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PRELUDE

In Isaiah the 5th. chapter, it speaks of the Father's vineyard. He chose a very fertile hill a fruitful hill to plant this vineyard. He fenced it, gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine. And He built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a wine press therein: and He expected it to bring forth fruit.

In the Book of Micah, chapter 7, God paid a visit to this vineyard. He states:

"Woe is Me! For I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: There is no cluster to eat: **"My soul desired the first ripe fruit.'** Verse 4 -- **The best of them is as a brier: The most upright is sharper than a thorn hedge: The day of thy watchman and thy visitation cometh:** now shall be their perplexity."

PART ONE

THE DESIRE OF HIS HEART

The desire of God's heart was to receive the first ripe fruit of this vineyard. First love freshness. God spoke unto John in Revelations and commanded him to write unto the church at Ephesus.

John wrote:

Revelation 2:4,5

4. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because **thou hast left thy first love.**
5. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and **repent**, and do thy first works or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lamp stand from its place unless you repent.

It appears that the church, today, has left its first love. I know we all remember the joy, unsurpassed, when we first accepted Jesus Christ as our Saviour. All the principalities and demons of satans forces, couldn't keep us out of church especially from the fellowship of God's people. We could pray the prayer of faith and believe moving mountains walking out of valleys war against anything that came against us Win new converts tell everyone we met, about Jesus anywhere anytime give every dime we had, for the spreading of the Gospel.

God have mercy on you, if you have lost your first love and have stopped doing your first works. In the last half of verse 5 He continues to warn, that He will completely remove the very presence of His Spirit (lamp stand) from you except you repent.

In this day of His visitation, we can all begin to shake and tremble with reverent fear. Just look in the vineyard of your habitation. The place where God has planted you. Look upon your branches. Check them for fruit. Where are your sons and your daughters . . . your fathers mothers sisters brothers?

As it was in the day of Noah, so shall it be in the day of His visitation. Only the family of Noah was saved. Eight (8) in number.

The day of God's Visitation.

PART TWO

THE WATCHMAN

In God's vineyard, He built a tower and placed in it a watchman. The purpose of this watchman was to warn of the approaching enemy. To sound the warning the alarm. To wake up those that had fallen asleep, so that they could war against ... take authority over and cast out the devourer. To loose those that were bound and to set the captives free. You might be asking yourself these questions. What are you talking about? Who are these watchmen? God doesn't operate like that today, does He?

John, in Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29, wrote:

"He that hath an ear, let hem hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." To be able to hear what the Spirit is saying, you will have to have Spiritual ears **not carnal.**

Mark, chapter 13:37 reads:

"What I say unto you, I say unto you all, watch!" You see, He gave this position in the tower, as a watchman, to us all. Now I ask you a question. **Where are the watchmen?**

The responsibilities of God's watchmen are two-fold, according to Ezekiel 33:7-11:

1. To hear the Word at His mouth:
2. To warn them from me.

The duty of the Lord's watchman is to look about (with Spiritual eyes -- from God's viewpoint) for aggressive movements of the enemy. In other words, being able to Spiritually discern to recognize the wiles of satan ... his deceitful ways. To look for signs of backsliding among His people. Not condemning a fallen babe, in Christ. Not telling others of their failures or errors. But talking to God . . . interceding . . . for this fallen one. Lifting them up in love prayerfully.

DIGGIN' IN

Folks! I'm afraid that we have come to the place of the unfaithful watchman mentioned in Isaiah 56: 10-12.

Listen to what God said here:

10. **"His watchmen are blind."**

This watchman saw nothing wicked. Therefore, he failed to warn the people of the approaching evil. He failed to save lives from the enemy. Have you considered the evil that is devouring our youth today ... through the occult, satanism worshipping the devil? Are your eyes blanked out?

