

THE MINISTRY LETTER 2018 ISSUE 3

To all those who are truly seeking first the Kingdom - those who love God with all of their heart:

GRACE CAN ONLY BE ACCESSED BY FAITH

....*"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God".... Romans 5:1-2 KJV*

Grace can ONLY be accessed by faith - as Paul wrote in his letter to the Romans. There is a false doctrine going around that basically states we have nothing to do on our part concerning God's Grace because His Grace will see us through NO MATTER WHAT WE DO - or do not - do as the case may be. No, God's mercy will certainly carry us for a time *[and has in each one of our cases]* but it is ONLY as the child of God enters into an absolute faith and trust in His Word *[Will]* that they will enter into the fullness of their Kingdom-destiny in Christ - through the empowerment of His Grace.

Our God is a God of pin-point accuracy, and He has a perfect plan for each and every one of His children that was formed before the foundations of the earth. But it must be clearly understood that only those who are faithful and true - those who seek to serve Him from the *["abiding"]* position of a heart "wholly given" will fulfil all that they were created for *[in Christ]* in this final hour. Fortunately, the Glorious Church is about to "take legs", and there will be a severe wake up call for those who are "asleep in the light" and, because of this, many will enter into the true Christian life - with both feet firmly planted in the Kingdom.

MANY HAVE ATTEMPTED TO WORK THE WORD OF GOD FROM THE PLACE OF UNRIGHTEOUS MOTIVATION

Over the years, there has been a great deal of "mental ascension" *[approaching the Word of God in one's own understanding and effort]* to the Word of God in the church at large, concerning all of the different aspects of the true Christian life. In certain areas, such as divine prosperity, many have attempted to "work" the Word of God from the place of unrighteous motivation. In this place, they had no revelation - or desire to obey God at all cost to themselves. They only wanted the blessings of God for themselves - and their own self-glory. And, thus, many doctrines and procedures were formulated in an effort to "coerce" the sheep into filling their storehouses and treasuries - storehouses and treasuries that appeared to be for God's purpose but, ultimately, were for the pursuit and maintainance of their own self-desire and self-indulgence. Because of these things, many "works" *[again, in the church at large]* do not have their origin in a "revelation" of the Father's Will but, rather, the darkened understanding and self-exaltive pursuits of man.

"**mental ascension**" - the reaching out [*"up"*] to understand the Word [*Will*] of God in one's "own" [*soulish*] strength and understanding [*intellect*];

"**coerce**" - to compel by force [*in this case the force of fear and manipulation*];

THERE ARE TRUE MINISTRIES AND FELLOWSHIPS AND THERE ARE MINISTRIES AND FELLOWSHIPS THAT ARE NOT TRUE TO THE HIGHEST PLAN AND PURPOSES OF THE FATHER

....*"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you ".... John 14:26 NASB*

There are true ministries and fellowships, and there are ministries and fellowships that are not true [*faithful*] to the highest plan and purposes of the Father. It is of the utmost importance for every last child of God who is truly seeking to enter into their true Kingdom-position to partake of ONLY those ministries that the Holy Spirit leads you to in this hour. There are many "tainted" doctrines and teachings out there, and it is very important for every child of God to "allow" Him [*the Holy Spirit*] to be their teacher, and final authority as far as the Truth goes. As they do, He will surely lead them into the path of true doctrine and the absolute Kingdom-truths [*principles*] that are being released from the Throne Room in this hour through the true Kingdom-ministries [*true ministries that have been established in Christ - those built only upon the Rock of revealed knowledge*].

THE LOVE OF MONEY [MAMMON] RUNS VERY DEEP, AND IT IS ONE OF THE CHIEF HINDRANCES TO ONE ENTERING INTO THE PLACE WHEREIN THEY ARE ABIDING IN THE PLACE OF A HEART "WHOLLY GIVEN"

....*"No servant is able to serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by and be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [riches, or anything in which you trust and on which you rely]. Now the Pharisees, who were covetous and lovers of money, heard all these things [taken together], and they began to sneer at and ridicule and scoff at Him. But He said to them, You are the ones who declare yourselves just and upright before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted and highly thought of among men is detestable and abhorrent [an abomination] in the sight of God. [I Sam. 16:7; Prov. 21:2]".... Luke 16:13-15 The Amplified Translation*

At times, it can be very difficult during the process of transition into the "fullness" of Kingdom living [*which, of course includes living by faith for finances - even if you are working a secular job*]. This entire area of walking in faith for "divine" provision [*an absolute trust in the Father as Provider in all things*] really reaches right down into the core of one's being - because when you get right down to it the "love of money" [*mammon*] runs very deep, and it is one of the chief hindrances [*if not THE chief hindrance*] to one entering into the place wherein they are abiding [*dwelling*] in the place of a heart "wholly given" to God [*Luke 10:27*].

