

## Avoid The Paralyzing Analysis Of The Scribes (Part 6)

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

We greatly rejoice in the LIVING REALITY of the Spirit of our Lord dwelling within us and using us as we recount in these Sagas and throughout our spiritual journey. Even as we recall the Spirit's wonderful interventions, at the forefront is our ongoing awareness that it's Him Who by grace is doing Father's will through us. We've needed and relied on *mutual encouragement* and *cooperation* in order to maintain the biblical focal point of our trust in Christ – our heavenly Father's glory.

You probably know in your own life that it's far easier to fixate on the goals and values of the physical world than it is to be engrossed in our unseen heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus. The apostle whom Jesus especially loved warns of the many tempting motives and goals which captivate people who compromise with the world's ungodly system:

"Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. Because all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but the one doing the will of God abides forever" (1John 2:15-17). You can clearly see our Father's perspective here, His line which definitively separates love for the world's values from the love for Him which results in doing His will. Keep this in mind when you listen to conversations among **the religiously-mired: it's the values of this world that they discuss most often**.

This is well worth repeating. It's the Holy Spirit Who gives the Lordship-committed the grace to live out these **four attributes**. We make them our daily prayer so that the Spirit by grace can deepen them in us:

- 1. That our lives would revolve around the Headship of Lord Jesus in bringing glory to our heavenly Father through doing His will.** (John 15:5-8; Ephesians 1:15-23)
- 2. That we would live repentantly by grace and encourage each other so that communal righteousness exists in our home, ensuring that our Father will hear and answer our prayers.** (Psalms 34:14,15; Ephesians 4:15,16)
- 3. That we would diligently seek the Holy Spirit's *rhema* so that by the Spirit we can specifically carry out our Father's will and glorify Jesus.** (John 16:13; Romans 8:14)
- 4. That the aroma of Jesus would be manifested in us beginning with His love, forgiveness and compassion even for those who do us harm.** (Ephesians 4:32; Matthew 5:44)

***"As the Father has sent Me, I am sending you"*** (John 20:21).

As you read the Sagas which depict our life at the retreat center, please keep in mind that during that time we ministered predominantly among the religiously-mired and we supported the Nicolaitan religious establishment. Our heavenly Father wanted us to personally experience institutional Christianity as we served a variety of congregations and ministries. This was preparation for our future work.

Mike: In Ezekiel 8 God showed the prophet the utterly detestable abominations which the religious leaders were secretly doing within the Temple grounds. I've written previously that after some of the meetings I had with religious leaders who had defiled themselves with wickedness, I couldn't even enter the lodge. Instead I'd head out to a fence post in the pasture and cry. The Spirit of our Lord forbade me to tell anyone else, even Sue, about the evil I was dealing with in these men. Please don't think that in these Holy Spirit exposés of the evils of **Nicolaitanism** and **scribal theology** you're reading the writings of a bitter man. You'd be wrong! There was a divine purpose for what I saw and experienced so that I would have no doubt what these evils had produced in Christianity.

Our heavenly Father used our years at the retreat center to prepare us so we could be entrusted with sharing the prophetic message of the Hebraic restoration. He was also readying us to confront Nicolaitanism and the peddlers of scribal theology who divide Christianity. For the three years leading up to our departure from the retreat center in December 1993, Mike was assaulted by betrayal after betrayal by religious leaders he'd helped. Our Lord Jesus kept him from defending himself because He too had been betrayed, as had His followers in the Book of Acts. Just before this nonstop onslaught began, Mike received a prophecy in July 1990 which the elders of the congregation with whom we fellowshiped at the time confirmed was from the Holy Spirit:

"Hearken to My voice, My little one. For I the Lord am here to refine by fire. For My servant Mike shall be broken. I have prepared the fires that I shall make him walk through, and they shall be used to crush the flesh in him. And I promise you that the sweet and fragrant aroma of Jesus shall pour forth as he is tempered and tried by My Spirit. And My anointing shall rest upon him in purity and power, and great prophetic words shall be uttered through his mouth. But the testing that is coming upon him shall scathe him and be painful as I flush out all that is not like Me."

