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Matthew Chapter 10b Persecution Will Come

As we continue our study into the book of Matthew this morning I'd like to once again just take a few moments to look back upon what we've discovered during last weeks study so that we can begin this week's study on the proper footing.

As we began our study into the 10th chapter of the book of Matthew last week the first thing that we saw was the naming of the 12 apostles that he himself had chosen for various reasons and the fact that Yeshua himself had given these 12 Apostles the authority over unclean spirits in order to cast them out and to heal every disease and every affliction as they went through these areas proclaiming the coming Kingdom.

And we spoke in some detail over the past few weeks as to why it was that healing people along the way... coupled with the delivery of this most important message was so important. Healing was done in order to prove to people that they most certainly did have the power and the authority of Yehvoah God the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The healing process that was done physically to the body clearly pointed to the spiritual healing that God was doing to the spirit. This physical healing that was being done by our Messiah and his Apostles was being used as a business card if you will. An identification card that was given to them by Yehvoah God himself in order to show that this Messiah and these chosen Apostles who were chosen by the Messiah were indeed sent by the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. And I want to take just a moment to go back and examine what our God breathed Scriptures tell us that the gifts of the Spirit actually are, and exactly who has them and who does not have them because I often hear an awful lot of modern-day Christians today falling away from the faith because they themselves cannot heal

someone that they love.

Far too many Christians are perplexed by the fact that we as modern-day God fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians cannot do as the Apostles did and walk up to a crippled man and heal his afflictions. Far too many times good modern-day Christians pray and pray and pray again for the healing of a family member and that family member is not healed. And so, the Christian who wanted so desperately to heal their loved one begins to feel inadequate. They begin to feel powerless, and without answers as to why their loved one had to die or why their loved one has to endure... through these kinds of infirmities and illnesses. And I want to be absolutely clear here... healings to indeed from time to time still take place even today in our time. God is still in control and the fact that God is in control... is something that we as modern-day Christians need to fully understand and get a grip on. But this does not mean that everyone that we want to be healed... will be healed.

It is written that God has mercy on whom He will have mercy and not on whom we have mercy. God is indeed still God, and we are not. And when we think in our small human minds that we have become God... we are always reminded of the fact that without God... we are nothing.

The healing that our Messiah did and the healing that the Apostles did who were clearly given that authority by our Messiah needs to be kept in the proper context. If Yehovah had sent them without the power to heal the lame and to raise the dead and to take away all sickness and to wipe away the tears of the afflicted... how then would we have known that they were sent in the name of God? This message was so vitally important that it required the very hand of God to be in it, around it, and through it.

We must remember that the message that our Messiah and his Apostles came to deliver to us was a message of healing. It was a message of healing not only the body and making it ritually clean through the watery grave of baptism... but it was also more importantly.... a message of healing the relationship between God and man. The whole message was about healing. And the fact that, that healing came from God himself because of his mercy and his grace upon an unworthy people who had transgressed against him... was once again a healing that could only come directly from Yehovah God himself.

When we read our Bibles for ourselves instead of listening to the newfound prosperity preachers of our time who know nothing of what they preach concerning the matter... we find that we as modern-day Christians should not expect to all have the gift of healing the same way that our Messiah and his Apostles did. It is written that there are many gifts of the Spirit and that the gift of healing is only one of these many gifts. Let's turn to **1st Corinthians 12:1-11 this morning;**

Spiritual Gifts

1Co 12:1 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed.

1Co 12:2 You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led.

1Co 12:3 Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says "Jesus is accursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except in the Holy Spirit.

1Co 12:4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;

1Co 12:5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;

1Co 12:6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.

1Co 12:7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

1Co 12:8 For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit,

1Co 12:9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,

1Co 12:10 to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

1Co 12:11 All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

According to our God breathed Scriptures true God-fearing Messiah following cross bearing Christians can be given any one of a variety of gifts according to 1st Corinthians 12 verse 4. And please my friends... take the time to make note of the fact that the gift of "healing" is only one of those gifts that are given to us by the one in the same Spirit who... apportions to each one individually as he wills.

And please make note of the fact the reason for these spiritual gifts that the Spirit gives to us. The very reason that any of these gifts are given to us is to serve the common good of the assembly. These individual gifts... that are given individually are not all given to one in the same person. They are distributed throughout the assembly so that no one person would be seen as more important than the other.