I know that when I was called to "step out" and live by faith for finances in 1983, SUDDENLY much misunderstanding arose in the midst of even those who had been close to me - a misunderstanding that was the spontaneous by-product of an element of fear and self-desire [*self-agenda*] in their own lives. The only ones who truly understood and knew that what I was doing was of God [*and it is still the same today*] were those who were totally sold out to God's Will for their own lives.

In the same way, this time of obedience and transition in the life of the one who is truly seeking first the Kingdom will be like a "great sword" - that continually divides between the soul and spirit of all those who cross your path [*Hebrews 4:12*]. You can be assured that any "separation" [*on any level*] that this causes is ordained by the Father - with a view to His highest purposes for your life [*particularly moving you to the "perfect" spiritual environment that is needed for you in this time*] - and the lives of all those with whom you have to do - coming to pass.

Always remember:

One can go hard after the Father and His Word or they can go hard after "mammon" but they CANNOT do both!

DEFINING THE PURPOSE OF PATIENCE

*.... "For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, **for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience**; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light. For **He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son**, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins"....*
Colossians 1:9-14 NASB

purpose - an idea [*revelation*] or ideal kept before the mind as an end of effort or action; a particular thing to be effected or attained;

patience - possessing or demonstrating quiet, uncomplaining endurance under distress or annoyance; capable of tranquilly [*peacefully*] awaiting results; persevering; diligent; constant;

Latin: "pati" - to suffer;

"hupomeno" - Gk. to abide;

"makrothumia" - Gk. long-suffering

a word from the Father:

...."The "suffering" [for righteousness' sake] that My children are called to in this earth is to stand [resist] continually [in faith and patience] against all the things which they have been redeemed from. It is in NO way associated with physical sickness or any other manifestation of the law of sin and death but, rather, it is to continually release faith in My Word - regardless of the pressure of the circumstances which surround them. As their minds become transformed and renewed to My Word/Will, "suffering" shall become the joyful opportunity to further establish My Kingdom in the earth it was intended to be rather than the sorrowful, painful, concept "religion" has made it to be - through unbelief"....

...."And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises".... Hebrews 6:11-12 NASB

One of the keys for us, as Christians, in this final hour is to gain an understanding of the purpose of patience. Patience is a major force around us - not the least of which is the Father's perfect patience [*longsuffering*] towards us. Everyone who is truly seeking the Will and purpose of God can relate to His great patience - without exception! The one who has been forgiven much loves much and, in the same way, it is an absolute truth that the one who experiences the deep working of God's patience on their behalf [*and in their life*] will to that degree be totally committed [*devoted*] to His highest Will and purpose - both for themselves and for all those the Father places in their path. In other words, they will extend towards others the very same patience that they, themselves, experienced in their own lives at the Hand of the Father.

THE FIRST AND MAIN FOCUS OF THE CHRISTIAN SHOULD BE TO KEEP THEIR EYES FIXED ON JESUS [THE WORD OF GOD] AND TO FULFIL THE HIGHEST PURPOSES OF THE KINGDOM

...."let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith".... Hebrews 12:1-2 NASB

Patience is a very definite characteristic of the Nature of God. Again, looking back on our own personal lives and ministries it is certain that we have experienced much patience where the Father is concerned. Because of quality time spent in the presence of a loving Father we have learned to seek, see and understand ALL things through His eyes. And, in continually experiencing His great Love towards us, we have come to understand why He has never given up on us - and that He is indeed faithful to finish the work that He has begun in each and every one of us.

The only perspective that God the Father has is Eternal [*for He is an Eternal being*] - and thus, He has nothing else other than an eternal perspective regarding ALL things [*He sees the end from the beginning*]. Therefore, it is ONLY as the believer sees themselves through the Father's eyes that they can gain a clearer and clearer revelation of the spiritual reality of the Kingdom -

and come to "abide" in the place wherein they have *[and maintain]* an "eternal perspective" in ALL things concerning life, ministry and the Glorious Church.

