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## **God's Holy Word the Bible**

## Part I

¶ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

(1 Peter 5:8)

¶ Beloved,
believe not every spirit,
but try the spirits whether they are of God:
because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

(1 John 4:1)

¶ My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

(James 2:1)

## Good and evil doctrines manifest parables that must point to an eternal spiritual reality:

Part I begins with the question, "how has the Faithful Creator of the heavens and the earth, (Colosians 1:16-17;), communicated His eternal spiritual will and good pleasure to all of mankind without respect of persons?

Romans 2:11 For there is no respect of persons with God.

The immediate answer that would flow out of the mouths of His faithful would be, "the Holy bible is how God faithfully makes His eternal spiritual will and good pleasure known to all of mankind without respect to persons (2Timothy 3:16-17; 2Peter 1:20-21)". Additionally in John 17:15-20, and in 1 Corinthians 2:7, God declares His purpose and intent with respect to His Holy Word that is hidden from the evil world:

John 17:15-20 I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil. 16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. 17 ¶ Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth. 18 As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world. 19 And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth. 20 ¶ Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

1Corinthians 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

God's Holy Word the Bible is how God's people come to know the wisdom of God. God shows His people how all of scripture must be compared with all of scripture as the spirit of truth reproves, corrects and instructs them through Christ's righteousness.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

1 Corinthians 2:12-13 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

In this evil day God's people live in, where the devil and his emissaries, who are now ruling the world like never before, are exceedingly busy in their endeavor to render unfruitful God's commandments and precepts from those fellowships that proclaim Christ, (2Corinthians 11:13-15), 'could it be', that God from His word the Holy bible, continues to bring to the surface of the present flood, 'His' eternal spiritual truth? It is God who declares it is God's faithfulness that provides His up right patience, experience, and hope:

Psalm 40:7-10 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, 8 I delight to do thy will, 0 my God: yea, thy law is within my heart. 9 I have preached righteousness in the great congregation: lo, I have not refrained my lips, 0 LORD, thou knowest. 10 I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart; I have declared thy faithfulness and thy salvation: I have not concealed thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great congregation.

Luke 21:19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

Romans 5:4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

Through God's Holy Word the Bible God's faithful know their help and shield is found only in the LORD's work that manifests His mercy, and truth. Surely the Lord can see who rejoice and trust in His Name, [the word of God], (Revelations 19:13), whom He has caused to hope in His mercy.

Psalm 33:18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon them that fear him, upon them that hope in his mercy; 19 To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine. 20 Our soul waiteth for the LORD: he is our help and our shield. 21 For our heart shall rejoice in him, because we have trusted in his holy name. 22 Let thy mercy, O LORD, be upon us, according as we hope in thee.

God's Holy Word the bible reveals how God's people must answer from the bible only as their Lord confirms His promise to them in Matthew 5:18-20:

Matthew 5:18-20 For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.

Every 'part' of God's Holy Word the Bible first and foremost is for each believers own individual consideration according to God's will and good pleasure. Through prayer, and supplication with thanksgiving, might it be that they will be found obedient, and not disobedient to His eternal spiritual word. They believe it is the spirit of truth that has caused them to follow the Son of God who's Name is called "the word of God (Romans 3:4; 10:17)." Subsequently, they know it is God alone who is the Deliverer and the Judge, and not they themselves.

19 Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven. 20 For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

In another 'part' of God's Holy Word the Bible, in Psalm 12:6-7, God says:

Psalm 12:6-7 The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

John 15:20 Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.

Though the evil world cannot see, but God's elect have been made to see how their Lord is keeping His promise with respect to His will and good pleasure as it would be proclaimed to all of mankind without respect of persons.

In John 14:23-26, the bible declares that those who would be God's faithful can know those things which God in His wisdom has desired for them to know, which He has already told them in 2 Timothy 3:16-17 must come from 'all scripture' which are God's words. They can know His words are circumscribed, [defined and confined], by the Holy Bible alone and in its entirety (Revelations 22:18-19).

