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“Therefore we must pay much more careful heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away”

In Darkened Times Be Vigilant And Stand Guard!

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

We are in the process of putting together our next series of videos. We'll be discussing in depth the way of life our Father has commanded and made clear in His Word as we live inside a perimeter of righteousness in our own homes. By His Spirit He has empowered His regenerated sons and daughters in union with Jesus to live holy lives which uphold His own loving and holy reputation (see 1Peter 1:15,16). Sadly, because of so much tolerated sin and compromise with the world's standards, there's often a vast disparity between what many Christian homes practice and the righteous and humble servant lives which His Word calls for. All too often the devilish dark schemes which are being enacted in this nation *outside* the home perimeter are infiltrating *inside* those very homes — and are frequently unrecognized as being heinous to our Lord. Let's look at this more closely.

In the early stages of our own faith journeys with Jesus, our heavenly Father instilled in each of us how essential it was for us to be **Spirit-led** — in other words, to be guided by His *rhema* and empowered through His giftings to fulfill our Father's purposes. Over the years, though, we've met so very few in Christianity who could tell us just how the Holy Spirit guided them in key decisions, whether regarding their spouse, the home they purchased, or even their workplace. They realized as we talked that they'd had no spiritual empowerment by which the Holy Spirit fulfilled the Father's purposes in that particular life decision. **As a result, they had no testimony to their Father's will being carried out in those decisions.** But for us and for others we've encountered who absolutely count on the Holy Spirit to reveal Father's will, we camp out on the words of Moses to God: *"If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here"* (Exodus 33:15).

Before this next set of videos is produced we implore you to make sure that your life reflects, through your action and your testimony, your determined commitment to our Father and Lord Jesus in their purpose for giving you the indwelling Holy Spirit. We're warned that *"without holiness no one will see the Lord"* (Hebrews 12:14). Father has given us the grace to walk as Jesus did, being conformed by His Spirit to our Lord's character. Yet all too often people who've been deceived by misconstruing Scriptural grace live in ways that defame His holiness. Or, they excuse their self-will and compromise with sin by stating that Father no longer has the same holy standards which Jesus lived by and has called His own to obey. But consider this. When you deny, as so many within contemporary Christendom do, a character quality or activity that reflects the unchanging holy nature of Jesus, you're denying the ministry and purpose of the Holy Spirit: to conform your life and character to the holy life and character of our Lord — a life which is separate from the world's goals, ways and values.

Your resolute determination to hear from the Holy Spirit is a chief weapon in your spiritual arsenal to keep the demonic darkness that's shrouding this nation from infiltrating your home. When the Israelites who returned to Jerusalem from captivity in Babylon were renewing their commitment to God (see Nehemiah 9), they reminded themselves of the manner in which God taught His righteous way of life to their forefathers in the desert: ***"You gave Your good Spirit to***

instruct them" (v. 20). Many centuries later the apostle John re-emphasizes this important truth of relying on the Spirit of Christ within you — a privilege and responsibility which must become a way of life for you **and** for those in your home **and** in your extended family of homes:

"As for you, the anointing you received from Him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as His anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit—just as it has taught you, remain in Him" (1John 2:27).

The reality of the Holy Spirit's guidance and empowerment in you is demonstrated by your actions and testimonies. It's your obedient trust which gives you confidence that you're pleasing to Father by His grace because His purposes are being fulfilled by you through His Spirit (see Hebrews 13:20,21). Much of self-pleasing westernized Christendom is satisfied with religious ease and nonchalant complacency. Yet these have nothing in common with the uncompromising determination our Father requires of anyone who claims to be His through His Son and are intentionally purposeful in walking the narrow road to heaven by His Spirit.

"Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong"
(1Corinthians 16:13).

A **Jezebellic deceptive fog** is spreading over the minds of so many in this nation. And it's entering Christian homes because no one is standing guard in the Spirit, nor does any righteous perimeter exist. Jezebel's purpose is a two-fold attack: one against our Lord Jesus, and the other against our heavenly Father. And so many Christians have already been fogged by it!

