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Matthew Chapter 11 The Wrath of God

Once again, thank you so very much for joining us this morning as we journey into the 11th chapter of the book of Matthew which has been and extremely huge blessing for all of us over the last couple of months.

Most of what we will read within the confines of Matthew chapter 11 are red letter words spoken by our Messiah and I would submit to you that these are indeed some of the most important words in all of the Bible because they come directly from the only begotten Son of God. These are not secondhand words... this is not second hand information from any number of disciples or Apostles or Prophets. These red-letter words come directly from the very breath, the very tongue, the very lips of our Messiah who is the King that Yehovah has set on his holy hill in Zion forever.

And so, as we listen closely to what our Messiah actually says, it's important that we sit up and take note of who it is that is speaking to us from these God breathed Scripture here this morning because what we will be examining here this morning will be exactly what our Messiah wants us to understand not only about himself... but also about his Father in heaven who is indeed... a just God who will eventually execute justice upon the fallen Babylonian world that we live in today. And so, without further delay... let's take the time to read through Matthew chapter 11 so that we can know exactly what it does say... and just as importantly... what it does not say. **Matthew chapter 11 E1**

Messengers from John the Baptist

Mat 11:1 When Jesus had finished instructing his twelve disciples, he went on from there to teach and preach in their cities.

Mat 11:2 Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by

his disciples

Mat 11:3 and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?"

Mat 11:4 And Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see:

Mat 11:5 the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them.

Mat 11:6 And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

Mat 11:7 As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind?

Mat 11:8 What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who wear soft clothing are in kings' houses.

Mat 11:9 What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet.

Mat 11:10 This is he of whom it is written, "Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."

Mat 11:11 Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Mat 11:12 From the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven has suffered violence, and the violent take it by force.

Mat 11:13 For all the Prophets and the Law prophesied until John,

Mat 11:14 and if you are willing to accept it, he is Elijah who is to come.

Mat 11:15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

Mat 11:16 "But to what shall I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to their playmates,

Mat 11:17 "We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we sang a dirge, and you did not mourn."

Mat 11:18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.'

Mat 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look at him! A glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is justified by her deeds."

Woe to Unrepentant Cities

Mat 11:20 Then he began to denounce the cities where most of his mighty works had been done, because they did not repent.

Mat 11:21 "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.

Mat 11:22 But I tell you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you.

Mat 11:23 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You will be brought down to Hades. For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

Mat 11:24 But I tell you that it will be more tolerable on the day of judgment for the

land of Sodom than for you."

Come to Me, and I Will Give You Rest

Mat 11:25 At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children;

Mat 11:26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.

Mat 11:27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

Mat 11:28 Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Mat 11:29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Mat 11:30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

As we have already read in Matthew chapter 10, Yeshua had just finished instructing his 12 Apostles and had just sent them out into the world in order to help him preach this good news that he had come to deliver which was indeed the unfolding plan of salvation that had been given to him by his Father. And as they were going their way out into the world to teach and to preach this unfolding plan of salvation, our Mesiah also went his way and continued to deliver this very same message to those who would receive it.

Our Messiah and his Apostles were delivering a very specific message to a very specific people. And what we need to grasp here is that this message was only for those who would receive it. I want us to remember what our Messiah had told his Apostles before sending them out into the world back in Matthew chapter 10. Let's turn back for just a moment and let's re-examine **Matthew chapter 10 verses 12 through 15 (scrn 1)**

Shake The Dust From Your Feet..

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.



There should be no doubt in our minds that our Messiah was well aware of the fact that many people would not be interested in the free gift of salvation that he came to offer them. Many people would have already made themselves friends of the world and thereby enemies of God. And therefore... not only would they not want to hear this message of salvation... but they would also be ready and willing to fight against this message of salvation. And it would be those people who our Messiah tells his Apostles to also reject by shaking the dust from their feet and moving along.

What we must understand first and foremost is that this free gift of salvation that Yehvoah God himself was offering to the world would not be accepted by those who had made themselves friends of the world and thereby offspring's of the Serpent. Which brings us right back to **Geneses chapter 3 verse 15 (scrn 2)**

The Serpents Offspring...

