

## Prepare Yourself Even If The Religiously-Mired Refuse To Listen!

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

We have a question for you. When you read the cover email to Spot On #20 and saw the Barna Group's exposé of the deplorable condition of Christianity in the US, could you feel our Lord's deep sadness? Centuries of **anti-Semitic theology** have enabled the organized religious establishment to fill pews with the comfortable and complacent religiously-mired. And now as the Hebraic foundations have been going forth to all corners of the world, the despising of anything Jewish — even the Older Testament itself — is being publicly enacted. This trend certainly isn't new. Anti-Semitic theology has incarcerated Christianity within a web of religious lies ever since Church Fathers such as Clement, Origen, and Justin publicized their hatred of the Jewish people.

One of the most demonic and destructive practices that was introduced by the Church Fathers has been the Nicolaitan-dominated religious system in which clergy rule and “laity” sit quietly and abide by their cleric's directives. This manner of instruction had nothing to do with the practical, interactive style of Jesus with His disciples! Sadly, these Hellenist Church Fathers were not only anti-Semitic. They were enamored with the Greek philosopher Plato and the unbiblical worldview of cosmic dualism in which life is compartmentalized into the “good” spiritual realm and the “evil” physical world. Dualism probably even affects your own perspective of clergy, whose occupation is somehow higher and holier than any line of work in which the laity are engaged.



While we're on our daily prayer walks along the dirt trails at our friends Ron & Nicki's ***Pinelaw Park and Conference Center***, we often experience our Lord's deep sorrow over the countless number of "Christians" who are willingly being deceived by religious leaders. Some of the most pervasive deceptions are found within Roman Catholicism; in the "Once 'saved', always 'saved'" gospel which is peddled so often at crusades and in the Bible Belt; and among various denominations which assert that after the Bible was canonized there is no further revelation by the Holy Spirit — no *rhema* of Father's will in a believer's life. Why our heavenly Father has allowed so many to live religiously mired, we don't know. But what we do know is that in every generation there are those who seek the truth no matter what the cost and are willing to press on until they are fully abiding in the grace and spiritual power of the Truth Himself, Jesus. Sadly, however, many of these courageous souls are badmouthed or even persecuted by the religious establishment, or some start yet another religious establishment themselves.

Within the various religious establishments have been many, many clergy who have realized they were peddling the creedal distortions of their particular denomination. But they were fearful to let the laity know that some of these teachings and traditions were actually unbiblical. A clergy person relies on their congregation's financial support, and attendees who learn they're being fed one lie might

start questioning other aspects of the denomination. In other situations are clergy who are apprehensive about being defrocked by their ecclesiastical leadership for speaking the truth about their denomination's stance. Along the way Father has allowed us to encounter as friends a number of these defrocked individuals who, like us, have by His grace stood for truth no matter what the cost.

If you would ask the Holy Spirit, you'd find that the Barna Group has served in a sense as our Father's whistleblower on the state of Christianity and "Christians" in this land. And we who have the Holy Spirit dwelling within us should pay attention to their findings. Living in self-deception either about your denomination or even about this being a "Christian nation" is delusional. If the urgent warning in 1Peter 4:17 didn't come to mind when you read what the Barna Group exposed in our previous email, prayerfully see if it fits the religious establishment today: "For it is time for judgment to begin with God's household; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God?"

If the Barna Group were to survey Christians in this nation and ask, "Should our Federal, State and local governments be guided by God's commands in the Bible?", we're pretty certain that the vast majority of the religiously-mired would deem such guidance impractical or impossible. Why would so many self-identified Christians seriously disbelieve that the same God Who is proclaimed in the Constitution would have neither the power nor the societal relevance for this nation's leaders to call upon Him? Because hardly any of the religiously-mired apply God's commands to their own lives. And since they are not experiencing the wisdom and peace which permeate individuals, families and faith communities who trustingly put His commands into practice, the religiously-mired live as lawless and self-serving as the society they are part of. The hearts of we who are Lordship-committed may ache over their decisions, and we can try to help them — as long as we don't become like them!

We've emphasized for several years that there is no political solution to the chaos that's on its way to producing a dictatorship in this nation. This warning isn't new. We produced Teaching E-mail 66, ***Only Your Faith Can Overcome Chaos*** in February 4, 2013 and a Prophetic Insight, ***Deception Is A Pandemic Spiritual Cancer (Part 3)***, in 6/7/2019. Both articles convey the view of our Lord Jesus regarding this country. And turning to Him in trust with heartfelt repentance is the only route out of our present quagmire of hate, bigotry, self-idolatry and greed.

Several more Spot Ons will be forthcoming which we hope will help you who are outside the religious mire to live with the love-grounded spiritual power that our Lord Jesus promises His own. Additionally, we have collated all the individual, semi-fictional stories of *Kingdom Living Today* into one online ebook by the same name, and is attached to this email. We've prepared this collection of real-life situations to help those of you who have little or no experience in Kingdom living to envision what life is like through a simulation format.

The Hebraic method of training relies on "direct experience" in which the mentor/teacher shows a student 'how to' do something. The student then demonstrates the same skill as the teacher/mentor looks on. Then the student goes forth to teach others. This is the pattern used by Paul, which underlies his instruction to his younger trainee Timothy in 2Timothy 2:2. If 'direct experience' can't be used as a training means, then simulation and illustration are viable alternatives.

Drawing on our own experiences over the decades of living out the Hebraic foundations, we wrote *Kingdom Living Today* as a semi-fictional narrative involving several families. This way we could simulate for you what life in the Kingdom may be like as you seek *rhema* from the Spirit and discuss biblical responses with others who are journeying with you spiritually. Using a story-telling format was an entirely new approach for us, but one in which we sensed that some of you may relate more readily to accounts of personal life experiences than to direct teaching. Neither we nor those who fellowshiped with us in the *KLT* story lines were exceptional people by any of the world's standards. But what we had in common is that we allowed our minds to be renewed by the Holy Spirit into being

Lordship-committed (see Romans 12:2).

(For further insight into the Hebraic method of instruction, read: *Turning The Hearts Of Fathers To The Children, Practice 1*).

Finally, we make no apologies to you if you're choosing to stay religiously-mired within an organized establishment. You have the same opportunity as we or anyone else has to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth to you. The Barna Group has sufficiently surveyed the religiously-mired and has reported how far away from our Lord Jesus and His Kingdom you are. Our heavenly Father offers you a New Covenant through our Lord Jesus with only Him as the Head of His called-out ones. He offers you a New Covenant that permits you to live in union with Father's purposes through the indwelling Holy Spirit, absolutely free of ecclesiastical religion. If you are Lordship-committed, the time is running out to be fully prepared to stand firm in loving resolve. Don't allow Satan to entice you into getting entangled in the deceptive thorns of the world so that you are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures. Those schemes will wither your spiritual maturity and resolute determination to lift up Jesus no matter what.

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