

Have You Seen What We've Seen? (Observation 11)

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

In this Teaching Email we're offering one more warning for those of you who are *genuinely* born again. This particular warning is intended to help you not squander your time and effort in extending fellowship to people who refuse to leave the sides of the funnel or to those who refuse to divest themselves of the lingering vestiges of the Nicolaitan/Hellenist religious system. ***We're writing this Observation to embolden you to separate yourself so you can be fully available for our Father's use!***

If you're someone to whom our heavenly Father has given the grace to prepare for the Spirit to use in the coming dark days, now is the time to rid yourself of all vestiges of personal darkness. We'll share our observations of Satan's varied and deceitful methods to try to make you ineffectual in your spiritual journey. If the devil can't halt your intent to press on, his next best scheme is to distract you by getting you to squander your time and effort on people he's holding captive within Christianity. We've personally experienced his onslaughts using this devious method which *seems good*, and we've observed him using it with others who also love and serve Jesus as their Lord.

What vestiges of darkness does our heavenly Father have to remove so that you can mutually experience the spiritual power and relational intimacy that His children in Christ once experienced?

For centuries Christianity has been dominated by "educated" theologians and a clergy-based ecclesiastical system which was adapted from paganism. It didn't take long for Roman Catholicism to incorporate the organizational government system of Rome as its method of rule and control. But to achieve this place of religious hierarchy, the equipping gifts of apostle, prophet, evangelist and shepherd/teacher had to be done away with — and these were the very gifts our Lord Jesus gave to equip other giftings for unity and service (Ephesians 4:11,12). Through the Roman organizational structure, the Pope became the Vicar — "Christ incarnate" — and the Cardinals replaced the Apostles as "Princes of the Church". Embellished edifices specifically designed for formal worship replaced the intimacy of home gatherings through which followers of Jesus had for 300 years come together to ***maintain communal righteousness*** and ***exercise mutual load-bearing*** as they helped one another walk faithfully in Christ day by day.

Perpetuating spiritual passivity among churchgoers certainly isn't confined to Catholicism. The many subgroups of the Protestant establishment have abdicated any responsibility to restore the divine role of our Lord's anointings to equip His followers to become mature in attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ (Ephesians 4:13). As a result of this neglect, few of the born again have been intentionally disciplined to rely wholeheartedly on the indwelling Holy Spirit for direction and empowerment. Most go on in their daily lives without seeking Him or hearing from Him, little appreciating the divine presence. Too many Christians live as if God is *out there* somewhere instead of being inside them — *Immanuel, God with us*. The presence of the indwelling Spirit of Christ defines someone as Christ's own. ***So, right now we encourage you to be very careful in discerning who you consider to be spiritual family in Lord Jesus.***

You've most likely heard this so-called "Christian" phrase, **"God helps those who help themselves."** For centuries this unbiblical motive has deluded many within man-contrived Christianity, producing people who refuse to seek or rely on the Holy Spirit's guidance. They live like they *don't need* Him, and many *don't even want* His guidance. This sizable group within Christianity doesn't mind *believing* in God. But they refuse to serve Him or entrust themselves to Him in serving our Father's will and purposes. **Yet by their very actions and attitudes they are denying the Spirit. Don't let yourself fall into this trap!**

Prayerfully consider this:

The Holy Spirit has shown and confirmed to many that the foundations we share are being poured forth *in advance of the darkest moments this nation has yet experienced*. While we were in Israel we were prophetically warned that there would be a "holocaust" in the US far more severe than the Nazis propagated. In the upcoming holocaust those who are persecuted and martyred will be Jews *and* followers of Jesus. When we were first told this in 1994, it was hard to conceive of such evil occurring in the US. Today we have no doubt that **hatred** and **bigotry** and **lawlessness** are so unrestrained in this land that widespread carnage may soon take place.

The Holy Spirit hasn't revealed to us whether the Dark Days of Chastisement and this upcoming "holocaust" are one and the same period. What He has told us, however, is that what we've been given to share will not bear the fruit our Father has in mind until the Dark Days of Chastisement fall upon this nation. **Now** is the time for those who no longer depend on religious props to prepare themselves: first by removing all vestiges of Nicolaitan subjugation from their lives and discerning Father's criteria for true fellowship.

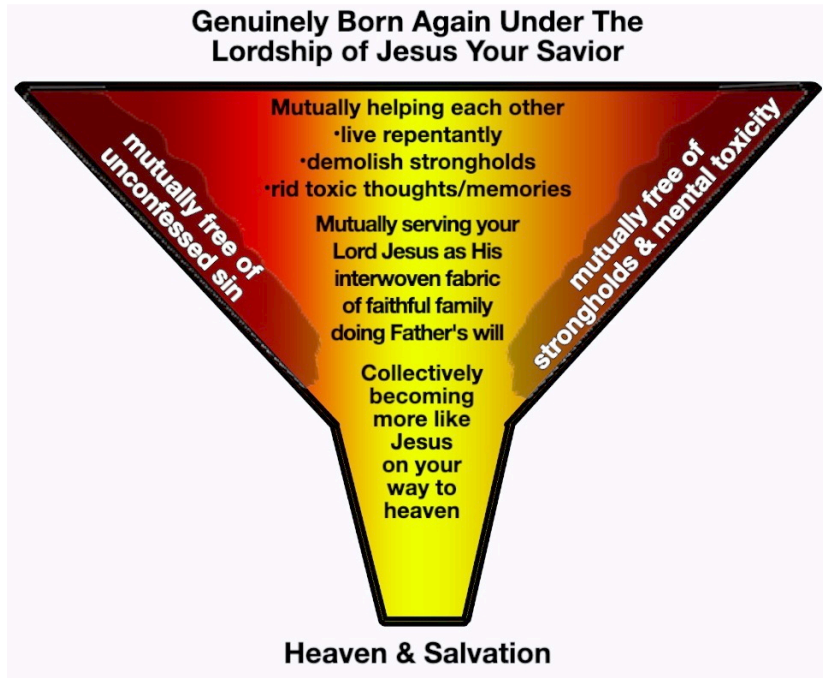
1. Your fellowship with others must spur you on to glorify our Father through praise, worship, and a lifestyle that yields testimony of praise to Him and to our Lord Jesus.
2. Your fellowship with one another should bring about progressive growth in Christ-like character in each person, especially in sacrificial love and compassion.
3. Your fellowship family must provide the corrective means through biblical confrontation to help each other remain repentant and ultimately enter the narrow gate.
4. Your fellowship family must strive by our Lord's grace to extend the Kingdom of God by pursuing the lost so that they too may enter into Covenant union with our Father through Jesus.

