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Chapter One

Separated From the Kingdom

If it please the king, let there go a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, That Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she.

-Esther 1:19

This is a sad story in many ways; But God has a way of bringing everything back into the design that man has tried to alter. Queen Vashti was in reality doing what was modest for one in her position. The Queens were to be rarely seen by the public and would never be asked to parade themselves in front of a group of drunken revelers.

The king had been holding a very long feast and had invited all the important men from all one hundred and twenty seven

provinces. During this feast that lasted over five months the king had shown his guest all the glory, honor and majesty of his kingdom, but the one thing a king would not do is bring his wife in before a drunken group of men who would only lust after that which belonged to the king. This was not set protocol and this is why Vashti declined the offer. This is what the ladies of the lower court might be called upon to do, but the Queen was rarely seen, as I mentioned before she was to be his hidden jewel. Even when seen in public the Queens face was to be partially veiled so that no one could lust after her, but the Bible says that the king was merry with wine and in this drunken state he wanted to show off the beauty of the Queen and have her dressed in her crown and royal garments. He had nothing left to show these men in order to impress them so this was his thinking; "I'll show off the Queen and be the envy of every man present." But she denied him.

Now the court was no longer merry. They began a serious counseling session with the king. What was to be done? The king had been publicly humiliated. This was done at a time that every important and even

many least important nobles and their wives were in the court for this occasion. This would go out to the entire domain within hours. The Queen disobeyed the king. The men said to the king that this would cause a rebellion with all the wives of his kingdom and that he should promptly put her away. Her modest impropriety was not even to be considered. She was now to be *Separated from the Kingdom*.

King Ahasueras was a pagan king and within his kingdom were those of the Jewish nation. They had been brought in as slaves many years before. It appears that they were living as citizens of this country at this time, but it was still a very shaky situation that could easily be altered and one man knew this. His name was Mordecai. Mordecai's name means God enlightens. Indeed God did shed light into his heart. It is not clear if he had a vigil at the gates of the king before his niece married the Royal monarch. One thing is sure he wasted no time in putting Esther into the running, and indeed she was chosen as the new Queen in the stead of Vashti. Mordecai then sat in the gates of the temple day and night. He was God's watchman over the nation of Israel. You can

read in the book of Esther how he saved the life of the king and also was key in saving the whole Jewish nation.

The one sad fact in this whole story is that a Queen was separated from the kingdom and would never have access to the king ever again. This is the point of my book. We know that the pagan community disinherits their loved ones. We should consider what a Holy God might do when he is openly disobeyed and who even though He is rich in mercy, cannot allow a mockery of his holiness. The Bible in the story of both Daniel and Esther talk about the laws of the Medes and Persians that could not be altered. God, unlike the king in this story, can be intreated and he will forgive and even reinstate you. This is done time and again even in the most extreme circumstances. He is longsuffering but his spirit will not always strive with man. Even though He is merciful with us, I hope to prove to you that you can be separated from the kingdom. There is a coin that can be lost and not found unless we search for it diligently. Jesus tells this story in the book of Matthew chapter 13:

*24 Another parable set he before them, saying,
The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man that sowed good seed in his field:*

25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares also among the wheat, and went away

When we are sleeping, things can occur that we will have to deal with for a long time to come. We must be diligent. No matter how hard we try the enemy will still sow things that we do not desire, but prayer will keep the good seed until the Lord takes us home. We are working hard in the field to bring a good crop to the Lord of the harvest.

Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

- 1 Corinthians 3:13- 15

RChapter Two

Renee's Example

For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,

And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come

If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receives blessing from God:

But that which beareth thorns and briers is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.

-Hebrews 6:4-8

A friend of mine, who I will call Renee, served God with all she had for many years. No one doubted her love for the Lord. Many lives were changed through her example. Then came the day that everything she lived for began to unravel. In the disappointment and loss she started reaching out for other things to fill the void. Her soul was left unattended while she catered to her emotions. This led her into many pursuits. Sadly, one of these pursuits was drug addiction and eventually to what many believed to be suicide by overdose. Two or three weeks prior to her death she was happy and content and everyone believed she was coming up again. A mutual friend who had visited her hours before her death said she had never seen Renee so happy. Renee believed that Christians that kill themselves went to heaven. This may have been what brought the contentment. A few weeks after her death another friend had a dream. In the dream Renee desired for someone to preach to her children because she said the place she was in was a burning hell.

I have served God for many years and have been used to laying hands on the sick

and seeing them recover. I've lead people to Christ, pastored, and done missionary work. "So why," I asked myself, "do I see Jesus walking away from me?" I was in prayer one night with my friend Anne Nelson. We were weeping before the Lord and I thought, "He is near." And He was, but suddenly I saw a vision that really confused me. We had just finished a four month long outreach to California and Nevada. I had just finished a twenty-one day fast. I was praying at least two hours a day. Why was Jesus walking away from me? I tell you I began some real soul searching. I began to get little nudges from the Lord here and there. I began to see areas in my life that I needed work in, but still it did not make sense. I never received a concrete answer to my problem but I knew one thing I needed to catch up to him. In the vision He ever so slightly turned and looked back in my direction and that is where the vision ended, So, I began to press in. Some of you may not know what pressing means. But I can tell you that when you are pressing you will be consumed with catching Jesus. Paul said "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God which is in Christ Jesus."

After about two or three months of praying three to four hours a day, I finally had one experience that blessed me. I was on this road and dust from someone walking in front of me was coming at me. I sensed it was Jesus. This quickly turned into a fun game. He began to run and laugh and I began to chase him. He then said, "You've almost caught me." It is now my pursuit to not only catch up to him, but to hold him and captivate his attention. You may say, "That is impossible you are only human." But as Mike Bickle says, "There is nothing more attractive to Jesus than a love sick but flawed human that will not rest until they are totally in his embrace." In all of His creation He is captivated by you. I believe this and am not afraid to say, as the apostle John said, " I am the one that Jesus loves."

There is a song I heard called "Jesus you are my passion." I got to thinking about how people are impassioned by so many things. Everyone has something that is driving him or her day to day. Some just want to pay their bills, some want to raise their kids, sports, entertainment, or fame drives others. Most people just want to dig out a little life somewhere and sit back and watch the sun

set with friends and family. This is not altogether bad but it is not God's plan. He came to save the world; He does not want anyone to perish. It is His will that every ear hears the gospel and it is His will that you make that your desire. It is the utmost thing in the mind of God. That His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. He is not just calling the Pastor and the evangelist. As a matter of fact He has called us *all* to be the bearers of light.

Lydia Leonard had a dream that basically was begging people to change their life perspectives. In the dream people were told that they would have terrible regrets. The word regret was used repeatedly. I believe with all of my heart that we will have regrets at the way we have chosen to live our every day lives. I know that there are things that I cannot change but I know that God can change my future. I try to not only spend time in prayer, fasting and in the word daily, but to do other things with my day that will bless the body of Christ. Writing this book is one of them. I don't want any regrets when I see my Jesus.

Adrian Simila also dreamed that the dark storm clouds were rolling in and a vast

unharvested field lay before him. He knew he could only get a little corner of that field before the storm came in. He tried to get others to help. Finally he jumped on a combine and began to get in whatever he could of the harvest. These dreams are telling us the heart of God. We must listen and do our part.

The Lord tells us in the verses above that the earth receives the Lords gifts of rain and sunshine. This causes the earth to bring a blessing to all of us as it yields forth its fruit. Then He says, “That which doesn’t yield, but brings forth thorns and briers is nigh unto cursing.” Then he says that the only future for this field is to be burned. There is nothing else that can be done for it. Friends, He is talking about us. If we continue to take in God’s blessings and do not yield forth the fruit that is needed to bless the world than we are only yielding thorns. It doesn’t matter how much money you have or how popular you are. He is not altogether talking about your ministry although that is a natural part of the yielding, but the ground that you prepare will match the ground that He has prepared in you. Your fellowship with Him will cause you to have good

ground and then you couple that with the ministry and God gets the glory and you get Him. He is your reward for a job well done. He is our portion forever.

To work for anything else is to work for you and not for him. Some even get pleasure out of just making things better for mankind. This is not wicked but it is empty if you are doing it for your own satisfaction. Remember that the Bible tells us that the Father turned all power over to the Son. Later on it says that the Son will give it all back to the Father. Even Jesus doesn't keep anything for himself. He is so in love with the Father that he loves what the Father loves and hates what the Father hates. All the Son wants is to please the Father. That is all the reward He desires, and we are to be like Jesus.

