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Matthew Chapter 12d

Good vs. Evil

During our last study into the book of Matthew chapter 12 we made mention of the fact that our Messiah did not always teach in a very straightforwardly manor as some might think. Our Messiah more times than not taught in what are called parables which are almost like riddles that caused people to slow down and to think about what it was that he was saying. And some people understood what these parables meant, and even today in our time... some people still have no idea what these parables mean.

We also spoke in some detail during our last study why it was that our Messiah spoke in these parables, and we touched on the fact that even his apostles asked him why it was that he spoke in parables. And we spoke about the answer that our Messiah gave them found in Matthew chapter 13 when our Messiah told his apostles that to them it was given to know the secrets of the Kingdom of heaven but to them it was not given.

And this once again can be a very hard pill for some modern-day Christians to swallow. Oftentimes we hear misguided people proclaiming that the message of our Messiah was for everyone and how could it not be for everyone if God is a loving God who loves everyone. But the fact of the matter is that this gospel message was not... and still today... is not for everyone and our Messiah makes that abundantly clear.

Our Messiah went on to tell his disciples that for the one who has more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but... for the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The very reason that our Messiah spoke to people in parables was because seeing they do not see and hearing they do not hear, nor do

they understand. There should be no doubt in our minds that our Messiah oftentimes uses the words “they” or “them”. At which time our Messiah then quotes from the prophet Isaiah when he says and I quote, “You will indeed hear but never understand, and you will indeed see but never perceive”.

You see, the gospel message that our Messiah came to deliver was clearly not for everyone and the evidence of this should be clear to us especially today in our time as we look at our modern day societies and cultures that are full of lawlessness from the top down to the bottom up... and just as our Messiah had told us in Matthew chapter 24 it would be because of lawlessness that the hearts of many would grow cold.

What's important for us as modern-day Christians to understand is that this gospel is not for everyone as the church oftentimes ignorantly and unwittingly proclaims. This gospel message is only for those who have the eyes to see and the ears to hear. Those who choose to pick up their crosses and follow their Messiah and King are who this Gospel message was for. The bottom line is that this Gospel message is not for those who willfully and intentionally reject our Father in heaven and refuse to honor and to love him as he wants to be honored and loved according to 1st John chapter 5 verse 3 which clearly states that the biblical definition of the love of God is that we keep his commandments and that his commandments are not burdensome to us.

Our Father in heaven is indeed a loving God and it is because he is a loving God that he protects those who choose him, and he commands those who choose him not to be yoked together with unbelievers that willfully and intentionally do not choose him.

The problem that the church by and large has today is that they believe that people are believers and Christians just because they say that they are believers and Christians. If someone says that they are a Christian, we automatically count them as a Christian. But the Bible does not say that we will know a person by what they say. The Bible tells us that we will know them by their fruits and the fruit that they produce. And unfortunately... this is often times a far cry from what someone might say with their lips while their hearts are clearly far from him.

Our Messiah told the rabbinical Pharisees of his time that they honored him with their lips... but that their hearts were far from him and that they were worshipping

him in vain teaching as doctrines the commandments of men. And therefore... if you are honoring him with your lips and yet you are teaching the commandments of men and not his Father in heavens commandments... then you are worshipping him in vain. And this is by no means difficult to understand but oftentimes overlooked because once again... those who say that they are Christians and followers of our Messiah are oftentimes nothing more than hypocrites who honor him with their lips while their hearts are far from him worshipping him in vain because they are teaching as doctrines... the commandments of men.

And this is exactly why we need to pay close attention to the ministry of our Messiah and exactly what it is that he said and just as importantly what it is that he did not say. It's important to know why he spoke in parables. It's important to know who has the eyes to see and the ears to hear and who does not. It's important to know who is honoring him with their lips while their hearts are far from him teaching as doctrines... the commandments of men. Because if we don't know the difference... between a true Christian and those who say that they are his disciples and are not... we will ultimately become what we associate with and find ourselves being dragged back down into the pit of deception and back into the chains of bondage. Listen closely to what our Messiah tells the assembly at Ephesus in the Book of Revelation. **Revelation 2:1-2 (scrn 1)**

Those Who Say They Are Apostles And Are Not!

