

CHAPTER 10

WALKING IN THE COUNSEL OF GOD

..." Blessed (happy, fortunate, prosperous and enviable) is the man who walks and lives not in the counsel of the ungodly, following their advice, their plans and purposes, nor stands submissive and inactive in the path where sinners walk, nor sits down to relax and rest where the scornful and the mockers gather. But his delight and desire are in the law of the Lord, and on His law (the precepts, the instructions, the teachings of God) he habitually meditates (ponders and studies) by day and by night. And he shall be like a tree firmly planted and tended by the streams of water, ready to bring forth his fruit in its season; his leaf also shall not fade or wither, and everything he does shall prosper and come to maturity. Not so are the wicked (those disobedient and living without God) are not so. But they are like the chaff worthless, dead, without substance which the wind drives away. Therefore the wicked (those disobedient and living without God) shall not stand justified in the judgement; nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous (those who are upright and in rightstanding with God.) For the Lord knows and is fully acquainted with the way of the righteous; but the way of the ungodly, (those living outside God's will) shall perish (end in ruin and come to nought)"....

Psalm 1 (Amplified Translation)

THE FATHER DESIRES US, AS HIS PRECIOUS CHILDREN, TO SHARE IN HIS KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM AND TO WALK IN CLOSE AND INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP WITH HIM

Walking in the counsel of God is an area which has been neglected, for the most part, in the lives of many believers due to their obstinate refusal to place the Word of God first in their lives. Because of this they are not able to experience the fulness of all that their Heavenly Father has provided for them in Christ Jesus. The Father desires us, as His precious children, to share in His knowledge and wisdom and to walk in close and intimate fellowship with Him. We know that to "fellowship" with someone properly we need to have some "common ground" and when the believer will take the time and diligently make the effort to "fill" their heart with the Word of God then they will have that "common ground" with the Father and He will be enabled to teach them His ways - which are indeed high

above the ways of the "flesh" and the "wisdom" of this present "world" - and reveal the deepest secrets of the universe to us.

This fellowship with God will then become the joy and strength of our heart it was meant to be and we will walk in His Wisdom and understanding with no desire whatsoever to walk in the darkened wisdom of our "own" understanding.

AN URGENT CALL TO FORSAKE THE "COUNSEL" OF THE UNGODLY FOR EVERY CHILD OF GOD IN THIS HOUR

In Psalm 1 we see some things which are very important to our own personal relationship with the Lord. One of the first things we see in this passage is the warning to not live our lives in the counsel of the ungodly.

Their "advice", their "plans" and their "purposes" are nothing less than taking part in the plans and schemes of the Evil One - for we must realize that ALL things in this earth proceed from the Father, through Jesus Christ (the Word of God) or from Satan, who is the "god of this world" (present "world system") (1 John 5:19). The purpose of Satan for mankind is to brand us just like him and keep us under bondage to the spirit of fear, which he then takes and receives as a form of perverted worship. This "worship" is not the product of love and faith, but rather it is the product of fear and compulsion and death.

"UNGODLINESS" DEFINED

Time and time again throughout the Scriptures the child of God is commanded to feed on and meditate in God's Word. In the second verse we see that the Psalmist talks of habitually meditating in the Word of God - for this is precisely where the whole counsel of God is set out for the child of God. As one continues to meditate this Psalm they will see clearly the distinct difference the Father is drawing between His Wisdom and the wisdom of those (ungodly) people, who are outside of His will. "Ungodliness" is defined as any thought, action or word which is not in accordance with the "revealed" will of God (Word of God) and any manifestation thereof. From this we are able to see the importance of receiving the Word of God into our hearts. If we, as believers, are faithful to give the Word of God His proper place in our lives (FIRST) then we will not "allow" ourselves to partake of any of the "ungodliness" (ungodly counsel) which is prevalent in many areas of the church. This ungodly "living" and "thinking" which has the "appearance" of godliness or "spirituality", but literally "denies" the power

(anointing) of the true Christian life is due to the adherence of many to the self-exaltive practices of the lower life (psuche). These "deceptive" practices are about to be both judged and removed by the consuming fire of the Holy Spirit from the midst of the "congregations of the righteous!"

"ALL" FELLOWSHIP WITH THE "WORLD" MUST BE FORSAKEN!