John 14:23-26 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me. 25 ¶ These things have I spoken unto you, being yet present with you. 26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

And in yet another 'part' of God's Holy Word the Bible, in John 6:63 God declares:

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

God's faithful can know from 2 Timothy 3:16-17 that 'all scripture' shall have been given to all of mankind to every nation where God's elect shall have been found, (Matthew 24:14; Revelations 14:6),. God's people trust that it is Holy God alone who causes His up right to compare these spiritual things with spiritual so that they might know 2 Timothy 3:16-17 perfectly harmonizes with John 6:63, and John 14:26. It is God who declares that it is by God's Holy spirit His chosen are quickened and are made alive [eternally], even as the Comforter, [the Spirit of Truth], continues to bring into their remembrance God's will and good pleasure, through God's Holy Word the Bible. This truth can also be seen for example in John 6:28-29:

John 6:28-29 ¶ Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

Moreover, 2 Peter 1:20-21, declares that it is the Holy Ghost, [the Spirit of Truth who is the Comforter], who through holy men of old wrote, [what the latter day believer would come to see], is God's Holy Word the Bible; so that they might know the prophesy and truths found in, 'all scripture', is from the mind of God and not from they themselves, or another.

2 Peter 1:20-21 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

The bible reveals how the Comforter works according to God's will and good pleasure. The bible reveals it is God's will and good pleasure that God's faithful are caused to know the commandments and precepts of God ( $Psalm\ 119:4$ ). For example, they will know God's precept that says: Christ spoke in parables, and without a parable He did not speak, as they read in  $Psalm\ 119:4$ , and in Matthew 13:34-35.

Psalm 119:4  $\P$  Thou hast commanded us to keep thy precepts diligently.

Matthew 13:34-35 All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: 35 That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

Those who would be God's chosen elect can know these things because God alone has provided it to them from His word the bible, and because the spirit of truth abides in them, as was promised (Deuteronomy 6:3).

Further, on this sin cursed earth, and according to God's gospel design where two or three are gathered together in His Name: one, which is the bible, cannot be without the other, which is the spirit of truth, if God's truth's are to be proven (1Thesallonians 5:21; 2Corinthians 13:5; Galatians 6:4). This is what God is revealing to His faithful through verses like, Joshua 1:8; 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Corinthians 2:12-13, 2 Peter 1:20-21, and in Revelations 22:18-19, to mention a few. Further, all of God's Holy Word the Bible agrees with these, because it is the eternal spiritual mind of God who wrote it.

Subsequently, sinners professing to be of the gospel of Christ will either demonstrate to be of those who show over time they believe these things according to God's work before the foundation of the world with respect to how they approach God's Holy Word, or they will not. There are only two categories here: faith and doubt [unbelief].

Through the Comforter, as He councils through God's Holy Word the Bible, many a believer have been made aware of the devil Satan and his emissaries, who are performing the evil work of teaching God's people to 'doubt' God's Holy Word the Bible. They encourage the professing Christian to focus on the things which are imperfect in man, though God through the spirit of truth in His Grace, has provided that which is sufficient (2Corinthians 12:9).

A major teaching of their worldly wisdom which perpetuates over everything else God's word says, is that God's people cannot know anything in themselves, as though God's people not knowing anything in themselves is the truth which 'all scripture' must be interpreted from.

This can serve to create a subtle way in which the sinners ultimate focal point in every biblical conversation must leave out Christ, who not only knows all things, but has promised He will not leave His people in a famine of darkness.

This non-stop parroting that God's children cannot know anything in themselves, [as the devil did with Eve in the Garden of Eden], is a half truth; for if God's people can not know anything in themselves as individuals, after that the Father and the Son have made their abode 'in them' then God must be a liar, and God's Holy Word the Bible speaks about this in 1 John 4:2-3, and 2 John 1:7:

1 John 4:2-3 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

2 John 1:7  $\P$  For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

God caused the Apostle Paul, to express an antidote to this eternal spiritual question about Christ actually living in the flesh of His elect as we read in Galatians 2:20:

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

When a group of professing believers in Christ, in disobedience, succumb to the doubts that the devil and his people are sowing, this can manifest an environment where many commandments and precepts from God's Holy Word the Bible are not being compared with God's Holy Word the Bible. And, sadly, this may be because the Spirit of Truth is showing to be no longer present.