Rev 2:1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: 'The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

Rev 2:2 "I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false.



Clearly, our Messiah was well aware of those who called themselves Christians and we're not and therefore we also today should also be able to test those who call themselves Christians and are not. To say that one is a Christian is to say that one is an apostle or a disciple of Yeshua Hamashiach. If someone calls himself a brother or a sister, then we as true God fearing Messiah following cross bearing Christians should always hold them to the test. I would like us to just for a moment, turn to **first Corinthians 5:9-13 E1**

1Co 5:9 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people—

1Co 5:10 not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world.

1Co 5:11 But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler—not even to eat with such a one.

1Co 5:12 For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge?

1Co 5:13 God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."

You see, what the apostle Paul is telling the assembly here in Corinth when he says not to associate with sexually immoral people, is that he knows that we are going to have to associate with the sexually immoral people of the world... otherwise we would need to go out of the world which of course we cannot do until our appointed time.

Each one of us has to associate with the people of the world. We buy from them, we sell to them, we trade with them, and the apostle Paul knows this full well. But the distinction between the unbeliever and the believer is what Paul is talking about here.

If we are dealing with a worldly person, we do not expect them to be honest and forthright. We do not expect them to be obeying the laws of God. We do not expect them to adhere to the commandment of our Father in heaven or to keep his feast days and commandments and appointments because they are indeed of the world and therefore, we are always to be very careful when dealing with those who are of the world.

But... if someone calls himself a "brother" and claims to be a believer and is found to be a liar... that person is to be removed from the assembly. And why? For the

exact same reason that God told the House of Israel to get rid of people within the assembly that were continuously sinful and without repentance.

If someone calls themselves a brother or a sister and we know that they are continuously fornicating and continuously touching unclean things and continuously backbiting and causing division, and they are found to be honoring our Messiah with their lips while their heart is far from them... We are to immediately judge that person and correct that person to the best of our ability as an assembly. But if that person refuses to listen and refuses to hear the warning of the assembly then that person is to be set outside of the assembly just as the apostle Paul tells us. Which flows nicely with what our Messiah tells us here in the book of Matthew concerning why he speaks in parables.

According to our Messiah he speaks in parables because he knows that there are false apostles. He knows that there are false disciples. He knows that there are those who call themselves Jews and are not just like there are those who call themselves Christians and are not. And it is these people that he has shutting out of his Father's Kingdom because they have willfully and intentionally chosen their own pleasure instead of his pleasure. It is their own hearts that they chase after, and not his heart.

And this is an extremely important concept for us as modern-day Christians to know and to understand about our Messiah and his ministry. And as we continue to see our Messiah teach in parables and as we continue to strive to understand these parables ourselves... we must do so with a reverence and a humility realizing that if we do understand these parables properly... we are indeed blessed with the eyes to see and the ears to hear and we are indeed chosen because he has given us his discernment in order to be able to understand these parables that he is teaching us within the pages of the book of Matthew right here today in our time. This understanding that we have been given... this holy discernment... is indeed a huge blessing for those who possess it because it is indeed the gift that keeps on giving.

And so, with that information under our belts, I'd like to return to Matthew chapter 12 and pick up where we left off in verse 38 where the scribes and the Pharisees tell our Messiah that they wish to see a sign from him. **E2 (Do not read again just show)**

Mat 12:38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

Mat 12:39 But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

Mat 12:40 For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Mat 12:41 The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

Mat 12:42 The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here.

And I would like to stop right here for just a moment.

Here our Messiah is standing right before them in front of their faces. They have been chastising him for healing people all along the way. Just a few verses back in Matthew chapter 12 verse 13, he just got done healing a man with a withered hand right in front of them. And here now they stand before our Messiah wanting to see another sign. How many signs do they need?