For almost two thousand years the Evil One has attempted to pervert the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ by luring men and women (who were content to continue on in their own understanding in spite of the fact that they were born-again) to speak forth his lies from the pulpit and promote "ungodliness" (religious activity and "thought") amongst the masses. Satan's lies have seeped into the church because of the blatant fellowship with the world and its ways which many believers are "content" to continue on in - thus ignoring the "command" to be separated from the world and unto the Father and His Word. This "fellowship with the world" causes a distinct (although undetectable at first) "hardness of heart" in the child of God (both those in "leadership" and the "sheep") who wanders "too far from shore" and thus the Word of God becomes a product of "mental ascension" in their mind instead of an active and living revelation in their heart. In this most critical and glorious hour EVERY child of God must forsake ALL "fellowship" with the world! "Fellowship with the world" would be defined as any "activity" or "mind-set" which is not in perfect accordance with the revealed will (Word) of the Father and the "unction" (leading) of the Holy Spirit. Another spontaneous by-product of an abiding "fellowship" with the "world" is the sinful desire to "measure" the Word of God by their own darkened understanding in a "spirit of mental ascent" - weighing it in the balance of natural probability and human reason - devoid of both the Holy Spirit and faith.

"WILL I FIND FAITH IN THE EARTH?"

If a child of God holds to (maintains) a position of "fellowship with The "world" and its evil ways (anti-christ) in this hour and thus they continue to "align" themselves with the lies of the Evil One which seek only to draw them into a state of "religious activity" - devoid of the power of God - then they shall surely "begin to perish" by the hand of the powers of darkness and death. These foul and "deadly" (promoting a continually deeper and all-encompassing darkness and death) spirits, even now, are being released by Satan to "solidify" His hold on

those he has been able to hold captive through his "religious spirits" - up until this time. Do not be found holding onto (maintaining) "anything" which is clearly apart from the will of God for your life and ministry in this hour for if you do you will not finish the course that was ordained by the Father for you from before the foundations of the earth. Repent immediately - fleeing all unrighteousness - and enter into the joy and presence of your loving Father and His Word.

THE CALL TO A LIFE OF "TRUE FAITH" - THE FORSAKING OF ALL "TRUST" AND "SECURITY" IN THAT WHICH IS NOT ORDAINED BY GOD

Every child of God must realize the seriousness of their calling as "servants" of the Lord Jesus Christ and just what that entails. For too long many "believers" have been ignorant of the highest will and purpose of God and now is the time for all of His children to repent and immerse themselves in His Word!

It is written in Romans 6:16:

...."Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves to the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness"....

As I was meditating on this scripture the Holy Spirit said this to me:

...."Any believer who acts on their own, immediately leaves the authority of the Word and comes directly under Satan's control (to a certain degree).

For every person in the earth (at any given moment) is either being "controlled" (guided) by God through voluntary obedience to His Word or by Satan through disobedience (wilfulness or ignorance) to the Word of God and an alignment on that one's part with the "lies" of the Evil One"....

When the child of God begins to realize that they are able to be a partaker of God's nature (2 Peter 1:2-4), not by their own strength or understanding, but by the Holy Spirit, they will no longer "ignorantly" sow to the flesh in a futile attempt to please God, but rather they will come to "know" that it is only FAITH which pleases God (Hebrews 11:6) and most assuredly they will begin to see that there is

truly "no good" AT ALL which can proceed forth from the "old nature" of man (Romans 7:18). It is at this point that they will be able to KEEP their eyes "fixed" on Jesus, the author and developer of their faith (Hebrews 12:2), and off of themselves. Also, it is at this point that they will begin to seek "whole-heartedly" the counsel of God for their life and, in seeking, they shall surely "find" (Matthew 7:7). To the degree that the believer meditates in the Word of God it is to that degree that they will allow (cause) their mind to be renewed by that Word in the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:1-2).