Lack of fruit and obedience says one thing. You are not living your life for the Father but for yourself. This is called selfishness. Yes you came to Jesus that you might be saved from hell but your love for Him should be so great that you live and breathe for His divine pleasure, and then you are fulfilled by His smile. You are

motivated by His love for a world that is going to hell. You can't wait to be alone with Him and praise Him for his goodness. So when He gives us so much and we give back so little, then we often stop yielding altogether. I pray that you take the time to do what Paul said,

***Examine** yourselves, whether ye are in the faith; Prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, How that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be (unless you are)*

Reprobates

(Cast away, unapproved, failure to make use of opportunity offered).

-2 Corinthians 13:5,6

The word **examine** in this verse means “to test objectively, scrutinize, discipline, assay, prove, try.” To me this means you put everything under the microscope: your thoughts, your emotions, and your options. The microscope is God’s opinion of these things, not yours.

One of the words for examine is *assay*. Someone who is an assayer weighs and

examines precious metals. Its worth is established according to many things such as the market value and the quality of the metal itself. It is carefully examined to see if it is pure or mixed. The *assayer* does not make up his own value system, but that of the market value. We can't be flippant about where we stand with God. Eternity could be at stake, and we don't want to be separated from the kingdom.

I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a cast away.

-1 Corinthians 9:27

“Under”

To hit under the eye, disable, subdue.

“Subjection”

Slave driver, enslave.

“Cast away”

Unapproved, rejected, worthless.

So putting that together we need to be a *slave driver* and *disable* our flesh, lest we be *rejected*. In other words “Knock yourself out”! I also find it interesting that *a reprobate fails to make use of opportunities offered to them*.

As we read earlier in Hebrews 4:6-8 the earth receives rain over and over again in order that it might bring forth substance, and yet it brought forth thorns and briars. The bible says this causes it to be *rejected*, which again means *reprobate*, so those who do not produce are reprobates, cast away and burned because they have failed to make use of the opportunities offered to them.

***Repentance doesn't pay the price,
the applied blood does.***

A friend of mine who is a minister shared with me the following experience:

After a very discouraging time in his ministry he began to draw himself away from his normal routine of prayer and worship. Instead he began to fill his days with television and entertainment. One night as he was drifting off to sleep a voice startled him saying, “You’re on your way to

hell.” He was in danger of being **Separated from the Kingdom.**

He began arguing with the voice, “ I’m a preacher, a minister of the gospel!”

The voice did not reply, but he knew that what he had heard was true. There are no lukewarm Christians in heaven, only in hell.

You may disagree with me on what Jesus meant when he said “If you are lukewarm I will spit you out of my mouth.” But to me this means a lack of fervor. All ground needs to yield thorns and briars is to be unattended. All hot water needs to become lukewarm is to be unattended. All a soul needs to become a reprobate is to become unattended.

In order for us to keep our bodies under subjection we must examine ourselves; our spirit must be actively involved at all times. Examine our thoughts: bring under subjection our negative emotions; and tell your body it will fast, pray, and work for the sake of the kingdom.

G Chapter Three

God's Distributed Wealth

For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever. Whose name is Holy, "I dwell in a high and holy place, and also with the contrite and lowly of spirit in order to revive the spirit of the lowly and to revive the heart of the contrite."

Isaiah 57:15

One of the main ingredients used to purify Esther and also was a present to the baby Jesus from the wise men was Myrrh. This word myrrh was a representation of Humility. Humility is a chosen brokenness. Myrrh also meant, "Dispelled in drops." These breakings are a surrender of our will. It changes the way we walk before the Lord and the way we respond to his dealings. He is faithful to do this in measure, dispelled in

drops. In Fuschia Picketts book “For Such a Time” She shares the following story:

I had preached that night about the cross and the requirements of the gospel. Now I heard the footsteps of Jesus. As these footsteps got closer I began to smell the most beautiful aroma, it was myrrh. This was the smell of the broken, hurt love of Calvary. I started to cry and I said, “I smell Myrrh.” He said “Yes, the fragrance of my presence. It’s what I want you to wear. It is the fragrance that belongs to the anointing.”

Jesus will be attracted to everything that conforms to his image. When undeserved love is shown, when self-sacrifice is given and when his name is being lifted up with a heart full of love for the savior. When he smells himself, he is there.

Another minister related the following story:

“I had spent a long time with the Lord in fasting and prayer. I was spending hours in the forest, praising and seeking God. Suddenly I noticed that the little animals that would normally run away at the sight of

a human began to gather around me. There were deer and other easily startled creatures. I asked the Lord why they were there. He said very clearly to me, "You have my fragrance, they think that you are me."

Wow, we can have the privilege of walking in his fragrance. Where does the above scripture say that God dwells? Does he dwell in palaces, or with the brilliant science community, with the learned bible scholars? No! He loves to live with the broken, the contrite, and the lowly. He says He is living in a high and holy place and with the contrite and lowly. How can he be in both places? I think that He brings the contrite and lowly to dwell with him in the high and holy places. He said that we are seated in heavenly places and this is how it is done. He will not deny the broken and the contrite because they have his undivided attention. They are living where He lives so they are in the throne room.

Matthew a friend of ours had a vision one time. He was ushered into a place that was referred to as the Tabernacle of Praise. People were worshiping, playing instruments, and interceding in prayer. In

this awesome place some people would come and visit, others lived here. We do not realize that we are living in a spiritual dimension and we need to stay in the Tabernacle of Praise that is in our spirit at all times. This takes us to an actual spiritual place along side others who are there. Together we make praise to our God that everyone on earth is invited to take part in. Matthew has visited some of these rooms. Three or four of these doorways was as follows: “The joy of the Lord is your strength,” “Grace,” “The perfect law of liberty” and “Grace and mercy.” He found treasures and peace in each one of these rooms after he walked through the doorway. (Matthews’s testimony can be found in my book on “testimonies of those who walk in the Spirit.”)

There are all kinds of spiritual doors and dimensions that we are taken into, as we are obedient to our Lord. Let’s walk through one of the doors that our dear brother Matthew experienced.

He saw a room and over the door was the name “the joy of the Lord is your strength.” When he entered in he saw twelve thrones. And on each side of the thrones were palm branches on the floor. Then he saw a big

throne in the middle and saw the feet of him sitting on the throne. He was drawn to the lights coming from the bottom of the throne.

The most brilliant was the bright emerald green. Then his attention was drawn to a huge masculine angel with white hair. I will pick up the story from his words:

He said to me “Come over here. Then he said, “ The books are open. Harvest time is here.” Suddenly my attention was drawn to a silver eagle that had very blue eyes. At first he landed on the shoulder of the angel at which time the angel instructed the eagle to go down to the floor. At this time the eagle spread his wings across the floor, it was the span of at least six or seven feet. The angel then said, “Harvest, harvest, harvest time is here, the water in the church has only been up to their knees but now is the hour it will be filled all the way, coming out the threshing hold.” Then the angel said “Matthew, remember me.” Then the angel said “ this is the time for creativity. The Lord will create many giftings and anointings in this last day. There will be new music, art design and more.” Then the eagle that had been on the floor took his flight up and away. Next I saw two other eagles that began to sing a song and I was

*not able to understand their words. One of these eagles was white and the Lord began to speak to me concerning purity. The Lord was talking about clean and pure vessels. It is time for these vessels to come forth. Then the Lord said that the mantels, and anointings that had been put away will be released to the pure ones of this generation. After that I was taken to a place of worship where again some lived and others visited. I said, "Who are these." The angel said, "These are the ones that come by faith. As Enoch was translated to heaven because he pleased God so these have come in faith." Then as I looked down I saw Jesus' bronzed feet. I heard his voice say **"The hour has come, the time is here to stretch forth my right hand of power and authority. I love my children and those yet to come. I will first call the fishermen and next the hunters and the eagles. Verily, verily I am coming soon."** Then I was pushed back into my body.*

When we are dwelling in these special places, revelation is released, art and music and books and all other creativity is available. This divine spotlight on the pathway of the future can only be

experienced as we turn aside to see the greatness of God's presence. When God appeared to Moses in the burning bush the bible says that when the Lord saw that Moses turned aside to see the bush He spoke to him. I wonder how many times the Lord has come to us with signs that we did not turn around to take note of. What would have happened if Moses continued to ignore the promptings of God?