11. **"They are all ignorant ..."**

This watchman was without knowledge not knowing the mind of God. Ignorant of God's Spirit revealed, will. Not walking in the real purpose of God, in his life. Not committed enough, to desire the wisdom and knowledge of God the ways of God. Knowing the ways of God. Knowing the mind of God His heart. **Oh ! we have knowledge** we know the critical opinions of men. We are even afraid of what they might say. **When we operate, in God, this way, it causes us to be failures.** I'll go a little farther in saying, it will cause us to be stumbling blocks in God's kingdom. Mathew 15:14 states:

"Blind leading the blind."

10. **"They are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark .. .**

Oh ! Brother, you're too hard Folks, I'm still talking about an unfaithful watchman. Why was this watchman as a dumb dog? He had no discernment He was mistaking his enemies for his friends. There are many wolves that have come into the fold, dressed in sheep's clothing periodically, they leave after they have devoured a few. This watchman had no deep convictions. So to keep from running anybody away, he committed the sin of quiet silence. He failed to speak the principles and oracles of God's divine laws. Afraid of offending. This watchman feared man and more than this, he feared losing his love for this world and his worldly possessions. He was afraid of leaving all to follow Jesus.

10. **"sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber**

This watchman was dreaming, even talking in his sleep having dreams and visions of his own blind imagination saying **"this is God."** and all the time not having any message of what God is saying.

Just dreaming not being able to warn of God's judgments.

11. **'Greedy dog's which can never have enough;
they look their own way.'**

This watchman was seeking his own good going his own way. Drunk on the cares of this life entertainment dizzy. This is a true sign of the hearts of men in the last days.

2 Timothy 3:1,2... .

'Men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, self centered? Not God centered! God puts them in this center.

Ephesians 5:5 He states:

"There is no place for them in the Kingdom of God?"

12. **C o m e ye, say they, I will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink and tomorrow shall be as today and much more abundant'**

This is the spirit of the world today. Sadly Christianity has been swallowed up in this deception. If you take stock inventory of your congregations, you'll see this manifested in the abundance of stolen fruit.

2 Peter 3:3.4

Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts.

4. **And saying, where is the promise of His coming?** For since the Fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation.

The passions and the delusions of people **saying, tomorrow** shall be more abundant. **Living as if there is no God not believing in His soon return"**

If Christianity today, knew that at a given time or a certain hour or day of His return she would be about the Father's purpose, not hers she would be preparing herself for the wedding ... making sure there were no spots in her garment. And that all the wedding preparations were complete. That everyone she could influence to come to it, would know the exact time of the catching away. Not putting off until tomorrow, because **the Spirit is saying TODAY !**

Ephesians 5:14-18 The Spirit speaks:

14. **"AWAKE ! thou that sleepest and arise from the dead,** and Christ shall give thee light.

15. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.

16. **Redeeming the time** , because the days are evil.

17. Wherefore, be ye not unwise, but **under** **standing**
what the will of the Lord is.

18. **And be not drunk with wine,** (cares of this life) wherein is
excess, but **be ye filled with** **the Spirit.**

The lack of **Spirit Ruled** Christians today, leaves a place which causes laxity in morals. Feeding upon things that are not Godly Holy. Television, as a whole today, is poison to a Christians mind Paul told us to renew our minds in Christ, daily. Reading the Word, praying, meditating upon the things of God. Tithing our time 2 hours 40 minutes a day. Its our reasonable service ... duty.

It's no wonder that we have witnessed a great falling away today. No time to visit from house to house, breaking bread, as the first church. All of our time belongs to us, not anytime for the Spirit to direct us. How many times have you allowed the Spirit to direct your footsteps in any given day? God, help us to see the needs of your Kingdom and allow us to intercede daily.

PART THREE

THE STOLEN FRUIT

While evangelizing the last three years, I began to look around at all the missing fruit among the congregations. I have wept many, many times because of the emptiness of these vineyards. Almost all the fruit had been stolen **STOLEN!!** Folks, look around **WAKE UP !!** Where are the fruits of your years of labor? What has happened? They have been stolen. Some, yes some, have been devoured.

