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Prophetic Insight

10/23/18 "Therefore we must pay much more careful heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away"

Is Time Running Out To Mutually Develop Resolute Determination?

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

In the past several weeks we've had the spiritual impression that we may have less than two years to help equip followers of Jesus to serve Him with mutual resolute determination. We're also very aware, as you'll see in our upcoming video, that in recent decades **antinomianism** has become the "golden calf" of a large part of Christianity. Antinomianism literally means "anti-law," or "without restraint." It is a heresy which asserts that God doesn't expect Christians to obey His moral laws. Sadly, those who are convicted to live their lives by grace within the righteous boundaries of God's Word have become a tiny minority in this nation.

***"[Jesus] will declare to them,
"I never knew you; depart from Me,
you who practice lawlessness!"*** (Matthew 7:23).

The antinomian heresy has been a satanic subterfuge for centuries in some parts of Christianity, and it has spread throughout westernized Christendom like a plague in recent decades. Most noticeably this blatant disregard for God's righteous commands has infused itself into Christianity through the false theologies of the **Health and Wealth Gospel** and the **Church Growth Movement**. Both of these religious platforms of deceit are presented on the basis of how much you can benefit during your stay on earth through wealth, health, and happiness. (And the multimillionaire teachers in both these camps dangle prosperity in front of eager deceived hopefuls who naively send their meager resources so they too will become rich.) Minimized or outrightly denied is the reality of *humanity's sinful depravity* and *desperate need to repent* — the biblical starting point for why anyone would want to trust in Jesus.

The deceptive buzzword of antinomian teachers is, ***"We are no longer under the law but under grace."*** Grace is presented as a license to go on sinning (under the guise of "freedom"), rather than the God-given desire and power of His indwelling Spirit to do His will. Another antinomian tag line is, ***"Once saved, always saved!"*** These teachers assure people that the sins they choose to keep on doing won't interfere with a heavenly welcome because of the "prayer of salvation" they cited way back when.

Many who once walked in Spirit and Truth as children of our heavenly Father have already given way to these lies. They have no intention to obey the righteous boundaries of God's commands, and by their disobedience are showing their first love to be themselves rather than Jesus. In our recent Prophetic Insight, ***"In Darkened Times Be Vigilant And Stand Guard!"*** we warned about two current Jezebellic assaults on Christians:

1. A **Jezebellic fog** is obliterating all sense of guilt over what our heavenly Father deems sin, and is obscuring the sacrificial price our Lord Jesus paid on the cross for sin. And, the fog envelops not only society at large but much of Christendom as well, as witnessed by the parallel practices and values.

2. A Jezebellic attack is raging against our heavenly Father. As people witness the explosive chaos and hatred at all levels of society, many feel hopeless or victimized in their own personal lives. That's when the demons find it easy to coax them to ask, **"How can a loving Father let this happen?"**

You may remember from your Bible reading that after Jerusalem was destroyed, the prophet Jeremiah was left among the people in the land who deceived themselves as to why God allowed such a catastrophe to happen. They wrongfully concluded:

"Since we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine" (Jeremiah 44:18).

But as God's messenger, Jeremiah declared the incisive truth to those duped in their sin:

"The incense that you burned in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem, you and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not the LORD remember them, and did it not come into His mind? So the LORD could no longer bear it, because of the evil of your doings and because of the abominations which you committed. Therefore your land is a desolation, an astonishment, a curse, and without an inhabitant, as it is this day" (Jeremiah 44:21,22).

Those who are under the influence of antinomianism today are equally deceived as those deluded Israelites. Rather than perceiving sin the way God sees it and experiencing guilt when they break His righteous Law, antinomianism convinces them that they don't need to repent.

We Learn The Truth By Doing It!