He sends us dreams, words of knowledge, nudges to pray and seek his face and still we do not turn aside from our daily routine to seek the face of God. "Lord what are you trying to say to us? What is so important that you are sending these signs to us? Please give us ears to hear."

Not to long ago we were having special meetings in Colville Washington. Many supernatural signs came to let us know He was there. One of the signs was a strange rainbow colored cloud. A photographer caught it on film and it was picked as the picture of the week across America and was called a rare phenomenon. And when you look closely at the picture you could see a face.

Not long after that a telescope picked up another phenomenon that was also called by the same name. In this picture was a very clear eye. They named it the eye of God. Also one day while we were at home talking to our evangelist a strange whirlwind appeared in our yard, it picked up several things, including two heavy swings and hurled them at our house. They both stopped at the same place, an invisible wall that stood between our house and the whirlwind. Another thing that happened was that several people in our church started having visitations from the Lord Jesus himself. Some might say it was all a coincidence. But I tell you He was there for those of us who turned aside to see this great sight. Also in a church not far from where I live there is a humble man and his wife who love the Lord so much and support missions with a whole heart, who have had a fantastic experience. All summer now (2006) supernatural stones have been falling from heaven. (You can see this on the web at www.thegatewayintl.org.) An angel accompanies these stones and it has put the stones in his hand personally as well as dropping them in the front yard. During one church service two other men saw the angel

come into the service. The angel put a stone in the man's hand. At this point he felt led to give it to another man and as he walked over to hand it to him it doubled in his hand. Whenever this brother receives another stone He is deeply humbled by it. He begins to weep and praise the Lord. We are receiving reports from all over the world that food is multiplying supernaturally, that people are being translated, that angels appear to tell people the gospel and then soon after a missionary arrives. So many things are happening that it is clear that we are walking into the Revival that has been prophesied. It is among the common people, the humble and contrite.

So why would anyone allow himself or herself to be separated from the kingdom? It's simple to me. They do not believe. They don't believe signs that are given to them; they are not experiencing his voice speaking to them daily, they don't expect to move into the realms of the spirit. They are simply sitting still not attending all the meetings that are taking place right now in the heavenlies for those who spend time in the presence of God. They are living their Christianity through Sunday mornings and

whatever word or music they may hear during the week. This is not a substitute to spending time on you knees in prayer and love to a Holy God.

The disciples of Jesus didn't stay at home and catch the action on the news, they didn't wait to be told by someone else, and they pressed in and found out where Jesus was staying and where he was going next. Like Elisha they did not want to miss the chariot of fire nor the double portion that would follow. If Elisha had missed one appointment that day he would have missed it all. He stuck with Elijah until the Lord came. We don't know what hour our Lord is coming. If we don't keep enough oil in our lamps we will be left in the darkness at the midnight hour with a shut door attended by a voice saying "Sorry, I never knew you."

He will revive the heart of the contrite. Most people today do not know what contrition is. It is simply **Surrender without protest**. You cannot surrender if you are not aware of what He is asking you for. You must diligently seek him to judge you. If you allow him to judge you now it

will not be necessary to be judged in his hot displeasure.

I remember asking God one time what stood between Him and I. He showed me this book full of things and one thing He highlighted ENTERTAINMENT. During this time we didn't even have a television, we lived in the country and only went to church. But I realize that we entertain our minds in many different ways. We can think about recipes, talk to our friends, do crafts and so many things. I'm not saying this is a sin or that God will not allow it, what I am saying is that we must keep our time and our thoughts Christ centered. Then He can talk to you and even teach you through the things you do. Many lessons can be learned from gardening or housekeeping etc. We need to put up a magnifying glass to our daily pursuits and make sure we are obeying the Lord for that particular part of your day. It is about what benefits Him not what benefits us although everything we do for Him has great worth to us and all that live around us.

When I was Pastoring there was a time that we did not have a morning service. We were having Saturday and Sunday nights. The Lord spoke to me to go help another

Pastor out on Sunday mornings. I had two services on the weekends and three services during the week, my plate was full. But the Lord spoke and I obeyed. I didn't realize it then but the Lord had it planned out that my son would meet his future wife there. After a few months the Lord released me. We do not always see the fruit that comes from our obedience but you do not know how many lives that you are affecting. So be faithful to do what He asks. And stay close enough to hear him tell you what His daily requirements are.

Living in the kingdom is the greatest honor of all time. We are furnishing our mansions with good works and creating our eternal garments now. This is a truth that we will not fully understand until we are ushered into the fullness of the kingdom. We must desire to live, work, worship, and abide in this kingdom now! The bible says this about what is outside the kingdom.

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

-Revelations 22:15

You would not want to move into a neighborhood like that not in the flesh and not in the spirit. So work that you may be accepted and not reprobate or rejected. You don't want to be **Separated from the Kingdom**. It is worth any discipline or price you may be called on to pay, and the rewards are so extravagant. We worship an extravagant God who...

If any of you lack wisdom , let him ask of God , that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not ; and it shall be given him.

James1:5

God can give liberally because he is rich and He is our daddy so that makes us rich. The bible tells us:

And the nations of them, which are saved, shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it...

...And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it.

-Revelations 21:24,26

This is referring to the New Jerusalem that comes down from heaven. It already has the light of the lamb in it instead of the sun. And it has no temple because the Lord almighty and the Lamb is the temple. Its streets are made of gold, its gates are made of pearl and on top of all that, all the wealth that the world contains will be brought into it. You and I cannot imagine the wealth of our God and all that he has for those of us who seek him. At his right hand are pleasures evermore. That means there are pleasures that we have not yet experienced nor even thought of. The word tells us that eye hath not seen, ear hath not heard, neither hath it entered into the heart of man the things that God has prepared for those who love him. You can't grasp with your senses these great treasures.

A friend of mine who has lived by faith for many years and not had much of this worlds goods was recently given a beautiful house in a rich neighborhood. This house had all the newest gadgets. She was humbled by all of it. One day when I was visiting her she said, No wonder the rich people like all this stuff. But she said quickly, I'd give it all up in one minute to be

in God's presence. She knows to hold things on earth loosely that she might gain the eternal riches.

I wish I had the words to describe the riches of heaven, there are so many secrets, and yet to be revealed treasures. There are storehouses of goods waiting to be downloaded to earth. Those who walk in heavenly places in Christ Jesus can import these goods from heaven to earth. When you import intercession, praise, worship and adoration to the Lord you see paintings that have never been painted, you hear songs that have never been sung, you become creative because being in his presence births all these levels of knowledge, wisdom, and creativity. Then you can export these treasures through evangelism, music, arts, drama, preaching, signs, wonders, and miracles and new weapons of war. We are to be passionately obedient to love and obey God through good and bad. Don't get me wrong about the future. Great persecution is coming to the church along with terrible world events. There will be massive destruction worldwide. To walk in the Spirit will be the most necessary component for survival. We intercede for the release of the commodities

of heaven and the wisdom to use them. Yes, our God dwells in a high and lofty place and that is the place where the lowly and the contrite dwell. Don't you want to be among them?

*And hath raised us up together,
and made us sit together in heavenly
places in Christ Jesus.*

-Ephesians 2:6

L Chapter Four

Lucifer, Fallen Royalty

*How art thou fallen from heaven O
Lucifer, son of the morning! how art
thou cut down to the ground, which
didst weaken the nations*

*For thou hast said in thine heart, I
will ascend into heaven, I will exalt
my throne above the stars of God: I
will sit also upon the mount of the
congregation, in the sides of the
north:*

*I will ascend above the heights of
the clouds; I will be like the most
High.*

*Yet thou shalt be brought down to
hell, to the sides of the pit.*

*They that see thee shall narrowly
look upon thee, and consider thee,*

*saying, Is the man that made the earth
to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;*

-Isaiah 14:12

Lucifer who represented brightness, son of the morning, the covering cherub was the first to be separated from the kingdom. You can read more about him in Ezekiel. But I will tell you what I have learned about this creature. He was created with every precious stone; his very being was a band. The word tells us of his pipes and strings and even tambourines. He walked up and down among the stones and covered the throne room. He led the angels in praise and was one of the three archangels. The other two were Michael and Gabriel. Each of these angels was the first of their kind and was over all the others that would be created under their order. So each had 1/3 of the angels. When Lucifer fell, all the angels under his order went with him. He was so bright and carried within the stones that covered his being, a brilliant reflection of the Father. As the light of the Father hit those stones Lucifer was the emulation of the Father. He took on his likeness. When he

sinned it was because he did not acknowledge that the brightness was not coming from him but through him. This is the same mistake so many make today. The devil knew what separated him from the kingdom and he has been using it on us from the beginning.