John 10:10

"The thief cometh not, but for to steal and to kill, and to destroy "

The thief has taken the fruit of God's vineyard, and continues to do so today. When an unfaithful watchman gives way to the strong drink of delusion he allows the enemy to steal the fruit of God's vineyard. **JUST HOW DOES THE ENEMY STEAL THIS PRECIOUS FRUIT FROM GOD'S VINEYARD?**

The first type of fruit that I saw missing in the churches, was the **YOUTH THE YOUNG PEOPLE.** **OH !!** Folks, this is hard for me to say but listen God wants to help us.

2 Corinthians 6:14

"Be ye not unevenly yoked together with unbelievers"

We have allowed as Christian parents our children to marry out of God's will. God's people were never to marry heathens. God knew they would be influenced to worship other gods. God is a jealous God loving everyone of His.

I hope this isn't causing you to reject what the Spirit is trying to get us all to see.

Satan has sent into the fold children of unlike faith to devour

our youth lusting after the virtuous ones of God. These of unlike faith are not brought up to fear God and to eschew evil.

Take **NOTICE** in Genesis, the fallen sons of God, looked upon the daughters of man desired them took them as wives, bringing forth giants in those days **ABOMINATIONS NOT IN GOD'S IMAGE MOCKERY'S IN THE VINEYARD.**

These of unlike faith, hang around awhile promising all you want to hear deceiving . . . just to be able to marry your precious son or daughter.

After a period of time, they leave with *your* son or daughter . . then they never return to fellowship in God's house again. An even worse fate, is when this marriage is brought to an end in divorce. Thus putting an unbearable burden on everyone involved. Light and darkness, have no fellowship **ONE DOES AWAY WITH THE OTHER.** It's either all **LIGHT** or all darkness.

I know we are to **TRAIN** our children in the way we would have them to go and they will not depart from it. **BUT WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN OF THE LAST 20 - 30 YEARS? AND THEIR CHILDREN AND THEIR CHILDREN?** Are they traveling in the direction of God's plan and purpose for His people?

Don't encourage your children to marry for social standing only or to someone just for financial stability. **TEACH THEM TO TRUST GOD AND HIS ABILITY TO PROVIDE ALL THEIR NEEDS.** He will supply a mate **we are obligated to pray for God's choice,** of a mate, for our children. Abraham did for Isaac, **AND GOD PROVIDED. AMEN!**

THE UNRULY EVIL

The second fruit that I saw being stolen from God's vineyard was the new babes (lambs) babes in Christ .. some of these were older in their natural age, than others, but were still babes. We all need to take the 3rd. chapter of James and eat it swallow it digest it in our Spirits let it take root grow from it and let it bring forth fruit. The tongue has killed many a new babe in Christ. We look at the abortion clinics in awe. At all the death. However, the results of someone turning away from God, never to return, because someone used their tongue to destroy them, is in a worse state in the final end. Torment. Their blood will be on our hands. Think about this.

v 8: But the tongue can no man tame; It is an unruly evil. full of deadly poison.

v 9: Therewith bless we God, even the Father, and there with curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God.

v 10: Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessings and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

"It can kill a persons influence .. integrity **SPEAK EVIL OF NO MAN.**" There is a way out of this situation for us all. In the 17th. and 18 th. verses, **LISTEN**

v 17: But the wisdom that is from above (Praise God) is first pure, peaceable, gentle, and easy to entreat full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

v 18: And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.

PEACE: one of the fruit of the Spirit.

PEACE: our feet are to be shod with the Gospel of
peace part of the armour of God.

One of the characteristics of the very nature of Christ was compassion for another. Allow this nature of His to bridle your tongue.

PART FOUR

WOE BE TO THE SHEPHERDS

The third thing I witnessed concerning **STOLEN FRUIT**, is best explained in Ezekiel 34:2,3,4,5:

"Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds:

Woe be to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! **should not the shepherds feed the flock?**

Ye eat the fat, ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: but ye feed not the flock.

5. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up that which was broken, neither have ye brought again that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered, because there is no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beast of the field, when they were scattered."

DON'T STOP READING NOW! GOD WANTS TO HELP US!