Have you ever known someone who is consistently looking for another sign? Have you ever ran into anyone who has ignorantly proclaimed to you that they would believe if they could just see God, or if he would just do something supernaturally in front of them? Have you ever ran into anyone who says "I only believe in what I can see with my eyes?"

Have they not already seen? Does the Bible say that blessed are those who see a sign? Where within our God breathed scripture is it written that blessed are those who see a sign? The Bible teaches that we have already seen the proof and the evidence of God and who he is and therefore... we are without excuse. Let's turn to **Romans 1:18-22 (scrn 2)**

They 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.



When the wicked rabbinical Pharisees of our Messiah's time demanded to see a sign from him here in Matthew chapter 12 what did our Messiah say to them? Our Messiah tells them that an evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign but that no sign would be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. And I want to stop here again for just a moment.

Have you ever heard anyone say, “Well God did not heal my husband or that God did not heal my son or that God did not heal my daughter and so I don't believe in God anymore?” Have you ever heard someone say that they didn't get what they wanted from God, so they just decided to not believe in him anymore because God didn't give them the sign that they wanted?

Our Messiah says that an evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign. And therefore, if what God has laid out before us and created before our very eyes is not sufficient for us to believe in him... we then qualify ourselves as part and parcel of a wicked and adulterous generation. If we are continuously demanding that God do what we command him to do... and we are continuously holding him hostage to our own selfish demands... then we are literally qualifying ourselves as part of a wicked and adulterous generation that is demanding a sign. And this is exactly why we should always end our prayers and requests from him exactly the same way that

our Messiah has taught us to pray by saying... “May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”. This puts the ball and the decision back in his court... where it belongs and allows him to know that we have humbled ourselves before him.

It's not about our will. It's not about a sign that we demand to see from him. It's about the will of God being done on earth as it is in heaven. We must always trust that if Yehvoah God's will is done... that all of us as one body... will be safe and secure, and taken care of. We must always remember that it is written that God has mercy on whom God has mercy on, and not necessarily whom we have mercy on. It is written that God gives, and that God takes away. It is written that God is God and that there is only one God and therefore... if this be so... and we know that it is... we must always remember that we... are not God. Nor do we tell God what to do. And quoting his own Scripture back to him taken out of context... is never a good idea. And so this message that our Messiah was delivering to the wicked rabbinical Pharisees of his time does indeed apply not just to them... but to all of us and we should be wise enough to know and understand these things that are essentially... the milk of God's word.

You see salvation is not about a supernatural sign. It's not about divination and magic and sleight of hand. It's not about a man calling himself your spiritual “father” turning a round sun shaped wafer into the real flesh of Jesus. It's not about sorcery, it's not about any of the things that the wicked rabbinical Pharisees we're looking for in our Messiah's time, nor is it about what the wicked Pagan Pharisees of our time are looking for. True salvation is about an opportunity to return to Yehvoah God our creator. It's about coming back to our Father in heaven as a prodigal son or daughter. It's about not sleeping in a pigpen as a prodigal son. It's about coming out of the pigpen... and returning to our Father in heaven who has been waiting all of this time for us to wake up and return to him... from the pigpen of the world.

But you see, the wicked children of the devil who were the rabbinical Pharisees of our messiah's time, had no concept of what it was that their very own Messiah who was standing right there in front of their faces was humbly offering them. How dare they ask for more! How dare any one of us ask... for more.

I tell you the truth my friends after seeing and knowing what our Father in heaven has done for us... after all he has given us... after all of his grace and his mercy that has been extended to us... after all that his only begotten Son has done in pouring

out his very blood as a ransom for us because of our selfish wickedness... we have no right to ask for more. We have no right to ask for another sign after all of these other signs and blessings have been freely poured out upon us.

These wicked rabbinical Pharisees who were seeking a sign only wanted a sign so that they could use it against him. They were not asking for a sign that would prove who he was. They were clearly asking for a sign that they could use to point to him as Beelzebub the devil... and this is exactly what they did with the signs that he had already given them!