The Lord has instructed me to share this Word he blessed me with concerning the "necessity" of having our minds renewed:

Thus saith the Lord God:

... "Every thought which proceeds forth from man's own wisdom and understanding has within it only the capacity for darkness and is totally devoid of (divine) light. It is for this reason that I call My children not to be conformed to this world and its ways, but rather that they be transformed by the renewing of their minds by My Word. Some of My children have removed themselves from My Word to such a degree that they have become entirely dependent upon their "own" understanding in every area of their lives - while "attempting" to live the life I have set out for them. In them are two forces which are diametrically opposed to one another, the "flesh" and the "spirit" of the man. And while their recreated spirit is for the most part ignored and continually borders on the brink of spiritual starvation, the body and soul are being fed by those things which are found in this world - and because of this Satan is able to pervert the process of "assimilation" I have set out for My children and rather than being conformed to the image of My dear Son, they begin to take on the appearance of the Evil One, and pride (self-exaltation) and arrogance begin to become "predominant" in the lives of many of My children. As the "spirits" of anti-christ are "allowed" to move amongst My people, the first act in their attempted deception of My people is to separate them from My Word and cause them to trust in their own understanding and to trust in ritual and doctrines formed by the minds of men (doctrines of demons) in an attempt to form a church which operates solely in its own worldly wisdom, and, in denying the Cross and the precious Blood of My Jesus, they bow their knee openly to the Evil One, making themselves enemies of the Most High and reaping, as their due, the darkness and death which infest this world. Have I not called upon

My children to put on the armour of light? Have I not delivered them from the power of darkness and transferred them to the Kingdom of My dear Son and allowed them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light? I say to you this day that those who seek light shall find it and those who continue to seek darkness - by their own choice - will surely be "engulfed" by it. For great darkness will cover the earth and deep darkness the peoples, but My glory shall appear upon those of My children who continually seek My face and the nations will come to their light. I say to you this day, teach My children of these things which I have spoken that they may escape the wrath of My judgement upon the sons of disobedience and against all unrighteousness"....

Amen

Once again, the child of God must have the firm belief in their heart that their Heavenly Father is able to make all grace abound to them. We can be assured that it is His heart desire for every one of His children - regardless of where they have been or where they are right now in their relationship with Him - to walk in the "fulness" of the wondrous inheritance which He has provided for them in Christ Jesus.

REFUSE ANY AND ALL "CONDEMNATION" - IT IS NOT OF GOD!

..."There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit"....

Romans 8:1 KJV

Do not let the Evil One hinder or prevent you from repenting before the Lord and forsaking all to follow Him into the "true" ministry that you have been called to. For God is able, by the power of His Spirit, to place you right back on the perfect path of His will for your life despite those years you may have wasted. Let me say this, God can do more in thirty seconds in the heart and soul of a believer who has given their whole heart to Him than He can do at all in the life of one who has hardened their heart toward Him. Only entrust ALL of your heart to the Lord and He will surely direct your paths in the way of righteousness (Proverbs 3:5-7).

The following is another word which the Lord has instructed me to share.

This word is an exhortation to those believers who feel that they have wasted their lives away because of their meagre service to the Lord.

Thus saith the Lord God:

...."Every believer regardless of where they have been, must put the Word first and by doing this they will allow Me to separate them from the sin in their life and prepare them for every task I have for them in the "remaining time" they have on this earth. Tell all of My children not to lose heart, tell them to abide in My Word and I will take care of the rest"....

Amen

ENTERING THE "REST" OF GOD

The Father is looking for those who will lay down all of their "own" desires to be obedient to His Word. A large hindrance to the "manifestation" of the Glorious Church has been the fact that there are still many believers who, even though they have been filled with the mighty Spirit of God and even though they have a desire to walk with the Lord, have refused to forsake "certain" areas of fear in their lives and thus they remain predominantly in the "flesh".

It is because of this that they are not able to experience the wondrous "rest" that the Father has provided for all of His children. It is their refusal to put God's Word first in their lives in order that they might bring "EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE" to Him (Who loved us while we were still in our sins) that has "allowed" unbelief and disobedience to enter into their walks and thus they are not able to enter into the rest of Almighty God (Hebrews 3:18-19). The "rest" which has been provided for us by God is perfect peace and joy (strength) and is to be sought wholeheartedly, in obedience, by all; for we are not those who shrink back to destruction, but of those who have faith to the preserving of the soul (Hebrews 10:39). As the child of God meditates on the Word of God continually, the turmoil and confusion, which at times in their early walk seemed overpowering, will disappear and they shall begin to hear with their heart the still small voice of the Holy Spirit, Who will guide and empower them in ALL that God has called them to do.

As we put the principles of faith into effect by acting on them we will find out that God's Word is true and that He is, indeed, continually watching over His Word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12).

