

## Flee the image Subdue the earth

To correct oneself decently not lying to oneself, (1 Corinthians 14:40). Is this not an exceeding treasured gift we would find exists in us, as we begin to examine ourselves before the word of God, (2 Corinthians 13:5)?

Anything that forces you to review your dogmas, creeds, doctrines, philosophies, beliefs; most people don't respond very well to. We either understand that about ourselves or we don't, (Psalm 14:2-3; Proverbs 3:5-7).

If I tell you, "*I am always Unfaithful to God's word,*" perhaps in your kindness you'll think I'm probably faithful in something's, be it however small. But if I say, "*I'm always faithful to God's word!*", you should know how I'm not being faithful to any part of God's word. (James 2:10)!

It cannot be merely an intellectual exercise we experience when it comes to the word of God and ourselves, "*what I think; what I know.*" GOD ALONE IS TRUE. And this acknowledgement, too, cannot merely be an intellectual exercise! In our hearts and souls, all of God's word alone must be true! And all of my understanding of myself must be false: Let God be true and every man a liar, (Romans 3:4).

Previously having been incapable of stepping down from my own soap box, but as His word first began to move in me, *I needed to know*: "how am I showing first to be seeking the kingdom of God, (Matthew 6:33; John 3:3)? From then on I've never known a greater example of, '*what not to do*', than from that which originates in myself; and of, '*what to do*', than that which is of His word, only, and in its entirety! It is only from this treasured gift I'll declare: "those who can't step down from their own soap box in like manner, how are they showing first to be seeking the kingdom of God?"

Please don't confuse this with those who suppress your liberty to speak the word of God with boldness. We of ourselves are not that word, nor that bold, but the Spirit of Truth, and the Comforter who would abide in us, (Acts 4:13-31; 1 Corinthians 4:4; John 14:26).

Eternal life is not evidenced by membership to an earthly fellowship, or group on Facebook. We either understand that or we don't, (John 18:36).

It is because of earthly groups and titles that people are separated not brought together. It is possible that groups and their titles, believed to be of the Spirit of God, can be of the spirit which is of the world, which is ever so subtle, (1 John 4:1)?

Do we make God's word our authority in all things? Not in one thing, and then tomorrow a different thing about that one thing; "*but in all things*"; As the Holy Ghost teaches: the Bible, alone, and in its Entirety, (Joshua 1:8; Isaiah 28;10-11; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Revelation 22:18-19).

Are we ever learning, seeing, and hearing as the Holy Ghost teaches, (1 Corinthians 2:13)? When we witness His word, is it God who is moving in us, and not, exclusively, 'we ourselves and us'; who, as a group, we can become very comfortable with ourselves, (2 Corinthians 11:4)!?

Am I fleeing from the image of pride and intellect; from my own understanding, that had originated in the Garden of Eden, and that had led to the abomination which is against the law of God, (Genesis 2:16-17; 3:8; 1 Corinthians 6:18)?

Do we flee our corrupted image and likeness which we corrupted, ourselves, eternally, [*not God*], when against His warning we ate from the tree of the KNOWLEDGE of good AND evil, (Genesis 2:16-17; Proverbs 4:27)?

By His Grace alone is there repentance in us according to His obedience, (Romans 5:19; 6:16)? Are we subduing the earth as He first commanded? Not according to works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His Righteousness in us, which He had ordained before the world began, (2 Co 13:5; 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:2; 3:5).

*Ephesians 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

Is our gospel message of the salvation of Jesus Christ measured by the things of this world's corrupt image, or, by the measure which is Christ; who's Name is The Word of God, (Revelation 19:13)?

*2 Corinthians 10:13-15 But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.*

14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ: 15 Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labours; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,