Gen 3:15 I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel."



Make no mistake about it... just as the human woman would have offspring... so too would the Devil himself also have offspring and we can see these offspring living among us even to this very day. And this is why we are warned over and over and over again to be on the lookout for those who would creep into our assemblies. People who were long ago designated for this condemnation, ungodly people who pervert the grace of our God into sensuality and deny... get that my friends.... and deny... our only Lord and Master Yeshua Hamashiach (Jesus in the Greek).

And how do they deny him? Do they deny him by saying that they don't believe in him? Not necessarily. Some will deny him by worshiping a false hybrid Messiah. A new man-made Messiah. A Messiah who has come not to fully preach the law of his Father... but a Messiah that has come to do away with his Father's law, and to create his own Sabbaths and to celebrate his own birthday and to think to change the times and the law of the one true God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

We must remember that the Devil loves to dress himself up like an angel of light. He loves to impersonate who God is. He wants the very thrown of God, and he wants to usurp the authority of God. What better way to achieve his goals than by taking the place of God and introducing the world to his own son who would do everything the exact opposite of... the true Son of Yehovah God?

The offspring of the devil have been present with us from the very beginning and they continue to live among us even to this very day and this is exactly why it is written that those who make themselves friends of the world... make themselves enemies of God. It is indeed the little "g" god of this world that is wreaking havoc and kayos all across the face of the earth as we speak, and it is the little "g" god who is the prince of the air that is gripping this world in his clutches and strangling the life out of it through the snare of deceptions and lies that abound in almost every facet of our lives here on this earth.

Man is now even questioning whether or not he is a man or a woman. Man is becoming so confused, so infiltrated with these lies and deceptions that the societies and cultures of man are being twisted in the wind because they no longer have a moral compass. Man is becoming by in large an atheistic hierarchy that is being led by the devil himself who once again loves to dress himself up like an angel of light. Turning good into evil and evil into good and trading what is sweet for what is bitter and what is bitter for what is sweet is his favorite pastime.

And this is exactly what we're seeing here in Matthew chapter 11. This once again is a spiritual warfare that our Messiah and his Apostles are engaging in and what we are reading about here in the book of Matthew has everything to do with that spiritual warfare that the Apostle Paul tells us about in the 6th chapter of the book of Ephesians. Which brings us right back to the doubt that was put into the mind of John the Baptist who now in Matthew chapter 11 begins to doubt even the Messiah that he was sent to clear the path for. But this should not surprise us in any way. We must remember that this John the Baptist who our Messiah tells us is the spirit of Elijah... has always had somewhat of a weakness for doubting the power of God's plan. Let's take a look at another account of Elijah found in **1st Kings 19:9-18 E2**

The Lord Speaks to Elijah

1Ki 19:9 There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

1Ki 19:10 He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."

1Ki 19:11 And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind

an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake.

1Ki 19:12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper.

1Ki 19:13 And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

1Ki 19:14 He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."

1Ki 19:15 And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria."

1Ki 19:16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place.

1Ki 19:17 And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death.

1Ki 19:18 Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Once again, we see that even Elijah back in the Old Testament was susceptible to having his own doubts from time to time. And so, the point that needs to be made here in Matthew chapter 11 is that Elijah who our Messiah says that John the Baptist is... has a history of doubting or even being confused about what God's plan actually is. But once again... God always sets Elijah straight by including Elijah in his plans. And God always continues on with his plans in order to achieve exactly what he had set out to achieve from the very beginning.

Keeping this in mind... it should not surprise us that John the Baptist who Yeshua tells us is Elijah... has once again fallen prey to a hint of doubt concerning whether or not Yeshua is the Messiah or not. And once again, we should also make note of the fact that Yeshua who is the Son of Yehvoah God... once again sets Elijah straight and continues on with his plan in order to achieve exactly what the will of God had set out to achieve from the very beginning. Once again... nothing has changed here. What we see in the Old Testament is being replayed out here in the New Testament.