"WE WALK BY FAITH, NOT BY SIGHT"

Many believers still desire to see the manifestation of God's Word coming to pass "before" they will believe and this is both futile and impossible, for it is only faith which both moves and pleases God and whatever is not from faith is sin (Hebrews 11:6) (Romans 14:23)! Many in the church have struggled in this area of exercising faith, because they have been slow to make a pure and committed decision to give the Word of God His rightful place in their lives and have been content, to a degree, to follow after their own lusts (self-desire). The true Christian life requires a whole-hearted commitment to God and EVERY Christian must come to a deep realization of the fact that God has never made any provision for anything less than that in His Word. If we, as believers, desire to walk in anything less than the "fulness" of our inheritance in Christ then we are, in some area of our walk, going to operate in "ungodly wisdom". Unless one seeks to walk in the wisdom of God and in His counsel in all things then whatever part they allow to remain ("leaven") will be the area where they will "sow to the flesh" by leaning upon their own understanding - and doing that to ANY degree will lead them away from even seeking God's counsel.

THE DAY OF THE SO-CALLED "CARNAL CHRISTIAN" IS AT AN END!

The day of the "carnal" Christian is at an end, for every true believer is going to have to make the decision to either walk by faith in EVERY area of their lives or they shall be consumed by the "leaven" of sin and thus be enveloped in the deep darkness which is now ENCOMPASSING the "world". No matter how many times one reads Romans 14:23 it still says the same thing: "Whatever is not from faith is sin." God said it; we must believe it; and that should settle it now once and for all in the heart of every believer, for our Heavenly Father never was - and never will be - one to waste His words. The message of Almighty God to the church is one of repentance and consecration. Put the Word of God first place in your life and put the sin in your life aside and forsake all the things which are products of the "flesh" in order that you might follow Jesus with a pure heart.

The child of God who has hardened their heart toward their Heavenly Father in ANY way in this most critical hour is moving away from God's perfect will for their life without even realizing it. There is a great spiritual darkness covering the land and the only way to walk through it, and still remain on the "narrow path" is a deep and abiding dependence upon the Word of God - which is the ONLY lamp to

light our way (Psalm 119:105-106).

TWO DISTINCT MESSAGES BEING DELIVERED BY THE TRUE PROPHETS

Although it grieves the Heavenly Father greatly to watch His children allow themselves to be lured off the narrow path of perfect obedience, it must be clearly understood that "wherever" a Christian is in relation to the will of God, they are there by their OWN choice! There are two distinct messages being brought to the Body of Christ by the true prophets of God in this hour. One deals with the great and Glorious Church of the Lord Jesus Christ - spotless and unblemished without sin or fear. The second message is the message of repentance and the great shaking (judgement) which is now taking place in the church. Both messages are intertwined and one is a product of the other. The bottom line for EVERY child of God is for them to build their firm foundation on the Rock of the revealed knowledge of God's Word and seek God with their whole heart at ALL cost to themselves. In this last hour every believer must know how to walk in the counsel of God and we must throw off every encumbrance and the sin which can as easily entangle us in order that our eyes might be fixed on Jesus the author and developer of our faith (Hebrews 12:1-2). Every child of God must be willing to go before the Father, having already made the quality decision to remove - at all cost to themselves - whatever the light of the Holy Spirit exposes in them (that which would only serve as a hindrance to the life of faith and a blockage to their personal relationship with God). This is where the deception of Satan lies: the very things of the "world" (mammon) that the child of God "desires" to hold onto are the very things which are leading them into some form of spiritual decay and death and the "deep darkness" spoken of earlier (Isaiah 60:2). Let all those who have ears to hear, HEAR!