This sad situation can be manifested as the commandments and precepts of God are compared with what sinners are thinking and doing, as their conversations only manifest the same. God's Holy word the Bible is no longer their ultimate authority, but rather they themselves have become their own authority as the devil and his evil spirits [unregenerate], lead. The only biblical reason for this is that they never belonged to God in the first place, irregardless of how holy they once spoke, or the holy position they've held; God is not a respecter of persons. Because this has been an on-going spiritual reality since Cain killed his brother Abel, is it any wonder God would warn His upright who fear God:

1 John 4:1 ¶ Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

For example, as Matthew 13:34-35 teaches, that Christ spoke in parables and without a parable He did not speak: this precept by which God would help His faithful to discern and understand truth, is ultimately ignored and dismissed, by today's spiritual leadership, or the true meaning of the precept is changed making God's word unbiblical – unfruitful.

I believe two synonyms can serve to describe the carnal flesh, as it exists in the grave where the spirit shows no longer to be present. I believe these two synonyms can be the word, 'physical', and the word 'parable'. If we separate the flesh, [physical – parable], from the spiritual, [eternal], so that they are no longer understood as an integrated 'body', [while the sin cursed earth remains], and as the Apostle Paul showed us in Galatians 2:20, I believe this error can eventually show a people who no longer see themselves as sinners, except in intellect only.

During this evil time that is called, to day, even the churches and fellowships that profess to speak as one body as those who would be individually saved by grace and not of works, yet are clearly manifesting, through the doctrines of men, to be of the world according to 'all scripture' so that even the world can see no purpose in following God's Holy Word the Bible, unless there would be some carnal benefit to be gained – the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – the blind leading the blind.

Yet, the professing believer has been warned, from God's Holy Word the Bible, that the devils assigned purpose, which is ultimately ordained by God, is to corrupt the proclamation of Christ, (Revelations 19:13)., in those disobedient bodies, [of individuals], and fellowships where God has been warning – the candlestick is about to be removed.

What the LORD did to Pharaoh of Egypt God will do to those fellowships who are disobedient to the word God had given them, as we read for example in Exodus 9:12, and Revelations 2:5:

Exodus 9:12 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as the LORD had spoken unto Moses.

Revelation 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

We might consider for a moment how this candle stick first came about, in the earth, and how it relates to the gospel of Christ, and His people throughout His gospel time line. In Exodus 39:37-42 God says:

Exodus 39:37-42 The pure candlestick, with the lamps thereof, even with the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for light, 38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door, 39 The brasen altar, and his grate of brass, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot, 40 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation, 41 The cloths of service to do service in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the priest's office. 42 According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work.

In Exodus 39:37-42, God's commandments, which are manifesting many parables, are being spoken to God's people the Israelites – a nation that included the wheat and the tares. The Israelites would be led to manifest an earthly temple, the purpose of which was to typify Jehovah's glory in His deliverance of His people, on the last day, and His judgment on the unbelieving. The bible reveals how Christ eternally covers, [hides and protects], God's elect in a world of darkness and devils (Isaiah 50:10; 1Timothy 4:1). The bible shows how this was demonstrated through God's priests, Aaron and Moses, as God's spiritual leadership on earth, who obeyed the gospel according to God's Holy word that was given to them.

Today's believer can know from the verses in Matthew 13:34-35, that these commandments in Exodus 39 are parables that point to an eternal spiritual reality who is Christ the eternal Temple of His elect – not made with hands. As the Apostle Paul declared, His regenerate dwell in their regenerated souls, that are temporarily clothed with their earthly tabernacle, the sinful flesh. However, as God has demonstrated throughout His gospel time line, the professing believer may also worship in an earthly sanctuary, whether it be the sin cursed earth, or a specific meeting place where two or three are gathered in His Name (Matthew 5:18). In either case, for His elect, God's Holy Word the Bible is their ultimate authority, and not the sinful flesh, nor the earthly sanctuary; while simultaneously, the believers flesh and the earthly sanctuary must be illustrating the spirits work in them – or not.

As God declares in 1 Corinthians 2:12 "... that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God", the apostle Paul often spoke from the spiritual understanding God had given Paul with respect to God's purpose for the earthly temple, and how God intended to use National Israel: national Israel was to be a warning to every nation that would exist in the world of what not to follow.

