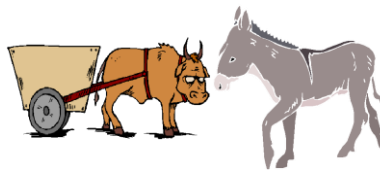


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God had some strange rules or laws in the old testament. He also did some very strange things that seem foreign to our modern mind. If we would take the time to understand, we would realize He was teaching His people concerning Himself and His character. One of those strange rules deals with mixing different items together. When things are mixed together it becomes harder to separate and to recognize what is real. Take a tablespoon of baking powder and mix it with a couple cups of flour. How easy is it to separate the two once they are mixed?

***“You must not plant any other crop between the rows of your vineyard. If you do, you are forbidden to use either the grapes from the vineyard or the other crop. “You must not plow with an ox and a donkey harnessed together. “You must not wear clothing made of wool and linen woven together. Deuteronomy 22:9-11 (NLT)***

Why did God make this a law? The ox was on the list of clean animals according to God and the donkey was on the list of unclean animals. God wanted the Israelites to understand the challenges that lay before them. God had told them to have no other gods apart from Him, but He knew what they would do. They would begin to worship other gods, while still worshipping God. They would mix the true with the false, the holy with the defiled. God wanted them to be faced with the truth of how much He hated this mixture, every day of their lives, so he made these rules or laws.



The Jews were mixing the gods of other nations and their standards with those of the One True God. It came to the point God had enough of this. It started with Judah, the tribe from which our Lord would be born. They had mixed their beliefs with the beliefs of the enemy, thus defiling God's perfect word. So, God was going to let them be ruled by the enemy, ruled by the choices they had made. The evil and the false kingdom of Babylon would rule them for seventy years.

There was another set of rules in particular the Israelites had failed to follow, that of the sabbath. The sabbath was a day of rest. In addition to having a day of sabbath once a week, they were also to have a sabbath of the land every seventh year. This is key to understanding the year of jubilee which we will discuss in detail in a future post. When we operate from the heart of God, we operate from a place of rest. Everything else is work. Mankind needed to understand this process. Six days (six thousand years) man would labor and toil in his own efforts. On the seventh day, man would enter into the rest of the Lord.

Six years (six thousand years) the land would produce from man's efforts, but the seventh year man was not to plant, but only to harvest what grew naturally from the Lord's doing. We are in the seventh day, the Lord's Day. It is His day of rest that He is calling us to enter. He is calling us out of Babylon, out of compromise, out of working for ourselves and the enemy so we can enter into rest, our inheritance and return to our first love.

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We have not understood the message of the sabbath or the message of the mixture that God hates. Read Matthew, chapter 12, where Jesus declares Himself Lord of the Sabbath. The Jews of Jesus time saw the sabbath as just a part of the rules they must obey explicitly. They, too, did not understand the true purpose of the Sabbath. But there is a remnant of people who will understand the purpose of the sabbath, as well as the truth concerning God's hatred of mixture! God even warned the believers under the new covenant of the truth concerning mixture in His message to the believers in Laodicea.

***I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spit you out of My mouth. Revelations 3:15,16 (MEV)***

They had mixed cold and hot and it had made them lukewarm to the things of God. Notice this, because of the mixture they were blind to truth. They didn't recognize truth anymore. Disobedience does this to us. We can go our whole lives believing we know truth, when we don't. We have been taken captive by the spiritual Babylon because of our mixing the true with the false and following other gods as well.

Jesus is not talking to unbelievers awaiting the message of salvation, as we have seen pictured. Jesus is speaking to this group of saints who have mixture in their lives when He declares He is standing at the door and knocking, but few recognize Him because of their blindness. He is speaking to believers. Jesus tells us in this hour to hear His voice, recognize that it is Him calling to us and REPENT of our compromise, our mixing God and Babylon, good and evil. If we repent, He will open the door to revelation. He will talk to us and we will talk to Him. We will know truth. He will share His secrets.

Jesus goes on to say, if we would repent, and overcome this disobedience, this mixture, if we would come out of Babylonian control, we would be overcomers and He would give us the privilege of sitting on the throne with Him. Not everyone will rule with Him. Those who overcome this thing of mixture and return to the pure first-love of the Lord, will reign with Him.

