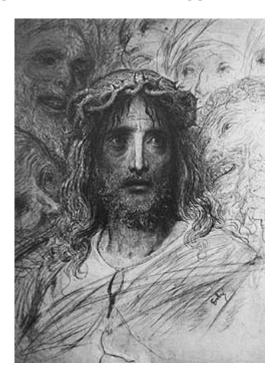
Covenant People's Ministry

CURSED THE MAN THAT TRUSTETH IN MAN



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(Introduction:)

In the world today are many Christians "in name only" who are either misinformed or straight-out <u>false prophets</u> who erroneously teach that believers can 'border the fence' when it comes to Christianity and serve Yahweh while being 'man-pleasers' at the same time. This twisted logic can only come from a satanic and prideful mindset alone so in tonight's study I'll be proving that Jesus Christ and the Bible -- the living and written Word -- <u>both</u> teach it's <u>one or the other</u> with <u>no compromise</u>.

Tonight's sermon is called <u>Cursed the Man That Trusteth in Man</u> and will be based on a verse found in Jeremiah 17:5 which reads; "Thus saith YHVH; Cursed *be* the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from YHVH. For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, *in* a salt land and not inhabited." When a man's heart trusts only in man he has forsaken God.

So, the topic is <u>Forsaking God</u> and I'll show you that those who are 'of the world' are either backslid believers or were never Christians to begin with while proving these dismal facts with scripture. We must <u>only</u> trust Yahweh, the God of <u>Abraham</u>, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob and never lean to our own flawed human understanding -- it is "No King But

Jesus!" because the Messiah Himself taught as such. We don't have to look very far to see that man likes to fancy himself a 'god.'

(Milk and Honey:)

True <u>prosperity</u> can only come from Yahweh but man offers their own false version of that complete with "Babel Bucks" and never-ending "leases and licensing." What's amazing is the fact that we're even 'charged' for the very things that Yahweh has given us for free, for example things like <u>water</u> and <u>land</u>. On a monthly basis 'the workers' must 'hold a job' as opposed to 'laboring for God' and the world's illusion of success is one of money and riches. This is <u>not</u> the case with the Creator Jesus.

More we see the farmer being persecuted and pushed out by their local government or "care groups" while God's true standard of living has become harder to obtain. If one is blessed by Yahweh, that person could do well and be greatly multiplied with simple things like some seed, land and farm animals yet in today's age that goal has been hindered by taxes and percentages that must be "paid" to 'Big Brother.' It costs them the same amount of paper and ink to print \$1, \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, etc.

We're taught; "For when I shall have brought them into the land which I swore unto their fathers, that floweth with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxen fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, and break my covenant. And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are befallen them, that this song shall testify against them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they go about, even now, before I have brought them into the land which I swore (Deuteronomy 31:20-21)."

How many times does the enemy in the media attempt to present their 'images' of man's success? In almost all motion pictures their idea of prosperity is 'moving on up' to intercity apartment living awhile holding a white collar job where no labor is involved. Many people who adopt this mindset work for your local law enforcement or are somehow engaged in promoting man's agenda over that of Yahweh's perfect Law and Will. To them there is no real God or they just like to "play church."

Here's a second witness to that fact; "Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: thou art waxen fat, thou art grown thick, thou art covered *with fatness*; then he forsook God *which* made him, and lightly esteemed the Rock of his salvation. They provoked him to jealousy with strange *gods*, with abominations provoked they him to anger. They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to gods whom they knew not, to new *gods that* came newly up, whom your fathers feared not (Deuteronomy 32:15-17)."

The average "Joe Six Pack" sometimes doesn't mind being in this type of economic slavery and would easily be counted alongside the poor souls who cried out to return to Egypt's bondage for their faithless homes. Man has practically bastardized every one of Yahweh's eternal Laws while adding hundreds more to their own lists each day so we must always cling to the eternal and unchanging Law of God. Think about how much "money" is made from our income tax dollars and who gets it.

(God and Mammon:)

Jesus taught us; "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon (Matthew 6:19-24)."

It can either be <u>God</u> or <u>mammon</u> which means 'the world's wealth.' If we see a man who like to live in filth with garbage piled up all around him we can easily consider that same man 'trashy' because "where his treasure is, there is his heart." Likewise, those that bring forth 'fruits' of righoutessness or work to promote Yahweh's Kingdom have great treasure in store for them, now and later. <u>No</u> man can serve two masters says Jesus so we must consider who it is we're helping or 'working for.'

Jesus also says; "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much. If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *riches*? And if ye have not been faithful in that which is another man's, who shall give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon (Luke 16:10-13)."

Again we see that Christ plainly taught it was <u>one or the other</u> and there is no 'gray area' where we can border between the two. We can either work for the world and help their false system to grow or seek first the Kingdom of Yahweh and follow his perfect Laws. We should be working each day for God and pray <u>His</u> Will be done in <u>all</u> things. Let's all avoid the feminist judeo-Christian "churches" out there that teach you can do both, such snakes are easily discredited with the Word of God.

No wonder James would write; "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. Do ye think that the Scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:4-7)."

(Camels and Needles:)

Jeremiah 17:9-13 reads; "The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it? I Yahweh search the heart, *I* try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings. *As* the partridge sitteth *on eggs*, and hatcheth *them* not; *so* he that getteth riches, and not by right, shall leave them in the

midst of his days, and at his end shall be a fool. A glorious high throne from the beginning *is* the place of our sanctuary. Yahweh, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee <u>shall</u> be ashamed, they that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken Yahweh, the fountain of living waters."