Just think about the fact that the highest angel in heaven had the position of bringing in praise and glory to the Father. This was the highest most prized place of all. It is the place that the Lord has now given to us. You can be sure that as you really love and worship him you will reflect his light and beauty. The devil doesn't like anyone close to the Lord and he knows how to get you to fall. You begin to think that you are the talented one, the gifted one, and the one that should be looked upon with admiration. If you really fear God you will fear taking his glory. If there is anything in us that is beautiful and praise worthy; it is there because of him. This is why Jesus did just the opposite of Satan. He said over and over "I can do nothing except what I see the Father do." In other words "I'm nothing outside of him, I'm just doing what I've been told to do." The devil cannot make you

lose your place in the kingdom but he tempts you to make the same mistakes that he made in order that you may fall from the high and lofty place.

Jesus said in John 8:44

Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

If you will allow me I want to use a little artistic license here and tell this fall of Lucifer in a story form.

It was known throughout the heavens that the archangel Lucifer was the one closest to the throne. Each of the three archangels was the first of their order. Michael the archangel has one third of heavens angels, Gabriel has another one third of the angels and Lucifer had one third, making the whole of heavens archangels. Michael, Gabriel, and Lucifer were the first

of their order and the others were created under their authority.

Lucifer is the most revered. His station is one of covering. His job was to cover the throne and to walk among the stones of fire. Ezekiel takes the story from here. “The Lord showed me Lucifer his whole body was covered with every precious stone: the sardius, topaz, diamond, beryl, onyx, jasper, sapphire, emerald, carbuncle and gold. These stones were so bright. They caught the rays of light that came from the throne of God and it was hard to tell where Lucifer began and ended. His brightness and beauty was so intermingled with God that Lucifer almost appeared as if He and the Father were one. As God’s light hit the stones on Lucifer, the light was caught and sent out in every direction. Every color was present. Lucifer took on the likeness of God. All the glory of God was flowing in, through, and all around the covering Cherub.

The brilliant rays of light, the covering of Lucifer’s own person was not all that this magnificent creature contained. God had built into him an orchestra. He had harps, tambourine and pipes, (much like an organ.)

As God so required the praise would go up and all of heaven would be unified under the direction of this orchestra of worship. He covered and inhabited the throne. He shared the glory of God and the praise that was sent out returned to the throne and was received by God and Lucifer.

This Cherub was perfect in wisdom and beauty in all of his ways. He was to reflect the person of God to the heavenly realm, bringing them into worship of him who sat on the throne and receive the reflection of the Glory sent out from the Father. Lucifer was also called the son of the morning. This implicated the fresh beginning, the brightness of the sun and the beauty of all creation in its full beauty. But Lucifer had another job; he was to walk up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. It was all divine.

One day Lucifer looked down at the beautiful bright gems that were coloring all of the heavens with the glory of the Father. In that moment he thought “I look just like the Father, I look like him, receive much of the same honor and all of heaven recognizes the resemblance. Why the songs that I sing

and orchestrate are powerfully anointed. Who has my wisdom and intellect? No one in all of heaven has my position, beauty and wisdom. The brightness that comes from me can light the universe.”

This led to the next thought, “Why should I serve God, I could be God myself, have my own heavenly host, the worship could belong to me. I will ascend unto the mountain of the Lord and I will be like the most high. God won’t stop me He has never destroyed any of his creation. Besides He can just create more. I can have the worship of any that I may be able to influence and then the stones of fire can be mine.”

“LUCIFER” said the booming voice of God. “Why have you allowed iniquity to be formed in you? You have had every honor that could ever be given. Why have you allowed your heart to be lifted up? You have sinned, I will cast you as profane out of the mountain of God and I will destroy thee. And you will not be allowed in the midst of the stones of fire. You are corrupted by your wisdom and because of your brightness. Therefore I will lay you before kings that they may behold thee. Kings that are a much

lower rank than you will look at you and wag their heads. I will bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee and I will bring thee to ashes in sight of all them that behold thee. You will be a terror and never shalt thou be anymore.” He was now **Separated from the kingdom.**

Lucifer was angry; he turned to the stones and tried to influence as many of them as possible. Then he turned to the archangels under his order, “are you with me he cried?” “Yes,” they replied. The separation was made. Lucifer had influenced all that he was able to influence. As for the stones of fire, maybe he would find another chance to influence them. As for the archangels of heaven he had one third. That wasn’t a bad number. And so he fell like lightning from heaven and was thrown to the earth.

Lucifer looked at the angels that had fallen with him and said, “We must do all we can to make sure no other contenders for heaven can make it in. I hate God and all He stands for. I hate the cherished place I once held. We will stop the worship from getting to God. Eden is the place where the new

creation is dwelling. We will get them to buy our perverted wisdom. I have lots of wisdom, it was given to me and God has not taken it. I know how HE thinks and with a little twist here and there we can ever so lightly change the truth of God into a lie. We can't stop people from taking the spot that I vacated but we can get them to cause God himself to turn from them. It's clear that these new creatures are Gods brightness, worship and they carry the job that I lost. We must stop them from serving God and cause them to serve themselves. This will make them lose the spot just as it caused me to lose the spot.”

And so it all began. Lucifer influenced Eve and the rest is history. But the story continues even though it is reaching the end. We are pawns of the enemy when we take the glory, sacrifice to our idols of self and we are removed or **Separated from the Kingdom** when we think that the anointing is us, or the miracles, or the wisdom. We are only a reflection of him. Any beauty, talent, or wisdom is only on loan from the Father. Until the day everything will be revealed. I tell you we should tremble when we think of that day in the near future when all our fruit

will be judged. Any work that we do in the kingdom must be an outflow of our intimate worship and love of the Lord. If we do it because it is the right thing, or because we want to fill our quota of good works, or because it helps someone this can still be wood, hay or stubble and the Lord says it will be burned.

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Chapter Five

A Thankful Heart Cannot Hold Offense

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

-Matthew 24:9,10,12

These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be offended.

They shall put you out of the synagogues: yea, the time cometh,

*that whosoever killeth you, will think
that he doeth God service.*

-John 16:1,2

I consider this to be one of the most important chapters of this book. I hope to uncover the greatest deception in the church today. We're going to deal here with the spirit of offense and why I believe the church of the Laodiceans is the state of the church of today. Jesus said in Revelations that this church felt that it was rich and had need of nothing (Revelations 3:15-18). The deception ran so deep that they were totally unaware of the spiritual state they were in. They had bought into the deceitfulness of riches and felt secure. But all the time Jesus said they were cold, wretched, poor, miserable, blind, and naked.

I have a question for you. How can you be naked and not know it? How can you be blind and not aware of the darkness? How can you be cold and think you are warm? It is because the deception overrides all spiritual sense. My friend, if you are not asking the Lord to judge you on a daily bases and you're not hearing words of correction then you are deceived.

It seems that only the western culture Christianity serves God with the belief system that salvation ends all other matters. Our sins are covered not dealt with; He “understands” our shortcomings and does not rebuke them. We delete the great commission and feel no remorse.

“After all I pay my tithes let someone else do it.”

I submit to you that we too are wretched and poor, naked and blind, and worst of all, lukewarm ready to be spewed from the mouth of God. We are more afraid of offending the people around us than we are offending a Holy God who is able to throw both soul and body into hell.

I use the following excerpt from Brother Yun’s book “*The Heavenly Man*” as an example of the true and persecuted church:

The first time I went to prison I struggled wondering why God had allowed it. Slowly I began to understand He had a deeper purpose for me than just working for Him. He wanted to know me and I to know Him deeply and intimately.

I don’t advise people to pray for our release unless the Lord reveals we should

pray this way. There is a purpose for Christians in prison. Perhaps so they can witness or develop more character. To pray (for their release) could thwart God's plans and the believer could come out not fully formed.

He also shares this moving story:

While preaching in the autumn of 1995 in China, I felt led to sing a song written by Chinese visionary's thirty years earlier. Their desire had been to take the gospel from China to Jerusalem. They knew their lives would be in peril because of the Hindu, Buddhist, and Muslim lands that lay in between China and Jerusalem.