Hebrews 9:2 For there was a tabernacle made; the first, wherein was the candlestick, and the table, and the shewbread; which is called the sanctuary.

In Hebrews 9:2, the tabernacle the Israelites were commanded to build included the pure candlestick and the shewbread, God called 'the sanctuary'. The building and the operation of this sanctuary was according to 'thus saith the LORD'. These commandments were received by God's chosen elect, Aaron and Moses, through which the 'tabernacle', and the 'sanctuary' came into being as a parable that would point to an eternal spiritual reality.

Today, God's faithful have been shown how this tabernacle and sanctuary is 'in deed' a parable that is pointing to an eternal spiritual reality that is either, 'good', or, 'evil'. The candlestick is either lit, or it has been removed. It's origin goes back to the Garden of Eden where Adam and Eve, [who must typify both the elect and the fool] were commanded 'not' to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good AND EVIL. Beginning with Adam and Eve, God's elect are commanded to eat from Christ only who is the tree of life abiding in them. This is not a commandment they cannot obey – they will obey it perfectly according to God's will and good pleasure (2Timothy 1:9). Be that as it may, from the Garden of Eden on, and beginning with Cain, the evil world shall insist on eating from the tree of the knowledge of good AND EVIL – who is Satan and the devil who speaks in half truths all of which manifest lies; for he is the father of lies.

Subsequently, God's children who trust their Lord to keep His truth in a world of sin and darkness can know that the wheat and the tares must exist together until the harvest (Matthew 13:30). As the Comforter may reveal, the believer can know that Aaron and Moses as God's elect desired to demonstrate obedience to God's Holy Word which included those things that illustrate earthly parables which simultaneously must point to an eternal spiritual reality. This is how God has designed His gospel program on the sin cursed earth, that all may be without excuse (Romans 1:18-20).

Subsequently, those who fought against God's priests, Aaron and Moses, were those who were pointing to that which is 'evil', and ultimately eternal damnation. It was the Holy Word of God, that was ultimately being violated – not Moses and Aaron – though they as God's elect were being violated in their souls, hearts and minds where the Father and the Son had been abiding (John 14:23).

In the beginning of this paper we read John 17:20 which says:

John 17:20 20  $\P$  Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;

In John 17:20 we can see how God's faithful, [Moses and Aaron], were of God's true prophets, through an intimate spiritual relationship with Jehovah, as they were moved by the Holy Ghost to prophesy God's Holy word, even as they were caused to live it in real time, not according to the flesh, but according to the spirit. It might be seen from 'all scripture' that because Aaron and Moses were one with God as His eternal elect, God's word in them which they proclaimed to the adversary was simultaneously 'their word' which God's elect living today can hear as the word of God through His servants the prophets. This eternal spiritual reality can only be known because God, through His word, has opened the curtain for us to see how Aaron and Moses were of God's elect.

God's Holy Word the Bible, reveals that from God's own eternal spiritual point of view, God see's no difference between His Holy Word and His chosen elect who God has ordained to speak His Holy Word according to the spirit of truth that is abiding in them.

It is on this sin cursed earth, God, in His people, demonstrates an eternal spiritual warfare with respect to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. It is according to the Creators gospel design that manifests His will and good pleasure. For example, in Mark 2:17 the Lord exposes what the elect can expect may exist in their own congregating of souls where both the wheat and the tares come together:

Mark 2:16-17 And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

God, through the spirit of Christ, continually councils and instructs His elect through reproofs of instruction (Proverbs 6:23). This includes how they are to approach God's Holy Word. It is with a spiritual attitude of becoming more obedient. This eternal spiritual reality is manifested in spiritual things being compared with spiritual, (1Corinthians 2:13), and by proving all things (1Thesallonians 5:21). This is how the bible declares the spirit of truth works in the elect.

Moreover, God has ensured through His managing of the original manuscripts that nothing in God's word the bible would contradict anything in God's Holy Word the Bible. The spirit of truth has already demonstrated how God's managing of the original texts has manifested a wonderful translation called, the King James Version of God's Holy Word the Bible. In their obedience to God's Holy Word, God's faithful know that God has kept His promise in giving them the mind of Christ through the operation of the Holy Ghost as He is circumscribed by the bible alone and in its entirety. Those who base their doctrine of Christ on the insistence that, for example, the King James Bible is the work of men, deny Christ has come in the flesh:

John 3:27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.

