the earth were completed, and all their hosts. By the seventh day God completed His work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because in it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.” (Genesis 2:1-3)

We never have to ask God to do or give us something else that we think might be missing, or ask Him to do something we think He has yet to do. Those assumptions are wrong. If they were true, God would not be Perfect; and thus He would not really be God. The real, living God has done and given everything to us already. From His side, there is nothing holding the fullness of His blessings back from us. The only thing that deprives us is the continuation of Serpent-induced delusions that prevent us from receiving to ourselves, what God has already given and paid for.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ...” (Ephesians 1:3 Emphasis added.)

So if there is any blockage or opposition to our well being, it is caused by something about us or in us that keeps what God so passionately wants us to have, from getting through. It is due to fallen angels and men, continuing to remain opposed to or separated from God's Word, who IS our Original Blessing. It is due to the self-centered, divisive, disintegrating 'genetic defect' with which all children of Adam are born. The Sin in us separates us from God's Word and deprives us of equipment we must have to be His image and likeness. Sin is like a virus in our onboard computers that keeps causing division, separation and opposition to God in our minds and sets us at odds with His mind and His Word, Yeshua our Messiah.

Key Question

So the question is – will we receive from God what His living Word has been sent to be to us so that the damage Sin did to us can be repaired and we can be reconnected to Him? Will we embrace and receive Him into our innermost being as God has revealed Him to us so that He can make the necessary changes in us? If we allow Him entry as He really is, He will be to us everything He knows we need. Thus He will meet God's perfect standards in our name and fulfill the purpose and destiny God gave us. That is why the written Word of God, that reveals the living Word of God, is so vitally important to us and why we must never tamper with it or try to add or subtract from it. If we tamper with that, we tamper with our eternal Salvation!

So disciples must wholeheartedly receive the fullness of The Original Blessing God sent to come after us, instead of continuing to put up resistance. If we continue to resist, God's Word must honor our free will. His sowing and reaping laws and His laws concerning the behavior of energy will run their course. And the more resistance of unbelief and disobedience we create, the more bitter and toxic fruit we will have to live with...as the results of our choices continue to bear their fruit. God wants all men to be saved and set free from delusions and blessed by His

lovingkindness; but many humans choose to ignore and reject His living Word...whose name is 'Salvation' (Yeshua). In his place they enthrone false gods and false religions. But whether we will receive God's true Word and true Salvation or not, is entirely up to us. The way we respond to God's living Word made flesh, who appeared to us as 'Yeshua of Nazareth' and who rose from the dead and now reigns beside the Father in Heaven...is a choice we must all make for ourselves.

God sent His *Word-Blessing* to seek after every naked, decapitated human. And some of us do stop running and hiding. We allow Him to overtake us and be to us what God intends. But others continue to reject and hide from Him. They choose to stay in their original radically independent state. Each of us determines where and how we will fit into God's Plan. We choose whether to abide on the wisdom side of God's laws of Creation, or the foolish side. We must understand that even though we change continually in our perceptions, opinions, feelings and directions, God and the laws of His Creation are perfect so they will never change.

Yeshua – the Word personified

When God speaks, His word goes forth to perform, or create what He says – out of nothingness! The Word does exactly what He is sent to do (Isa 55:8-11). God calls Him His '*beloved Son*' (Matthew 17:5). The Son (living Word) is the perfect image and likeness of the Father who sends Him forth to do His will. The likeness that the Word and the Spirit bear to the Father is also perfect in nature. That is what makes the three into a beautiful, incomprehensible, magnificent composite unity – the one true living God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

So to understand what Sin does and how it causes things to go wrong, picture the Divine Blessing energy that is generated when God sends His perfectly obedient Word to fulfill His wishes. A powerful Love-energy polarity comes forth from God. It is a very concentrated, perfectly focused, loving creative force. The Word is that energy. He moves like a relentless 'laser beam' of intense, perfect oneness with God. His perfect obedience-energy goes forth and bores through any resistance or obstacle, except for one.

That obstacle is the one created and maintained by the disobedient free wills of His angelic and human creatures. Every choice they make has enormous consequences. Each time they choose, something either happens in the physical universe, or fails to happen. And because God honors the free will He gave us, He will not stop the consequences of those choices from taking place.