Here is the song that came from that movement that I sang that day.

***Lift up your eyes toward the West
There are no laborers for the great harvest
My Lord's heart is grieving everyday
He asks, "Who will go forth for me?"***

***With eyes filled with tears
And blood splattered across our chests
We lift up the banner of Christ
And will rescue the perishing sheep!***

*In these last days the battle is drawing near
And the trumpet is sounding aloud
Let's quickly put on the full armor of God
And break through Satan's snares!*

*Death is knocking at the door of many
And the world is overcome with sin
We must faithfully work as we march
onward
Fighting even unto death!*

*With hope and faith we will march on
Dedicating our family and all that we have
As we take up our heavy crosses
We march on toward Jerusalem!*

While I was singing I noticed an old man from the congregation who was weeping and could hardly contain himself. The old brother made his way to the front of the room and asked to speak.

He said, "I am Simon Zhao, a servant of the Lord. Forty-eight years ago my co-workers and I wrote the words you just sang. I was one of the leaders of the back to Jerusalem band.

"We marched across China on foot preaching in every town and village we

passed through. Finally in 1950 after many years of hardship we reached the border. We applied for visas to enter into the Soviet Union. We were nervous and excited at what lay ahead. But at this time Chairman Mao took control. All the leaders of our movement were arrested. Five of us were sentenced to forty-five years in prison with hard labor. I'm the only one who survived.

"I spent 31 years in prison. I had been married just four months. My wife was pregnant we were both arrested and imprisoned. I saw my wife twice through the iron bars of my window then I never saw her again. By the time I was released many years later she had already been long dead."

We were all stunned; we stood there with tears running down our cheeks. We wept loudly and felt we were standing on holy ground.

I asked him, "Do you still have this vision in your heart?"

He sang,

***Jerusalem is in my dreams
Jerusalem is in my tears. I looked for
you and found you in the fire of the***

***altar I looked for you and found you
in Jesus' nailed scared hand.***

The old man continued, "Every evening for decades in the labor camp I faced toward the west in the direction of Jerusalem and cried out to the Lord, ' Oh God, I will never be able to reach Jerusalem on foot. Our vision has perished. I pray you will raise up a new generation of Christians in China who are willing to lay down their lives to take the gospel all the way back to where it started.'"

I held his hand and assured him, "The vision God gave you has not died. We will carry on the vision."

He exhorted us, "You must recognize the way of the cross is the call (to spill your blood) You must take the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Muslim countries then all the way back to Jerusalem. Turn your eyes to the West"

Brother Yun felt that the call was now his; he finished the story by saying,

I came to understand clearly that the destiny for the house churches of China is to

pull down the worlds last remaining spiritual giants: the house of Buddha, the house of Mohammed, and the house of Hinduism.

These tortured Christians cannot afford to be offended and neither can we. They train themselves to never be angry with God or accuse Him of wrongdoing. To say God is unfair is to make us righteous and God unrighteous. This is why God was unhappy with Israel's complaining in the desert.

The purpose of the desert *was* and *is* to make us one with the purposes of God. And since God is holy, our carnal thinking must go. We are not unlike ancient Israel who complained about their food and water, manner of worship, restrictions of the law, and their leaders. When we love the Lord with all our heart mind and strength; we are not offended at His will in our life. Whether we're in the Lion's den, the fiery furnace, or the wilderness. We must discern when our actions have placed us into hardships and when the Lord has put us there. If the fault lies with us we repent and patiently wait on the Lord. In any case we learn obedience through the things we suffer.

I can tell you from my own experience that these fiery trials can last for decades. King David said,

“I waited patiently for the LORD...”
-Ps 40:1

Or in the Hebrew this can be translated,

“I waited (in waiting) for the Lord...”

A lot of times we wait because there is nothing else to do, But what this scripture is referring to is the kind of waiting that takes place when your eyes and heart are directed to the Lord and you refuse to make a move outside of His direction. So while you're waiting for things to change, you are waiting patiently for God to change it. If we could learn the ways of the Lord we would not be offended at His ways, because we would know that all things work together for good.

For twenty-one years I watched my daughter, Rachel, struggle through Cystic Fibrosis. There were times that it was beyond my ability to cope. It was at these times that I felt my faith was violated. I would believe and speak positive words but

the suffering went on. I would then try to find any remaining hope that might be left to me, and then I would simply yell at God, “This is not fair, how could you allow such a thing?”

One night in the hospital when she was about twelve I almost lost it. She couldn’t catch her breath and she was turning blue. I walked away from her and went to the nearest window and said, “God I can’t take it anymore.”

I was sorely tried and she was sorely tried, but each time she would come through and God would sustain her another few months. Her twenty-one years she and I walked through the valley of the shadow of death till at last the Lord took her home. During the midst of all the sickness, my ex-husband was also ill and was in and out of hospitals. He then went into a time of mental instability. Both of these together extended to twenty-five years of wilderness. I went through every emotion possible including accusing God. These negative emotions did not shorten my trial nor ease my burden. If anything, it made it all the more difficult. But one thing I knew I must learn to praise Him in all things and learn obedience through the things, which I suffer.

I learned that accusing God is the wrong reaction. I continue to believe Him and trust Him for a positive outcome even if it was only in my character.

According to Matthew 24 the spirit of offense will invade the church in this last hour. This offense leads to jealousy and hatred. The church in this last hour will be called upon to suffer persecution, imprisonment, and torture. For a western church that has been taught that serving Christ entitles them to a near Utopia on earth, the new turn of events will offend them. Those who are willing to go through the loss of all things will infuriate these backslid believers.

The best example I can give of this is that of Cain and Abel. Why did Cain slay his brother? You can say jealousy but the root cause was the fact that God did not honor his sacrifice. He couldn't get back at God so he used his brother as a target of offense. God had His set of values and would not change it for Cain or anybody else.

God saw the offense in Cain's heart before Cain reacted on it. The Lord said,

“Why should you be angry? If you do well you’ll be accepted, if not sin is at the door.”

Cain in His anger at God lashed out to destroy that which God loved and promoted an obedient heart.

This is Satan’s mindset, not repentance, but rebellion. Pride never allows repentance it always puts the blame on God and others, especially the chosen. In Moses’ time the babies were killed, in Jesus’ time the babies were killed, in our time the babies are killed. This world knows the deliverer (Moses, Jesus, the Warrior Bride) is on its way.

In their rebellion with God’s rules of marriage between a man and woman (conception within that framework and raising a holy seed) they seek to do it their way. Whenever man decides to do it any way but God’s way, it always causes innocent blood to be shed.

Warfare will come Through the Spirit of Offense

This warfare will be a great tactic for the enemy and we need to check our spirits for signs of this. The following may help you identify offense:

1. You don't trust anyone in leadership positions and perhaps not even those in governmental positions, Christian or non.
2. You always have someone else to blame for your bad luck or lack of ambition.
3. You feel you need to control things that you own or possess. This includes people. And if you can't control it you cut off all responsibility to that person or thing. This can be done through emotional withdrawal also.
4. You always feel sorry for yourself and believe that others are speaking negatively of you. And they usually are because a spirit of rejection and offense causes rejection and offense.
5. You seem to be more keenly aware of the negative side of others and are quick to draw conclusions, which is the same

thing that you fear others are doing to you.

6. You can be offended at God because He let you down; you were hurt by someone or abused.

7. You resent those who excel because you feel that you should have been elevated too. You are offended at your station in life, it's always someone else's fault you are not blessed.

8. You never put your whole heart into anything for very long.

9. A feeling of loneliness yet you put the burden on others to break down the barriers that you have up and when they don't you crawl back into rejection which is a direct descendant of offense.

10. Unreal expectations. When these expectations are not met either by God or someone else you become offended. This

is why Jesus said in John 16 that He is warning us ahead of time, so that when persecution comes you will not be offended.

Offense's Chain of Command

Offense- rejection, bitterness, unbelief, unthankfulness, idolatry, condemnation, and lawlessness.

When we are lawless, our hearts are cold to the desire and commandments of God.

A great lesson we can learn from Cain is to recognize that we are offended at God's ways of doing things and repent. If we continue on we will be guilty of murdering that which pleases God.