If you haven't been giving something fresh and nourishing from God, to your flock then they're starving straying away from the fold looking for greener pastures, where there is life. Bailed hay. Is dry and lifeless. Bailed hay use to have life. Things written: in some commentaries sermon outlines opinions of men . . .all could have had life at one time but most are just bailed hay now. **GOD IS STILL MOVING, BY HIS SPIRIT, UPON HIS ANOINTED SPEAKING TO THOSE THAT ANSWER THE CALL. THOSE THAT ARE WILLING TO PAY THE PRICE. GIVING THE FRESH THINGS OF THE SPIRIT TO BE SPOKEN BY THOSE THAT HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR.**

Getting alone with God, staying before Him allowing the fresh things of the Spirit to be birthed in you .. . so you can feed your flock **that, that's Life.** You can study and have all the letter of the Word but until the Living Word is revealed in you it isn't Life. Sometimes to get to know

God and His ways we walk through suffering through the experience, but always in victory in Christ.

Brow beating from the pulpit using the Word to criticize just because of a little disgust always brings death never life. The Word is Life ... but it can also kill. Remember your congregation is only what you feed them: (of the Spirit it is given and received).

Commitment begets commitment Love, compassion begets love, and compassion. Giving begets giving so on and so on. Sheep always follow a leader you cannot drive them.

Have you failed to bind up the broken ones . . . heal the sick strengthen the diseased gone out to get those that left because of hurt? Have you failed to seek out the **STOLEN** ones

backsliders or have you made these statements:

"Well, they'll get what they deserve

after all look at what they did . .

or, They're just no good anyway ...

they've done this before

They're not worth going to see

I hope they don't come back.

GOD HELP US!!!!!!

I don't want to fail to mention that a shepherd never gives birth to a lamb it's the sheep that give birth to lambs. The shepherd feeds and tends to the flock **WAKE UP ! I ! !** AND GET OUT OF THE FOUR WALLS OF THE SANCTUARY. **We are commanded to go and compel them to come in.** Not to sit on the pews waiting for God to bless us. We are the most blessed people on God's green earth now! It's not all in the shout or feeling it's a walk of faith! Going out by faith being the extended hand .. . the feet the example of Christ, in this dark sinful world . Doing the greater works as His Body, fully functioning a Body with many members. We are not residents of this place.... we are not to lay up treasures here nothing of man. Our labors are to be righteous, not fleshly. HALLELUJAH!!!!!!

We can get emotional, can't we?

Real **RELIGIOUS, AT TIMES.** And sometimes the Spirit does make us run .. . holler shout dance and praise God rejoicing in our salvation. But what is the true emotions of the Spirit? **The Fruit of the Spirit is the true emotions of the Spirit.**

We are to let the fruit of the Spirit be, as evident as Christ did, when He walked among men, as a man. Galatians 5:22 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long - suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance."

We need to let the Spirit become emotional in our lives. Allowing the fruit of the Spirit to be predominate in our daily walk. Not living just for our emotions to be stirred. The fruit of the Spirit will stir others Make them want to become part of God's family.

Galatians 6:9-10 encourages us in this.

"If we faint not, we shall reap." Plant grapes ... reap grapes not thorns.

9. "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

"As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith"

"PLANT THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

REAP THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT".

I encourage you to get alone with God. Spend some intimate time with Him. Learn of Him. Become full. **Always before birth**, there is a travailing. And always before travailing **there has to be a time of intimacy**. God desires many sons mature ones producing sons fruitful branches in His vineyard.

AWAKE! OH YOU THAT SLEEP!

What more could God do in this vineyard? He has dug around the roots, watered it, cared for it, blessed it, visited it, let His acts be performed in it

AWAKE! OH YOU THAT SLEEP.

Where is the stolen fruit that hasn't been devoured yet? **Most of it is still in your home Neighborhood community**. Allow God to direct you to someone, then commit yourself to this service until this one is within the ark of safety ... **JESUS CHRIST**. To sum up!

Ezekiel 33:3.7... .

3. **If when he seeth, the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people.**
7. **O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me.**

GOD BLESS YOU, AND DIRECT YOU.

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