But if we work with Him on the wisdom side of His laws of Creation, He promises to work even our past wicked choices, and the evil things that result from the choices others keep making, into the fulfillment of His good purposes for us, regardless of what His other disobedient creatures may choose to do around us and against us:

“And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.” (Romans 8:28-30)

The Word of God will always ‘hit His assigned bullseye.’ But as His energy makes its way to the bullseye, He enters into those who welcome Him, while bypassing those who resist Him. But the end result will always be the same. The Word and the disciples that are one with Him, will hit the bullseye of the target at which the Father aims...dead center. This will happen...with us, or without us. How it works out for us is up to the resistance (or acceptance) we create to the Word of Salvation God sends to us. It is always our choice.

“Now, therefore, fear the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” (Joshua 24:14-15 Emphasis added.)

Image and Likeness – a Reflection of Him

Adam and Eve and all their children were designed and created to be the image and likeness of God’s living Word. But in order to be His image and likeness, we must become the Word’s ‘*path of least resistance*.’ So in this case, the path of least resistance is ***the path of most acceptance!*** God’s Word and His obedience to His Father must be wholeheartedly embraced and welcomed and reflected in and by our intellect, affections and will. Our will must choose to merge and become as one with His will, just as He reveals it. That is why Scripture describes the relationship between God’s Word and His people in terms of intimate marital union. When we allow God’s Word to pierce, penetrate and impregnate us with His Life, He is free to operate in and through us. And when His perfect obedience becomes ours as well, the good things God intends and which He has already given and paid for are then free to enter into our lives and be worked into our circumstances. Then we can bear the fruit that the Word produces within us and in our name. That’s how the Original Blessing is applied to us and opens the way for us to receive our God-given inheritance and all-sufficient ‘*daily bread*.’

“One of them, a lawyer, asked Him a question, testing Him, ‘Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?’ And He said to him, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.’ On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets.” (Matthew 22:35-40)

“Now it shall be, if you diligently obey the LORD your God, being careful to do all His commandments which I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. All these blessings will come upon you and overtake you if you obey the LORD your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country. Blessed shall be the offspring of your body and the produce of your ground and the offspring of your beasts, the increase of your herd and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.” (Deuteronomy 28:1-6 Emphasis added.)

Notice the behavior of the energy flow in the texts above. Notice what happens when we give no resistance to God's perfect Blessing and what happens when we do resist Him. In order for God's Blessing to be free to operate from within our spirit, soul, and physical life, His focused, concentrated 'laser beam' of obedience-energy must be embraced and allowed to perform Father's will in us and proceed out of us, unchanged, undistorted, and unhindered. When that happens, God can tend to our needs and restore us to what He has always intended us to be and to have. The energy of His Word must be just as focused and concentrated coming out of us as it was coming into us. That's how we become the image and likeness of God of our loving God.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven will enter." (Mt. 7:21 Emphasis added.)

Another way of saying this is that right from the beginning, Adam, Eve and all of their descendants, were designed and intended to be 'disciples' of God's living Word. Disciples are to be as our Master is and do as He does. Just as the Word is Father's image and likeness, so we are to be His image and likeness. Then we too can enjoy the rewards that Father gives to His beloved Son (Romans 8:16:18; Titus 3:6-8).

As long as we embrace and obey God's Word, His love-energy will remain just as it was when it came to us. Instead of resisting it and causing it to scatter and bypass us, we prepare the way for Him to enter. Then we protect and maintain His original focus by keeping it concentrated and aimed in the same direction God originally wanted it to go. We do not scatter, dissipate, distort, deflect or oppose it in any way. We allow Him to proceed with no resistance, interference or opposition so that He can continue straight and true to the center of the target God sent Him to 'hit.' If we cooperate with our Master that way, we will produce the Fruit that His Father sent Him to produce and we will be able to bear it for Him in our lives and circumstances.

"My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love. If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love. These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full." (John 15:8-11 Emphasis added.)

"Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good." (Romans 12:21)

"But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." (Luke 6:35-36)

"So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord..." (Ephesians 5:17-19)

What it means to be, 'Decapitated'

Adam and Eve allowed themselves to become trapped in the coils of the Serpent. They used their free will to believe his lies and joined him in his disobedience and Sin. The moment that happened, they severed themselves from their Head, the Word of God. At that moment, their human nature suffered tremendous lethal damage and horrid disfigurement. Modern day people fail to realize that we all inherit that state from conception and they seldom take what that means into account. Unless God reveals this to us, we will never be able to imagine the depth and extent of the damage that Sin has done to us as a race. Sin has broken, disfigured and severely misaligned our inner workings and the world in which we have to live. Basic human faculties and abilities were lost the moment the Serpent's 'bite' injected Sin into our DNA and 'decapitated' or cut us away from our Head, the Word of God! After that, we were deprived our true God-given ability to be image and likeness. We won't know this unless we know God's revealed Truth. And if we don't know the Truth about our state and that of the world we inhabit, we will naturally, blithely, assume we're all okay...and seek to improve ourselves as much as we can. But that will be like people that try to make the most of their journey on *The Titanic*, while refusing to face and admit what is really going on below the water line.