So many try to change the laws that offend them. They try to make it fit around their sin. They want to offer God the fruits and vegetables and not the sacrifice of the living animal. All the blood and gore are objectionable. We want a clean bloodless sacrifice that doesn't cause the death of a living sacrifice. But it is a living sacrifice that God respects and honors. It takes your life's blood. He will accept nothing less than

you're very life. You cannot pick and chose what you are willing to give to God. It must be his choice and your obedience. Otherwise you are in rebellion. This will cause you to have a strong dislike for those who are giving their all. It will be odious to you. You will think them self-righteous, strange, or plain weird. But it's you that is concerned about your appearance, your reputation, and you refuse to be associated with radical believers. They are super-spiritual, ignorant, and nowhere near your wisdom. And all the time you are poor, naked, blind and just plain cold. You may kill Gods true servants. You may try and ruin their reputation but it does not change the fact that you have taken a wrong turn and it is you that is in danger of judgment. One man of God put it this way: **To truly grow in Christ, you don't have the right to be right and you don't have right to wrong; you only have the right to be broken.**

Chapter Six

God the Separator

Paul a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an Apostle separated unto the Gospel of God.

-Romans 1:1

And before him shall be gathered all nations and he shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats.

And he shall set the sheep on his right hand but the goats on the left

-Matthew 25:32,33

Let both grow together until the harvest and in the time of harvest will say to the reapers, gather ye together first the tares and bind them in bundles to burn there but gather the wheat into my barn.

-Matthew 13:30

*Whose fan is in his hand and he will thoroughly purge (perfectly cleanse) his floor and **gather his wheat** into the garner. But he will burn up the chaff with Unquenchable fire.*

-Matthew 3:12

*The sun of man shall send forth his angels and they shall **gather out** of his kingdom all things that offend and them which do iniquity.*

-Matthew 13:41

Again the kingdom heaven is like unto a net that was cast into the sea and gathered of every kind.

*Which when it was full they drew to shore and sat down and **gathered** the good into vessels **but cast** the bad away.*

*So shall it be at the end of the world, the angles shall come forth and **sever** the wicked from among the just.*

-Matthew 13:47-49

These scriptures and so many more that I could add, tell you that there is coming a time where God will make the final call. You can fool others and even fool yourself but deep inside if you are honest you will realize that you need some serious work done on your heart. The one thing that most of these verses have in common is the fact that the good and bad are right there together. Only Gods discerning eye can tell the difference.

I wonder how well we really know ourselves. The Bible tells us that all men are righteous in their own eyes. That tells me that we are not holy in Gods eye. It is easy to do what the bible calls “compare ourselves with ourselves.” But this is not God’s measuring stick.

We cannot and will not be separated from the kingdom as long as we obey and do the things that He says. In other words we are obedient and we keep his words. Can you say that you do this? I don’t always but it grieves me when the Spirit points out to me a place where I have missed him. I

realize the consequences of missing him could mean forty more years in the desert.

I would like to visit another one of the visions my friend Matthew had. He saw people at a prayer meeting. They were praying and interceding. Then he watched them as they all left the meeting. Many of them went back home, went back to their idols and continued life as usual. Then he saw God put down a red line.

It might be understood that this line was a place of demarcation, a place of separation.

In the Old Testament the Lord sent one prophet to the temple in a vision and the prophet watched as a man came out with a measuring rod (Ezekiel 42) in his hand to measure the temple. We are the temple of God. We may be weighed in the balances and found wanting (Daniel 5:27) or lacking some day just as one of the Kings in Daniel's day was given this message by the very hand of God.

It is scary to read of the five virgins that were **Separated from the Kingdom** merely

because they went out at the last minute to buy oil. I believe that this parable is saying that we are to have our own oil factory going inside of us at all times. We are to be in a place where we are fully prepared and our tank is on full. We need to discern what hour we are in and act accordingly. These foolish virgins did not fully realize how imminent the hour was. They began to relax and think that they could lean on what they used to know, how they used to feel, and the fact that at one time they had a full lamp. My friends we will be found **without excuse** as the word tells us (Romans 1:20). We can know what we desire to know. The throne room is available night and day. There are some who are there praising right this minute. We can be instantly transported to the place of the high and lofty one. And we are not limited in the time we can spend there. You can be there while your driving, cleaning, or taking a shower. This is where our lamps are trimmed and full of oil. He has told us we are to be hot. How can we be hot without fuel? The virgins could have known this if they wanted to. But like many of us they just assumed that they were ok. After all they were virgins; they were given the call to meet the bridegroom. They had

decided that this was to be their new life. They were in attendance with the other virgins. Yes, their only sin seemed to be that they were without oil, without fire, cold and indifferent. They turned to the other virgins wanting to borrow from their heat, their experience, and their love for the Lord. But that is one thing that must be gotten for ones self.

We are coming to a time that if we are not full of the Holy Ghost and fire, we will fall for deceptions. Please don't let the enemy tell you that you don't need to press, strive and dig. As long as we are in these bodies it will need to be brought under subjection. We must be more suspicious of our own selves than we are of anyone else. We are more likely to deceive ourselves than not. We are entering into the day of trouble and great distress of nations.

John 16:20 says,

Verily I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament but the world shall rejoice and ye shall be sorrowful but your sorrow shall be turned into joy.

The only way to make it will be to have the joy that is set before you in front of you at all times. That is the eternal joy that awaits every believer. Oh to be with Jesus and all the precious ones that have proceeded us. This world is not to be compared with the things that God has prepared *for those who love him (1Cor 2:9.)* This should make us ask God to judge our hearts, thoughts and actions. If he judges us now and we get it right we will not have to be concerned about a future judgment.

Oh Lord, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.

Oh Lord, correct me, but with judgement; not in Thine anger, lest Thou bring me to nothing.

-Jeremiah 10:23,24

This judgment is what David was asking for when he ask the Lord to *try him* and see if their be any wicked way in him (Ps 139:23.)

Like Paul we are to be separated unto the gospel of the kingdom. And we are not of

this world. I feel sorry for people who live their lives as if they would live forever down here. What will it take for us to learn that we are to live as if we are just passing through? And while we are passing through we are to pull as many out of hell as possible. Most of the Christian body today sees this time on earth as *their* life. This is only the testing ground of our eternal future. It's not hard to lay down your life when you know that this is not your life. It is hid with God in Christ. This is an opportunity to show the Father that we love Him and His creation more than we love our bank accounts and our home in the suburbs.

You can lose your reward; even the things that you have already done for the Lord can be lost. Rev 3:11 tells us this, "*Behold I come quickly hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.*"

The word tells us time and time again that we must die. To die means to die. We have no agenda but to worship and win souls. In the process we can provide for our families and have friends but every bit of our time is to be under his direction. If he wants you to go street preach you don't go

on a picnic. You have clocked in and your time is your employer's time. You can't clock out until he comes back. If your boss caught you watching television when you were supposed to be working, how long do you think you would have that job? We often treat Jesus as a second or third priority while your desires take first place. Do we think we will be accepted? There is a strange verse in Matthew. It is as follows:

But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

-Matthew 8:12

Now we could say that this is the kingdom of darkness but if it is, than why are they being cast out of it and why then are they weeping and gnashing their teeth? I can only come to the conclusion that these had been born into the kingdom and for some reason they are now to be **Separated from the Kingdom**. You may say "Sister Brenda this is a fear tactic." Call it what you will but I had rather be safe than sorry. When I read about the unfruitful field that

refused to bear fruit after it had been rained on time and again I knew He was talking to me. He blesses us over and over hoping that we will one day yield the fruits of the spirit and do what a field is supposed to do. If it doesn't, but continues to produce thorns, it will be burnt.

Believing the words of Jesus and responding in the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. I live my life as if tomorrow may be the day of reckoning. I find great peace when I feel his pleasure on my prayer life and on the reading of his word. I keep a spiritual thermostat on at all times. You can get to a place where you feel a little sting when you have said or done the wrong thing. It gives me joy every time He corrects me because I know that it is His love. The word says that He chastens everyone whom He receives. And if you are without chastening than you are bastards and not sons (Heb 12:8). This sting of disobedience is what I pray to feel and then respond to. It means that He is telling me now so I can correct it and not come under judgment for it.