It is the will of the Spirit of Yehvoah God that we have been given to level the playing field if you will, so that no one man or woman would be worshiped but that all would have what they need in order to continue to flourish.

Does God still heal people? Without a doubt and without question he still heals people we've seen this fact and the proof of it within the confines of our own ministry time and time again. Does he hear our prayers? Yes, indeed he always hears our prayers without question but at the same time... we must understand that we are all called to follow our Messiah down into that grave. The one in the same grave that he went down into. Each and every one of us must make that cross-over. Each and every one of us must put off these earthly bio suits that we have been given so that these bio suits if you will, can once again return to the earth and be destroyed with the earth at the appointed time.

This flesh... that we live within today in our time is what causes us to sin. It is the flesh that wants sexual immorality. It is the flesh that wants to be worshiped. It is the flesh that wants to be admired and adored. It is the flesh that causes us to be vanity filled and full of depravity and wickedness. The flesh always wants more. The flesh wants to look better than everyone else. The flesh wants to be the bell of the ball, the superhero, the soap opera star, the movie star... the American idol.

Yehvoah God teaches us things and causes us to slow down by often times manipulating and chastising the flesh so that our spirit can recognize the fact that this flesh is not going with us. This flesh is not included in the new Kingdom. This flesh is a temporary bio suit that we have been given because of our wickedness in the first place.

The flesh my friends... is a trap set by our adversary. When Yehvoah God created the first man Adam... he created him perfectly. It wasn't until Adam had chosen to follow after the Serpent and his wife instead of God that the flesh became a burden to Adam... and the rest of us as well. **Romans 8:6-9 (scrn 1)**

Those of The Flesh Cannot Please God...

Rom 8:6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

Rom 8:7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.

Rom 8:8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Rom 8:9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.



Once again... the very message that our Messiah and his Apostles were trying to get out to the world here in Matthew chapter 10 was that the bondage of the flesh could not keep us from the love of God. Nothing... including the flesh... can separate us from our Messiah or his Father. **Romans 8:32-39 (scrn 2)**

We Are More Than Conquerors Through Him!

Rom 8:35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Rom 8:36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

Rom 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.

Rom 8:38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,

Rom 8:39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.



It is from the bondage of the flesh and sin that we have been called out of. We are not meant to live forever in these earthly bio suits. We are meant to live forever with our Father in heaven who created us for his good purpose, to be a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. Not to make ourselves out to be... our own gods.

The message of healing that our Messiah and his Apostles were spreading was a message of what is to come for those who believe and have faith in what they cannot see with their human eyeballs.

Do not think that because you have not been given the authority to heal someone of their infirmities that you are not loved or that you are less than anyone else within the kingdom. Do not make the mistake of allowing the devil to enter into your heart and into your mind in order to make you think that God does not hear your prayers or that he is not deciding what is best for you and your posterity. This is a common mistake that many modern-day Christians make and it's by in large because of today's prosperity preachers who know nothing of God or what we read within the confines of our God breathed Scriptures.

When we ask for things in prayer, let us always understand that God has a greater plan for us than we do. All people were not meant to be healed of all infirmities.

Paul was not healed of his infirmities, Timothy was not healed of his infirmities, and they were themselves were Apostles. Often times our infirmities are there for a reason to slow us down enough to make us consider what it is that we're missing. And it is often times it is our infirmities that help us to understand what life is truly all about and that it is not about making ourselves friends of the world. And there is a much deeper teaching that we could get into concerning the many infirmities that God himself gave to several people within the confines of our God breathed Scripture as examples but for times sake, we must continue on with our study into Matthew chapter ten which has a plethora of information to learn within itself.

And so, before we get to far ahead of ourselves here this morning let's turn back to the tenth chapter of the book of Matthew and let's just re-read it so that we can remember exactly what it says and just as importantly... what it does not say.

Matthew chapter 10 E2

The Twelve Apostles

Mat 10:1 And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction.

Mat 10:2 The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;

Mat 10:3 Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus;

Mat 10:4 Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve Apostles

Mat 10:5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, "Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans,

Mat 10:6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Mat 10:7 And proclaim as you go, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'

Mat 10:8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.

Mat 10:9 Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts,

Mat 10:10 no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food.

Mat 10:11 And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart.