The believer can know from God's Holy Word the Bible that this 'good', and 'perfect' gift from God is 'eternal life in Christ'. Further, God through the work of Christ, before the foundation of the world, (Ephesians 1:10-14), has manifested this gift through Holy men of old as they spoke that which God ensured would become God's Holy Word the Bible in every tongue.

Psalm 19:1-3; 7-9 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. 3 There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. 7 ¶ The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

The wicked, illustrated by Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, (Numbers 16), who fought against God's holy men of old, Moses and Aaron, must resist what they perceive to be a containment of themselves in a prison of bands and cords, [God's law], because God has blinded them from seeing how God's law is contrary to the preferred works of their own hands. Theirs is an evil spiritual attitude that demonstrates an absence of faith and trust in the council of the Deliverer, as God describes in Psalm 2:1-3:

Psalm 2:1-3 ¶ Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, 3 Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

God's elect do not do good works because it is for their salvation. They do good works because it is a manifestation of who they are in Christ, according to the eternal spiritual will and good pleasure of God. Their own will, apart from the spirit of Christ, had been sold under sin, so that they as unregenerate would have never come to God, as Paul under the inspiration of the Holy Ghost declares in Romans 7:14:

Romans 7:14, 24-25  $\P$  For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

As Paul declares in Galatians 2:20, God can reveal how it is possible that the elect manifest an integrated spiritual reality where, they are a sinner in the flesh, and yet a child of God, who can no longer sin in their inward parts, (1John 3:9), following their transformation on the road to Damascus, (John 3:3-5; Acts 26:12-18), when, through the spirit of Christ, they have been born again.

Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, who challenged God's elect, [Aaron and Moses], and who represent the world, and the apostate congregation, in their blindness concluded to put all of their strength, their heart, soul, and mind according to their own understanding, into serving the flesh which is the law of sin.

This, we can know, is because they were exhibiting souls and hearts that were not faithful in trusting God's Holy Word that was simultaneously being proclaimed by God's chosen people. In stead, they thought to prove their own way by making their evil spiritual focal point to be about God's people rather than about God's Holy Word.

Numbers 16:3 And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the LORD?

This must be the spiritual cancer of unbelief that ultimately grows in any fellowship group directly proportional to the congregations spiritual leadership or lacking there-of that God is demonstrating: Korah, Dathan, and Abiram can be seen as a parable that is 'pointing' to an eternal spiritual reality – eternal darkness and hell.

God's faithful can know how God's spiritual leadership must manifest the word of God through the spirit of truth in His people according to God's will and good pleasure. The Holy bible is their sole point of reference in this regards. This is what the bible declares, and there's no way around it, for those who would be God's faithful. The bible warns how God's conclusion to Korah, Dathan, and Abiram was to destroy them and their families with the earth. This must point to the flood of Noah's day as a warning to the world, and to those who occupy a holy place irregardless of what point on the gospel time line they are found.

Because God's born again elect first trust in Christ, they know His word is the gospel of their salvation which God has sealed with the holy spirit of promise which God's Holy Spirit brings to them through God's Holy Word the Bible. This is the sole purpose of His gospel time line.

Ephesians 1:10-14 That in the dispensation of the fulness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him: 11 In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: 12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ. 13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, 14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

As God demonstrates in Numbers 16, regarding Korah, Dathan, and Abiram's issue with God's priests, Moses and Aaron: according to the degree that the flesh and the law of sin dominate a holy place can be the degree a holy place must be exhibiting that which is evil and which must be put away – if God is going to continue to bless. As Christ spoke in parables and without a parable He did not speak, it is an eternal spiritual reality which God is presently demonstrating in His mercy, longsuffering, and patience, that many might be warned while it is yet day.

Today's holy place does not stand on any different ground than the holy place Moses and Aaron were put in charge of as ordained priests, which must parallel today's appointed Bishops and Deacons when it is according to 1 Timothy 3, and Titus 1. God alone is building that which is good, and destroying that which is evil, from the beginning of the gospel time line to the present, and it is all spiritual, but not without a parable, while the sin cursed earth remains. When the parable that would point to the eternal spiritual reality, [whether it be good or evil], is not the same, then it cannot be coming from God as that which is 'good'.