Let's look at one recent facet of Jezebel's seduction of Christendom. Much of Christian reaction to the "Me Too Movement" has prompted discussions among people with opposing views. Some question whether the sexual atrocities even happened; in other cases men have been found guilty. Many women are enduring the emotional pain of feeling compelled to publicly acknowledge the abuse. For quite some time a growing distrust of men as abusers has been brewing. And as long as Jezebel can keep Christians occupied at their present shallow, horizontal level of discussion, this demonic principality has won a divisive victory.



Unless you ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you God's "vertical" perspective of what's really going on, you get fogged by whatever news source you listen to and agree with. But when you see this Jezebellic fog from the Spirit's vantage point, you realize that for decades this demonic principality has been removing all sense of guilt about sin. No-guilt thinking permeates secular society as much as it does much of Christendom. Whether "me-too" women have been raped, have fornicated, committed adultery, or murdered their unborn baby, the sin that was enacted by the man and/or the woman is never addressed in discussions. Sin has violated our Father's righteous commands, and no one is speaking up for Him.

With the Jezebellic fog obliterating all sense of guilt, the reality of what our heavenly Father deems sin and the price our Lord Jesus paid on the cross for sin is obliterated. And the fog envelops not only society, but much of Christendom as well.

Have *you* talked about the Me Too Movement with others and found the conversation limited to opinions on the subject? Did anyone bring up the real issue: that we've lost all sense of guilt about sin as a society? Did you bring it up?

In the Darkened Fog that is now covering this nation, our Father is looking for those who will speak up to shine light into the murk that's blanketing the minds of so many. Our Lord Jesus shed His life for these many millions of people. He isn't looking for their destruction but rather that *they would repent* so His Father doesn't have to chastise them. Keep in mind that at no time in human history has our God, the only true God, set aside His righteousness to condone man's sin. We want to exhort you:

Before you get into a discussion about what's wrong with this nation, allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you that this land has been insidiously conquered by a demonic principality that can't be overcome except through nationwide repentance and turning to Christ.

The second part of the demonic Jezebellic attack is against our heavenly Father. As people witness the chaos and hatred proliferating, many in their own personal lives feel hopeless or victimized. That's when the demons find it easy to induce them to ask, "**How can a loving Father let this happen?**" In doubting or questioning His love, they turn their hearts away from Him and His righteous standards in Christ. Consequent to their sin, God holds back His blessings until they repent and turn to Him. Just like the Israelites of old who lost all sense of guilt in their compromise with evil, people who doubt and distrust Him only compound their predicament because they become even more susceptible to sinning against Him.

As this stubbornness of heart fully saturates our society, He will confront it. That's why the clear example of His interaction with Israel in the Older Testament is so critical to our understanding of events today (see 1Corinthians 10:6-12).

Please, look at your own home and way of life through the Spirit's eyes and discern if they are what our Father requires of you as His child. And be careful with media-based information or opinions no matter how much you agree with them. The demons own the airwaves: "***the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient***" (Ephesians 2:2). If you allow them to, they'll pit you against other humans who are made in God's image and for whom Jesus sacrificed Himself. There's a way you can tell if you've been fogged:

If you can think of anyone and not be moved by a sense of love or compassion toward them, then the demons are shaping *your* thoughts and emotions, not the Holy Spirit!

We realize that "**Christian prejudice**" is at an all-time high, at least during our lifetime. To maintain the love of Jesus within our personal lives and in our home, we've been compelled to review if there are any gaps in our righteous perimeter. We're especially being vigilant to watch out for sinister ways and deceitful schemes which our enemy will try to use to infiltrate.

The Lord willing, we'll discuss this in depth in the videos to come. We're always grateful for each and every prayer that's lifted up to our Father on our behalf.

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“Therefore, dear friends, since you have been forewarned, be on your guard so that you may not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure position” (2Peter 3:17).