These wicked rabbinical Pharisees had already seen him heal people and what did they say? They said that he was doing it by the power of Beelzebub the Devil. So you see, they were not asking for a sign from him to prove who he was. They had already seen a sign proving who he was. What they wanted was for him to do something else that they could point to as sorcery and the work of the Devil so that they could regain their own authority and cast a shadow upon our Messiah.

The only problem with that request was that our Messiah was too wise for them and knowing what they were asking for he clearly fires back by telling them that an evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign but that no sign will be given to it except for the sign of the prophet Jonah which is another very important point that we must make here in Matthew chapter 12.

What was the sign of the prophet Jonah? Think about that for just a moment. The sign of the prophet Jonah was that our Messiah would be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. It is this very sign that our Messiah would be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth that qualifies him to be our Messiah. It is this 3 days and 3 nights that separates him... from all other men, proving... that he is the only begotten Son of God. Keeping this in mind... let me ask you a very serious question.

If the qualifying sign of our Messiah is that he would be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth... Then who is it that died on a Roman Catholic created Good Friday and was raised on a pagan Roman Catholic Sunday morning? Which god is it that the church today celebrates as being in the heart of the earth for only two days and two nights? Clearly... the only sign that our Messiah ever left that qualifies him as the Messiah... the anointed one of Yehvoah God his Father... is that he would be in the heart of the earth for 3 days and for 3 nights. 2 Days and 2

nights does not in any way shape or form qualify as the only sign given by our Messiah, does it? Food for thought...

Our Messiah right here in his own red-letter words says that the only sign that is going to point to him as being the Son of God... is that he is going to be as the prophet Jonah was in the great belly of the fish for 3 days and for three nights in the heart of the earth. If our Messiah has just given us the only sign that would prove to us who he is as being in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights... then who is this Roman Catholic created god that the world worships who was only in the heart of the earth for two days and two nights from late Friday evening to Sunday morning? Any schoolboy knows that you cannot get three days and three nights from late Friday evening to early Sunday morning.

For those of you who don't already know the answer to this question... I would encourage you to ponder the answer to that question diligently through prayer and fasting and supplication.

And our Messiah continues on by telling the wicked rabbinical Pharisees of his time that Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it. Why? Because when Nineveh heard the truth, they immediately repented. But these wicked rabbinical Pharisees have heard the truth and have refused to repent.

And he goes on to tell them that the queen of the South will also rise up at the judgment with this generation and also condemn it. Why? Because the queen of Sheba came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon and something even greater than Solomon... was standing right there before them in front of their very faces. **E3 (don't read just show)**

Mat 12:43 "When the unclean spirit has gone out of a person, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, but finds none.

Mat 12:44 Then it says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when it comes, it finds the house empty, swept, and put in order.

Mat 12:45 Then it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they enter and dwell there, and the last state of that person is worse than the first. **So also will it be with this evil generation."**

In Matthew chapter 12 verses 43 through 45 our Messiah goes on to explain how it is that an unclean spirit actually works. And our Messiah tells them that when an unclean spirit has gone out of a person it passes through waterless places seeking

rest, but it finds none. And then it says to itself, “I will return to my house from which I came.” and when it returns, it finds the house empty and swept and put in order. At which time it goes and brings with it seven other spirits more evil than itself and they enter and dwell there and the last state of that person... is worse than the first. And our Messiah goes on to give the warning that this is exactly the way it will be with this evil generation. And to be honest with you I don't think that most modern-day Christians today have a clue as to what our Messiah was telling these wicked rabbinical Pharisees. And what's even more distressing... is that what he was telling these wicked rabbinical Pharisees... he was also telling us!

Let us stop right here and let us think about what it is that our Messiah is saying here in Matthew chapter 12 because it is tectonically important for us to grasp especially today in our time.

Why do we suppose that our Messiah told these wicked rabbinical Pharisees about this unclean spirit returning to its original host bringing with it seven more demons more wicked than themselves? Do we understand the message that our Messiah was trying to deliver to these wicked rabbinical Pharisees and to the world? In order to better understand the prophetic implications of this message given to us here in Matthew chapter 12, we can simply turn to **second Peter chapter 2 E4**

False Prophets and Teachers

2Pe 2:1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Master who bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction.