Since the Fall, Scripture tells us that everything fallen humans think, do or say falls far short of God's original plan and purpose for us. Sin cut us completely away from the perfection and obedient activity of our Head. We were left to wallow in the Serpent's disobedience. We lost our connection with our true purpose and direction and were marooned in demonic spiritual desolation and Darkness. Our ability to serve as God's image and likeness died that day.

Instead of mirroring the polarity of God's energy flow as we were made to do, the Serpent blinded us to the Word's polarity and trapped us in his counter-polarity. And this new, alien polarity began moving us in an opposite direction. Now we naturally oppose, resist and exclude the energy-flow of God's Word. His laser beam focus and intensity can no longer naturally enter and work in us and radiate out of us. The demonic opposition in us resists God's love-energy and causes it to scatter and bypass us as He proceeds to His changeless target. The Word of God is forced, by our fallen wills and their choices, to go to the target He will surely hit...without us.

That's why we can view Sin as a state of decapitation. Sin forces us to operate without our Head at a gross, monstrous sub-human level of behavior and performance. We work at cross-purposes to what God sent His Word to be and do to us, in us and through us. And as long as we remain without our Head, we can't be His image and likeness. We remain the maimed, disfigured products of the Serpent's rebellion and his vicious lies against God. That's why God must regenerate our spirits before we can be saved and why our fallen Sin-corrupted minds must be renewed before we can be fully restored. And that is why we must repent and totally submit to the authority of the Word of God, so He can re-create us and make brand new creations out of us. Then He can begin to change and transform completely, the way we see and think and act, react and interact.

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." (John 3:5-6)

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

Adam, Eve and their offspring began to experience the living death that followed the awful separation from God’s Word. They were like beautiful lamps whose power cords had just been ripped out. Now they were trapped in the depths of satanic Darkness. They had to grope and try to find their way in a state of total spiritual disorientation and dislocation. They were marooned far from Home and condemned to be enslaved by the murderous, Prince of Darkness. They had no power or ability to do anything about it. They were hopelessly lost.

But Nothing Essential Had Changed!

Remember: God’s perfect Love-nature never changes. He always wants the best for us. He is always the same; we are the ones that changed. So as soon as Adam and Eve fell, God sent His living Word, the Perfect Blessing, to seek them out and to begin the rescue and restoration mission that continues to this day. He came to free humans from the coils of the Serpent and to reconnect them to Himself – the Perfect Blessing that they so foolishly rejected. Now it was time for Him to show them what He would have to do to them...in them...and through them...to undo and reverse the Serpent’s lethal devastation.

Now the decapitated human race will have to repent of the rebellious, disobedient, radically independent, Sin-energy polarity that Adam’s disobedience embedded within them. They will have to allow their true Creator and Head, God’s Word, to reconnect them to Himself and refocus and retrain and recoup and re-concentrate their energy until it merges and blends with His God-obedient energy once more. Any human who chooses to submit to the Word and go where He must take them, will by that obedience to Him, re-unite with His obedience to the Father. Then together, with the Word leading, and His disciple following, they can proceed to their ultimate God-given target destination together.

The Lamb of God

By covering Adam and Eve with the skins of animals, our Perfect Blessing revealed that He is also our Perfect Atonement. Even though they were now terribly damaged, broken and spiritually disfigured, He covered their shameful Godless nakedness with His Perfect one with God Righteousness. There was nothing left in them that would pass God’s perfect standards, so He covered them with His Perfection and became the Purity and Redemption they could not generate for themselves. If they allowed Him to be their 100% Supply once more, their energies would no longer oppose His energy. They would merge with it instead. That is the Salvation Pattern that God’s Eternal Covenant makes possible for us all.