SEVEN STEPS TO WALKING IN THE WISDOM AND COUNSEL OF GOD

1. Place the Word of God first in your life and always measure it as your final authority walking by faith and not by your five physical senses. (Joshua 1:8; 2 Corinthians 4:16-18;)
2. In every situation or circumstance always go directly to the Word of God. Do

not operate by memory only but open your Bible and read the verse aloud. Thus your five physical senses will be attuned to the Word of God rather than fixed on the physical circumstances. (Hebrews 12:1-2; John 6:63; Proverbs 3:5-6;)

3. Develop a "righteousness-consciousness"! Forsake the "sin-consciousness" in order that you might come into a mature knowledge of who you actually are in the Anointed One and His Anointing (Christ). (Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Hebrews 9:14;)

4. Believe on the name of Jesus and love one another. (Philippians 2:9-11; 1 John 3:21-24; John 15:12-13; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8;)

5. Confess the Word of God with your mouth and believe that the Words you speak will come to pass in your life and also in the lives of those around you. (Matthew 12:34-37; James 3:1-2; Isaiah 58:13-14; Hebrews 10:23; Mark 11:22-26;)

6. Cast ALL your care on God and make a quality decision to seek His Counsel and Wisdom in ALL things. (1 Peter 5:6-7; Philippians 4:4-8; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Matthew 6:25-34;)

7. Praise God continually in ALL things after the first six steps have been acted upon. (Read the Psalms of praise aloud.) (Psalm 34:1-7, Psalm 147:1)

As we put these principles of God's Word into effect in our lives we will surely begin to walk in the Counsel and Wisdom of God and we shall become the light of the world; that light which we are called to be - both individually and corporately - in the Body of Christ. And we shall exalt the name of Jesus and the people of this earth shall see the Master in us and because of these things many souls will come into the Kingdom and the captives will be set free.

But FIRST every believer is going to have to make a true and pure commitment to the Word of God for it is only then that the Body of Christ shall be enabled to walk in the "absolute" faith and love that She is called to walk in - devoid of the sin and fear which, up until this time, have plagued and hindered Her true operation and calling in the earth.

Amen.

Thus saith the Lord God:

...."You must remember, My beloved ones, that if one of My children take a thought which proceeds from their "own" understanding - having been influenced by the Evil One - they will always, in some way, hold fast to the "physical circumstances" which surround them and, from that point on, they will proceed to base "every thought" on the temporal, rather than the eternal, never coming to the realization that all that is of this world (and therefore separate from My Word) is subject to change by the power which exists within My Words. Indeed, the power which causes each of My Words to come to pass, resides within My Words. Is it not written, "nothing is impossible to him who believes"? Therefore one is able to see clearly that My children must make their abode in My Word and as they do faith will come" (forth) and they will keep themselves in a position to change and bring every circumstance that crosses their path into accordance with My Word by the power of My Word. My children must come to the place wherein they realize that there is only one way and one way only. As My children desire from a pure heart to live lives which are pleasing to Me they will see clearly that these things that I have spoken are so. I say to you again if one has not put themselves in a position to hear the voice of My Spirit then they have put themselves into a position to hear the voice of the Evil One. There is no way apart from Jesus; There is no truth apart from Jesus and there is no life apart from Jesus, for in Him are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge and He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. All things were created by Him and for Him and He indeed is the fulness of all in all and it is written, "the heavens and the earth shall pass away but My Word shall not pass away" for My Words are the sum of My truth and truth is the sum of My Words and in a short while all that is not in Christ Jesus shall no longer be"....

Amen

"I WILL INSTRUCT YOU AND TEACH YOU IN THE WAY THAT YOU SHOULD GO"

In Psalm 32:8 the Word of God states:

...."I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you"....

In this passage we have the word (promise) of God that He will take the care of teaching us and guiding us in the path of His perfect will. We also "know" according to His Word that He sent His Holy Spirit to come and teach us ALL things and to guide us into ALL truth (John 14:26) (John 16:13). Every child of God needs to reach the point wherein they will simply "believe" the Words that the Father has spoken just because He said them. There is a great amount of teaching going forth in certain areas within the church stating that "the Word of God must not be taken "too" literally - and it is an abomination to God! There is only one truth and one way to discern that truth and that is through the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit. Those who have been "held captive" by the Evil One to spread these lies are really picking and choosing what parts of the Word of God that they will believe in - in order that they might "comfortably" pursue their own selfish lusts. Tough words certainly, but that is what the Spirit of God has to say about it. It is the "spirit(s) of antiChrist" which FIRST sets out to demean the importance of the Word of God. It is also one of their chief aims to deny the precious Blood of Jesus in "any way" they can - and through whomever they can. It is the Holy Spirit Who continually points out the importance of the Word of God in the life of the believer - drawing them ever nearer, and Who also leads the children of God into an ever deeper revelation of the power and the effects of the Blood of Jesus.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

The precious Blood of Jesus is a sacred and holy thing to the heart of our Heavenly Father and those who "allow" themselves to be used by the Evil One to deny the Blood of Jesus will feel the fierce wrath of God Almighty (Hebrews 10:26-31 Amplified Translation) in this hour! Let us be "sensitive" to the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart that we might truly come into the place of a deep and abiding revelation of the power of the precious Blood!