Mat 10:12 As you enter the house, greet it.

Mat 10:13 And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you.

Mat 10:14 And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town.

Mat 10:15 Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town.

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Mat 10:16 "Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

Mat 10:17 Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues,

Mat 10:18 and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.

Mat 10:19 When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour.

Mat 10:20 For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Mat 10:21 Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death,

Mat 10:22 and you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

Mat 10:23 When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next, for truly, I say to you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

Mat 10:24 "A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master.

Mat 10:25 It is enough for the disciple to be like his teacher, and the servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household.

Have No Fear

Mat 10:26 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

Mat 10:27 What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Mat 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Mat 10:29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

Mat 10:30 But even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

Mat 10:31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Mat 10:32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,

Mat 10:33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

Not Peace, but a Sword

Mat 10:34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

Mat 10:35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law.

Mat 10:36 And a person's enemies will be those of his own household.

Mat 10:37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

Mat 10:38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Mat 10:39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Rewards

Mat 10:40 "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.

Mat 10:41 The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.

Mat 10:42 And whoever gives one of these little ones even a cup of cold water because he is a disciple, truly, I say to you, he will by no means lose his reward."

What's striking about the tenth chapter of the book of Matthew is that it deals with persecution as the main focal point of its context.

At first, we're introduced to the 12 Apostles and then Yeshua sends out those 12 Apostles into the world like sheep to proclaim the good news of the coming Kingdom and all that it brings with it. But when the Apostles go out into the world to proclaim this most important message to the world... they very quickly find out that there were many in the world who did not want to hear it.

Our Messiah tells them in verse 10 that he is sending them out as sheep in the midst of wolves. He tells them that they will be delivered over to the courts and flogged in their synagogues, and I want us to stop and think about this for just a moment. What is a "synagogue"? The synagogue was the church back in that day. The synagogue is where the law of Moses and the truth of God's word was read and was supposed to be coming from. The synagogue was supposed to be a place of refuge for God's people, a place where God's people could hear and learn the word of God that was God breathed. And yet... it was in these very "synagogues" ... these very "churches" of the day... that our Messiah tells his Apostles that they would be flogged and beaten for delivering this most important message from God himself. Think about that for just a moment. Let that sink in for just a moment.

And while we're contemplating that rather confusing concept... let us also ask ourselves if anything has really changed today in our time.

For most of us who read and study our God breathed Scriptures for ourselves, we know full well that we are not accepted in today's modern day denominational churches today either. Try teaching the truth of Scripture... and see how many invitations you receive to go speak at any one of these modern-day denominational churches. Try raising your hand and asking a question in the middle of a sermon today in our time and see what happens. Try challenging the denominational doctrines of the church through what the Bible actually says in church today and see what happens. Try asking the Pastor why he calls Sunday the sabbath when no-one anywhere in the Bible ever calls Sunday the Sabbath and no-one ever commands us anywhere in the Bible to keep holy the first day of the week Sunday and to call it the Sabbath day of God. Try asking the Pastor where "Good Friday" is found in the Bible when all four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, all tell us that our Messiah died on preparation day which is Passover day in preparation for the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and why our Messiah is known as our Passover lamb and see what happens. Where in the Bible is our Messiah ever referred to as our "Easter Ham"?

Many of us today within the confines of our congregation already know how the church today treats people who read their Bibles for themselves. We also... just like the Apostles have found the synagogues of our time to be weighed and wanting when it comes to the truth of God's word. And many of us have not received the right hand of fellowship... but the left boot for not bowing down and worshiping today's denominational characters of men and their man-made empires of dirt that they have once again created for themselves.

Our Messiah clearly was brutally honest with his Apostles just as he is being brutally honest with each one of us today in our time by telling us all through these God breathed Scriptures that persecution will indeed come. Being a true God fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christian means that you are essentially the enemy of the world. And this is what our Messiah is trying to get through to not only his Apostles... but to each and every one of us today who has willfully and intentionally made the decision to pick up our crosses and to follow him and to do as he did and to walk as he walked.