And so, after our Messiah sends his disciples back to tell John what they have heard and what they have witnessed so that John would be strengthened in his faith... Yeshua goes on to preach about John the Baptist and he asks the crowds of people what they went out into the wilderness to see. Once again reminding them of

exactly who the John the Baptist actually was in verse 14 when Yeshua tells the crowds that if they are willing to accept it... once again using a rather huge two letter word... “if”... “if” they are willing to accept it... John is Elijah who is to come. And I want to also point out the emphasis on... “who is to come”. Yeshua did not only say that John was Elijah that “has came”... but also that Elijah was also going to come again. Meaning that this spirit of Elijah who came in John the Baptist was indeed going to return again to prepare the way for the Messiah just as it was written once again. And this is why many of us know and understand that at least one of the two witnesses that we read about in the book of Revelation and the prophets will indeed be... Elijah.

And so, there is much to understand about what we are reading here in the 11th chapter of the book of Matthew. There is much to see... much to grasp and much to understand. Much more I would submit than meets the eye. Once again spiritual things are being delivered to us here in the 11th chapter of the book of Matthew. But these things are not seen by those who are wise in their own eyes. These things are only for those who read the whole book and not just half of it and who put their hands to the plow and study to show themselves approved while on their knees.

And something else that is revealed to us here in verse 10 is that Elijah himself was... is... and always will be a man. A human man born of a human woman. Elijah is not an Angel or some kind of supernatural spirit being. Yeshua makes it absolutely clear that Elijah was... is... and always will be a human man born of a human woman. And Yeshua goes on to say that among those born of women... there has risen no one greater than John the Baptist. Yet... the one who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he. What does this mean?

What our Messiah is trying to tell the crowds is that those who are in heaven do not doubt who he is. Those in heaven know who Yeshua is, and they do not doubt as John the Baptist doubts because those who are in heaven have no doubts about who he is. And therefore, Yeshua is over-riding the doubt of John by telling people that those who are in the kingdom of heaven... are greater than John because they know full well without a doubt who he is.

We must remember what is written about those who shrink back and are destroyed.
(scrn 3)

Those Who Shrink Back And Are Destroyed...

Heb 10:36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.

Heb 10:37 For, "Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay;

Heb 10:38 but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him."

Heb 10:39 But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.



Was John the Baptist... who our Messiah says is Elijah shrinking back?

Remember what we said earlier on about this being a spiritual warfare? Remember when I told you that this spiritual warfare is exactly what Matthew chapter 11 was all about?

Here we have one of the most powerful men in all of the Bible... John the Baptist himself... who has been sitting in prison in a dark damp dungeon getting ready to be beheaded... now beginning to doubt who Yeshua actually was.

My friends if this does not prove to you the power of the evil one... then I don't know what will.

Many people even many of us proudly proclaim our allegiance to our Father in heaven and his only begotten Son because we have been given the truth and along with that truth... the very Spirit of Yehvoah God himself to dwell within us. But the truth of the matter is that we are not sitting in a cold, dark dungeon of a prison cell right now, are we? We're not suspecting that our heads will be taken from us tomorrow. We're not suspecting that the end of our lives is upon us. At least... not yet.

Do we not think that this prison that the devil has put John the Baptist in would not be the perfect place to isolate John the Baptist? And do we think that the devil would not take advantage of John being isolated and away from God's people?

It was because John was being attacked that Yeshua sent his disciples to him to help re-assure him and to pray for him. Even doubting Thomas who was a disciple just had to put his hand through the ribs of our Messiah in order to believe. Even the disciples themselves... had to be re-assured from time to time. **John 20:26-29 (scrn 4)**

Doubting Thomas...

Joh 20:26 Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."

Joh 20:27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."

Joh 20:28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"

Joh 20:29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."



And we won't even get into how even Peter had denied Yeshua three different times when he thought that his own life might be in danger.

You see it is when doubt creeps in... that we know that we have left the door open for attack. Our adversary is once again... a brilliant adversary. He knows how to creep in silently and attack from behind. He knows our human frailties and weaknesses better than we know them ourselves. When we feel even the slightest doubt begin to creep in upon us, we must retaliate immediately. There should be no doubt in our minds who it is that we serve for we are indeed... without excuse.

