

ARE YOU A SLAVE AT THE ALTAR OF CONVENIENCE?

This is a wake up call to us all, both those who are followers of Jesus and those that have not yet made that important step. The world's system is inspired by evil. Evil that comes in so subtly that many fail to discern and end up caught in a trap of bondage to its ways. The longer we are trapped, the more become servants and slaves to it.

Only Jesus can open our eyes to the reality of the bondage and how it penetrates every aspect of our lives - including our thought processes. How does evil cause us to accept counterfeits? When we choose to live at the altar of convenience, it promises us everything on a fancy platter. Everything, it says, is free, earned with no effort on our part. It insists that we deserve everything and those who have made something obviously need to give us whatever we need (or want). It's a system of take and take and then take some more without ever giving a thought or understanding how hard and long others struggled to achieve what they have gained. As we grow more controlled by this evil, we actually become enemies of truth, enemies of reality. Many become merchants of enticing others to become slaves to man's ways, they promote the 'all-about-self' lifestyle, further stealing the reality of truth from our unsuspecting hearts and minds.

Many today have chosen the road of convenience at the expense of losing everything. Everything can include integrity, peace, true fulfilment, true purpose along with trading values of what is best for ourselves, our families and even our countries. The road of convenience ends up stealing our lives while leaving a path of destruction behind us. The spirit of 'all-about-me' only cares about self. Yes, some may hide behind a facade, but when the veneer is pulled back the ugliness is clearly seen. Even here we see those bound with this spirit, rather than face the truth, will go on the attack to try and discredit those who dare to speak against what they have become.

For example, we see many all over the internet that are on a mission to destroy anything that opposes their mind-set. We see in the abortion industry how today people go to great lengths to destroy those who believe in the sanctity of life. We see media propaganda merchants become viscous and even make up stories against any other view. We see social media giants that go to great lengths to silence and restrict free speech.

Once in the grasp of this slavery, we find ourselves bound in a cycle of never being fulfilled. Yes, we may be fulfilled for a moment or two, but it never really lasts. It always leaves us hungry for more and then more. We fail to realize we have entered and are walking the 'all-about-me' lifestyle. And so we head down the road of 'all-about-self', a road which will never produce what we really need.

You can see many aspects of this road and the damage it creates all through history. Any time you see yourself, others and even countries that choose to compromise truth in order to make deals with evil, you can be assured you are heading down the road of the altar of convenience. You see this in the world of politics. XY party will agree to vote on something the opposition many not like or approve on, will choose to agree even though it does not benefit the country if they can add a bill that helps what they want. Politics today is not everyone coming together for what is the best for the country; it's about each person or group getting what they want.

Today many are on a mission to silence the Christian voice. Many, not only in the middle east have been attacked and killed, but even in western civilizations they are being attacked, threatened with jail if they do not choose to keep silent. Recently we have seen church leaders charged due to the message they preached and others hauled off to jail because the authorities did not like the message.

The good news is all throughout history; we see evidence of those that dared to make a stand opposed to this evil pathway. Many have taken a stand against the easy road, the road of convenience. They have tried to share about the destructive road many countries have chosen to head down and why real change is needed. These

brave men and women who have made a stand have paid a great price - sometimes including their very lives. I suggest to you, we are at the crossroads where many today must make that choice.

The choice to make a difference; the choice to make a stand, to be bold and courageous no matter what the cost. God is calling many of us to come out of slavery, to come out of bondage and the enlist in His army. It is time to declare the day of the Lord; to share the truth and offer hope. Today is the day to see the captives set free. It is time to walk in the fullness of God's plans for their lives.

The Kingdom of God has come to set the captives free. The kingdom of evil wants to keep us all slaves. I am not going to fool you or make it sound easy, for in many ways it takes everything we have and even then its not enough. However, when we are sold out to the ways of God and His amazing grace, His power working through us will bring us into victory. Some of the battles we will be facing are much larger than we could imagine and can not be won without God's help. We must do our part and then leave the results to God.

Hear me today. God is calling many of you into various degrees of the battle that will require everything you have no matter what level you are being called into. Be of good cheer for God is already there and ready to bring victory to you and many others. One very important and exciting thing is this. As we say, "Yes Lord, here am I", we will come to that place where we know God in a very intimate way, a way many of us have been longing to experience for years.

Don't be afraid of those that will seek to destroy you. Your willingness to stand will become contagious and it will spread to others. You may feel all alone but hear me, you are not alone. God is with you. Others, because of your stand, will be encouraged to leave the things of the world and man's ways behind. As we make a stand - no matter the odds - we can form a giant army of truth that will spread around the globe.

Today many sell out to further their own desires, even at the expense of truth. Let this not be you. Many, rather than point out evil, will choose to accommodate it. To varying degrees we have all been guilty of this. Will you trade your life, your soul to the rule of evil? Or will you this day be one of those that make a stand? Will you be people of courage or sell out to the convenience of self promotion?

We may lose a battle - may even lose our lives, but we shall be victorious and live with Jesus forever.

Be Aware:

1. That evil leads Christians into captivity.
2. That moral evil is advancing to its perilous destiny.
3. That the good will finally triumph over the combined forces of evil.

John 15: 10-19 says,

10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

11 These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

12 This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

14 Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

15 Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

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17 These things I command you, that ye love one another.

18 If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

19 If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

Today as never before we see evil on parade but pretending to be something good. And in many cases, things which have long been considered good and beneficial are somehow today being marketed as bad. We see falsehood portrayed as truth, and a veneer 'good' ideals designed to disguise evil agendas. Truly, as Believers we must be more discerning than ever before. We can not afford to fall for counterfeit concepts. We must walk in Godly wisdom.

We are close to the final battle. Today you must choose who you will serve, who you will stand for.

Don't be fooled. In this great battle between good and evil, the Good Shall Enjoy the Divine Protection.

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