We know where the walk of Messiah led him. We know what the walk of our Messiah earned him here on this earth. And it was not life... but death. And this is why it is written that we are to save up our treasure in heaven and not on this earth

because this earth will pass away but his word will never pass away, and salvation is not about living forever in these mortal bodies on this earth. Salvation is about being apart from this earth and getting rid of this mortal body and ultimately moving on to a new heaven and a new earth that is right now as we speak being prepared for us by our Messiah. And that new heaven and that new earth will indeed come to pass at the end of the age after the 1000 year millennial reign of our Messiah according to Revelation chapters 21 and 22.

Persecution is a topic seldom heard within the halls of today's modern day denominational churches because they know nothing of the persecution that is to come upon the Christian. And yes... I say yet to still come upon the Christian today in our time. For many it has already started. For many around the world that persecution has already taken their lives from them and the lives of their children and their children's children. Many Christians today are literally being hunted... by the ungodly nations that they live in, and I tell you the truth my friends... that same persecution is coming for us all. The question is not "will persecution come"... but when will it come for us for it is clearly written that a time is coming like no other.
Matthew 24:19-22 (scrn 3)

A Time Like No Other...

Mat 24:19 **And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days!**

Mat 24:20 **Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath.**

Mat 24:21 **For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.**

Mat 24:22 **And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.**

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Does our Messiah teach us not to worry about it because it's not going to effect us?

Does our Messiah teach us that a pre-tribulation rapture is going to rescue us all from this persecution that God is clearly allowing to happen because of his justified wrath? Or does he clearly warn us that those in Jerusalem will need to flee to the mountains and that this will be a time so bad that it has never been seen before and will never be seen again? And does he not clearly tell us that if those days had not been cut short... that no human being would be saved but that for the elects sake... “for the elects sake”... (who will still be here to witness these things)... for the elects sake... those days will be cut short?

Persecution came to the Jews because of their rejection of the truth of his spoken word. And I tell you the truth my friends... the Christian today who rejects the spoken word of Yehvoah God will indeed have their turn at that very same persecution. The very same persecution that the prophets of God all endured and the very same persecution that the Apostles all endured and the very same persecution that our Messiah has endured will be the very same persecution that will come for the Christian in the very near future and has already come for many of our brothers and sisters around the world. Today’s prosperity preachers and Hollywood’s left behind moves do not make us exempt from the word of God.

And I would submit to you that if our Messiah is correct... and we know that he is... an even greater persecution is still yet to come for those who will still be on the earth just before our Messiah returns.

The question is not “will persecution for today’s modern day Christian come?”... the question is once again when will it come and are we ready to stand firm through that coming persecution the same way that the prophets and the Apostles and our Messiah stood firm? And my fear is... that today’s modern-day Christian who has been wrongly taught that a pre-tribulation rescue is going to sweep them off of their feet because God loves them more than the prophets, more than the Apostles and more than his only begotten Son... are not preparing for the on-coming persecution that our Messiah has clearly warned them is indeed coming.

The world has already seen and experience the wickedness of men throughout the ages through men like Genghis Khan, Pol Pot, Nero, Stalin, Hitler and a whole host of evil men throughout the ages that have made themselves offspring of the Serpent the devil himself. And it is this same spirit... this same evil that even to this day still rules and reigns within the confines of many different nations of the world today in our time that will indeed eventually cause there to be a one world order that will

conquer over the world just before our Messiah returns. And it will be this same evil spirit that is governed by the little “g” god of this world that is even now attempting to take over the rest of the nations on the face of the earth and this evil... the little “g” god of this world will indeed be successful in ruling and reigning over this world in the very near future.

Today in our time all we have to do is to turn on our televisions and hear and see how it is that good is being turned into evil and evil is being turned into good. What is sweet is being traded for what is bitter and what is bitter is being traded for what is sweet. The world at large is literally coming apart at the seams and evil men who do evil things are right now even in the process of changing the human D&A that God gave us into something that doesn't even resemble what God has created. Even the D&A of murdered children who have been willfully and intentionally murdered in the wombs of their mothers are now being used to vaccinate those who have made themselves friends of the world in the hopes of prolonging their lives beyond what God has allowed. Once again thinking in their own minds that they have become their own... gods.

The food that we eat today in our time is no longer food ordained and sanctified by Yehovah God. The food we eat today in our time is largely a genetically modified organism that has been re-created by the wisdom of men who think in their small minds that they know better than God.

