



“DON’T FALL ASLEEP” PART 7

THE PARABLE OF THE WHEAT & THE TARES

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Luke 21:34-36 AMPC

34 But take heed to yourselves and be on your guard, lest your hearts be overburdened and depressed (weighed down) with the giddiness and headache and nausea of self-indulgence, drunkenness, and worldly worries and cares pertaining to [the business of] this life, and [lest] that day come upon you suddenly like a trap or a noose;

35 For it will come upon all who live upon the face of the entire earth.

36 Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.

We started this series in Matthew 13 regarding the parable of the wheat and the tares. Jesus was telling you and I what would be happening in the church not just with false or no teaching but also about our friends/associations at church.

Over the last couple of parts of this series we have looked at the deceiving messages and twisting of events that have occurred in the church and government, wickedness in high places. The 2 (government and religion) or false religion and antichrist government are aligning and have been for decades, but, many were asleep.

We have pointed out in the name of growing a church that: not offending, being fools or Isaiah said “Dumb dogs who don't bark” how pastors have stopped preaching about sin, judgment, righteousness and things to come. Remember, this was foretold and it is a sign for you and I to get ready, Jesus is coming.

In the midst of what is happening, we are not supposed to run and hide as believers but be in everywhere in order to take as many people with us as possible. We are not going to stop God's Plan regarding the End Time Events that need to take place but are to join Him, His Will which is to take to be His Witness and to share the hope that is within us... the reason we aren't freaking out, nauseas and asleep to what is happening.

You and I have been commanded to go be His Witness and to Go make disciples but we can't do that if we don't understand what is happening, the signs that must take place are occurring and we need to be people of character and integrity. Not shrinking or siding with a wicked world and not losing hope either, not looking back and wanting life in this wicked world to go back like it used to be.

That is what Jesus told us at the Time Of The End...

Luke 17:26-36 AMPC

26 *And [just] as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the time of the Son of Man.*

27 *[People] ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, right up to the day when Noah went into the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.*

28 *So also [it was the same] as it was in the days of Lot. [People] ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built;*

29 *But on the [very] day that Lot went out of Sodom, it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed [them] all.*

30 *That is the way it will be on the day that the Son of Man is revealed.*

31 *On that day let him who is on the housetop, with his belongings in the house, not come down [and go inside] to carry them away; and likewise let him who is in the field not turn back.*

32 Remember Lot's wife!

33 *Whoever tries to preserve his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life will preserve and [a]quicken it.*

34 *I tell you, in that night there will be two men in one bed; one will be taken and the other will be left.*

35 *There will be two women grinding together; one will be taken and the other will be left.*

36 *[Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left.*

One of the promises of integrity is your children will be blessed.

Proverbs 20:7 KJV

7 The just man walketh in his integrity: his children are blessed after him.

Proverbs 20:7 AMPC

7 The righteous man walks in his integrity; blessed (happy, fortunate, enviable) are his children after him.

Another promise of integrity is that of protection.

Proverbs 14:32 GNT

32 Wicked people bring about their own downfall by their evil deeds, but good people are protected by their integrity

Proverbs 2:7 AMP

He is a shield to those who walk uprightly and in integrity,

God develops in us integrity, man promotes off of skill. But God waits until you develop integrity and then promotes. God is not bringing you up somewhere so you can fail. God is making it so you will prevail. So character and integrity must be developed inside of us.

Most of us before coming to Christ were lacking in this area. Meaning when we come under pressure we might say some things that might be altogether not true but we might say them to get out of the tight place we are in.

God doesn't want that – he wants us to be people of integrity. You and I need to be built up with character and integrity because we are in the Last Days, the Time Of The End and the apostle Paul is speaking to the church about this in 2 Timothy.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 AMPC

*1 But understand this, that in the last days will come (set in) **perilous times** of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].*

2 For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy and profane.

3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and loose in morals and conduct, uncontrolled and fierce, haters of good.

4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and vain amusements more than and rather than lovers of God.

5 For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it [their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].

Perilous times in the greek here is translated as: **Spiritually difficult times...**

For our character and integrity to stay inline with the Word we have to guard who we associate with.

1 Corinthians 15:33 AMPC

33 Do not be so deceived and misled! Evil companionships (communion, associations) corrupt and deprave good manners and morals and character.

The law of association says: – if you associate too closely with a long relationship with small minded people what are you going to be thinking like? Small minded. What's another word for small minded? – **Stupid** and....