Psalm 119 is a most wonderful Psalm and I do not hesitate to recommend that every child of God meditate a part of it every day. In this psalm are found many words which will paint a strong inner image in our spirit of what it truly means to be a man or a woman after God's own heart. This psalm frequently talks of the blessing and importance of abiding continually in the Word of God.

In Psalm 119:33-35 (Amplified Translation) it is written:

...."Teach me O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I will keep it unto the end steadfastly. Give me understanding that I may keep your law, yes, I will observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of your commandments, for in them do I delight"....

When the Holy Spirit "reveals" (illuminates) the Word of God to the heart of a believer they will gain an understanding of how that Word pertains to their life and ministry. As the child of God will meditate on the Word of God continually - day by day - godly Wisdom and Strength will enter into their heart and begin to flow into every facet of their life. The "true" Christian life is the "outflow" (the perfect by-product) of a heart in which faith has been "developed" by their "continual hearing" of the Word - thus causing that one to "release" the faith, life, light and love of God in every Word which comes out of their mouth. Because of these things they will be the pure and true representative of the Lord Jesus Christ in the earth that they are called to be. ANYTHING less than walking in the perfect will of our Heavenly Father - by and through His Word - will cause us to "misrepresent" Him in some way and this is truly a serious matter! Many children of God continue on in carnality, thinking (or in some cases hoping) that it is an "impossible" thing for them to be entirely free from sin and fear in their walk, but if they would simply read the Word of God they would see "clearly" that the Father, in Christ Jesus, has made EVERY provision for us to walk this earth in the same manner as Jesus did.

THE TENDER AND LOVING HEART OF THE FATHER

The child of God will never become attuned to the heart and mind of the Father until they make the "quality decision" to "immerse" themselves in the Word of God. It is ONLY from this place of "abiding" in the Word that their mind will be "renewed" to conform "perfectly" to the deepest thoughts and intentions of the Father's heart and it is ONLY from this place that they will "continually" be empowered to walk in the "counsel of God". How could one walk in the "counsel" of One they refuse to listen to? Many Christians say that they are desirous of walking in God's "best" but they refuse - by their words and actions - to do those things which will allow them to "hear" the voice of the Spirit of God - Who is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17). As the child of God spends more and more time in the Word of God they will IMMEDIATELY begin to realize the "fulness" and "blessedness" of the Covenant that they have with the

Father, as His children, and this will only serve to bring them closer to the One, Who by His wisdom, created all things. It has always been the will of the Father for His precious children to fellowship "intimately" with Him and be partakers of His knowledge and wisdom, for this was why He created Adam (mankind). And even after Adam bowed his knee to Satan, and fell out of fellowship with Him, God set about to redeem His creation in order that He might regain this fellowship with His children and once again "allow" them to walk "freely" in His presence. How lightly at times we treat the tender and loving heart of our Father toward us - refusing to seek that close and intimate relationship which He so desires to have with all of His children and thus we rob Him of the deepest desire of His heart! Let us repent and turn "wholly" toward Him. We know that God is faithful, let us cultivate our faithfulness towards Him and obey the "commandments" which He has spoken to us.

"SUPERNATURAL REVERENCE" FOR THE WISDOM OF GOD PRODUCED IN THE HEART "WHOLLY GIVEN"

In Psalm 119:34-35 (Amplified Translation) it is written,

...."Give me understanding that I may keep your law, yes, I will observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of your commandments, for in them do I delight"....

The heart of the Psalmist is reaching out and opening himself up for God to enter in and teach him to walk in the counsel of godly wisdom. It is important to note that it is ONLY this "attitude of heart" (a heart wholly given) that will "allow" the seed of the Word to be firmly planted in our spirits, and, as it is watered by the Holy Spirit, revelation knowledge will spring forth. The more true or revealed knowledge the child of God has within their heart the more "enlarged" their heart becomes and thus they are enabled to receive more of the love of God in their heart (being shed abroad in their heart by the Holy Spirit - Romans 5:5), which they in turn will be able to pour out on all those who come across their path. As the child of God "establishes" their heart in the Word of God it will produce in them a "supernatural reverence", respect and awe for their Heavenly Father, which will cause them to "willingly" seek His face in ALL that they do.

