



EMBRACING THE WAYS OF GOD

*“Thy
kingdom
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as it is in
heaven”*

Beloved people of God, over the years, we have seen some people stray away from the strait and narrow path. **The main reason for their coldness or backsliding was that their heart was not totally towards the Lord.** They had not come to a place of embracing and girding with the Word of God. We could sit with them and counsel them and tell them the ways of the Lord; but when the time comes for them to obey and do that which reflected God's thoughts, they would turn aside and do what were upon their own hearts. We could explain the Word of God but in the face of their determination to turn away from the light of God's Word, little can be done. **It is the condition of their hearts that causes them to wander into their own ways and likings.** Soon they become slaves to their own self-life; and then gradually, they come under the workings and the influence of the evil one. I have seen some people as such as such it really brings sorrow to my heart when I see how they deviated from the path that God had set before them. Let us be those who love the truth of His word, and who gird themselves with

the truth of God's word.

We have come across some young believers, whom we had to counsel, because what they shared was not in line with God's word. They took correction outwardly and continued to nod their heads, but in their hearts they never changed their views and opinions. So they eventually denied God's word in their lives. **Over the years they became a prey to the subtleties and cunning ways of the evil one, who is like a roaring lion waiting to ensnare every believer.** Today, they are curious about certain things; but in other matters, they enter into arguments and fruitless debates. We tell them that it is not important to major in the minors; we counsel them to hold on to what God has spoken; we plead with them to obey and follow the Lord in that which He has made clear to them; we take time with them separately - but the end of it all is that they go their own way, because their hearts have not really been renewed.

Sometimes people leave this narrow way because they feel that the Lord has given them a great burden for souls. We certainly need a burden for all those who are perishing, **but what is of paramount importance is that we know the mind of God.** Once I asked a brother who said that he had a great burden for souls, "How many people have you brought to the Lord in the last one year?" He had no answer. Many times we want to do certain things and we are involved in what others are

doing; but we fail to heed the call of God in our lives, and we also fail to prove the mind of God in our actions. There can be no doubt that if someone has a burden from God to minister to lost souls, then the Lord will also give him opportunities to prove that God has called him to do so. That is the way we must learn to prove the calling that is upon our lives. Joshua and Caleb stood for their calling at Kadesh Barnea when they returned from Canaan with ten other spies. The ten admitted that Canaan was a land of milk and honey (Numbers 13:27); but when they came face to face with a problem, they spoke against the call of God which rested upon them, to go into Canaan, the land of their inheritance. May God help us to understand what the Holy Spirit is saying to the people of God today.

In this hour and at this time, when the majority are doing their own things in the name of the Lord, it is just as in the days of the Judges: ***“In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.”(Judges 21:25)***. But God is now raising a remnant and a people for Himself. God has a 'bride' in preparation; and the 'bride' shall follow the perfect example of the Son of God, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many of God's people have failed to gird with His truth in their lives, and they hope in their heart that someday they will be found in the purposes of God. Let us not be deceived in our lives. If we fail to embrace this truth and do not gird

ourselves about with this word and live in the restraints of the Spirit, then beloved, we will not be found as a part of God's work in this hour . **First we must be found in the will of God.** We need to ask ourselves, *"Am I harnessed to the will and the mind of God? Or am I one who appreciates God's will but continues to walk in my own will."* Beloved, if we would really gird ourselves with the truth, the girdle of truth shall make us steadfast and faithful in our lives; it will cause us to be righteous in an unrighteous world. Whatever the situations may be, we know that this girdle of truth will help us to be consistent with God. When we are putting on this girdle of truth, we will come to know what true freedom is, in our lives.

True freedom in the life of a believer is to be in the yoke of the Lord. The Lord Jesus says in Matthew 11:28 *"I will give you rest"*. He takes the yoke and places it upon a people who have come to Him for comfort and rest. **Our rest is in the yoke.** Many people preach and say, "I will give you rest;" and they do not mention the next verse, which says, *"Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart"*. Beloved our real rest is in learning to put on the yoke of the Lord in our lives. Many people have found this girdle of truth very difficult to wear, because they have given themselves to a lot of activities which are initiated by their own heart.

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