2Pe 2:2 And many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be blasphemed.

2Pe 2:3 And in their greed they will exploit you with false words. Their condemnation from long ago is not idle, and their destruction is not asleep.

2Pe 2:4 For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment;

2Pe 2:5 if he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when he brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly;

2Pe 2:6 if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes he condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly;

2Pe 2:7 and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked

2Pe 2:8 (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard);

2Pe 2:9 then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment,

2Pe 2:10 and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despise authority. Bold and willful, they do not tremble as they blaspheme the glorious ones,

2Pe 2:11 whereas angels, though greater in might and power, do not pronounce a blasphemous judgment against them before the Lord.

2Pe 2:12 But these, like irrational animals, creatures of instinct, born to be caught and destroyed, blaspheming about matters of which they are ignorant, will also be destroyed in their destruction,

2Pe 2:13 suffering wrong as the wage for their wrongdoing. They count it pleasure to revel in the daytime. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their deceptions, while they feast with you.

2Pe 2:14 They have eyes full of adultery, insatiable for sin. They entice unsteady souls. They have hearts trained in greed. Accursed children!

2Pe 2:15 Forsaking the right way, they have gone astray. They have followed the way of Balaam, the son of Beor, who loved gain from wrongdoing,

2Pe 2:16 but was rebuked for his own transgression; a speechless donkey spoke with human voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

2Pe 2:17 These are waterless springs and mists driven by a storm. For them the gloom of utter darkness has been reserved.

2Pe 2:18 For, speaking loud boasts of folly, they entice by sensual passions of the flesh those who are barely escaping from those who live in error.

2Pe 2:19 They promise them freedom, but they themselves are slaves of corruption. For whatever overcomes a person, to that he is enslaved.

2Pe 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

2Pe 2:21 For it would have been better for them never to have known the way of righteousness than after knowing it to turn back from the holy commandment delivered to them.

2Pe 2:22 What the true proverb says has happened to them: "The dog returns to its own vomit, and the sow, after washing herself, returns to wallow in the mire."

The apostle Peter tells us very clearly here in the second chapter of the book of second Peter... that back in his time false prophets arose among the people just as there will be false teachers among you in the future... who... will secretly bring in destructive heresies even denying the master who bought them bringing upon themselves swift destruction. And Peter goes on to say that many will follow their sensuality and because of them... the way of truth will be blasphemed. And Peter goes on to say because of their greed they will exploit you with false words. Does anyone out there recognize who it is that Peter is speaking of here?

I would submit to you my friends that the apostle Peter was not just talking about the rabbinical Pharisees of his time, but that he was also talking about the rabbinical Pharisees of our time who are to this very day standing behind our modern-day pulpits today in our time. And just how is it that they deny the master who bought them?

They deny the master who bought them by kicking dirt over the anniversary of his death on Passover day and thinking to change the times and the law of God himself by moving the anniversary of the death of our true Messiah the only begotten Son of God who died on Passover day to a Roman Catholic created “Good Friday”.

They deny the master who bought them by kicking dirt over the day that our Messiah was resurrected on first fruits as our High Priest in the order of Melchizedek who was raised up on first fruits in order to waive the sheave offering before his Father so that... the new harvest could be accepted.

Our Messiah is called our Passover lamb he is not called our Easter ham. Our Messiah was not raised on the Pagan celebration of Easter morning, but on his Father's ordained appointment of first fruits which by the way... seldom occurs on a Sunday.

They deny the master who bought them by thinking to change the times and the law of God just as Daniel prophesied that the beast would do in Daniel Chapter 7, by removing God's seventh-day Sabbath that he commanded to be a sign between him and his people forever... to the first day of the week in order to worship and pay homage to the Pope of Rome who created the first day of the week Sunday Sabbath.

They deny the master who bought them by twisting the writings of the apostle Paul to their own destruction just as Peter warned us that these future false teachers would do. **2nd Peter 3:15-17 (scrn 3)**

Paul... And The Error of Lawless People...