David pled with the Lord not to chasten him (David) in His (Gods) hot displeasure (Ps 6:1.) In other words “deal with me now so I don’t lay up wrath against the day of wrath.” (Ro 2:5.) Only pride says things like “I’m already saved I’m ok,” Or “I feel peace with myself and my maker.” I know a man right now that is dying and says he feels a perfect peace and knows that he is right with God. Meanwhile his children are suffering from some very bad choices that he made years ago. His ex-wife is going through tremendous trials because of his decisions. One of his son’s has tried to kill himself and the list goes on and on. He has not attempted to make these things right because of this false peace. It is assuming you are right. Have you asked the Lord? Have you sought him carefully about the state of your soul? There is a true peace that comes from obeying the Lord but you must always keep the spotlight on your soul. You may have forgotten the offense that either you caused to someone else or that you have from an incident of earlier years. I know a man in his sixties who has recently come into a deeper relationship with the Lord. He has been going through a series of revelations that has changed his life and that of his family. The

Lord has shown him offenses and wounds that he has carried from things his parents had said or done. Then the spirit has brought to mind people that he has wounded as a result. He has been going to them and making it right. He is in a tremendous time of healing. Each time the Lord reveals something new to him he is thrilled as another invisible weight is dropped off of his soul. It is a true revival going on right inside this man. His marriage has been not only repaired but also greatly renewed. He is walking in a peace that he has never known. We don't need to be in church to have revival, my friends. Remember again that you are the temple of the Holy Ghost. It is in this temple that revival begins. It is in the hearts of men that God shows His glory, love and revelation. Church, revival is to be a reminder of what you already possess. This *Acts* is not just a book in the Bible about the coming of the Holy Ghost 2,000 years ago. The comforter has come it is in you if you are a born again radical believer. Let revival begin in your soul. Ask him to judge and cleanse his temple. This will take out the pain, the remorse, the low self-image and just the rush of life. It will elevate you into the presence of God. Not only will it

change you but also it will change the hearts of everyone around you as they see the move of God in your Spirit. Back at the turn of the century one young man named Evan Roberts was used mightily of God to bring an awakening to the whole world. This even played a part in the Azusa Street revival. He was not a great preacher and indeed he did not preach much at all. He prayed and prayed and others joined in. How easy is that? While we look for the next evangelist to *bring in* the next move of God, the Lord is waiting for the body to download his presence in their own souls and start their own revival. And the day will come when all the individual revivals will come together and there will be a fire that will go around the world. The wise virgins had this revival going on and when the bridegroom came they made the last adjustment of trimming their lamps. This was to bring a brighter and cleaner flame. The next move of God does not lie in the call of an earthly messenger but in the heart of the bride of Christ that is inflamed with the love and intimacy of her bridegroom. You will either be one of them with the flame burning bright at all times or you could be **Separated from the Kingdom** due to the fact that your oil was bought from

the supply of others instead of Jesus. The foolish virgins were so used to getting their oil from others that they didn't think it strange to ask the wise virgins for their oil. The last call of the bride is **HAVE YOUR OIL IN BOUNTIFUL SUPPLY**. Get it from Jesus every day and you will never find yourself in the same place as the foolish virgins. This is a warning to all. You will fall into one of these categories when the final call goes out.

It will be wonderful one day to hear him say "Welcome my good and faithful servant, enter into the joys of the Lord." But it will be horrific to hear "Depart from me ye workers of iniquity I never knew you." This He says of those who have prayed for the sick and cast out demons. They obviously at one time had a relationship with the Lord. They continued in the ministry and just like Samson they "wist not that the spirit had departed." Remember that the gifts and callings are without repentance. So you can continue to preach the word, pray for the sick and even have power over demons and still be **Separated from the Kingdom**. You can still pray and feel some goose bumps and still miss it. You can have the biggest

most anointed church in town and still miss it. The kingdom of God is about relationship and what is birthed out of that relationship. Anything that is not born out of intimacy is wood, hay, and stubble, no matter how good and effective the method. God can and will use anything but this does not mean he is pleased with you. Works should be born as a result of intimacy and all the rewards of it are to be given back to the creator of it. The bible tells us that at some point even Jesus turns it all back to the Father.

For those who guard their spirit and do not allow the devil to rob them of their crown, great things are stored up. I believe that for those who are really doing the work of the kingdom for the king, they will have the privilege of working side by side with the Father personally as he finishes up the job here on earth.

Be silent, O all flesh, before the LORD: for He is raised up out of His holy habitation.

-Zechariah 2:13

He has left it and came down to do justice and work with us.

*For, behold, the LORD cometh out of
His place to punish the inhabitants of
the earth for their iniquity: the earth
also shall disclose her blood, and
shall no more cover her slain.*

-Isaiah 26:21

He is coming to bring judgment and reward. His glory shall fill the earth.

What are these signs that we are seeing: The eye of God that was picked up by the Hubbell telescope, the jewels that are mysteriously appearing to a humble man of God in Idaho that supports missions, The mysterious rainbow looking cloud that appeared over Idaho and Washington state that had the face of God in it, the raising of the dead in Mexico through David Hogan, the multiplying of food to Heidi Baker in Africa. Then there is the supernatural manna that has been suddenly appearing in the services of precious men and women of God, also the gold dust that has been appearing on different people of God. One man even cashed it in as an offering to mission. I believe that we are moving into

the greater works that Jesus told us we would do.

For years one man of God has been teaching that a cloud would be present as the beginning sign of great miracles. This has already happened here in the state of Washington where I live and even right here in this little city of Colville.

The work of the Kingdom of God is getting more and more tense. It is clear that with the homosexual agenda, the abortion and witchcraft we are headed into the greatest war of history.

T Chapter Seven

The War of the Ages

Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain and so shall the Lord give you bright clouds.

-Zechariah 10:1

God doesn't give you some things unless you ask. Without clouds there will be no rain. Clouds represented the Shekinah glory. On the Mountain of Transfiguration a cloud came down. "*Here is my son, hear ye him.*"

The *bright clouds* of His glory will form before the rain. But you must ask for it. The anointing is rain and the cloud is His presence. In the presence and glory of God is where you will find His anointing and power.

Precipitation- the right clouds, temperature and positive and negative

molecules form and it creates a shock and water is released. Something is working in the clouds. When you ask God for the rain you first experience some darkness but He'll send bright clouds.

What will you do with the rain? The Holy Ghost is in this temple. It is a cloud inside me and when all the elements are right it will be released. We are in the time of the latter rain and I want to see His knowledge fill the earth as the waters cover the sea.

Along side of this great outpouring will come the most horrific time the earth has ever known (you may hear more on this on two of my CDs, "The Titanic" and "The judgment of America".) But it is time to choose whom we will serve. The elements are in the cloud and the time of the outpouring is here. But there is a due order to be followed so that we are not **Separated from the Kingdom.**

Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they

shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

-Ezekiel 22:26

For because ye did it not at the first, the LORD our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not after the due order.

-1Chronicles 15:13

We learn two lessons here, one is we must know the difference between what is *profane* and what is *Holy*. Secondly there is due order that God wants us to follow.

I'm not speaking of the Old Testament law but rather the way God wants things done.

He was particular before grace came through Jesus Christ but that does not mean that he is no longer particular.

It's just that the law has moved from the outside to the inside and the punishments for breaking his commandments are dealt with differently *but they are dealt with*. He gives space for true repentance and if due order

does not come at some point you may cross a line that is not discernable to you because you have grown cold and indifferent.

I believe that we are entering a time where people will be struck down for not doing things Gods way. He did it in the book of Acts and He will do it again. The problem is we don't seek God for what is Holy and what is profane. We allow ourselves to watch movies that have words and actions that we would never allow in our home and yet we listen to them and open our spirits up to ungodly suggestions. We ignore the prompting of the Holy Spirit so often that he ceases to correct us and we think its because we are being so good. I have come to realize that the closer you get to God the more correction and words of discipline He uses. On the other hand the further away you are from the Lord, the less you hear and the fewer the requirements. This is a dangerous place to be. The problem with falling asleep is that you don't know you're asleep until you wake up. We can be thankful if we do receive a rude awakening but for many they will go right on sleeping until it is too late.

The rain and the cloud and the coming of the Father will only benefit those who yield to the spirit of the Lord now before the line is drawn. When David was bringing the Ark of the Covenant back to Israel he did not follow *due order*. He had the Ark of the Covenant on an ox cart being pulled by oxen. It was supposed to be carried in on the shoulders of the priest. And because of this mistake a man lost his life. I believe that many today are careless with their Christian lives. They are recklessly doing things their way thinking that they are bringing Jesus into His proper place. But they are not even aware of the sin that is actually hindering the Lord from being able to move them forward. Something in us will die and be **Separated from the Kingdom** if we do not take the time to research the word of God and examine our lives.