Please remember this warning: After the Dark Days of Chastisement, and like a lethal infection, self-promoting clergy will try to assert dominance. The wicked spirit behind this dominance will, as it has for centuries, try to control what the Holy Spirit is doing. **Don't let this happen to you!**

The other evil you need to eradicate in yourself is the self-absorbed, self-gratifying affliction of **Hellenist** teaching you may have received from Nicolaitan clergy. Prepare yourself with the humility to love and serve our Lord Jesus, and leave no room for placing yourself at the center of your goals and desires. It's a battle over who will rule your soul. Will it be the Spirit of our Lord? Or, your unconfessed sins, strongholds and/or toxic motivations which many Hellenist-tainted clergy never confronted?

Please be encouraged!

The nameless and faceless followers of Jesus are now being prepared for His use to radiate His countenance in the upcoming dark days. How can you recognize if you're one of them? Many of your prayers are being answered by our heavenly Father, because you and those alongside you on your faith journey are living repentantly. And you're mutually experiencing your spiritual gifts, whether in a marriage or a fellowship family, in fulfilling your part in the fabric that's being woven in the Kingdom of our Lord.



Your *Mutual* Future Must Be Free From Darkness

For the *genuinely* born again, our Lord Jesus is calling you to be patient and to hold onto your loving trust in Him. *He* will build the Church of His plans after the Dark Days of Chastisement. But you should be serving Him now by fulfilling His particular assignment for you. Times in the near future will be so desperate that you *need* to confirm His Spirit's presence in you now so that you can hang on to your trust in Jesus amid great deprivation. With the Spirit of Christ indwelling you, now is the time to ensure that you and those you care about live repentantly and are earnestly seeking by His grace and power to fulfill your part in the Kingdom.

One last warning:

In Observation 10 we cited a chief hindrance both individually and collectively to followers of Jesus that's brought by the darkness of tolerated unrepentance, strongholds and toxic thoughts and memories. Any or all of these darkneses keep the Holy Spirit from guiding you either individually or collectively in meeting our Father's criteria for biblical fellowship.

Fully appreciating the sacrifice of Jesus and His Lordship in your life will compel you to respond quickly to the Spirit's conviction and act accordingly in ridding yourself of any form of darkness. Every moment you're in darkness is a moment you're leaving a hole in the divine fabric of our Father's will.

For over a decade we taught at a retreat center. Sometimes we'd ask the attendees to ask the Holy Spirit this question: "**How many hours a week am I free of unconfessed sin?**" There are 168 hours in a week, and the average time of unconfessed sin among those we surveyed was **4 hours**.

This means that for 164 hours a week their prayers went unheard: *“For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil”* (1Peter 3:12). They believed that our Lord was letting them down in not answering, when in fact they were living with sinful compromise and refusing to give it up. And since many religious systems condone and tolerate sin, their captivity in darkness remained (1John 1:5,6).

But because of the One Who paid the penalty for our sins, consider our Father’s promise to the repentant: *“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (1John 1:9; see also James 5:16-18). The grace of righteousness through repentance can never be overstated when it comes to our prayers being answered!

If you’re looking for the crowds to prepare themselves with you, or if you fear rejection by others, you won’t have the courage or holy boldness to prepare. Abraham’s servant (Genesis 24:11-14) and Gideon (Judges 6:17-21, 36-40) asked God for a sign to confirm something. You too may need His confirmation for what is about to happen to this nation and how you should prepare. Forewarned is forearmed!

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Avoid Fellowship With Funnel Side-Clingers

- **Hardened, Mocking & God-denying Fools**
(see pages 9-11: *“A Hebraic Perspective: Growing Wise and Remaining Teachable”* <<https://restorationministries.org/download/10.lesson10.pdf>>)
- **Those who use arguments and pretensions**
(see pages 30-32: *“How Does A Stronghold Obstruct Your Spiritual Life?”* <<https://restorationministries.org/download/demolishing-strongholds.pdf>>)
- **Codependent relationships**
“Replacing Apprehension With Love” <[https://restorationministries.org/download/19.dec22-05%20\(1\).pdf](https://restorationministries.org/download/19.dec22-05%20(1).pdf)>

(also see pages 33-38: *“Dire Consequences If You Don’t Confront”* <<https://restorationministries.org/download/grtcr.pdf>>)