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Way to Go

Dear Friends –

The followers of Messiah, about whom I read in the New Testament, were in a completely different realm. Why do we have such a passion about our country and its politics and national events? Where is the genuine biblical justification for such entanglement, shifting our focus from the high calling of THE Gospel? Why do we see so-called Christian television, and literature, all gushing the bad news, even speaking so openly of those things of this world, which are so evil and wicked that it is shameful even to speak? Why not rather the things that encourage, bless, give hope, and true right direction as defined by the More Sure Word of God? Why are we so given over and possessed by a desire to know what the bad guys are doing and planning to do to us good guys?

God said there is NONE good, there is none righteous, no not one. Today we hear coming from supposed Christian sources, such spite and selfishness that in reality is NO DIFFERENT from those we somehow think we become right by accusing. Brethren, we do NOT judge those OUTSIDE the Body of Christ. It is only when men are claiming to be IN Christ that we must exercise the duty of love to give righteous judgment. What is there not to understand about what Paul said by the inspiration of God in Eph 5:11-12? And have NO fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

I am not trying to tell you that I do not have my soul vexed every day by what is going on in this antichrist world so obviously set on its collision course with judgment of an angry God. It is repulsive what we see regarding the direction and control of the nation of our birth. But this is not my kingdom. If it were then I would fight. But it can not be my kingdom without the RETURN of my great King of The Kingdom. That is how we should recognize that it is WRONG for Christians to be so absorbed in the affairs of state. It has become an obsession, and that concerns me. I am not opposed to all involvement in temporal matters, but I believe we must focus primarily on things that concern our Lord Jesus and His Kingdom activities, and not be unduly caught up in things that primarily concern the natural man.

Remember what our Lord said to Peter when he came dangerously close to trying to deflect the Lamb of God from His redemptive purpose? Jesus turned and said to Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan; thou art an offense unto me, for thou mindest not the things that be of God but those that be of men. (Mat. 16:23)

Was Christ's goal to Christianize Rome or to Christianize Judaism? Quite the contrary, He set out to begin a new culture, one that would be His hands and feet, His mouth and His heart, in the very middle of Satan's realm. This new culture is His body on the earth. And it is as His body that we are to effect changes on the earth. As He said, Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be

bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (Mat 18:18) The change of the hearts of men on this earth to be truly righteous, rather than self-righteous, is the expected fruit of a godly life, and it is the revealed will of God.

We are called to participate with Him in bringing about lasting changes in this world, eternal change, changes that will make a difference a hundred and a thousand years from now. THAT SORT OF CHANGE ONLY CAN HAPPEN WHEN - BY RECEIVING THE GOSPEL - A MAN'S HEART IS CIRCUMCISED, and from the heart his desire is to obey and serve God. Lasting changes are the changes that go far beyond our natural sphere of influence, because the man becomes a child of The Kingdom and leaves the kingdom of hell, which previously had him bound. Such changes affect people of every race and language and alter the courses of nations. The key is to learn of Him whose name is called the Word of God. Then we can clearly discern His voice and understand how we are to obey. In that situation we are empowered by the Spirit of God Almighty for the glory of the Father in the name of Jesus. THAT MAKES FOR AN ETERNAL DIFFERENCE.

We are not called to negotiate with the world and play by the antichrist rules of the world. We are called to love, and the world operates by selfishness. We are called to fairness and equity, and the world knows no rule other than to use any means to do whatever it takes to win. We are called to patience, mercy and meekness, and the world will use intimidation, manipulation, and deception. If we understand this, then why are Christians surprised when we are treated unfairly by the media, the police, and the courts of this antichrist world? If we believe the Word of God we should know to expect such tribulation. What part of what Jesus said in John 16:33 do we not understand? In the world ye SHALL have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. What part of what Paul said by inspiration of God in 2 Tim 3:12 do we not understand? Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus SHALL suffer persecution.

Do we understand the things Peter was given to say by the inspiration of God - For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing. Yet, if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 1 Pet 3:17, 1 Pet 4:16, 1 Pet 2:20-21. DID NO ONE TELL US ABOUT A CROSS FOR US WHEN WE BECAME CHRISTIANS?

I am by no means saying that we are not to walk soberly and circumspectly in this world. We are commanded to know and be aware and concerned about the things going on around us. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. (Eph 5:15-16) But it is a matter of appropriate tactics. Paul gave us right direction I Tim 2:1-5 - I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for ALL men; For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

The Lord did call us to pray for peace in the land so that the Gospel may have free course. Jeremiah expressed it very well too in Jer 29:7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be

carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace. Praying for peace, specially peace in Jerusalem, is the will of God. God is building an Assembly which He will bring and gather in the BIG Church of the Firstborn, 3600 square miles big, for a whole 1000 year millennial Sabbath with Him on Mt. Zion. This world is condemned. The Lord is NOT trying to bring morality, justice or happiness to a people who hate Him. However, He does promise peace even in the midst of the fires or tribulation. He promises every spiritual blessing to those who love Him.

We will be consumed if we focus and choose the world's means of change. We must look up to Him whose name is called the Word of God and use His weapons of warfare in this Antichrist War on the Saints. His weapons are not carnal but they are mighty to the pulling down of strongholds. God is ALMIGHTY and NOTHING is impossible for Him and when He will hear our prayer NOTHING is beyond His means, power, and capability.

God will not be moved by those using the tactics and ways of the world, the flesh, and the devil. I do not think He will help those involved in political activism in these last days from NOW until the END. The power and effectualness of prayer is in discerning the will of God, and how that He would be glorified to do something. To those who have had their prayers seem to be ineffective, it would be good to ask the Lord to show us how to pray according to His will, and I can tell you that He will surely hear you.

The beauty of prayer is its authority and SIMPLICITY. Prayer takes the world with all of its complexity and massive inertia against us right out of the way. The massive resistance of the world does not even enter into the prayer equation. For the whole equation in prayer is, will God Almighty hear our prayer, because we should KNOW when He will hear our prayer the answer is yes and amen in Christ Jesus. God is completely and absolutely trustworthy, AND He is God Almighty. The world and all of its resistance has no effect on that.

Brethren, Lord willing, I hope the NEXT GJiGT update will explain a very vital understanding. I hope that you will see how important the revelation of exactly WHAT Day is THAT DAY of which the Lord said no man knoweth. It is NOW time that His people KNOW, WHAT DAY, THAT DAY IS. If you share that particular revelation with 1,000 Christians you may find only one or two who know WHAT DAY THAT DAY IS. Lord willing, I hope also to have an audio of WHAT DAY THAT DAY IS up on the GJiGT-Radio as soon as possible. It is time NOW for that understanding to be spread like wildfire within the faithful remnant Body of Messiah. It should cut off the occasion the author's of confusion seek when they would say God does NOT want His people to KNOW.

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem. Pray Psalm 83 every day. Only be very strong and of good courage. Stay IN the Word.

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Shalom & Simcha,
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