The Israelites were under Babylonian control for 70 years, or ten sabbaths of the land which was supposed to occur every seven years. Seven is the number which connotes perfection or maturity. Ten is the number which connotes completeness. We are preparing to come out of Babylon as a perfectly mature Ekklesia with understanding of who we are and who our Lord is. We will understand the message of mixture and the message of the sabbath rest.

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Moses complained to God that taking care of all the Jews in the desert was an overwhelming task. God told him to gather 70 men.

***So the Lord said to Moses: “Gather to Me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tabernacle of meeting, that they may stand there with you. Then I will come down and talk with you there. I will take of the Spirit that is upon you and will put the same upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, that you may not bear it yourself alone. Numbers 11:16,17 (NKJV)***

Moses was told by God to gather a group of 70 elders (those who were mature and able to lead). The word officers means “organizers”, which means those who prepare others, coordinate events, bring things into order. The words “over them” do not appear in the original text, but were added by the translators.

Moses is a type of the Savior. Seventy men were chosen and given the Spirit of the Living God to do what they were called to do. The people of God would later come under the control of Babylon because of their mixing the true with the false and not understanding the sabbath rest of God. But after 70 years, after a time of perfecting and completion, they would come out of Babylon to rebuild.

Once again, this is a picture of the day in which we live. God was giving us a picture through the Jews of the old testament of a time when we would be also taken into captivity by the Babylonian system. Why? Because we, too, had mixed the pure with the defiled and because we did not understand the sabbath rest of God that came to us through the cross.

It is now time for God’s people to hear the cry of God to “come out of Babylon”. He is raising up a remnant to understand the truth of what has happened, and how to prepare us and how to lead us out of the counterfeit into the real. This remnant understands God’s hatred for mixture and understands what has been built in the past with man’s labor and was not God’s building. They will show us the way into God’s true rest.

That is the purpose of the apostolic and prophetic anointing, to show us the way to God’s heart, to help us understand truth by leading us to the one who is Truth. The desire of true apostles and prophets is for us to be totally dependent on Jesus, and to know the difference between the true and the fake, so we will no longer compromise and mix the two.

If we do not repent, He will spew us out of His mouth. Does that mean we lose our salvation? I don’t believe so. There is a difference between the face of God and the hand of God.

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***My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life. They shall never perish, nor shall anyone snatch them from My hand. My Father, who has given them to Me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them from My Father's hand. My Father and I are one."***

***John 10:27-30 (MEV)***



I have said many times that most saints look to God's hand for what they need, but God's true desire is for us to seek His face. When we seek His face, we see Him and who He is and then we have everything, for He is all in all. When we seek His hand, we seek the things He can give us.

God wants us to return to our first love, to look to His face not His hand. We can remain in His hand (salvation) without experience the fulness of who He is. The mouth of God is where things are created. He sends His words from His mouth to earth (He plants His Word in His people, so they understand what He wants to do in the earth). We hear and agree and we plant the seed in fertile ground, and we water it so it will produce, not what we want, but what our God wants. We speak what He speaks. We declare what He declares. The seeds are sown from His mouth to ours and then planted in the good soil of faith and watered until they produce the fruit intended.

God promises this process will work to bring change in the earth because His word will not return to Him void, but will accomplish what He sent it to earth to do. That is what the sower and the seed represent in Mark, chapter 4 that many Charismatics cut their teeth on.

When we get to the place where we are divided in our loyalties, when we are lukewarm to the things of God, when we are compromised, He still stands at the door and knocks wanting us to return to our first love, but unless we open the door to Him, hear His voice and REPENT, we will no longer be His mouthpiece in the earth. Only those who overcome this condition will be able to decree and declare the will of God in the earth and see it happen.

In Jeremiah chapter 25, the prophet declares to the tribe of Judah they will be taken into captivity by Babylon. They were told to seek God and not go after the things they were creating with their own hands. Because they failed to listen to God, they were going to be captured and ruled by Babylon for 70 years.