The persecution is coming. You see it's already begun. The very plan for this worldwide persecution is already being played out on the world stage before our very eyes. And yes... this persecution has everything to do with the wrath of God. Yehovah God is allowing this persecution to come upon his people so that they will be forced to choose between good and evil... between him and his adversary. And this is the very same reason that the allowed persecution to come for his prophets and his apostles and his only begotten Son. After all... was this not what the Serpent so long ago in the garden of Eden promised man... that if he disobeyed God and took from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil that he would know the difference between good and evil and would even become... like God?

We as modern-day Christians have a lot to learn. And at the same time... we have a lot to unlearn as well.

But within this same chapter of Matthew chapter 10 we also see our Messiah telling

us to have no fear. I'd like us to once again hear exactly what our Messiah says about this coming persecution that God is going to allow to come in order to demonstrate his righteousness and why his righteousness is superior to the ways of the world. **Matthew 10:26-33 E3**

Mat 10:26 "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known.

Mat 10:27 What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

Mat 10:28 And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

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Mat 10:31 Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.

Mat 10:32 So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven,

Mat 10:33 but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.

I'd like us to zero in on verse 28 where our Messiah clearly tells us not to fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Stop and think about that for just a moment. We are commanded... commanded... not to fear those who can kill the body but not the soul. But... that we are to fear him who can destroy both body and soul. It is written that the fear of God is the beginning of knowledge.

Stop for just a moment and think about this monumental commandment that our Messiah has given to not only his Apostles... but to all of us today in our time. We are commanded... not asked mind you... but commanded... not to fear those who can kill the body here on earth.

And from there our Messiah goes on to explain to us that the very reason that he was sent in the first place was so that everyone who acknowledges him before men... he will also acknowledge before his Father who is in heaven, but... but... whoever denies him before men... he will also deny before his Father in heaven. You see it's all about the choice. Your choice and my choice to choose... whom it is that we will serve... even unto death.

In other words, the message coming directly from our Messiah is "don't fear

them... don't fear the world... fear... God". The one in the same God that created you in the first place because it is he... that will protect you... your soul... your spirit not necessarily your physical body mind you... but your spirit that is who you are apart from the body because he loves you that much. And all that he requires from you... is that you acknowledge his only begotten Son that he sent to do this new thing that he is now doing for you and for your children and for your children's children.

And he knows that whoever truly does acknowledging him... through faith... will indeed love him and also understand the biblical definition of the love of God found in **1st John chapter 5 verse 3. (scrn 4)**

The Biblical Definition of The Love of God:

1Jn 5:2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments.

1Jn 5:3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments.** And his commandments are not burdensome.

Is this what your Pastor is teaching?



Our Messiah clearly tells us that he did not come to bring peace to the world but a sword. He came to set a man against his father and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter in law against her mother-in-law. And that a person's enemies would be those of his own household. And once again, I really don't think that today's modern-day Christian truly grasps the gravity of what our Messiah has told us would come to be.

Yeshua tells us very clearly that whoever loves his father, or his mother more than

him is not worthy of him, and that whoever loves their son or his daughter more than him is not worthy of him and whoever does not take his cross... and follow him is not worthy of him.

Today as a Pastor I often times hear from people how their parents just don't get it, or their son or their daughter just doesn't get it and they seem so frustrated as to why someone in their family just will not hear and accept the truth. And I find myself constantly pointing back to this Scripture that seems to have evaded most Christians today in our time. Which points right back to the fact that we as Christians today in our time do not read the Bible for ourselves. We want someone else to tell us what's in it. We want someone else to do the work and to read it and to put the pieces of the puzzle together for us. But you see... that's not how it works.

Yes, is it written in Ephesians chapter 4 that he gives us apostles and prophets and evangelists and shepherds and teachers, but these are given to build up the saints for the work of the ministry... and for building up the body of our Messiah. He gives them so that we may no longer be tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine and by human cunning. But... it is also written in 2nd Timothy chapter 2 verse 15 that we are all to present ourselves to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed rightly handling the word of truth. Which means that we are all responsible for reading the instructions that he has given to us... because it is by these very instructions that we will be judged.

If we truly love our Father in heaven as we ought... then should we not know his name? Should we not know the true name of our very Hebrew, very Jewish Messiah? Should we not obey his commandments? Should it not be him that we serve and not the theologies and philosophies and dogmas of men and their charters of men?