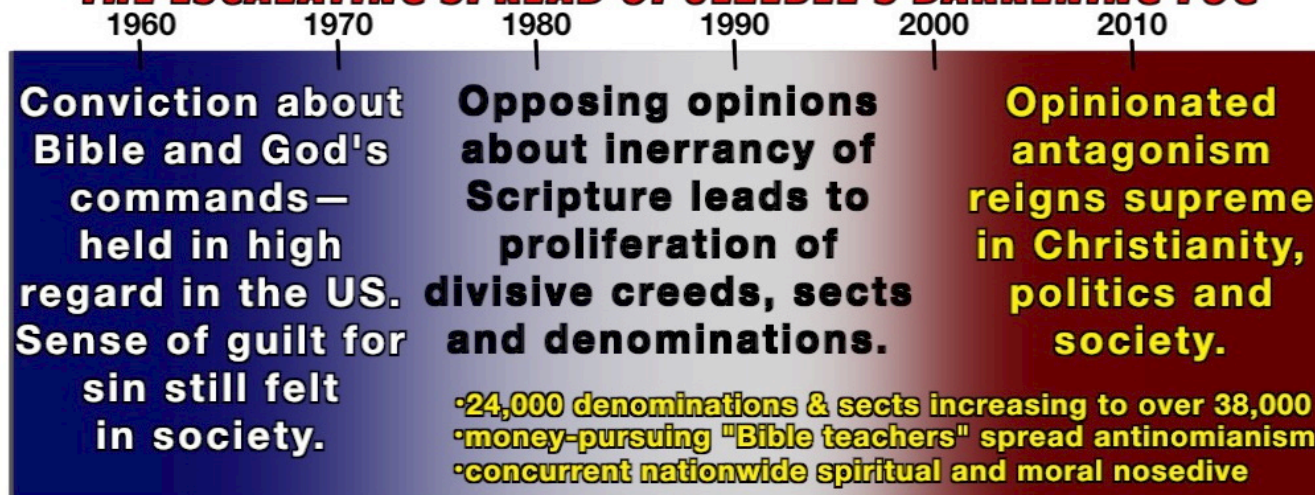
Jesus: *"Anyone who chooses to do the will of God will find out whether My teaching comes from God or whether I speak on My own" (John 7:17;).*

As we prepare these Prophetic Insights, emails and video series, we're extremely conscious of the earnestness with which the Holy Spirit is revealing what He wants us to share (2Timothy 4:2). We're also well aware of the reality that the gate is as narrow as Jesus affirms and the resolve that's needed to get through it is deep (Luke 13:24; Matthew 7:13,14). The materials the Spirit has us share are earmarked for the few whose spiritual lives are manifested through loving conviction and prompt obedience (Luke 13:24). Without doubt we believe that this is why Jesus and the Newer Testament writers refer to Abraham as our Father's foremost example of the obedience He considers righteous (Luke 13:28; Acts 7:2; Romans 4:3,16; Galatians 3:7-9; James 2:17-26).

These points are directed to those of you who mutually live in loving, obedient trust. That's because if you have a fellowship family that is fulfilling our Father's purposes, you'll find the devil trying to infiltrate and cause agitation which disrupts your shared peace. A divisive manifestation of antinomian influence is "Opinionated Christians." These people are devoid of the salt which stems decay and flavors holy living. As Jesus declares, they're unfit and useless (see Luke 14:33-35). Whatever they believe about Scripture •cost them nothing, and •changes their lives minimally if at all. •They've sacrificed nothing, •been rejected by no one, •nor suffered insult or mockery for having any deep convictions about their faith journey. •These people now fill a large segment of Christianity and represent **antinomianism in the flesh**.

On the other hand, if you're following our Lord Jesus in loving trust and living convicted about your faith being demonstrated by your obedient actions, •it will cost you. You will • be inconvenienced, •sacrifice things precious to you, •be despised, •spoken ill of, •persecuted, •and even at some future time be called to forfeit your life for Jesus your Lord.

THE ESCALATING SPREAD OF JEZEBEL'S DARKENING FOG



In our last Prophetic Insight we offered a timeline of how the **Jezebellic fog** has gained control over this nation. Here's another timeline revealing how the **convicted** have become such a small minority in Christendom even as the **opinionated** have flourished.