***It shall come to pass when seventy years are finished that I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, says the Lord, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. I will bring upon that land all My words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in***

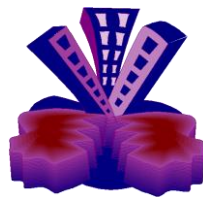
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***this book, which Jeremiah has prophesied against all the nations. For many nations and great kings will make slaves of them, even them. And I will recompense them according to their deeds and according to the works of their hands. Jeremiah 25:12-14 (MEV)***

Once the 70 years was complete, God was going to deal with Babylon, the false kingdom. The people would be set free from the control of this nation and it would become desolate. We are in the beginning stages of this. In this chapter God talks about a sword coming to all the nations. The sword is the living Word of God bringing truth to the earth and every nation. We are going to see the enemy and his evil kingdom, Babylon, for what they really are.

Once we have a mature and perfected Ekklesia who rises and comes out of Babylon, ready to lead, organize, prepare to bring the multitudes out of Babylon by the use of the sword, the living Word of God, we will see the kingdom of the enemy collapse and become desolate.

When God tells us in His word that there is a shaking coming to the earth and it will shake everything that can be shaken, this is why. He will shake us out of lethargy, complacency, and apathy. That means first dealing with the religious spirit that has choked the life out of us, and caused us to compromise. There is no other way.



These shakings are necessary and will continue to grow in strength. We see every cultural area of society being shaken today. We have opportunities to allow the shaking to either return us to our first love, or continue to try to solve earth's problems with the use of Babylonian tools and strategies. If we do not wake up and understand the purpose of the shaking, the things we believe we possess will be stripped from us because they are nothing more than wood, hay and stubble.

We look at the world and what is going on many times in fear instead of searching for what God is saying. We rely on the so-called prophets to give us a clue to what is happening, but many of them are prophesying things as if it were a new revelation, when many of us have known for years what is happening. Many are contradicting each other. What is real and what is not? Who do we listen to? GOD! We will never survive, let alone move forward if we do not learn to hear God for ourselves. That is the true purpose of real prophets and apostles.

One thing that makes me sick, is a prophet that declares to the people, "I want to be YOUR prophet." I have no other prophet, but Jesus. Yes, I listen to apostles and prophets, but we must be able to discern the real from the fake. All believers are called to have discernment. Yes, I know. There are many true apostles and prophets are rejected, because people do not know how to discern. But true gifts are leaders and leaders are there to lead, not drive. They will lead even when no one follows.

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They will not coerce people to follow them. Their only goal is to follow Jesus, so if others follow them, they find Jesus.

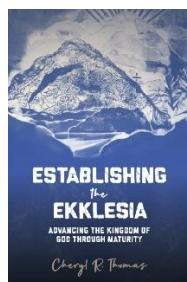
We have covered a lot of ground on the topic of apostolic anointing. It is an important topic for the day in which we live. We must understand both the prophetic and apostolic anointing thoroughly in order to understand the Ekklesia. The true apostolic and prophetic anointings are nothing like we see today.

For years I have wanted to teach what is in my heart concerning the Kingdom of God, but God would not release me to do so. He tells me we must have a deep understanding of the Ekklesia, God's gifts to us, and we must mature in the things of God or we will not understand the Kingdom of God. True apostles and prophets must come forth with the true anointings so we understand the truth in these areas.

These anointings will help us return to our first love of Jesus and understand that we can no longer stand between two worlds. We must repent and come out of Babylon. The Lord is establishing His true Ekklesia to effectively advance the Kingdom of God on earth. We need these foundational anointings and to understand their purpose. Apostles and prophets are leaders to show us the way to Jesus and to show us how to walk in apostolic and prophetic anointing in our everyday lives, in the places we work and play.

This shaking that is occurring in our world is to prepare us to come out of Babylon, satan's counterfeit kingdom. It is to awaken us to truth and to separate the wheat from the tares. As I have said before, several years ago the Lord told me to watch what was happening in the natural world and He would show me how it was a picture of what He was doing in spiritual matters. There is definitely a shaking taking place today. There is definitely a call to come out of Babylon being heard in every nation of the earth.

If you have not read my latest book, Establishing the Ekklesia, it would be beneficial for you to do so. It is published on our website [joymountainranch.com](http://joymountainranch.com) and is free to read and download. The book is rather large but I believe necessary to begin to understand what is happening in our world today.



The shaking is for the purpose of separating what has been mixed together. It is extremely difficult at times to distinguish the real from the fake. When you have an article of clothing with a tag that says "60% cotton, 40% polyester", can you easily distinguish which is which? One is synthetic or an imitation, the other is real.