THE "GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM" - AND THE AUTHORITY THEREOF

..."Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path"....

Psalm 119:105 (Amplified Translation)

..."My son, keep your father's God-given commandment, and forsake not the law of God: your mother taught you. Bind them continually upon your heart, and tie them about your neck. When you go, the Word of your parent's God shall lead you; when you sleep it shall keep you, and when you waken it shall talk with you"....

Proverbs 6:20-23 (Amplified Translation)

If the child of God, in this last hour, "allows" themselves to harden their heart against God and thus, they put aside His Word, they will then succumb, in some way, to the great darkness which is covering the earth (Isaiah 60:2). This "darkness" will cause the child of God to be "moved" - both in their heart and physically - to a place "outside" the Word of God and this will in turn cause them to "fall short" of walking in faith. Because of these things it is certain that they will not be able to do their part in fulfilling the Great Commission of the Church, which is to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom - and the authority thereof - to every creature in every nation, and destroy the strongholds of Satan, setting the captives free (Mark 16:15-20) (1 John 3:8). It is Satan's greatest hope that the believer will continue to "retain sin" in their lives, for it is this very thing which allows him to "hold them captive" without them realizing it (2 Timothy 2:26)! We must be those who are not ignorant of Satan's schemes and we must expose them by the light of the fire of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God flowing forth in torrents from the innermost core of our being. For in this last hour it will only be the "uncompromised" Word of God ministered in the "fulness of conviction" (unhindered flow of the anointing) that will separate the "captives" in our path from the sin and fear (Hebrews 4:12) that has - UP UNTIL THIS TIME - kept them from the "fulness" of life and ministry and it shall enable them to go on with God in faith.

JEALOUSY AND "SELFISH" AMBITION THE CHIEF THREAT TO WALKING IN THE COUNSEL OF GOD

In James 3:13-17 it is written:

...."Who among you is wise and understanding? Let him show by his good behaviour his deeds in the gentleness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth. This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is earthly, natural, demonic. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every evil thing. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable (lit. willing to yield), full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering without hypocrisy"....

When the child of God makes the "quality decision" to walk in the counsel of godly wisdom they will have to come to the "full realization" in their heart that jealousy and selfish ambition (which will always lead to "strife" when two or more believers will participate in it) must be removed from their heart through the cleansing of the Word of God and the shedding abroad in their heart of God's love, by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). Any area of sin which is "retained" in the life of the believer will inevitably lead that believer into an area of strife (contention for control of their OWN "environment), and "any" form of strife is in total violation of the "law of love" (Mark 12:29-31) (1 Corinthians 13:4-8) (1 John 3:23) set forth in and by the Word of God. There are many Christians who still count it joy to see a brother or sister in the Lord go through hard times or even "fail" because of their own selfish ambition and envy but it is certain that they will reap what they have sown and they themselves shall "harvest" the very things which they desired to come upon others. How important it is for every child of God to walk continually in the love of God - towards friend or enemy - continually casting off the foolish wisdom of this world which desires only to exalt itself. Jealousy cannot exist in the heart of the believer who will keep their eyes steadfastly fixed on Jesus (the Word of God), for their hearts will be cleansed and purified, and this shall cause them to be continually raised up "above" the wisdom of this world in thought and in deed.

ALL "CRITICISM" AND "UNRIGHTEOUS" JUDGEMENT AN ABOMINATION TO THE HEAVENLY FATHER AND AN "AFFRONT" TO THE WISDOM (LOVE) OF GOD