- When Israel refused to discern the judgment which their sins were incurring, God spoke to them through the prophet Jeremiah: *"They dress the wound of My people as though it were not serious. 'Peace, peace,' they say, when there is no peace"* (8:11).

- Over two millennia later the Colonists at first didn't fully grasp what was at stake with Britain's oppressive despotism. Patrick Henry, best known for his words "Give me liberty or give me death!" clarified the issue in a speech on March 23, 1775: "Gentlemen may cry, 'Peace, Peace' — but there is no peace. The war is actually begun!"

- When people today are proclaiming "Make America Great Again!" so they can enjoy a comfortable life without any regard for our Father's just and righteous commands, we repeat what He told Jeremiah: *"Do not pray for this people or offer any plea or petition for them, because I will not listen when they call to Me in the time of their distress"* (Jeremiah 11:14). Without repentance, the downward spiral will go on.

Be warned! Antinomianism is the golden calf of Christianity as well as the US at-large.

"Do not despise the day of small things..." (Zechariah 4:10a).

We believe that many of you who are engaged in what our Father is restoring today need to be encouraged by the prophet's words. None of us fully understands what our heavenly Father is doing according to His own will and purposes. But to those who love Him and obey Him with the same selfless conviction as Abraham, we know that the day of small things must take place before the big things can be discerned.

"Nothing can hinder the LORD from saving, whether by many or by few" (1Samuel 14:6)

During the different wars this nation has taken part in it's often been necessary to quickly train people for combat. This is exactly what we feel is happening in the war for souls in this nation before it undergoes chastisement. In light of the forthcoming videos we're producing, let's use a comparison:

Unit Name	Consists of:	Approximate # of people:
Battalion	4 or more Companies	400 to 1000
Company	2 or more Platoons	100 to 250
Platoon (Troop)	2 or more Squads	16 to 50
Squad	Basic unit	8 to 24



Think of a home fellowship like a **squad** in a military unit. The **squad** is the smallest unit of the army or marines. In the army a squad is typically 9 soldiers (squad leader and two fire teams of 4 men each). In the marines it's 13 (a squad leader and three fire teams of 4 men each) in a rifle squad, or 3 to 8 men in a crew-served weapons squad. We make this point about a **squad** because a fellowship family of homes with its diversity of spiritual giftings apportioned by the Holy Spirit is the unit through which our Father is seeking to carry out His desire for the salvation of mankind. A fellowship of homes cooperates together to effectively fight the spiritual war that's needed on behalf of the souls living in darkness. Just like a compact **squad** as compared to a sizable battalion, a fellowship of homes can infiltrate and permeate the enemy's territory far better than a large "church" edifice on a street corner. All too often these business-like "church" edifices and the passive people who enter them mirror **"Satan's Prison Camps On Earth."** So many represent the antinomian perspective and are unconcerned with our heavenly Father's burden for the salvation of mankind.

With our Lord Jesus as the Head of His own, He can coordinate squads of home fellowship families throughout a city without the need for professional Nicolaitan rule. Your absolute confidence in His indwelling Spirit and your mutual obedience to bear your heavenly Father's burden for the lost make it all happen.

We're very concerned that the **Jezebellic fog** which now blankets this nation will try to impede you in a subtle yet sinister way. This demonic entity has the power *to deaden concern for the eternal destination of people.* Each of us will pass from this earth and stand before the Judgment Throne. The real issues we face are:

1. "Will you be accepted by our Lord?"

If antinomianism has dominated your faith journey, you're going to hear:

"I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!" (Matthew 7:23).

2. "How many others will you bring with you?"

Our Lord commands His own, *"Going [wherever you are], make disciples..."* and He means for you to lead others on His path (see Matthew 28:18-20). The *leading* we're referring to is you living and reproducing your trust-based way of life by example. By your love which Jesus works in and through you, your godly and obedient way of life, and your helping others put God's word into action, you reproduce the work of Christ in you in the spiritual sons and daughters you disciple (1 Corinthians 4:17). EVERYONE who follows Jesus as Lord is commanded to do this!

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