It is written that to add to and to take away from God's word is a sin. It is a transgression to add to or to take away from his spoken word. How many people do you suppose are guilty of adding to... and taking away from the word of God today in our time? Tell me... who is it that commanded anyone to keep holy the first day of the week Sunday and to call it God's Sabbath? Where is that commandment commanded by anyone in the Bible? The truth is... it's not commanded by anyone anywhere within the confines of our God breathed Scripture. The first day of the week Sunday Sabbath belongs to the Pope of Rome not to the God of Abraham,

Isaac, and Jacob. And so therefore... who is it that a professing Christian is worshiping and honoring on Sunday mornings calling it the Sabbath? It certainly is not God. Listen closely to what Yehvoah God himself told his people about worshiping him like the pagans worshiped their gods. **Deuteronomy 12:29-32 E4**

Warning Against Idolatry

Deu 12:29 "When the LORD your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land,

Deu 12:30 take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods?—that I also may do the same.'

Deu 12:31 You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way, for every abominable thing that the LORD hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods.

Deu 12:32 "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

And yet... some will wrongfully and proudly proclaim that this is the Old Testament and that the Old Testament has been done away with for us extra special modern-day Christians and our new-found gentile country club church. But I would once again remind those who are so desperately lost... that it was from this very book... the book of Deuteronomy that our Messiah himself quoted from when he was tempted by the Devil. And it was the Scripture found in the book of Deuteronomy in our Father's Torah that caused the Devil to flee from him.

And so, when we see that our Messiah has not come to bring peace to the world but division and a sword... we must understand that this is indeed a spiritual warfare that we are engaged in.

When we look around and see the moral decay of our culture and of our societies and our governments around the world this alone should speak volumes to those who have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. The very fact that families are being torn apart because of the deception that is found in the world today points right back to what our Messiah warned us was to come and what to stay away from.

I have people in my own family who have willfully and intentionally made themselves dumb, deaf, and blind because they love the world far too much to give up the junk that they have accumulated on this earth in order to follow the Messiah that gave his very life for them so that they and their children could live.

They don't want to hear it. They don't want to be bothered with it. They don't want to examine themselves or ask the question... "what am I doing here?" or "what have I been created for?" or "what's my purpose in life?". They don't want to hear it because it forces them to look at themselves in the mirror. And they already know that what they see they don't like. That's why they're consistently trying to redo themselves to look like Hollywood movie stars. All that matters to them is their size of their paychecks and the amount of junk that they can amass to fill their houses with. And it's never enough. And it never makes them happy. They fight, and they hate, and they worry, and they can't sleep and they're full of depression to the point that they have to be medicated with drugs that make them happy... and then they give the same drugs to their children who are not happy when it happens to them because that's what mom and dad taught them.

It's a trap! It's a trap my friends. It's a snare that we're all guilty of being caught up in at one time or another. You know the drill. You know the feeling, you know the anxiety, you know the frustration. There is no peace in their spirit. There is no rest, no joy, because there is no Spirit of Yehvoah God within them. For them it's all about eating drinking and being merry until you die... and that's it. No wonder their depressed. No wonder their anxiety is through the roof. No wonder they fight and argue and bicker and can't sleep. If I thought that that was all there was to life I too would be just as disoriented and confused and depressed as they are.

And when this time that our Messiah speaks of comes... this time that will be worse than any other time and will never come again... these very same people who have willfully and intentionally chosen to fly by the seat of their pants and just wing life and to serve the little "g" god of this world by making themselves friends of the world... will be swept away like ashes from a used up fireplace. And their memories and their passions and their plans will all be swept away with them never to be remembered again. And their junk will be passed on to the next victim, and the cycle will begin all over again for some other pour soul who loves the world more than they love the one who created the world.

This world throughout the generations of mankind has indeed become a fallen Babylonian world that we now live in and even in our Messiah's time... he knew what was to come in our day. He saw our day and he gave us the instructions that we need to navigate through the on-coming persecution that we will indeed all soon face. But we need to hear what it is that he's telling us. We need to be keenly aware

of exactly what he said... and just as importantly... what he did not say. We need to understand that his a war not for our physical bodies... but for our souls.

In Matthew chapter 10 verses 40 through 42 we find our Messiah speaking of the reward that those who seek him will be given. And I want us to listen very closely to what he says in verse **40 and 41 E5**

Mat 10:40 "Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives him who sent me.