The opposite of having an eternal perspective is for one to keep their eyes fixed *[focused]* upon themselves - and upon the ends of the world. The first and main focus of the Christian should be to keep their eyes fixed on Jesus *[the Word of God]* and to fulfil the highest purposes of the Kingdom. When one's heart is "wholly given" to God THEN it is certain that they are going to be found seeking the Father's highest purpose in any given situation - not only for themselves but also for the corporate Church.

PATIENCE: THE ACT OF REMAINING CONSTANT IN THE PURSUIT OF GOD'S HIGHEST PURPOSE

...."the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control".... Galatians 5:22-23 NASB

Patience - the act of remaining constant *[in faith, in obedience, in love]* in the pursuit of God's highest purpose - is ever challenging to the "flesh". One's patience can be challenged in any given moment - regardless of how far along in their walk with the Lord they are. But the fact is that those who truly love God are a people *[as the remnant Church]* that are "wholly given" to God's purpose, and so when the Devil attempts to get them in a place *[spiritually]* wherein they are not found abiding in a "divine" faith *[and, therefore are not found walking in love towards God or those who cross their path]* - it is a "challenge" *[attack]* that they put down very quickly!

AS THE CHILD OF GOD DRAWS CLOSE TO THE FATHER AND HIS WORD IN THIS HOUR THERE WILL SURELY COME A DEEP AND CLEAR REFRESHING OF ANY REVELATION THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THEM - IN SOME CASES MANY YEARS AGO

"It [the vision] hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay. Behold, as for the proud one, his soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith".... Habakkuk 2:3-4 NASB

...."Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see [both know and understand] God".... Matthew 5:8 NASB

It basically comes down to two things for every Christian walking the face of the earth: one is either going to have, as their deepest heart-desire, the fulfillment of God's Will or self-will - and that includes, of course, any form of self-desire *[and the self-agenda that is its spontaneous fruit]*. In these days, every Christian is moving towards one end of the pole or the other. Ultimately then, the two things that every child of God faces in any given situation regarding God's Will are remaining in an "abiding" patience in order to see the perfect fulfillment of the Father's Will or stepping out in presumption *[rebellion]* and mental ascension toward the Will of God.

In this most critical and glorious hour, the importance of "holding fast the vision" *[revelation]* that one has been given must not be underestimated! As the child of God draws close to the Father and His Word in this hour there will SURELY come a deep and clear refreshing of any revelation that has been given to them - in some cases many years ago. Many things revealed in the past to one's heart that "seemed" as though they didn't fit as pieces of the "puzzle" in one's life and ministry will now become evident as the Holy Spirit begins to move powerfully in the midst of those whose hearts are pure - those who are faithful and obedient to both seek and carry out the Will of God.

ONLY THOSE WHO ALLOW THE HOLY SPIRIT FULL CONTROL OF THEIR LIFE AND MINISTRY WILL ENTER INTO THE FULNESS OF THE FATHER'S WILL

...."For we are God's [own] handiwork [His workmanship], recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined [planned beforehand] for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]".... Ephesians 2:10 The Amplified Translation

The Father desires each and every last one of His children to accomplish ALL that He created them to accomplish in Christ. In seeing His great patience towards us how then can we turn and speak or act in a manner that does not indicate *[demonstrate]* a perfect patience towards all those who cross our path or, indeed, towards the Father, Himself - as He unfolds the FULNESS of His Will for our life and ministry?

Patience is a fruit of the S(s)pirit and, in this hour, ONLY those who allow *[through faith, trust and obedience]* the Holy Spirit full control of their life and ministry will enter into the fulness of the Father's Will. So the key then in EVERY area of life and ministry is to allow the Holy Spirit to have FULL control. If He is given full control THEN the Love of God will continually be shed abroad in our heart to overflowing - and, thus, the fruit of the S(s)pirit will be found spontaneously manifesting in our lives, in any given moment. That is, whatever is needed will manifest. If patience, patience; if kindness, kindness; if self-control, self-control etc.