Proverbs 13:20 GNT

*20 Keep company with the wise and you will become wise. If you make **friends with stupid people**, you will be ruined.*

- When you hang with the wrong people – Remember, change happens subtly. Unbelief, sin, bad habits etc.
- Our Foundation needs to be firm
- When we have that firm foundation and know who we are –remember we are – Royalty. We need to be like Daniel and Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego – they weren't moved by others and situations that came against them.

This was when Moses was out in the wilderness with the children of Israel – there was approx. 5 million of them. Moses as you know was the one that got them out of Egypt and he was their leader.

Numbers 20:7-12 KJV

7 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

*8 Take the rod, and gather thou the assembly together, thou, and Aaron thy brother, **and speak ye** unto the rock before their eyes; and it shall give forth his water, and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock: so thou shalt give the congregation and their beasts drink.*

9 And Moses took the rod from before the LORD, as he commanded him.

*10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the congregation together before the rock, and he said unto them, **Hear now, ye rebels;** must we fetch you water out of this rock?*

11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and with his rod he smote (hit it) the rock twice: and the water came out abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their beasts also.

**Now what did God tell him to do to the rock? Speak to it
And what did Moses do to to the rock? He hit it**

*12 And the LORD spake unto Moses and Aaron, **Because ye believed me not,** believed me not, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them.*

Wow – He said, “**you believed me not**”. Now this is interesting – we need to turn to **Hebrews 4:6** and find out some more information of about this.

Hebrews 4:6 KJV

*6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some must enter therein, and they to whom it was first preached **entered not in because of unbelief:***

Now let me read this from the Amplified...

Heb 4:6 AMPC

*6 Seeing then that the promise remains over [from past times] for some to enter that rest, and that those who formerly were given the good news about it and the opportunity, failed to appropriate it and **did not enter because of disobedience,***

They didn't enter in because of unbelief or as the amplified says **because of disobedience**. And here's God saying to Moses **you believed me not**. That sounds like unbelief to me. So notice what happened, **the unbelief of this bunch starts spreading to the leadership**.

And it happened subtly, in other words, he wasn't aware this was happening to him....

Remember, *you're either becoming like them or they're becoming like you.*

Now **sympathy will get you into trouble sometimes...** not wanting to offend for being righteous... doing that will get you leaning somewhere where you shouldn't be leaning. **Now Jesus had compassion and that is on a total higher level.**

See Moses was affected by them and their unbelief. And when you hear God's Word, full of faith I bet your just like me you get all pumped up and go home with they scriptures and principles and applications flowing through and everything looks different - you can run through a wall.

You've got Romans 4:17 in your head - calleth those things which be not as though they were

- o My god shall supply all my needs
- o All things are possible with God
- o now weapon formed against me shall prosper
- o where ever the sole of my feet touch shall be His

Then, you starting talking negative about everything, all you thoughts and actions are connected to an unbelieving world. Remember faith without actions or obedience leads to death.

What I'm talking about is when you speak words of faith it is so much against the system of this world that they may laugh at you. But that's when character and integrity are going to kick in. You can say no, she shall live and not die declares the Word of the lord.

In the midst of the chaos, the prophetic signs that are taking place, I can say - I am blessed to know about this Revelation 1, encourage one another and in Thessalonians - the rapture is almost here...

God wants you to get to the place when something comes up against you that you won't hesitate and you will be that person of Royalty, that person who knows their standing with God.

People may laugh at you, (even your Christian friends) but when they see the results (the hope that's within you) they are going to ask you to pray for them. And I've been there. It's not always easy – but it gets easier the more you stand on the Word and the promises in the Word.

So in this case – Moses and his associations subtly coming in on him changed his destiny – **God didn't change it – he changed it.**

So, you show me your friends and I will show you your future.

This is what God's Word says...

Ps 1:1-6 KJV

1:1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, (now He's saying don't get counsel from someone who doesn't know God nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

2 But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

4 The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.

5 Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

6 For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish.

Hebrews 12:1-2 AMPC

1 Therefore then, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses [who have borne testimony to the Truth], let us strip off and throw aside every encumbrance (unnecessary weight) and that sin which so readily (deftly and cleverly) clings to and entangles us, and let us run with patient endurance and steady and active persistence the appointed course of the race that is set before us,

2 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]. He, for the joy [of obtaining the prize] that was set before Him, endured the cross, despising and ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God.