2Pe 3:15 And count the patience of our Lord as salvation, just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him,

2Pe 3:16 as he does in all his letters when he speaks in them of these matters. There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

2Pe 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.



You see, the message that our Messiah was delivering to the wicked rabbinical Pharisees of his time was a universal message that is much larger, much grander, much wider in scope than what meets the eye here in Matthew chapter 12. But we can't understand, nor can we see the much larger, much grander, much wider in scope message that our Messiah is delivering here unless... unless... we read the Bible as a whole while asking him for his discernment in order to properly understand it.

These things were things that these wicked rabbinical Pharisees already knew. They already knew what happens to a person who comes to the truth and then willfully and intentionally chooses to reject it. They knew these things intimately that our Messiah was describing to them, and this is exactly why they were full of rage! It was because they all knew full well that our Messiah was pointing directly at them... and not only at them... but he was also pointing to all those who would follow in their footsteps in the future as well.

When our Messiah said that the unclean spirit when it returns to its host and finds the house swept clean brings seven other spirits more evil than itself with it and that this would exactly be the way that it would be with this evil generation... he was not ONLY talking about the generation of the scribes and the rabbinical Pharisees of

his time. But he was also speaking about the generation yet to come in our time as well.

Today in our time and in our society many people will come to a portion of the truth... a portion of the truth that they like... a portion of the truth that seems right to them... often times, a portion of the truth that someone else has told them. And they will come, and they will enter in, and they may even go down into the water to be baptized in the watery grave of baptism, and a few tears may even fall as they confess with their tongues that they believe in... Jesus.

For some, the truth is far too strong a drink for them. For some, the truth isn't as valuable or sought after as the treasures of the world. If the world is celebrating a first day of the week Sunday Sabbath, then they also must feel like they are part of the new gentile Country Club church and it's Sunday potluck crowd.

If the world is celebrating a Roman Catholic created Good Friday that has thought to change the times and the law of God himself and the very anniversary of the death of his only begotten Son on Passover Day... they feel obligated to wallow in the mire and the muck like a pig enjoying her filth.

If the world is celebrating the resurrection of her little “g” god on a Pagan Easter Sunday morning rather than on the day of first fruits the day that their Passover lamb was resurrected... they are all too quick to return like a dog to its vomit honoring him with their lips while their hearts are far from him worshipping him in vain teaching as doctrines... the commandments of men.

And on the Roman Catholic created “All Saints day” (also known as Halloween)... they will willfully and intentionally dress their children up like The Walking Dead and sorcerers like Harry Potter and superheroes and American idols so that their children can have something sweet in the mouth while trading the truth for a lie and a lie for the truth.

You see my friends the world is in the turmoil that it is in right now today because it has returned like a dog to its own vomit and like a pig to its mire. And this includes the church itself! For far too many modern-day professing Christians, the world has become... their friend. And they have once again willfully and intentionally assimilated themselves into it, while holding hands with it and singing Kumbya my lord. **James 4:1-4 (scrn 4)**

A Friend of The World Doing What The World Does?

Jas 4:1 What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?

Jas 4:2 You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask.

Jas 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.

Jas 4:4 You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.



I would submit to you that the warning that our Messiah was giving the wicked rabbinical Pharisees of his time concerning a spirit that returns with seven more that are even more evil than itself is not a warning that applies only to the scribes and the rabbinical Pharisees of our Messiah's time. But that this warning also applies to us in our time.

In the very next chapter of Matthew, in Matthew chapter 13 our Messiah tells us about another parable that has to do with a Sower who sows seeds. And he tells us that some seeds fell along the path and the birds came down and devoured them and other seeds fell on rocky ground where they did not have much soil and immediately, they sprang up... but since they did not have any depth of soil and no root... the sun rose, and they were scorched and ultimately withered away.

And he tells us that some seeds fell among the thorns and that the thorns grew up and choked them out and our Messiah tells us that other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain some 100-fold some 60 some 30. And this is exactly the way it has been since the fall of man took place in the garden of Eden.