Since all humans maintain the free will God gave them, Adam and Eve and their children must allow the revelation of God’s ‘rescue mission’ to get through the natural barriers that the Sin residue in their fallen flesh instinctively raises against God. Even now, many who call themselves ‘Christians’ and ‘believers’ still do not allow God’s living Word to pierce, penetrate, impregnate and cover them with His perfect Life and awesome Truth. Instead they keep Him at arm’s length assuming they can placate God by the head knowledge they manage to accumulate

about Him and by using cute theological formulas and mystical religious rituals and organized gatherings and pious lip service they employ. But they still try to maintain independent control of their lives and fortunes. So God's changeless Word continues to bypass their resistance and competitive opposition. And He warns such deceived religious people, again and again:

"...I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot; I wish that you were cold or hot. So because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of My mouth. Because you say, 'I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing,' and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see.

"Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me. He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. He, who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches!" (Revelation 3:15-22 Emphasis added.)

If such hardness of heart still lurks within synagogues and churches, how profound must the Darkness be that controls and dominates the fallen world system that runs this corrupt, Sin-loving humanistic world? The world remains determined to ignore and oppose and contradict God's living and written Word. It operates on the self-destructive side of the laws of Creation that determine the behavior and result of their energy. By opposing the Love-energy of God, they force the Salvation God sends to them to pass them by continually. But God will never change.

So as soon as we begin to see the Light of Truth and respond to it, we will begin to lower our resistance and allow some of the Word's Light and Truth to penetrate. Then His Light begins to dissipate our Darkness. The mind of our Master can then become our mind. And suddenly we can really begin to see ourselves as we really are...decapitated, wild, rebellious 'stallions', kicking and bucking against the 'reins' of God.

At first sight, the Light of God's Truth is terrifying and utterly devastating to His enemies. Now they dimly begin to see the edge of the abyss of destruction and desolation over which they are teetering and are about to fall. They see the jaws of an eternal hell without our loving Creator, waiting to consume them. And that terrible shock enlightens and compels people to repent and make an immediate U-Turn. Then...they cry out to God for mercy. And His Son, our Perfect Blessing, is free to enter the picture and be to them what they so desperately need Him to be.

God's living Word came for us all, including you who read this. He's been wooing and calling to us all...to allow Him to reconnect us to Himself. And if we hear and obey Him on God's terms, we'll know the glory and benefit of having our Shepherd free us from the Serpent's strangling coils and begin to take us home. Then He will fill us with His Light. And we will begin to reflect Him, instead of the Serpent. And His Light will fill us, and we will no longer be 'decapitated.' Instead, He will integrate and coordinate and synchronize those who obey Him into one beautiful Body...His Body. And they will begin to radiate Him to whoever happens to be around.

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

“Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I say to you, until Heaven and Earth pass away, not the smallest letter or stroke shall pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Whoever then annuls one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, shall be called least in the Kingdom of Heaven; but whoever keeps and teaches them, he shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the Kingdom of Heaven.” (Matthew 5:14-20)

“We know that we are of God, and that the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding so that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life. Little children, guard yourselves from idols.” (1 John 5:19-21)

God’s Rescue Mission

Note this well: God’s Word is here to complete His ‘rescue mission’ on our behalf. Nothing will stop Him and that is why He commands those of us that hear His voice to follow Him. If we forsake our former rebellion and begin our Exodus from this fallen world’s God-less system, He will be free to take us to His Land of Promise. It’s not enough just to *begin* to leave. It’s not enough to give mere mental assent and agree that we should forsake our former rebellion and leave it behind. We actually have to **DO** it! We must leave former things behind in the meditations of our heart and in our will. We must actually change our priorities and focus on the one true God alone. Then...we will actually have what it takes to complete the journey. Only truly entering The Land of Promise will restore us. And the results will be very noticeable to those around us that have not even begun their journey...or are still en route.

After we forsake Darkness and its inherited citizenship in the fallen world system, the system will hate and attack us. It will do everything it can to drag us back and discourage and disillusion and defeat us so that it can ‘decapitate’ us once again. But we must be ready for that and resist and hold our God-given Land of Promise Blood Covenant ground. That’s why our Master orders us to pick up our crosses in order to execute the life and identity and priorities we once held dear. Why? So that the Word of God can give us His Life and status and performance record. We will then partake of His Perfection, which is only available when we enter and abide in the Spirit-filled and Spirit-led Land that is on the Resurrection side of our personal Cross.

We must gear our souls for the pain of separation and what it will cost us to be at odds with the people and things we once cherished, needed, revered, clung to and idolized. This is what Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph had to endure and learn and live out. God’s Word will relentlessly take us away from anything that opposes and scatters His energy flow. At first, this will be an enormous shock to our systems and we will suffer withdrawal agonies as we outgrow our former self-life addictions. But we must not blame God for what the separation and the war

between the two human races will cost us. God did not create any of this. The Serpent's rebellion, disobedience and outrageous lies created it. Sin and its Death created it.