*For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit,
and the Spirit against the flesh: and
these are contrary the one to the
other: so that ye cannot do the things
that ye would.*

-Galations 5:17

This verse from Galatians illustrates a conflict or war if you will that is inside of us. This conflict will result in the death of one or the other.

Sometime in the summer of 2006 my mother had a strange dream...

It seems that there was this chariot up in the sky being pulled by two oxen. There were people in the chariot. Suddenly a fire fell from heaven. It hit the oxen first and I knew the people inside would die and there was nothing that anyone could do. One of the oxen was down and the other one was struggling to stay up but I knew that it would soon die.

My mother did not understand this dream but I believe that I do. The chariot was a portion of the church. It was in the heavenlies but it was being pulled by oxen not by the Holy Ghost. God's wrath came down and it was being destroyed. When Israel disobeyed she was eventually exiled. When people in Noah's time rebelled, the Lord sent a flood. Friends, along side of the great flood of Gods spirit, and along with great signs, there will be a near annihilation

of the world we have known, and there is coming a judgment upon the church. Yes the waters being held in the clouds of the move of God are accumulating, the cloud is here. As one woman declared “The Lord showed me in a dream that the Father and Jesus both are coming to earth to work *for* and *in* his people.” These clouds are full of the intercession of the saints. And they are ready to be poured out. The ones who receive this latter rain are those who are not locked into the world’s payment plan of “spend your life, energy, and money here and now. You can pay for it later.” But Gods payment plan of spending your life now for his glory keeps you from having to pay later for a wasted life. The Lord pays you later with a great reward for being obedient and sold out. As Jesus came in on a donkey and only the lowly received him, so it is today. The lowly have the passion and desire to receive the lowly Jesus. They understand the “not of this world,” concept. We must set the goal before our eyes everyday. Read the goal and run with it. The goal is what kept Jesus on the cross.

*Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; **who for the joy***

that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

-Hebrews 12:2

This joy causes us to seek for the Lord's heart and face, not His hands. When He is all you want, He is more than enough.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

-Matthew 6:33

When we seek His face and heart we are seeking the kingdom of God. To grope on the body of Christ, desiring his gifts, his wealth and all his benefits is not the order for seeking. There is a protocol that's why it says, "seek ye **first**." His face is where you begin. When husbands desire their wives body and not their heart, the wife feels used. In much the same way, the Father does not desire us groping for benefits and caring nothing about relationship.

If I bought my kids a television and I came home at night waiting for the children to greet me, and all I got was “We’re busy watching the T.V.” you know how I would feel. The present was because I loved them it was not meant to replace me. We love to give our children presents and so does God, but so much of the time we get consumed with the blessings of God and not with God himself. If the Lord can give you things or take away things and it doesn’t negatively affect you than you have reached a place where He can trust you because it really doesn’t matter what is around you. If the gifts of God cause the relationship to suffer than it needs to go. He watches all our little earthly loves and how we give out handfuls of it to first one thing and then another. The word tells us that God is a jealous God. He also said that we should not have any gods before him. That is why Jesus told us that we should not love husband, wife or children more than him. Most of the time comforts cause us to have a false security. Some types of insecurity are needed.

The bride in the Song of Solomon came out of the wilderness leaning on her beloved.

She did not trust her own senses or wisdom to get her through this dry and difficult place. She needed to lean on him. He was her security and she rested on his ability to get her through. You can tell if you are leaning on Him or if you are self-reliant. If prayer, bible study and witnessing are not your primary focus than you are depending on your own abilities. Only weak people lean all their weight on him. These leaning ones are those who will receive the cloudburst of his power and might as it is poured out in these last days (you may learn more about the leaning bride in my book **Leaning on her Beloved.**)

The sons of Eli the priest did that which was evil in the eyes of the Lord. They were sleeping with women, stealing from the offerings, and many other things. Because God had warned Eli and nothing had been done God chose to take the priesthood from Eli and give it to Samuel. They did not choose the Holy and not only that, but they did that which was wicked right in the church. As I am writing this I am thinking of a news broadcast that I heard last night. A famous Pastor with a very large church was busted with buying drugs and was also

accused of sleeping with a male prostitute. I tell you, church, we are in serious trouble. We cannot break Gods law and claim his grace. Never think that you are exempt from being **separated from the kingdom**. God will punish the wicked. If you are doing these things, you are wicked and profane, not holy.

Not only are you in danger of judgment but also of hell itself. If the Holy Ghost is in you; than you should be becoming Holy. To say that you are still a child of the living God and yet you are in your trespasses and sin you are deceived. God is not mocked the word tells us that what ever you sow you will reap.

For if after they have escaped the pollution's of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn

*from the holy commandment delivered
unto them.*

*But it is happened unto them
according to the true proverb, The
dog is turned to his own vomit again;
and the sow that was washed to her
wallowing in the mire.*

-2Peter 2:20-22

Earlier I told you about Renee. She thought she was okay. She said she could still feel the Lord and He would talk to her. She was not only into drugs but sexual sin. All the while she believed she was still with the Lord.

No doubt the rich man in the parable of Jesus lived according to the Jewish customs. He kept the Sabbath, went to synagogues and all the religious things. But he lifted up his eyes in hell.

Not to long ago a heard a couple of stories that really made me stand up and pay attention. A lady in a church of a friend of mine had a dream that really shook her. It seems she saw hell and in it was a mother of

the church. This woman in the dream had hardly ever missed a service and was a part of every function while still on earth. So you can imagine how shocked the lady having the dream was, when she saw this women in hell. When asked why this woman was in hell the lady from the flames cried out, “Two weeks before I died, my son stole from me and I could not forgive him and that is why I am here. If you don’t forgive you can’t be forgiven.”

Another story was from the African pastor who was resurrected in a Reinhard Bonke service. He was on his way to church when he got killed in a car accident. He awoke in hell and there was an angel next to him. He said “Why am I in hell?” the angel said, “Two weeks ago you were mad at your wife and she asked you to forgive her, what did you say?” The man replied, “ I told her I would never forgive her.” The angel then said, “And that is why you are here.” Fortunately he was raised from the dead and he told his wife, “For everything you have ever done or will ever do, I forgive you.”

We must walk in fear and trembling before our God.

Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have grace, whereby we may offer service well pleasing to God with reverence and awe:

For our God is a consuming fire.

-Hebrews 12: 28 & 29

Who is he talking to here? He is talking to the Christian and if you read the whole chapter you'll see even more of his hostility to the backslider. The kingdom of God cannot be shaken whether or not you miss the boat. What can be shaken is that which is not tied to the anchor Christ Jesus. His anchor is sure but when we begin to turn to the pleasures of the world, look out. The world will be shaken the bible tells us. It even says that it will reel to and fro like a drunk man. Is that where you want your future security? What are the things of the world that we tie ourselves to? Our lust and affections. We want what we want. We are affectionate to the entertainment of the

world, the fashion of the world, the material things of the world. We lust and have affections to ungodly relationships. We give our body to the next thing and the next and so on. If what we are producing is wood, hay and stubble it will burn. The word tells us that whatever we yield our members to (bodies and the five senses) that is what we obey. Then Jesus is no longer our Lord but these other things drive your passions.

Dear ones, if our passions are not tied to him we will be deceived because something else owns us. Do you understand what passion really is? As we get older we become less passionate. Nothing holds the fascination that it once held. Not Christmas, not the fair and all the rides, not even our spouses. That is why so many go through a mid-life crisis. They want some kind of passion back in their lives. Be it a new car, new wife or new job. But that will only take them back to the dullness of living outside of Jesus. If the Lord is not your passion you will turn to something for that exhilarated feeling and you will find yourself **Separated from the Kingdom.**

There is no replacement for the joy, love and excitement that our spiritual bridegroom can give. It will not wear off and leave you with a hangover. He will not sue you for your house and custody of your children. He will give you his best. Not riches of this shakable world but He is your inheritance. The Lord told the Levites that they were not to have possessions of land and so forth for He would be their inheritance.

Then in the day that He makes up his jewels He will say, “ They are mine.” That is what we want to hear. For if we are His, He is ours and all that He has is ours for eternity.

Words of Jim Elliot (*Martyred missionary*):

“He is no fool who gives that which he cannot keep for that which he cannot lose.”

Jesus said if you keep your life you will lose it but if you lose your life for His sake you will gain it into everlasting life. Separate yourself from the world and you will not be

Separated from the Kingdom.