We Are Without Excuse!

Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

Rom 1:19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

Rom 1:20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

Rom 1:21 For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Rom 1:22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools.



What we are reading here in Romans chapter 1 is indeed the belt of truth that is part and parcel of the full armor of God that the Apostle Paul speaks of in the 6th chapter of the book of Ephesians. This truth that Yehvoah God does indeed rule and reign is what brings life to us. And this is exactly why the Apostle Paul tells us to put on the full armor of God so that we can stand in the evil day. This is no joke my friends and even the biblical patriarchs before us had their doubts when confronted with the fear of death. E3

The Whole Armor of God

Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

Eph 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Eph 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

Eph 6:15 and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

Eph 6:16 In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

Eph 6:17 and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

Eph 6:18 praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

Eph 6:19 and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel,

Eph 6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

John the Baptist was wrestling with rulers and authorities in dark places. He was wrestling with cosmic powers over this present darkness, and against spiritual forces of evil in heavenly places. John the Baptist who our Messiah tells us is Elijah was fighting gallantly... and when his human spirit became weak... our Messiah sent to him those who were fully capable of strengthening him just as he sends his angels and the Spirit of his Father to strengthen us when we are weak.

We must remember that John the Baptist was fully human, and fully engaged in the spiritual warfare that is the war that we must all endure and conquer over. And so, let us not be surprised at the question that John the Baptist had sent our Messiah. But rather let us learn from this time of trouble that John was experiencing. And let it be a memorial to us as to how easy it is for our adversary to strip us of everything and leave us in solitary confinement seemingly alone and without companionship or support in order to sift us... and to steal the crown of salvation from us by planting these kinds of doubts in our minds the same way that made Adam and Eve doubt the word of God.

Any leader of any military in the world will tell you that in order to win a war... you must fully know your enemy. You must know his past, his works, his history, his tricks, his cunning and what he is most likely to do in any given circumstance. And so to is it with the spiritual warfare that we are engaged in.

The Apostle Paul has already told us what the full armor of God is. It is truth... it is righteousness... it is being prepared... it is faith... it is the promise of salvation and last but by no means least... it is... the word of Yehvoah God the one true Elohim of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. That's what the full armor of God is. Paul tells us to stay in prayer and to keep alert with all perseverance making supplication for all the

saints. And Paul tells us that speaking boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel is vitally important to winning this spiritual warfare. We are indeed ambassadors of the Creator of the heavens and the earth, and all things seen, and unseen and we need to declare his spoken word boldly as we ought to speak. Just as John the Baptist spoke... just as the prophets spoke... just as the Apostles spoke... and just as our Messiah spoke.

In Matthew chapter 9 verses 16 through 24, he warns against those who have made themselves friends of the world and he makes mention of the hypocrisy of the wise who have said that John the Baptist who came neither eating nor drinking had a demon. And of the Son of man who came eating and drinking they called a glutton and a drunkard and a friend of tax collectors and sinners. Hypocrisy indeed is one of the devils' favorite sins my friends and I tell you the truth... today's modern-day Pharisees are no different today in our time. This false Messiah that they have created from the throws of Roman Catholicism is indeed a false Messiah who only wants to be your best friend and knows nothing of sin and transgression. A false Messiah who winks in the eye of sin and has come to teach "once saved always saved" and "do as thou wilt is now the whole of the law".

This once again my friends... is a spiritual war that we are engaged in, and I truly do not think that most of today's professing Christians have any idea what they're up against. And I want us to listen closely to what our Messiah says about those cities that did not repent when they heard the unfolding plan of salvation that was being delivered to them.

Those cities who did not repent were just as he had told his Apostles in the last chapter in Matthew chapter 10 going to be worse off than Sodom and Gomorrah because of the works that he had done in them, and they still refused to repent. And this is another striking concept that is difficult for many modern-day Christians to understand.

Even in the book of Revelation when all these plagues and trials and tribulations are cut loose upon the world... there will still... still even then... be people who will shake their fist in the face of Yehvoah God and curse him and refuse him. (**scrn 6**)

Those Who Refuse To Repent Through It All...