Sometime before 1990 Mike's friend Bert shared a truth with him prior to Bert immigrating with his family to Israel: "*Mike, you can never walk in the fullness of Jesus until you wash the feet of Judas.*" It was with Bert's family that the Holy Spirit sent us to live with for three months outside Jerusalem after we left the retreat center.

Having received in Israel the Hebraic foundations, our hearts are filled with joy in what Father is restoring to those who wholeheartedly seek the truth to apply to their lives. Yes, we're saddened to see so many Christians living complacently deceived in **scribally-concocted religious-mire**. And while many may be inspired by Bible instruction, THE VAST MAJORITY DO NOT PUT IT INTO PRACTICE NOR DO THEY LIVE WITH JESUS AS THEIR LORD! If they want to, the religiously-mired have personal access to the Bible and the Holy Spirit to discern the truths our heavenly Father wants them to live by. But time is running out for each one to turn to the **living Lord** rather than being content to study about the "historical Lord" whom clergy keep sandwiched between the Bible's pages. Our Lord Jesus doesn't reside in the Bible, but rather within •the *genuinely* born again •who live Lordship-committed. If these two facets don't describe you, then you may have given way to a faulty gospel that's not good news at all.

✨We aren't trying to beat a dead horse in exposing scribal theology or the religiously-mired. In making known to us the Hebraic restoration, Father has assured us that a time is soon coming when you will need your prayers answered, perhaps even for food and a place to live. You'll

need a relevant relationship with our Lord Jesus and to be able to practice communal righteousness in your faith relationships. Satan will send people to you with different forms of scribal-concocted theology. You need to discern the lies which have existed in Christianity for centuries, and keep Satan's instruments out of your fellowship family.

**Today's fractured Christianity is like our two-party political system – each thinks they're more right than the other. Please understand that scribal theologies removed essential biblical truths from the daily lives of Jesus's followers: the personal Lordship of Jesus, and the indwelling Holy Spirit and His ongoing work in and through Christ's own. Scribal theology splinters the religiously mired into over 40,000 divisive fragments, each believing they're more right than the other.** (For a list of the many Christian doctrinal creeds and confessions <*click here*>).

**Organized institutional Christianity will remain increasingly divided — but not for those who love God and embrace the obedience-based trust of Abraham of old and most importantly of our Lord Jesus. The trust of both was proven by their obedience, and it must be this way for the Lordship-committed!** (See 1John 2:3-6.)

In our book, *Restoring The Early Church*, we discuss extensively the loss of the Hebraic foundations and the rise of scribal theology. We suggest that you read the chapters in Volume 3. "How Christianity Lost Its Hebraic Roots" so you can prayerfully ask the Holy Spirit if what we have written is true and what you should do about it.

### **Do You Treat Our Lord Jesus As Irrelevant?**

Is the "church" you attend more relevant to your life than the Lordship of Jesus?

One definition of *irrelevant* is "not connected with your life or relevant to it." You could argue that to treat the Lordship of Jesus as irrelevant is to shun Him. Jesus has become irrelevant within Christianity insofar as it ignores or denies ►His ruling Lordship, ►His Spirit's guidance and empowerment, and ►the willingness to repent when the Holy Spirit convicts. ***If He is relevant to you***, then you should be able to testify 👍how our Lord rules your life, 👍how you receive His Spirit's guidance and what spiritual gift(s) His Spirit has apportioned you, and 👍about the prayers which our heavenly Father has answered because you live repentantly in love-grounded obedient trust.