That is the day in which we live. We have believed many lies only to find out now they are not truth. Only God can reveal truth. Many of those calling themselves



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prophets, or mouthpieces for the Lord Himself, are spewing out “60% cotton, 40% polyester or vice versa”, mixing truth with lies.

Jesus told us it would be this way. The tares would grow up with the wheat, but that would change when it was time to harvest. The tares, the lies, the falsehood, the counterfeit, the mixture would be separated from the real at some time in the future. It happens in our own lives and our own situations on a regular basis, but God tells us there will be a time in history when it will happen worldwide. The harvest in scripture is the separation of the tares from the wheat, the false from the true. That is the purpose of the shaking.

Only can we truly come out of Babylon when we begin to understand what is false, what is counterfeit and repent from our making a mixture of the two different worlds in our own lives. That is what is happening in the world today. Everywhere we look we are stunned by what is being revealed. Evil is far worse than we ever anticipated and it was there all the time hiding in the dark. The light is shining on the darkness and the darkness can no longer hide. Truth is being revealed. It is hard to tell the difference sometimes. Who should we believe? It drives us to God for He is the only one who can reveal Truth to us.

Babylon is the counterfeit of everything God has to offer us. We have tried to separate our lives into what is physical and what is spiritual and then to relegate God to only the spiritual aspects of our lives. When we do this, it becomes religion. We are told a person should never have their religious beliefs carry over into the work place, the government, the schools, etc. Religion is a substitute for the recognition of our spiritual being. Religion is born in Babylon.

We are physical beings as well as spiritual beings. We cannot separate the two. The religious spirit, operating on lies of the enemy, has taught us differently. The seven-mountain revelation has revealed some truth in this area. Our spiritual lives will and must influence all the cultural areas of our lives. The religious mountain is NOT our spiritual life. The religious mountain must be toppled, just as the other mountains under Babylonian influence must topple as well.

At the end of the chapter in Jeremiah previously mentioned, we read:

***Howl, you shepherds, and cry; and wallow in the ashes, you leaders of the flock. For the days of your slaughter and of your dispersions are accomplished; and you will fall like a choice vessel. The shepherds will have no way to flee, nor the leaders of the flock to escape. A voice of the cry of the shepherds and a howling of the leaders of the flock shall be heard, for the Lord has devastated their pasture. Jeremiah 25:34-36 (MEV)***



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We are seeing this happen today. So many flocks led by false shepherds are being exposed for their wickedness and whole “ministries” are falling. We don’t rejoice in the falling. We rejoice in the fact that the time has come where God promised to separate the pure from the defiled, the wheat from the tares and He is doing it. We desire that all men would repent and return to their first love. Many have been warned and failed to heed the warning. Now what they have built in their own name is being made desolate.

For decades God has told me to declare to those in control of God’s people to “set God’s people free” and “let them go”. To the saints He calls, “Come out of Babylon and be free”. Although, I talk about the seven-mountain teaching, I do not agree with everything in this teaching. We still must use discernment.

Before we can advance the Kingdom of God in the earth, we must recognize what Babylon is. We must separate the false from the true. We must become the Ekklesia by allowing our Lord to establish us according to His way and His will. We must become the body that does everything the Head (Jesus) directs. We must be able to hear His voice and see Him clearly. We must know His heart.

Babylon in our hearts must be replaced with the King on His throne in the Kingdom of God before we can advance the Kingdom of God into other areas of the earth. It is only when He rules as King in our hearts that the true Ekklesia can be established and prepared to advance God’s Kingdom on earth. We must come out of Babylon.

***A Song of Ascents. Of Solomon. Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it; Unless the Lord guards the city, The watchman keeps awake in vain. Psalm 127:1 (AMP)***

David was not allowed to build a house for God. Solomon knew it was critical for God to be the builder. Otherwise, any labor on man’s part would be in vain. The Hebrew word for “labor” means “to work severely or hard with little to no results, to work to the point of exhaustion”. In the Bible, it is mostly used in the book of Ecclesiastes, written by Solomon in trying to understand life. The Hebrew word for “vain” means “empty, a lie (counterfeit), worthless, false”.