Rev 9:20 The rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands nor give up worshiping demons and idols of gold and silver and bronze and stone and wood, which cannot see or hear or walk.

Rev 9:21 nor did they repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.



(scrn 7)

Those Who Refuse To Repent Through It All...

Rev 16:8 The fourth angel poured out his bowl on the sun, and it was allowed to scorch people with fire.

Rev 16:9 They were scorched by the fierce heat, and they cursed the name of God who had power over these plagues. They did not repent and give him glory.

Rev 16:10 The fifth angel poured out his bowl on the throne of the beast, and its kingdom was plunged into darkness. People gnawed their tongues in anguish.

Rev 16:11 and cursed the God of heaven for their pain and sores. They did not repent of their deeds.



Do you see what it means to become the offspring of the Serpent? Do you see how it is that the devil himself does indeed have offspring?

The truth of the matter is that we all serve someone. People who say that they serve no-one... are indeed serving the devil because "do as thou wilt is the whole of the law" was created by the devil. To say that you serve no-one is to say that you yourself are indeed the offspring of the Serpent. Because by stating that you serve no-one you are proclaiming that you think that you are your own god. You have already partaken of the forbidden fruit and are continuing to eat of it.

You see when it becomes all about us... all bout the selfie... all about what we want, and what we think that we need, and what we think is good and what we think is right, and what we think is just... We are indeed serving the creature... rather than the creator. And the Serpent has already won the battle as far as that person is concerned.

Does doubt come from time to time? I think a better question would be does the devil ever stop working?

Once again... our adversary is a brilliant and most worthy adversary. And the moment that we think that he is feeble or stupid, or inept... he will sift us. And not only us... but our children and our children's children. The moment that we let our guard down... he is more than able and more than willing to come right through that open door and take what does not belong to him. And this is why we must always make sure that, that door is shut... locked... and bolted.

Putting on the full armor of God has become somewhat of a cliche within many different Christian circles these days and few even know what the full armor of God even is even though Paul tells us very clearly what each piece of the armor represents and how it works.

The full armor of God is no mystery, it's not hidden from us. Once again just as Paul tells us it begins with "truth", it includes righteousness, and being prepared. It has to do with faith, and our holding fast to the promise of salvation that we've been given along with the very Spirit of God which is the word of God. And if we are missing any one of these components... we will experience what John the Baptist was experiencing while siting in that dark prison cell isolated and seemingly all alone. And this is no small thing to understand.

The truth is that many of us even within our own congregations will not make it.

Even many of us who gather for fellowship will indeed be struck down. The loss of the truth... of faith... of righteousness... not being prepared... lack of faith and the understanding of salvation and what it means and what it represents and not staying in the word of God... just the loss of one of these most important pieces of the armor of God can lead to a house built upon the sand.

Being prepared... is essential my friends. And being prepared does not simply mean storing beans and rice in your basement or buying gold and silver. Those things can... and most likely will... be taken from you. But what truly prepares a true God fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christian are not just the material things of this earth... but also the Spiritual gifts that we have been given. And if we allow those Spiritual gifts to be squandered or stolen from us through doubt and fear of what man can do to the body... then we will be left on the battlefield pour, blind, wretched and naked and doomed to be defeated.

These red-letter words that are written within the confines of the 11th chapter of the book of Matthew should be prayed over... they should be meditated on... they should be pondered and searched for their true meaning so that the full message that our Messiah is trying to deliver to us here today can be fully understood.

Often times we speed read through the Scripture so fast that we often times never see the forest for the trees. We never take the time to stop and smell the roses... and the sweat fragrance of truth that is shouting from these red-letter pages. Today in our time we cannot afford to miss anything that is written here before us, for it will be these very God breathed Scriptures that we will need to help us navigate through the soon coming persecution that we will be forced to endure by the little “g” god of this world.