The heart <u>is</u> deceitful and it's usually man's own heart that leads him away from serving Yahweh. So many allow 'the worries of the world' to dictate their belief systems and become entangled and enslaved without even noticing nor desiring to even see. We should never allow riches or the 'almighty dollar' to be the driving force behind our intentions but instead work to spread the true Gospel and Anglo-Israel truth however we're lead to do so. Notice that they <u>shall</u> be ashamed?

Jesus teaches us; "Verily I say unto you, That a rich man shall hardly enter into the kingdom of heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God (Matthew 19:23-24)" and "Woe unto you that are rich! for ye have received your consolation (Luke 6:24)." As we can see, these poor souls have already gotten their so-called 'reward' of worldly riches and that's no real reward at all.

The reason for this is crystal-clear; "For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows (I Timothy 6:10)." It doesn't say some evil -- it says that the love of money is the root of all evil, period. How many atrocities and wars have been waged for the love of money? How many murders or false imprisonments? Let's all be careful to never love money or fake riches above our God.

I'm sure everyone hearing or reading this knows of a family member who is most driven for the desire of worldly riches and illusionary money, it's good to pray for these people but sometimes they can only follow their own heart. This is not to say that Yahweh doesn't bless His people with 'finances' but very rarely in today's age do we see "rich folk" who got that way by virtuous means. Again, it can be either God or mammon not both so a Christian is to have their priorities straight.

(<u>Family and Enemies:</u>)

It's the truly ignorant man that feels he has no enemies or that he somehow has 'control' over those who seek the destruction of Christianity or 'the blotting out' of Jesus' name. Our Savior said; "Those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay *them* before me (Luke 19:27)" showing that we will have adversaries who will rise up against us for following His Word. Now, let's look deeper at another reason we should not trust in man -- the enemy.

Jesus plainly teaches us; "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me (Matthew 10:34-37)."

We should notice that Jesus is teaching an Old Testament principle; "Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom. For the son dishonoureth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies *are* the men of his own house. Therefore I will look unto Yahweh; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me (Micah 7:5-7)."

My, how you'll most likely never hear a modern-day preacher touch upon these factual aspects of the Christian walk. Speaking from experience, the majority of persecution that I have dealt with in life has been from make-believe Christians who have no desire to know the deeper truths of the Bible. These hypocrites 'pick and choose' from God's Law and just make it up as they go along having the audacity to call those who are aware of their enemies 'paranoid' or sometimes even worse.

I once knew this female dog who fancied herself the literal 'bride' of Christ while condemning all other Christians from the past two thousand years of Christianity saying that they won't 'make it.' Upon discovering that I sought the advancement of the white race, she actually had the gall to call me a 'racist' when it was her hateful belief that sought the "breeding out" of the white race through miscegenation. Indeed, a true Bible-believing Christian will face much worse maltreatment than this.

The Messiah taught us; "A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house (Matthew 13:57)" and at times you might just find it easier to reach pagans or those who have never heard the truth about Jesus than it is to try and discuss the Bible with those who have years and money invested in a "universal church" or stuck in their own private interpretations. Of course, none of these dim pretenders will ever take me up on a debate because they <u>can't</u>.

(Tares and Wheat:)

Judeo-Christianity divides entire houses and it's only the truly ignorant that fall aside from what's clearly found in the Bible and instead allow the enemy to dictate their belief systems to them. Anything from the "rapture" to "open your heart to Jesus" will be 'fair game' for these lukewarm followers but when you tell them Jesus said; "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil (Matthew 5:17)" then comes the justifications.

A prime example of this is when Jesus is <u>explaining</u> the 'Parable of the Tares and Wheat' and plainly says; "The tares are the children of the wicked *one*; The enemy that sowed them is the devil (Matthew 13:38-39)" yet these type of spiritualists will fight 'tooth and nail' explaining away the plain Words of Christ Himself. "Oh, He really meant..." "That just means..." "He intended something different..." No, Jesus said that <u>Satan</u> has a literal seed and that's all that need be said.

It's a sad thing when a person leans to man for anything much less the important matters of God. Don't spend much time with these whitewashed Christians as it will only lead to more needless debates in the future. People have a tendency to flock to whatever their heart desires and many Babylonian 'churches' in the world today give them a 'free license' to

continue in sin -- you don't want that type of filth around you. "For many are called, but few are chosen (Matthew 22:14)."

These sad Christians who are likened unto <u>seeds</u> planted in 'stony places' that wither at the world's influence (Matthew 13:20-21) are most likely the worst of all. The Bible says; "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 (II Peter 2:21)." Would you want a "wishy-washy" believer fighting as a 'Christian Soldier' alongside you or even worse one who refuses Truth?

We also know that; "The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in Yahweh shall be safe (Proverbs 29:25)" meaning that we serve whatever God we choose to 'fear.' Many people instead fear the government, unemployment or the jew instead of doing what the Bible plainly teaches us; "Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this *is* the whole *duty* of man (Ecclesiastes 12:13)." Yes, the <u>whole duty</u> of man is to "Fear God" and keep His eternal and ever-living Law.

(Intention:)

I have many intentions with this evening's study but the thing I want you to take notice of most is that no matter what happens in life we should never fear or serve <u>anyone</u> but Yahweh. Naturally, the same token applies to the other side of things; "Let God be true, but every man a liar (Romans 3:4)" so let's never be foolish enough to allow lukewarm Christians -- no matter how sincere they may seem -- to hider us from following what is clearly-defined in the Word of God.

Jesus will never leave nor forsake you but sadly the same cannot be said about man and their wicked heart. We must decide between man's law that protects the evil or God's Law that promotes the righteous. We can't border between to decisions and expect to please God at the same time. The fact of the matter is God is in control of all things so only an outright fool would tremble at the world's perversions so let's pray for Yahweh's perfect Will to be done in all things. War for Christ! Amen.

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