I ask you plainly... What do you see in our culture and in our society today? No

matter what town you live in, no matter what nation you hail from, no matter what corner of the earth you live in... What do you see in your culture and in your society today? Do you see the love of God in your culture and in your society? What do you see within the leadership of the nations of the world? Would you say that the love of God is found within our halls of justice and within the leadership of our nations?

Why do we hear of wars and rumors of wars today in our time? Why are nations today rising against nations and kingdoms against kingdoms? Why are we hearing more and more of famines and earthquakes in various places? Why are more and more Christians today finding tribulation and even being put to death in different nations around the world and even in our streets here in the great United States of America? Why are so many falling away and betraying one another and hating one another? Why are so many false prophets rising up and leading so many people astray and away from the law of God when David... (who our Messiah comes from according to 2nd Samuel chapter 7)... tells us that the law is perfect reviving the soul and that the testimony of Yehovah is sure making wise the simple and that the precepts of Yehovah are right rejoicing the heart, and at the commandment of Yehovah is pure enlightening the eyes, and that the fear of Yehovah is clean enduring forever, and that the rules of Yehovah are true and righteous altogether?

The very reason that we are seeing these things today in our time progressing as labor pains come upon a woman it's because so many are without excuse. God's invisible attributes and his eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived ever since the creation of the world in the things that have been made and yet... the world continues to reject him and his spoken word.

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. Claiming to be wise, the world has indeed become... a gaggle of fools.

Why are these things coming up on the world today? Tornadoes and storms and earthquakes and tsunamis and volcanoes and asteroids and sinkholes and famine and plague and pandemics all abound as the wrath of God himself quakes and shakes the world. The earth is utterly broken, the earth is split apart, the earth is violently shaken. The earth staggers like a drunken man, it sways like a Hut, its transgression lies heavy upon it, and it will fall... and it will not rise again. And on that day Yehovah will punish the host of heaven in heaven and the kings of the earth

on earth and they will be gathered together as prisoners in a pit, and they will be shut up in a prison and after many days they will indeed be punished, and the moon will be confounded and the sun ashamed... For Yehovah of hosts will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and his glory will be before his elders. Not says I... but says our God breathed scripture and so dose... the very red-letter words of our Messiah and the prophets that came before him.

These things are indeed coming upon the earth just as we were promised that they would come upon the earth. And our Messiah doesn't pull any punches here in Matthew chapter 12 when he warns us about falling away from the truth. Let us not be so ignorant as to think that this warning was only for the wicked rabbinical Pharisees of his time. We are told over, and over, and over again that what applies to those who were wicked in his time certainly do apply to those who are wicked in our time.

And yet... Knowing that all of this doom and gloom will indeed take place because lawlessness will grow across the face of the earth... We also need to understand the **ending of Matthew chapter 12 as well. E5 (don't read just show)**

Mat 12:46 While he was still speaking to the people, behold, his mother and his brothers stood outside, asking to speak to him.

Mat 12:48 But he replied to the man who told him, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?"

Mat 12:49 And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers!

Mat 12:50 For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

In Matthew chapter 12 verses 46 through 50, something very profound happens while our Messiah is still speaking to the people. And while he is still speaking to the people, someone interrupts him and tells him that his mother and his brothers are outside asking to speak to him. And when our Messiah hears this interruption... our Messiah says something very powerful and very profound to those who interrupted him.

Our Messiah turns to them and asks them "who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" and stretching out his hand towards his disciples he said, "here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven... (get that my friends)... whoever does the will of my Father in heaven... is my brother

and my sister and my mother”.

Can you imagine... can you even fathom the wisdom in what he was saying at that very moment on that very day?

Today in our time we are all wrapped up with what we see as our families. We are all too concerned with who we see as our sons and our daughters and our brothers and our mothers. But the Bible speaks over, and over, and over again.. that our Messiah has come to bring division.