TIME IS NOT "THE" FACTOR IN FAITH AND PATIENCE - OBEDIENCE IS "THE" FACTOR IN FAITH AND PATIENCE

*...."and when the **fulness of time** did come, God sent forth His Son [the Word/Will of God manifested]".... Galatians 4:4a Young's Literal Translation*

Patience is not a "feeling". Patience is a force - along with the other forces of the Kingdom *[Righteousness, Love, Wisdom etc.]*. When one is walking in the place of an absolute faith *[an absolute trust in God]* and they are tried in such a manner wherein "time" attempts to become a factor in their stand of faith, one must ALWAYS remember that time is not "the" factor in the exercising of faith and patience; obedience is "the" factor in the exercising of faith and patience.

In other words, it does not matter how long the "fulness of time" might take to come to pass concerning the manifestation of God's Will, our task is to obey the Holy Spirit at all cost to ourselves in every situation *[day in and day out]* - knowing that, ultimately, the "fulness of time" shall come and, along with that, the manifestation of the "fulness" of the Father's purpose on every front, through the continual exercising of the faith and perfect patience that we exercised.

THE BASIC AND GREAT IMPORTANCE OF PATIENCE

.... "The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance".... 2 Peter 3:9 NASB

Summarizing, when a person's heart is "wholly given" to the highest purposes of the Kingdom THEN they will SURELY continue on with God - and, thus, gain a continually deeper revelation of His Will. Because of their love for God they will be found "holding fast the vision" at all cost to themselves, and they will begin to gain a continually deeper revelation of the importance of patience *[longsuffering]* in carrying out the plans of God in this final hour.

The basic and great importance of patience is that when God has a people - both individually and corporately - that are abiding in faith and love *[resulting in a continual and perfect patience]* THEN He is able to fulfil the fulness of all that He has intended through the Glorious Church - both individually and corporately. It is God's Will that not one soul should perish, and so He needs a Church in the earth that is going to be patient - as He is patient. He needs a Church that will not step out presumptuously in ANY way *[or remain in passivity]* in the carrying out of His Will. When everything has happened *[that is necessary for the Father's greatest Eternal benefit to overtake every life]* that must happen and the smoke has cleared we will SURELY see the Father's perfect justice and we will see many, many captives set free because of the absolute faith and perfect love exercised *[as well as the perfect patience that goes with that]* by those who truly love God.

"DIVINE" FAITH

.... "So faith [comes] from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ" [the Anointed Word].... Romans 10:17 NASB

We know that the Grace of God is accessed by faith *[I am talking about "divine" faith]*. There are many misconceptions in the midst of God's people about what constitutes "faith". What constitutes faith in the eyes of the Father is an absolute trust in the "revealed" knowledge of His Word *[Will]*. That is it! That is why in referring to the last days Jesus stated, "Will I find faith in the earth?" If true faith was such a simple and extensive *[far-reaching]* thing then Jesus would not have had to say what He clearly said because everybody would be found exercising the type of faith that God requires *[desires]*, and that has *[up until this time]* has most certainly NOT been the case. It must be clearly understood that faith works by Love - and Love alone - and to have the Love of God continually shed abroad in our heart *[thus continually having our faith both developed and strengthened]* one needs to be found in an intimate and abiding relationship

with the Father and His Word. It is the only way that "divine" faith both comes and is maintained.

Always remember:

Faith "begins" where the Will/Word of God has been "revealed" to one's heart.

FAITH IN ANYTHING ELSE APART FROM A REVELATION OF GOD'S WILL IS NOT DIVINE FAITH IT IS A "COUNTERFEIT FAITH" THAT SERVES SELF!

It is very easy for one to fall into a "natural" faith and call it spiritual - even in the things of God. To be found exercising a divine faith one needs to have a revelation of the Father's Will - without exception! Faith in anything else apart from a revelation of God's Will is NOT "divine" faith it is a "counterfeit faith" that serves self.

Paul wrote in 2 Corinthians 6:1, "Do not receive the grace of God in vain". In other words, do not seek the Grace of God then stop walking in faith and love - thus forsaking the pursuit of the fulness of the Father's Will - because then the pursuit and reception of God's Grace will be in vain [*futility*]! It is certain that we will need to be found "abiding" in [*continually accessing*] the Grace of God in this final hour - in order to fulfil ALL things according to His perfect purpose concerning the Glorious Church and the establishment of His Kingdom.

a word from the Father:

To the degree that My children rely on My Word, it is to that degree that they are "in Christ" [in perfect alignment and one accord with My Word]. Therefore, the continual exercising of faith, moment by moment, day by day, will ensure their appropriation of the "fulness" of their salvation.

