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The Kingdom Of God Isn't In Churches!

***“Help My people to live repentantly.
If they have ANY unconfessed sin,
then they have NO fellowship with Me or My Father.
Repentance is the glue that binds the heart of those
who call themselves “Christian” to Me and My Father.
If they choose to live without repenting, they have no part of Us.
Show them the deceit of living with unconfessed sin yet claiming to be in Me.”***

The above command was recently imprinted on my spirit by our Lord. I had been spending several weeks seeking guidance as to what Sue and I can do to help prepare His followers for the dark days of chastisement that are coming on this nation. You're probably aware that we don't have an economic problem in this country — we have spiritual problem. Grievously, it's the lukewarm, the in-name-only kind of Christians, who are precipitating this chastisement. Why? Because of the pandemic number of those who identify themselves as belonging to Christ but habitually live with unconfessed sin. We've stated this before but it bears repeating:

**If you have unconfessed sin in your life,
you have NO fellowship with the Father or His Son, Jesus.
In fact, ALL your prayers go unanswered.
This truth is found throughout the Word of God,
yet it seems to concern few who call themselves "Christian".**

The Spirit has been guiding us to prepare a series of Lifebytes to help those of you who desire to live repentantly and redemptively. The first, **Lifebyte 58. Do You Want To Be Chastised By Our Lord? (Part 1)** [<read>](#) [<download>](#), is available. It's time for us who follow Jesus out of grateful love for Him and pursue righteousness in reliance on His Spirit to be diligent and militant about our Lord's unchanging command:

***“If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves,
and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways,
then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land”***

(2 Chronicles 7:14).

No organization like the Moral Majority of years past is needed for this to come about. The above passage was their clarion call until Ronald Reagan invited Jerry Falwell to the White House; then it all turned political. What's needed, however, are repentant people who are earnestly praying so that our God, in answer to the prayers of the righteous, will bring this nation to its knees in repentance. Repentance — the key to our Lord delivering us from our stubborn, weak-willed selves. Just read the Book of Judges, which our God made sure was written so that we today would recognize both His unchanging character as well as the disobedient tendencies of our forefathers. No political election is going to change things. The principality that controls this nation, and so much of contemporary Christendom, is "DECEIT".

Deceit is the heart of Satan's character. Jesus tells us plainly, ***“When [Satan] lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies”*** (John 8:44). The

Bible makes clear that all the governments of the earth belong to Satan. So why would any Christian place his trust in a government no matter what its policies and promises? This nation is in the midst of a spiritual crisis. Only the prayers of righteous people can make any difference. The Lord was willing to spare Sodom if 10 righteous people could be found (Genesis 18:32). We don't know what number of righteous people are needed to perhaps avert the coming chastisement. But we urge you, according to the love in you for Jesus, to consider how critical righteousness is in the face of such overwhelming evil in this nation:

***"The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
Elijah was a man just like [you and me].
He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and
it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. And
again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops"***
(James 5:16-18).

Our Father gave ALL His children this passage of Scripture to encourage us in our prayers. Righteousness is manifested in two forms: our imputed covering in Christ and our living in love-grounded obedient trust that evidences His Spirit within. Knowing that before our holy God you have no unconfessed sin makes it possible for great things to happen! Join us in determining to live repentantly and praying earnestly for this nation and those who are in authority over it. Our Lord can accomplish in response to prayer that which no human endeavor can no matter how good it seems. Prayerfully go through these series of Lifebytes on repentance. Be squeaky clean before our God as you pray and watch what He can do to heal this land.

A last comment:

If you've read our Hebraic Article, I Hate Nicolaitanism, than you know that you must flee the Nicolaitan religious establishment if you're to live according to God's requirement for communal righteousness. Be certain that others with whom you plan to fellowship are in fellowship with our Lord BEFORE you choose to fellowship with them. Remember, "fellowship" assumes that our Lord is present in your gathering and that His purposes are being accomplished. While social outreach and interaction with those who have yet to walk in Jesus as Lord is a needful responsibility and privilege, it isn't "fellowship"!

Take seriously Paul's warning to Timothy about those who love pleasure rather than loving God (2 Timothy 3:4,5). The people to whom he's referring aren't "pagans"! These are folks who have a form of godliness; they may even live piously and practice religious activities. However, as Paul notes, they deny the power that's needed to live in true godliness — the power that only the indwelling Spirit of Jesus can give.

Paul leaves no room for doubt in his command regarding spiritual counterfeits: ***"Turn away from these. Have nothing to do with them!"*** (3:5). Their compromise will taint your own faith walk and tempt you to compromise as well. Thus is the name of Jesus brought down among those who observe you.

You know if living repentantly isn't emphasized and upheld in your faith community. Disregard for communal righteousness is both unedifying as well as sinful for you and your family. Either abide by Matthew 18:15-20 and remove the unrepentant, or get out yourself!

Eager to help our Father's children live repentantly,
Mike & Sue