That is the story of Babylon. Man becomes a god in his own mind and attempts to be the builder, not only of his own life but of those around him. In this scenario man spends his life working and building and life becomes meaningless with little value. All the labor we put into life has little to no results. Babylon, the counterfeit house, the counterfeit way of life is useless and the work to build it tires us to the point of exhaustion. Before we know it, life is drawing to a close and what we have built has little value. No wonder God cries out to His people, “Come out of Babylon!”.

The Hebrew word, in this verse from Psalms, for “guards” (the city) means “keep, protect, watch, preserve”. It is the same word used in Genesis for the purpose of the creation of man to “dress and keep” the land where God had placed him. But man was never meant to do anything apart from God. Unless God and man come together in heart and purpose, it does not get done. The work is in vain. The advancement of the Kingdom of God in the earth can only be done this way, or the effort is empty, false. That is why it is so critical for God’s people to truly understand



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who the Ekklesia really is and for what purpose they are being built by the Lord Himself.

***And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. Genesis 2:15 (KGV)***

As more and more of God's people come out of the corruption and evil of Babylon, Babylon will fall. That is what is happening today. We are watching the awakening of the people to the fact that there is a false kingdom and a real kingdom. We are watching the shifting and the preparation of the fall of satan's counterfeit kingdom. All of the actions worldwide are showing us the Truth of where we are in history. God is giving us all the signs, and asking "Who is watching? Who is listening?".

The building of the house of God was not meant to be a labor that would result in nothing of value and bring a person to the point of exhaustion. We have not been building the house of God, because only He can build it or establish it. It is the truth of the sabbath being revealed. The apostles and prophets point us to the Master Builder. The apostolic and prophetic anointings on God's people are the anointing of a watchman.

***But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner. For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.***

***Hebrews 6:9,10 (NKJV)***

The author of the book of Hebrews starts this train of thought in verse 1 of this chapter. He reflects on all the saints have learned and understood so far on their road to maturity and those topics are no longer up for debate or discussion. We are moving on.

He tells the saints that maturity means they are no longer laboring to please God or get His attention. They are laboring or working out of a true deep love for God and His name and God is pleased with that labor. How is that great love reflected in what they do? They minister to the saints. Once again, I am going to hammer the point of what ministry is. It is not standing behind a pulpit and preaching. It is not going to Bible school and getting a degree in theology. It is not wearing a robe or gaining a title.

What is it, then? The word for minister is the Greek word "diakonos", from which we get the word, "deacon". It means one who serves or waits on tables, literally one who is sent on errands. Their purpose was to serve God by doing errands assigned by God to benefit the saints. Ministers are servants. Our imagery must change. We are not servants of the people; we are servants of the Most High God wherever He sends us. We are servants or ministers in the factories, in the grocery stores, in the schools, in other places of business, in entertainment, sports and so much more. The sabbath was made for us. The rest comes when we realize we are in Him. Where He goes, we go. What He says, we say. What He tells us to do, we do.

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Servants answer to the Master and Him only. Whatever He desires of us, will benefit God's people as well. When we are ministering, we are serving God in whatever capacity He has instructed us, and it brings benefit to the people. We often picture a minister as someone standing behind a pulpit and preaching to us because of what we have been taught instead of the picture of the Ekklesia in the New Testament where everyone is ministering and serving each other, running errands that benefit others as directed by the Lord. We are ministers and serve God's people in whatever role God has placed us, in whatever cultural area God has called us.

The true apostolic and prophetic anointings are jealous for the work of their God and what He is building. They loathe the fake. They labor together with God concerning whatever is in His heart. They watch over what God is building to identify when the enemy is trying to sneak in and destroy. Anything other than this means they stay awake in vain and their work is empty, worthless, and a part of the counterfeit system.

There is so much shaking taking place today. Everything is being tossed in the air. It is difficult to separate the real from the fake, just as it is to separate baking powder from the flour once it has mixed. We can't do it on our own. We must enter the sabbath day of rest with our Lord to be able to discern between the pure and the defiled. Even many of the very ones who claim to come in the name of the Lord are operating from a deceiving spirit. Who do we believe? The roar of the lion calls for us to return to our first love, Jesus, and hear His voice with clarity. Only then will we be able to walk in true discernment.

The Jews of old stayed under the Babylonian system until they understood the seriousness of God concerning the sin of mixture and until they understood the truth of the Sabbath. Only then could the house of the Lord be built. It is the Lord's Day and what He desires to build, He will build, but He is not going to do it without us. More to come.....