NUGGETS FROM THE INNER CHAMBER

* Having a deep revelation [*as one faces trial, persecution, reproach and tribulation*] of the spiritual reality that they have entered into "fellowship with His [*Jesus*]' sufferings spontaneously brings great comfort - for He [*Jesus*] walked before us facing the very same types of adversity, and overcame in ALL things [*in, and by, the power of the Holy Spirit abiding within*].

...."More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which

comes from God on the basis of faith, that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death; in order that I may attain to the resurrection from the dead".... *Philippians 3:8-11 NASB*

...."However, I am telling you nothing but the truth when I say it is profitable [good, expedient, advantageous] for you that I go away. Because if I do not go away, the Comforter [Counselor, Helper, Advocate, Intercessor, Strengtheners, Standby] will not come to you [into close fellowship with you]; but if I go away, I will send Him to you [to be in close fellowship with you]".... *John 16:7 The Amplified Translation*

* A "single eye" towards the Word [*Will*] of God produces a continual flow of light [*revelation*] - and "fuels" faith and godly desire in that one's heart. A "single eye" towards one's "self" [*self-focus*] produces "great" darkness [*confusion and disorder*] - and continually fuels the ground of pride and fear in that one's life.

"fuels" - replenishes; increases;

...."where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!".... *Matthew 6:21-23 KJV*

...."let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us, looking away [from all that will distract] to Jesus, Who is the Leader and the Source of our faith [giving the first incentive for our belief] and is also its Finisher [bringing it to maturity and perfection]".... *Hebrews 12:1b-2a The Amplified Translation*

* The continual exercising of an absolute faith [*and perfect patience*] in holding fast the "vision" [*a revelation of the God's Will*] ALWAYS brings forth [*ultimately*] the Father's "perfect" result [*highest purpose*].

"For the vision is yet for the appointed time; It hastens toward the goal and it will not fail. Though it tarries, wait for it; For it will certainly come, it will not delay. Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; But the righteous will live by his faith".... *Habakkuk 2:3-4 NASB*

...."For God is not unrighteous to forget or overlook your labor and the love which you have shown for His name's sake in ministering to the needs of the saints [His own consecrated people], as you still do. But we do [strongly and earnestly] desire for each of you to show the same diligence and sincerity [all the way through] in realizing and enjoying the full assurance and development of [your] hope until the end, In order that you may not grow disinterested and become [spiritual] sluggards, but imitators, behaving as do those who through faith [by their leaning of the entire personality on God in Christ in absolute trust and confidence in His power,

wisdom, and goodness] and by practice of patient endurance and waiting are [now] inheriting the promises".... Hebrews 6:10-12 The Amplified Translation

* The daily pattern for all those in the Glorious Church will be to spend time in the "inner chamber" *[however long the Holy Spirit leads one each day]* and, THEN, go out and do the Father's business - whatever that may be on that particular day.... and, then, go back into the "inner chamber" *[secret place of God's Presence, true spiritual environment]* - and so on. In that way, ALL things *[both individually and corporately]* will be said and done in the power of the Holy Spirit - through a holy Church.

...."The LORD will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, 'Rule in the midst of Your enemies.' Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; In holy array, from the womb of the dawn [the inner chamber]".... Psalms 110:2-3 NASB

...."Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her, so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the Word, that He might present the church to Himself in glorious splendor, without spot or wrinkle or any such things [that she might be holy and faultless]".... Ephesians 5:25-27 The Amplified Translation

* The key to one entering into true Covenant-relationship *[on every level]* is right relationship with the Father and His Word *[Jesus]*. The "inner chamber" *[the secret place of His Presence]* is the ONLY place that one can enter into true and intimate relationship with God - and it is ONLY from that place of true and intimate relationship with God that one even "begins" to be capable of entering into true Covenant-relationship *[exactly the way that the Father always intended]* with another. In fact, ALL things pertaining to the establishment of the Church and the Kingdom *[past, present and future]* are predicated on one's true *[intimate]* relationship with the Lord.

It is *[and it will continue to be]* of the UTMOST importance in this final hour for ALL those who are truly seeking first the Kingdom *[those who truly love God]* to enter into the "divine connections" *[Covenant-relationships]* that are designated by the Father *[throughout the remnant Church]*. For without corporate obedience *[and the "corporate anointing" that is its spontaneous fruit]* there will not be sufficient power *[or accuracy]* to get the job *[of the Glorious Church]* done properly - on whatever level one cares to mention.

