

## Mercy Rejoices against judgment

### Part II

#### **The Jews, [the congregation], rejection of Christ and His elect who worshipped the one true God:**

*John 10:33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.*

The Jews recognized the words Jesus declared. That Jesus, a man, had made Himself equal with God calling Himself, “The Son of God”. Following, the Bible documents Jesus’ warning to those who are Jews outwardly, [in the congregation], (Romans 2:28-29):

*John 34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?*

Jesus, who is the fullness of the God Head, (Colossians 2:9), temporarily gives the unbelieving world the desire of its heart; who insist on seeing ‘themselves’ as the authority over God’s word. To prove His point the Lord allows them, ‘their word’, according to their own understanding, but not according to God’s understanding, (Matthew 13:13). “This is a horrible judgment on those who think they serve Christ, but who show to serve the antichrist!” Christ will give them their way; so that as gods, [small-g], they may try and show God what is good and what is evil, [which is an abomination to God]; so that God, who is without sin, is eternally glorified in His Truth that cannot lie (Number 23:19; Hebrews 6:18; Titus 1:2).

The Bible reveals how those who reject Christ’s authority come from the first Adam, [unregenerate mankind], (Romans 5:12). Who rebel against God’s revealed word in the last Adam, Jesus Christ, (1 Corinthians 15:45; Revelation 19:13). Because of their sin against the law of God, and before Adam and Eve become regenerated, (Romans 5:14; Genesis 4:25), all of mankind are servants of the devil and Satan who is the Father of lies (John 8:44; Romans 6:16). So remains the case with all of mankind before, individually, His elect become born again (Ezekiel 36: 24-32; John 3:3-5). But, Satan, who thinks he’s the Christ, and who rejects all of God’s word, calls God a liar:

*Genesis 3:4-5 And the serpent [who is a liar], said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, **and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.***

God's elect know there is One God who reveals Himself by One Word! Any other authority must come from the emissaries of the devil and Satan (Galatians 1:8,9; 3). Adam and Eve, created very good, (Genesis 1:31), became evil by listening to another authority than God. Thus, from the beginning, there would be two categories; good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17). Those of Christ; those of the antichrist. Satan was cast out of heaven for thinking himself to be equal with God, (Isaiah 14:12-15). Taking the form of a serpent his words against the most High, (Daniel 7:25), caused Adam and Eve and all of mankind, to sin – though God had lovingly warned them by His word (Genesis 2:16-17). Yet, it is by the same word God's mercy through Christ delivers His people from their sins (Matthew 1:21). Moses sought mercy over God's judgment for God's people. Out of God's Love and Mercy abiding in Moses, Moses gives the congregation a warning to separate themselves from the ways of the apostate members lest they perish:

Numbers 16:20 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 21 Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. **22 And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation?** 23 ¶ And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, 24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. 25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. 26 **And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.** 27 So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children. 28 **And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the LORD hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind.** 29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then the LORD hath not sent me. 30 But if the LORD make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the LORD. 31 And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them: 32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. 33 They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them: and they perished from among the congregation.