If we will remember correctly back in Matthew chapter 10, our Messiah has already told us that he did not come to bring peace on earth but that he came to bring 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 enemies would be those of his own household. And he has already told us very clearly that whoever loves father or mother more than him is not worthy of him and whoever loves son or daughter more than him is not worthy of him and whoever does not take his cross and follow him is not worthy of him. And therefore... knowing these things who are our true brothers and sisters and mothers and fathers? Is it those of the flesh?... Or is it those of the promise? **Romans 9:6-8 (scrn 5)**

Only Children of The Promise
Belong To His Family...

Rom 9:6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel,

Rom 9:7 and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.”

Rom 9:8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.



Do you see how grand the closing of Matthew chapter 12 actually is and this grand proclamation that our Messiah makes publicly to his disciples and in front of all of the people that he was speaking to?

Our true brothers and sisters and mothers and fathers are not those that the flesh proclaims are our true brothers and sisters and mothers and fathers. Our true brothers and sisters and mothers and fathers are those who the spirit of God binds us to and makes us one with.

No matter what color or creed or nationality... no matter the miles between us... you and I... we... who are true God fearing, Messiah following, cross bearing Christians... disciples and apostles... are brothers and sisters and mothers and fathers of one another.

The flesh and all of its glory will ultimately return to the dust of the earth. This bio suit that we now wear... this sinful bag of flesh and bones will return to the dust of the earth, but it is our spirits... who we are... that have been made one with him that will rule and reign with him, and we together as one will become a nation of priests and a holy possession for his good pleasure. It is we... that are... the children of God Yehovah being made one with him through the very blood of our Passover Lamb who is the only begotten Son of God that have entered through the door that no man can shut and have become one with our Father in heaven just exactly as our Messiah prayed that we would that are his chosen set apart people. Not says I... but says our God breathed Scripture! **John 17:19-26 E6**

Joh 17:19 And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

Joh 17:20 "I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word,

Joh 17:21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

Joh 17:22 The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one,

Joh 17:23 I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.

Joh 17:24 Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

Joh 17:25 O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you,

and these know that you have sent me.

Joh 17:26 I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

In closing, let us take heed of the warnings that our Messiah gave to the wicked rabbinical Pharisees and scribes of his time. And let us all learn from these warnings and the mistakes that these wicked rabbinical Pharisees and scribes have made. Through prayer and supplication let us continue to pray for all of the Saints that are Yehvoah God's chosen set apart people who are doing all that they can just as we are... to put on the full armor of God in order to be able to stand in the evil day that we are now living in.

Let's remember the sign of Jonah that our Messiah left with us so that we are not led astray by the Pagan practices of the church today in our time and her modern-day pagan Pharisees. Let us guard our temples so that the unclean spirits that we have been cleansed from cannot return to a temple that belongs solely to Yehvoah God our Father in heaven. When the unclean spirits that we have been cleansed from return to us... let them find our Father sitting comfortably within his Temple ready... and waiting for them.

And let us rejoice in the spirit that we have been given that dwells within us and has made us one together with not only each other, but with our Father in heaven and his only begotten Son our king who is our Passover lamb and the first fruit of the resurrection and the door that no man can shut. For we have not only been promised everlasting life, but life more abundantly. A life where we can finally once again walk with our Father in heaven through the garden in the cool of the evening just as Adam did so many generations ago. Let us not fear the days that are coming ahead on this earth... but let us lay our treasure up in the Kingdom to come. And let us fortify our temples by putting on the full armor of God and by proclaiming even unto death... that Yehvoah God is our shield and our refuge and our length of days.

Let us always be thankful and humble at the feet of our Messiah and King Yeshua Hamashiach for the blood that he shed in order to purchase us back from the little "g" god of this world and the Prince of the air who sees us all as trophies.

Let us prepare for battle... let us get into the fight... and let us pray that because we are with Yehvoah that Yehvoah will indeed be... with us and with our children and our children's children. In the name of Yeshua Hamashiach, the only begotten Son

of Yehvoah God... let us pray and give thanks for the hope that we have been given. And let us thank him each and every day for his magnificent mercy... and his abounding grace upon us.

And with that being said... as we close the books for this Sabbath day... 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.