...."Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in [Covenant] unity!".... Psalms 133:1 The Amplified Translation

* There is a protective shield around those who are walking in true Covenant-relationship *[both with God and man]* and the Enemy cannot penetrate it unless one "wilfully" steps outside of it *[the protective shield]* by acting or speaking in *[maintaining]* fear *[on a continual basis over a period of time]*. This is precisely why one of the "strongholds" that is most important to him *[the Enemy]* as far as his operations against the people of God go is the "fear of man" *[fear of what others think]*. For he knows that if any ground remains *[is held to]* in one's heart THEN

when under pressure or duress he will be able to *[through compulsion]* control their words and actions.

"compulsion" - a strong, usually irresistible impulse to perform an act, especially on that is irrational or contrary to one's will;

....*"Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; And do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced".... Isaiah 54:4 NASB*

....*"For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ".... Galatians 1:10 NASB*

* Few are those *[comparatively]* who are found "abiding" *[dwelling]* in divine Love towards both the Lord and His people - and, consequently, when one comes along who is truly seeking first the Kingdom *[with a view to living by the principles therein]* their words and actions are not recognized as Love but rather an affront *[offense]* to anyone continuing to hold to the "lower *[soulish]* life" - through fear and pride *[self-agenda]*.

....*"But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in".... Matthew 23:13 NASB*

....*"But a natural man [one "holding to" any element of the soul above the s{S}pirit] does not accept the things of the Spirit of God [Who is the Spirit of Love], for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised. But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one".... 1 Corinthians 2:14-15 NASB*

* The Father has put it down for us *[right before our eyes]* in His Word concerning faith: instructing us to praise Him and thank Him for the outcome of the revelation of His Will *[Word]* that we are exercising faith in BEFORE we even begin to see it in the natural realm! That is the blessedness of "abiding in the place called done" *[the place of an absolute faith in not only the finished work of Christ within us but, also, the finished result of the Father's highest Will and purpose in any given moment]* which is exactly where Abraham, Joseph, David - and every other man and woman of faith who accomplished great things for the Kingdom - entered into. It is the ONLY place *[spiritually speaking]* that "allows" the fullness of one's destiny *[in Christ]* to unfold perfectly by the Father's Hand.

....*"As it is written, I have made you the father of many nations. [He was appointed our father] in the sight of God in Whom he believed, Who gives life to the dead and speaks of the nonexistent things that [He has foretold and promised] as if they [already] existed. [Gen. 17:5.] [For Abraham, human reason for] hope being gone, hoped in faith that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been promised, So [numberless] shall your descendants be.*

[Gen. 15:5.] He did not weaken in faith when he considered the [utter] impotence of his own body, which was as good as dead because he was about a hundred years old, or [when he considered] the barrenness of Sarah's [deaden] womb. [Gen. 17:17; 18:11.] No unbelief or distrust made him waver (doubtfully question) concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong and was empowered by faith as he gave praise and glory to God, Fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised".... Romans 4:17-21 The Amplified Translation

...."For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand [anywhere else]; I would rather be a doorkeeper and stand at the threshold in the house of my God than to dwell [at ease] in the tents of wickedness. For the Lord God is a Sun and Shield; the Lord bestows [present] grace and favor and [future] glory [honor, splendor, and heavenly bliss]! No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly. O Lord of hosts, blessed [happy, fortunate, to be envied] is the man who trusts in You [leaning and believing on You, committing all and confidently looking to You, and that without fear or misgiving]!".... Psalms 84:10-12 The Amplified Translation

* As the believer "abides" in Christ *[righteousness]* there is a spontaneous flow of both God's Grace and authority found overtaking them - manifesting *[in any given moment]* in whatever aspect of the Covenant is necessary *[divine protection when divine protection is needed; divine prosperity when divine prosperity is needed etc.]*.

...."Who is the man who fears the LORD? He will instruct him in the way he should choose. His soul will abide in prosperity, and his descendants will inherit the land. The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He will make them know His covenant".... Psalms 25:12-14 NASB

...."In the way of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death [no death - or any form thereof - can remain standing]".... Proverbs 12:28 NASB