People who refuse to believe the warnings given by God's Word will continue to remain separated from the Life-giving Energy of God's Word. Thus they choose eternal suicide over eternal Life. Their fate and consequences will be of their own choosing. But we must not remain in their midst. We've got to leave all that behind. That is why our Master has to separate us from those who choose to stay behind...and begin to lead us to our true Home...which is a place and an atmosphere and a lifestyle we have never known...until the Word of God pierced our heart and brought us to Life and opened our spiritual eyes and ears.

"Another also said, 'I will follow You, Lord; but first permit me to say good-bye to those at home.' But Jesus said to him, "'No one, after putting his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.'" (Luke 9:61-62)

Scripture warns us to keep our eyes on our Master and to follow wherever He leads, no matter what it costs. We must not hesitate or look to the left or to the right, and most assuredly, we are not to look back with pity or longing or regret upon those who oppose God's Word. Once He has pierced, penetrated and impregnated us with His eternal Life, there will be nothing for us to look back to...nothing but decapitation and death. Our perfect Master remains perfectly and eternally focused. He never takes His eyes off of the bullseye His Father has set before Him. And that's where He must lead us. So come to grips with this reality. Once we exchange lives with our Lord and Master, we are under God's orders, wearing His uniform, and fully involved in maintaining His honor in this very deadly, unrelenting War! There can be no compromise. Our enemies will give us no quarter or mercy. They will decapitate us if they can. And that is why God will not give those who love Sin any mercy.

"When morning dawned, the angels urged Lot, saying, 'Up, take your wife and your two daughters who are here, or you will be swept away in the punishment of the city.'" But he hesitated. So the men seized his hand and the hand of his wife and the hands of his two daughters, for the compassion of the LORD was upon him; and they brought him out, and put him outside the city. When they had brought them outside, one said, 'Escape for your life! Do not look behind you, and do not stay anywhere in the valley; escape to the mountains, or you will be swept away!'" (Genesis 19:15-17 Emphasis added.)

"I gave My back to those who strike Me, and My cheeks to those who pluck out the beard; I did not cover My face from humiliation and spitting. For the Lord GOD helps Me, therefore, I am not disgraced; therefore, I have set My face like flint, and I know that I will not be ashamed. He who vindicates Me is near; who will contend with Me?" (Isaiah 50:6-7 Emphasis added.)

"Behold, I have made your face as hard as their faces and your forehead as hard as their foreheads. Like emery harder than flint I have made your forehead. Do not be afraid of them or be dismayed before them, though they are a rebellious house."

"Moreover, He said to me, 'Son of man, take into your heart all My words which I will speak to you and listen closely.'" (Ezekiel 3:8-10)

“They were on the road going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking on ahead of them; and they were amazed, and those who followed were fearful. And again He took the twelve aside and began to tell them what was going to happen to Him, saying, ‘Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles. They will mock Him and spit on Him, and scourge Him and kill Him, and three days later He will rise again!’” (Mark 10:32-34 Emphasis added.)

“On that day, the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house must not go down to take them out; and likewise the one who is in the field must not turn back. Remember Lot’s wife. Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.” (Luke 17:31-33 Emphasis added.)

“Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, have this attitude; and if in anything you have a different attitude, God will reveal that also to you; however, let us keep living by that same standard to which we have attained.” (Philippians 3:12-16 Emphasis added.)

Maintaining concentration of focus and remaining as one with our Master’s mind and energy-direction are absolutely essential. God has nothing to do with the world and its Sin-full system. He remains outside of it and calls to us to come out of there. So if we obey, the result will be the separation of the two human races. One leaves the world and its system behind and the other continues to cling to it and try to make it ‘work’. Those that become the Lord’s personal family members are called ‘*sons of God.*’ The ones they leave behind are called, ‘*sons of disobedience*’ (Ephesians 2:2; 5:6). And those that refuse to repent will always war against those that do.

*“While He was still speaking to the crowds, behold, His mother and brothers were standing outside, seeking to speak to Him. Someone said to Him, ‘Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside seeking to speak to You.’ But Jesus answered the one who was telling Him and said, ‘Who is My mother and who are My brothers?’ And stretching out His hand toward His disciples, He said, ‘Behold My mother and My brothers! **For whoever does the will of My Father who is in heaven, he is My brother and sister and mother!**’”* (Matthew 12:46-50 Emphasis added.)