The prophets endured it. The Apostles endured it. Our Messiah endured it. And so too must we also... endure it. And not only endure it... but conquer over it just as they all did. The question is... are we ready? Are we as ready as we thought that we were? Are we more ready than John the Baptist or Elijah or doubting Thomas or Peter who denied our Messiah three different times? Are we more righteous than the Pharisees of our Messiah’s time and the Pharisees of our time? Are we fitted securely with the full armor of God and ready for battle? Or are we so comfortable... so complacent... so satisfied with what we have here on this earth... that we are willing to sacrifice our very salvation for a handful of sand?

These are questions that only we each one of us individually can answer and must answer. When you know that a storm is coming you batten down the hatches. You bring your plants in off of the porch, you put your car in the garage if you have one, you cover the grill and shut the windows and prepare for the on-coming storm. Because if you don't, you're left with devastation and ruination.

You build your house on the rock and not in the sand so that when the storm comes... the house will not be destroyed. You build a good foundation, a strong foundation on solid rock so that you know beyond the shadow of a doubt that your house is built to withstand the strongest of storms. And you build that house on a hill not in a valley that will flood. But on a hill where the lights from that house can be seen by all.

The unrepentant cities of Chorazin and Bethsaida and Capernaum are clear representations of cities that are un-repentant that will suffer a worse fate than Sodom and Gomorrah according to our Messiah in **Matthew chapter 10 (scrn 8)**

Worse Than Sodom And Gomorrah...

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.



Once again what we see here in Matthew chapter 11 is simply a re-affirmation of what we've just heard our Messiah telling his Apostles in the last chapter, and because our Messiah felt the need to repeat it again here in chapter 11, we need to

sit up and understand how important it was for him to make sure that we understood this concept.

Yehovah God is not to be played with. And this once again is just another biblical fact that was established long ago in the Old Testament. And if you have any doubts about the what the wrath of God is like... I would encourage you to go read I'd like us to turn to Deuteronomy chapter 28 verse 15 through 68. A very valuable lesson can be learned there.

For those who think in their small minds that God is not a just God and that God only knows love and nothing else and is incapable of paying back those who do wicked things to his people and willfully and intentionally profane his name... you may want to fact check yourself and know and understand that what you call down upon your own head because of your disobedience is beyond what sin and transgression are worth. Our comfort, and our own self-righteousness... is not worth the wrath of Yehvoah God.

Those who have no respect for what Yehvoah has done in giving his only begotten Son so that whoever believes in him would not perish but have eternal life with him... are indeed his enemies. And what we see in Deuteronomy chapter 28 and again in Leviticus chapter 26 and all throughout his God breathed Scripture proves beyond the shadow of a doubt that Yehvoah God is indeed to be feared and to be respected as the creator... the one true Elohim of heaven and earth and all things seen and unseen.

The great and terrible day of Yehvoah is coming for those who willfully and intentionally shake their fist in his face after all that he has given and all that he has done for them. And we as his children will indeed be here to witness it firsthand as we ourselves will be forced to choose whom it is that we will serve even unto death just as the prophets and just as the Apostles and just as our very own Messiah were made to choose whom it is that they would serve.

What our Messiah is telling us in Matthew chapter 11 about these cities is no joke my friends. It will be much worse for them than for Sodom and Gomorrah in that day because they have spat upon the only begotten Son of Yehovah God. That day is soon coming, and we need to be prepared to know the difference between good and evil just as the Serpent had promised Eve so long ago in the garden of Eden.

The question still remains... are you ready? Will you endure to the end? Will you conquer over temptation the same way that the prophets and the Apostles and our Messiah conquered over the temptation of the world... or will you go down the drain with the rest of the majority... who could care less?

Make no mistake about it my friends... the great and terrible day of Yehvoah is indeed coming and the nations of the earth are soon going to be introduced to the wrath of God himself.

Next week we'll take a closer look at exactly what these cities that have rejected our Messiah have to look forward to. And we'll talk more about where we can find examples of the wrath of God within the confines of our God breathed Scripture so that we can know and understand exactly what our Messiah was talking about here in the 11th chapter of the book of Matthew when he warned these cities about the wrath of God.

But as for now... as we close the books for this Sabbath... I will do as I always do and once again ask as I always do 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.