All of mankind must manifest a proverb that is 'pointing' to eternal damnation or eternal life. God's children know that the parable has no eternal spiritual substance in itself, nevertheless, it serves as an illustration with respect to what God may be presently doing with any group of professing believers, or individual. This is so that an examination in the word of truth may follow. This is the purpose of the gospel time line for God's chosen elect.

Additionally, there are no other categories that can be said to be "all spiritual", except that which points to the beginning of sin, [the first Adam], and that which points to the end of sin [the last Adam]. Everything in between, according to God's gospel design, manifests a dispensation of the fulness of times, according to the eternal spiritual will and good purpose of God in Christ.

Subsequently, no matter what point on the gospel time line the elect or the wicked shall find themselves, their confession, not in word only but in deed, must be illustrating Christ who alone is the minister of the sanctuary and true tabernacle, or the anti-christ who God uses to remove the candlestick. The bible tells us that Christ alone builds His church.

Hebrews 8:1  $\P$  Now of the things which we have spoken this is the sum: We have such an high priest, who is set on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens; 2 A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.

Psalm 127:1  $\P$  Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.

For the elect, this sin cursed earth is the beginning of the eternal spiritual reality where His professing believers congregate, as demonstrated by Aaron and Moses in contrast to Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. It presents a parable that is pointing to an eternal spiritual reality that is both good, and evil – eternal life, and eternal damnation.

The parable, and the eternal spiritual reality the parable is pointing to, are not being considered here as instruments by which one can make an eternal judgment with respect to their neighbor. Rather, the parable is to be seen as a 'part' of God's Holy Word, where-by some may come to recognize God's warnings, with respect to a present course and direction that may show to be in error. In Proverbs 6:23, God's word declares:

Proverbs 6:23 For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life:

This is how the a candlestick may remain lit. God's Holy Word the Bible declares how sinners are to expect that they will be continually chastened and corrected by their heavenly Father who loves them.

Hebrews 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. 7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? 8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

God's faithful have been counseled from God's word the Bible on how they can expect there will always be those who may be tares that will perpetuate sophisticated excuses for sin: "well, but we're always depraved in ourselves, and we can't know anything perfectly, and we're saved by grace and not by works, therefore, we can't go over board with this commandment or that precept, because that can turn into a works gospel." Unfortunately, this is manifesting a focal point that is demonstrating an absence of faith and trust in the Lord God who alone is faithful and trustworthy – not mankind.

Further, what we ourselves, or others think and do, or do not think and do, should never be the ultimate measuring stick, or point of reference, with respect to what God commands from His Holy Word the Bible.

The bible never says that we are to compare what we think and do with spiritual things, with respect to hearing God's Holy Word the Bible. The bible commands us to compare spiritual things with spiritual – God's Holy Word the Bible with God's Holy Word the Bible. The spirit of truth will do the rest according to His will and good pleasure.

Our eternal spiritual reality at the end of the day is not about us while this sin cursed earth remains:

Genesis 3:10-11 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. 11  $\P$  And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

God no where in the bible commands His obedient to study, [eat], that which is evil. Subsequently, God no where in the bible commands His elect to focus on what their brothers and sisters are doing that might be evil. It is not our job to identify evil through our own perceived spiritual knowledge, except as that which would apply to ourselves. The bible commands us to pray, to visit the fatherless and the widows in their affliction, to demonstrate Christ in oneself, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world. The bible commands that we are to study to show OURSELVES approved unto God. In this good work is not found perpetual discussions about what everybody else is doing wrong in the world, or in the holy place, as ALL have shown to fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). If the best we can do as a congregating body is to measure ourselves next to other congregating bodies, we might want to re-examine that; that we might see from whence we have fallen, and repent that our own candlestick is not showing to be removed.

As God's faithful continue to compare spiritual things with spiritual, it is through God's good pleasure, (Philippians 2:12-13), they might see how the tabernacle, and the sanctuary would in the latter days serve as a parable that must point to the LORD Jehovah who alone is the DELIVERER and the JUDGE.