Any criticism or "unrighteous" judgement directed from one child of God to another is an abomination to the Heavenly Father and this "practice" shall cease in this hour for it is a "cancer" in the midst of His people and it is an affront to the precious Blood of Jesus! Even if one knows that a brother or sister is in the wrong they have only one responsibility and one responsibility only, and that is "obedience" to the Spirit of God every moment of THEIR lives. When the believer reaches the stage where they are ready and willing to obey the voice of the Holy Spirit then "perhaps" that believer will be sent to the one who is in error. But even then, the child of God who is ministering will only speak the words which are given them to speak by the Spirit of God - words which will always be in accordance with the Word of God and the Holy Spirit (the Spirit of love). It is only God who knows what that brother or sister needs to receive in order for them to be brought back onto the narrow path of perfect obedience. Therefore, if we are sent to minister the Word of God, we must do so, viewing ourselves only as a "vessel" of the Lord's righteous judgement, with no thought of selfish ambition (the desire to exalt oneself in their own eyes by condemning another), which will cause us to judge with a "false judgement", for we are not partakers of the ministry of condemnation and accusation - which denies the precious Blood of Jesus and the love of God, but rather we have been given the "ministry of reconciliation" that by our words and deeds we might always aim to bring others into perfect harmony with God, always seeking to lead our brothers and sisters into the fulness of their inheritance in Christ Jesus (2 Corinthians 5:18).

The day has come for Satan to be stopped from working in any way in the church! Believers must "allow" the Word of God to flood their hearts and thus expose and remove any of the ground in them which the Evil One had, up until this time, been able to stand on and use in some way to cause division amongst the people of God. It is a dangerous thing for the child of God to judge with false judgement, for this is who Jesus was directing His Words to when he said, "Judge not lest ye be judged" (Matthew 7:1) and the one who disobeys this command will surely bring upon themselves the "righteous judgements" of God, which are swift and sure. For in this last hour, as the Holy Spirit is being poured out upon all flesh to a degree never before seen in the earth, conviction of the sin which is wilfully maintained by the believer in the light of God's Word, will reap the consuming fire of the Holy Spirit as its due.

THE "WISDOM OF THIS WORLD" AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

From this passage in James 3:13-17 we can see that there is a distinct difference between the wisdom of this world and the Wisdom of God. Therefore, in knowing that the two are not designed to be mixed in any way, the child of God must turn their eyes to the Counsel and Wisdom of God. For those who seek light shall find and walk in light, but those who seek the darkened wisdom of this "world" shall surely walk in great darkness (Matthew 7:7). Again, as the child of God will meditate and abide in the Word of God they will begin to experience all the blessings which are the manifestation of a life given wholly to Almighty God and when the believer begins to walk in the Wisdom and Counsel of God they will soon experience in their heart and soul (mind, will, emotions) that they have the mind of Christ residing within them (1 Corinthians 2:16) and the Word of God shall be their "delight" and He shall be a constant source of joy and light to them. Acting diligently on all these things spoken of will serve to bring the child of God to a place where they will no longer have any desire to lean upon their own understanding and wisdom and they shall be found trusting in the Lord with all their heart and acknowledging Him in all their ways and surely all their ways will be established in the Lord and all their paths will be made straight as they walk this earth.

OBEDIENCE - THE FIRST AND FOREMOST REQUIREMENT

One thing is needed for all of these things to become a "living reality" in the life of the believer and that is obedience to the commandments of God found in the Word of God. Men can write volumes of "theological claptrap" and continuously explore the Bible, "mentally ascending" in their own understanding to all they see and hear, but it is to no avail. Men and women must cast down EVERY lofty mental ascension to the Word of God and live pure and simple lives devoted to obeying every command of the Heavenly Father. Obedience to the Word of God draws us closer to God and His Wisdom. Disobedience to the Word of God allows us to be drawn away from God and His Wisdom by "the spirit of the world" and into the grasp of the darkened wisdom of the Evil One.

TRUE WISDOM AND "HIS" ATTRIBUTES DEFINED

In Proverbs 4:5-9 (Amplified Translation) we have a most beautiful description of the Wisdom of God and its effects on the child of God who has truly separated themselves unto the Word of God.

It is written:

..."get skilful and godly wisdom, get understanding - discernment, comprehension and interpretation; do not forget and do not turn back from the Words of My mouth. Forsake not Wisdom and She will keep, defend and protect you; love Her and She will guard you. The beginning of Wisdom is, get (seek) Wisdom - skilful and Godly Wisdom! For skilful and Godly Wisdom is the principal thing. And with all you have gotten get understanding - discernment, comprehension and interpretation. Prize Wisdom, highly exalt Her, and She will exalt and promote you; She will bring you to honour when you embrace Her. She shall give to your head a wreath of gracefulness: a crown of beauty and glory will She deliver to you"....

Amen