Mat 10:41 The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward.

He says whoever receives you... receives me and whoever receives me receives him who sent me (who is Yehvoah God the Father). The one who receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward and the one who receives a righteous person because he is a righteous person will receive a righteous person's reward. And if you've ever read through Revelation chapters 2 and 3 you'll find many more rewards that are given to those who stand firm and do not shrink back. But these rewards are set aside only for those who endure to the end and conquer just as the prophets, the apostles and our Messiah have endured and conquered.

And so, what can we take away from what our Messiah has taught us in Matthew chapter 10?

Our Messiah tells his Apostles that they will indeed be persecuted. He tells them that this mission that he is sending them on is not a mission that will be easy. He's brutally honest with them when he tells them that they will be handed over to the courts and flogged in the synagogues and that he is sending them out in the midst of wolves. Today in our time... we are those Apostles. And that persecution has already come for many of us but soon... very soon... that same persecution will come for all of us and yes my friends... even here in the United States. Do not think that this nation is exempt from the persecution that is to come. We're already beginning to see the rumblings and the signs and the writing on the wall.

But he also tells his Apostles not to fear. Fear... in of itself is from the enemy who wants us to believe that he can kill us. But the truth is that he cannot kill us. Only Yehvoah God can truly kill both body and spirit. The enemy will use this fear of physical death against us in order to manipulate us into doing as he wills us to do.

“Fear” is a very important weapon of the enemy that he will use in order to attempt to herd God’s people away from God and cause them to think that by doing what he wants them to do... that they will be saved. Take this witches brew into your veins and it will save you. Eat this... drink that... look over here... watch this.

It is written that the eye is the lamp of the body and if the lamp is full of darkness, then how much more the whole body? And our adversary uses the human eye and the human ears to strike fear and confusion into the hearts of God’s people in order to once again herd them into the corral that he wants them herded into so that he can keep them away from the truth that is the spoken word of Yehovah God our Father in heaven.

It is written in Mathew chapter 10 verse 24 that a disciple is not above his teacher nor a servant above his master. If they persecuted him... they will indeed persecute us. And the more truth that you have... the more the world will persecute you and yes, my friends... that includes your very own family and those who are closest to you. **Micah 7:6 (scrn 5)**

The Family Will Be Divided...

Mic 7:5 Put no trust in a neighbor; have no confidence in a friend; guard the doors of your mouth from her who lies in your arms;

Mic 7:6 for the son treats the father with contempt, the daughter rises up against her mother, the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.

Mic 7:7 But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.



Do not let this surprise you my friends. On the contrary... let it reassure you that our Messiah and his Father in heaven both knew what they were talking about.

Have confidence in knowing and understanding that this spiritual warfare that we are engaged in will not cease until we follow our Messiah down into that grave and our Messiah calls us back up out of that grave during the resurrection.

The fight that we fight is a worthy fight. And the reward that we will receive is more than a worthy reward that will last forever and for always. Our Messiah came not just so that we would have eternal life... but so that we would have life more abundantly. The message is clear, and the instructions concise. The lines have been drawn. Let us prepare for the persecution to come and let us prepare our children so that they may know who to fear... and who not to fear. Let us not fear it... let us rejoice in it for this is the will and plan of Yehovah God that brings us fill circle back to him and the Garden that we were banished from so long ago because of our disobedience. Rejoice that the day is coming quickly. Rejoice that we have been chosen and set apart as his people. Rejoice that the will of Yehvoah God is coming to fruition just as he told us that it would. And rejoice in the name of our King who Yehovah God has put on his holy hill in Zion to rule over his people with righteousness and justice for all.

It's coming... are you ready?

And with that being said we have much more to learn from the book of Matthew that we will once again return to this next Thursday evening at 7pm eastern standard time.

But... as for now our time is up and as we close the books for this week I will do as I always do and I will once again ask that everyone within the sound of my voice would please... take what you have heard here today to your own prayer closet, and bow your head, and bend your knee, and face the holy promised land of Jerusalem, and ask in the name of Yeshua Hamashiach if what you have heard here today be true... or not.

Ask, seek, and knock on his door, and his door alone and the proper door will be opened to you. And if you will do that, and if you will stay the course to the end... you and I will surely walk through the gates of his soon coming kingdom together.