In this respect, and while the earth remains, Christ's mercy, truth, and love is always manifested through the obedience of His regenerate according to the precepts and commandments of God – and there's no exception to that rule, (Philippians 3:15-16). The only other category that can exist on this wise is that Christ's wrath is being manifested through the disobedience of His people who had known better. Biblically, there's no other category. Moses and Aaron, and Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, are one of the best examples God gives from His word with respect to what can be expected in the holy place throughout the gospel time line; for God is not a respecter of persons.

Acts 7:35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

Today, God is able to show His faithful how gross disobedience to the commandments of God may be a proverb that is 'pointing' to an eternal spiritual reality that is not good; and there is only one other category. God alone knows. But the parable, [in real time], is nevertheless, a spiritual demonstration, we see in part, with respect to that which is 'good', and 'evil'.

## There's a fire in the kitchen:

If we saw a fire start in the kitchen where there was a fire extinguisher, would we grab the fire extinguisher and attempt to put the fire out, OR would we remain idle in the belief that if it is God's will the fire will go out? That is what is called OVER SPIRITUALIZING.

On this sin cursed earth how is there any difference between God putting the fire out and us grabbing the fire extinguisher and putting the fire out – **whether we be His elect or not?** One might see how easy it is for anyone to say, "God is in perfect control of all things", except, perhaps, when God being in control of all things is 'really' put to the test.

True, there are those who put God to the test by insisting 'He be in control of all things' which is according to their own carnal will. But this 'will' is showing to be absent from God's Holy Word the Bible according to the spirit of truth. For example, by NOT grabbing the fire extinguisher and attempting to put the fire out, because if it is God's will the fire will just go out: "That's putting God to the test", contrary to how God has already demonstrated the manner in which He has designed this earth following all of mankind's sin in Adam.

James 2:15-17 If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, 16 And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? 17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone.

If we truly believe God is in perfect control of all things, then we must also believe God works all things through His Creation, which the bible clearly shows involves both the wheat and the tares until time is no longer (Revelations 10:6).

Romans 8:28-31 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 ¶ For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 31 ¶ What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Who created us? Who gave us the ability to design, create, and own the fire extinguisher? Who gave us a body that possess the strength to put the fire out? Could your cat or your dog put the fire out? Who is it that created us as an integrated body, mind, and soul – none of which can be separated short of death while this earth remains? Who created mankind in the image of God? The answers to these questions can only come from God's Holy Word the Bible which God has provided for His people as He promised.

"Is there not a parable here that is pointing to an eternal spiritual reality?" How much more if we would see the fire of God's wrath start in our holy place: would we not through prayer and supplication run to the word of God and seek to glorify His Name first, that our heavenly Father might bless and not curse? And would not this spiritual attitude manifest a like diligence and sobriety in our behavior when in the holy place? The contrast that would be demonstrated here is seen between Moses and Aaron, and Korah, Dathan, and Abiram – between those who agree to disagree so that all are seen as Holy, [born again], contrast those who are being caused to obey the precepts and commandments of God, who see the wheat and the tares must grow up together until the harvest.

The bible declares, God's faithful become more and more sensitive to the commandments of God's word. This is only because they have been made to know, through the spirit of truth, [amongst many other truths], that God is not a respecter of persons, and He will not bless sin that shows to only resist God's reproofs of instruction as a way of life.

1Thessalonians 5:19 Quench not the Spirit. 20 Despise not prophesyings. 21 Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. 22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

Revelations 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent.

There is an eternal fine line that is virtually invisible with respect to the sinners ability to correctly recognize those who are desiring to glorify God in contrast to those who are desiring to glorify themselves. The spirit of Christ must first manifest that fine line in one's own walk with Christ according to God's Holy Word the Bible. It is the faith of Christ that is not according to flesh, but which the flesh can be demonstrating, or not.

How well God may reveal His eternal faith on the sin cursed earth may be directly proportional to how an individual, or holy place demonstrate God's commandments and truths as having been given from God only.

If we truly believe God's truths have been received only from God Himself, then we may also find a diminishing desire to look at what others are saying, and doing with respect to how 'we stand' before our ultimate authority – God's Holy Word the Bible.