These are indicators of our Lord Jesus's relevancy in your life, indicators which the Bible affirms are the identifying characteristics of the *genuinely* born again. Now that you've read this, ask the Holy Spirit if this is true in your own life. It's one thing for you to treat our Lord Jesus as irrelevant because you've been deceived by scribal theology which has made Jesus our Lord to be less than Lord. Our eternal Father has allowed this delusion to go on for centuries to see who wants to believe the lies peddled by the scribal theologians and clergy. But now, ***if*** you confirm with the Holy Spirit what we are writing, you'll know that He is holding you accountable to look to Him for truth. Don't take this lightly.

Our Father continues to restore the Jews to the land He promised them, and has returned Jerusalem to them. And at the same time He is restoring the truth about the way of grace in which we become His sons and daughters in Jesus and the way of life that He commands us through His indwelling Holy Spirit. It's important to recognize that there's nothing in common

between the life of the Lordship-committed and the life of the religiously-mired. The first flows from the **relevancy of Jesus's Lordship**, the latter flows from their **self-serving, delusional deceit** – the core character of Satan (see John 8:44). If Abraham, who wasn't indwelt by the Holy Spirit, could trust God to leave Ur of the Chaldees to journey to a promised land he'd never been to before, you should be able to trust the indwelling Holy Spirit if He's abiding in you.

### **We want to help you discern *if* our Lord Jesus is relevant or irrelevant to you.**

Ask the Holy Spirit how many hours a week you are free from unconfessed sin. Sometimes on retreats and at seminars we'd ask attendees this question. On average the Spirit revealed they were free of sin 4 hours out of the 168-hour week. What does this say about our Lord's relevancy in people's lives? Fellowship with our Lord Jesus was irrelevant to them in their failure to confess their sins (see 1John 1:5-10). Keeping this reality in mind, think of all the religious services taking place each week while the attendees hold onto unconfessed sin. You can conclude that religious leaders really don't care about the spiritual condition of the religiously-mired in their pews. In fact, they support the irrelevancy of our Lord Jesus in their congregants!

Also, God's Word offers clear guidance to the Lordship-committed as they boldly take their stand in the world and represent our Lord Jesus in His love and integrity and righteousness. Our Lord specifically gave all His followers their "marching orders":

"All authority in heaven and on earth was given to Me. GOING therefore, DISCIPLE ALL THE NATIONS, IMMERSING THEM in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, TEACHING THEM TO OBSERVE all things that I COMMANDED you; and behold, I AM WITH YOU all the days until the completion of the age" (Matthew 28:18-20, literal translation). Jesus is speaking to ALL who belong to Him for ALL ages.

The Bible affirms a crucial truth of the Lordship of Jesus which He has privileged you to bear: Our Lord's burden for the lost must be your burden as well. Having His heart to reach the lost not only verifies you really belong to Him, it also assures you that the Holy Spirit is within you and operating through you. No matter what you've believed about your salvation until now, making the loving compassion of Jesus irrelevant in your view of the lost is no different than denying Him as Lord – "Lordship" is what our Lord Jesus does in you by His Spirit. **As the One Who loves you, Jesus actively exercises rule in you as your Lord and Master by commanding you by grace to do His Father's will, including reaching the lost in loving and obedient trust.** (See John 14:21; 1John 2:3-6,17.)

You were redeemed for a purpose besides getting to heaven: "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:8-10).

Nowhere in the Newer Testament does our Lord Jesus want you to accomplish your Father's will and bear His burden for the lost in your own strength:

- "And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father which you have heard from Me" (Acts 1:4).

- “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be witnesses of Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

Our Lord's command to disciple all the nations, and His Spirit's empowerment to witness of Him, were never intended for some special class of people or limited to a missionary or evangelist. Willingly following through in these with loving and obedient trust is meant for each of His own who gratefully appreciate His saving them from the sinful depravity which had held them captive. Their loving appreciation and the holy boldness it produces is wonderfully captured in His earliest followers: "Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your slave/servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word" (Acts 4:29). Relevancy has much to do with the way you live.

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