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SEARCH ME O GOD AND KNOW MY HEART...

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OUR SEARCH TO KNOW HIM AND TO KNOW WHO WE ARE

“It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out the matter.”
(Prov.25:2)

It was when we realized that we had a deep need that could not be filled by the things of this world, that we turned to Jesus Christ, our Savior. Since that time, we have been on a quest to know Him. It was because we were searching for Him, that we went through various churches and groups, thinking that in them we would find the answer of who Christ is and who we are in Him. Each time, we came out disappointed, yet these steps were necessary for us to know who He is not, and where we do not belong. Each time we dropped a piece of our false identity.

Up to now, we may not know all the truth, but we know some things that are not the truth. We also know that the truth is not found in any of these places. So from the beginning of our walk with the Lord, we have been on this pursuit to know Him. When we know who He is, we will know who we are in eternity.

In my previous study No.314, I have a chapter entitled “Father, Son and Holy Spirit.” As I was talking with a dear sister about it, I realized that some of the things mentioned need to be made clearer if possible. The things written may sound simple and familiar at first, but actually, they are some of the most profound revelations that the Spirit has led us through so far; at least for me. To me, they are an answer of who Jesus is and who we are in Him.

We have said many times that “we are the body of Christ.” and this is true. However, I fear that these

words may have become a familiar saying, or a precept among us, and not a reality. To my understanding, this is one of the great foundational truths. It brings us to the very answer that we have been looking for; it is our eternal identity.

It was when Jesus told his disciples that He was going away to prepare a place for them, that Thomas plainly admitted, “...*Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?*”(Jn.14:5). Then Jesus told them “*I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me.*”(Vs.6). So Jesus was talking about taking them to the Father. He is the way to the Father who is the only source of eternal life. “*And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.*”(Jn.17:3)

So Jesus was going to the Father to prepare a place for them (us), to be in the same place as He, that is to say, the same level of life. God’s treasures and the answers to our questions are mysteries because they cannot be known by the carnal, natural mind; they are revealed by His Spirit.

“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither hath entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.” (I Cor.2:9-10)

When Jesus went back to the Father, He presented Himself in His new body of glory. He had won the victory over death and hell and now He was again one with the Father, As a new creature, the firstborn

from the dead, the first born among many brethren, He entered His Father's house of life eternal. But then His new body was much more than the glorified body of Jesus the man; it was the glorified body of Christ that encompasses all the brethren. In other words, Jesus the Head and the rest of the Body were now one with the Father.

This was done in heaven (Spirit), but had to be fulfilled in earth as well. Since that time, by His Holy Spirit, Jesus has been preparing us, that we should be fully part of His life as He is now. *"Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) and made us SIT TOGETHER IN HEAVENLY PLACES in Christ Jesus."* (Eph.2:5-6)

These "heavenly places" are not picnic areas by the river of life; they are new levels of life in Christ. They are found in Father's house, that is to say in the realms of eternal life. This has been ours in Christ ever since we believed, but we as babes in Christ, have to grow up and mature in order to possess our inheritance.

GOD ALL IN ALL

Our search to know God brings us to "God all in all." *"For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death...And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself, be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all."* (I Cor.15:25,26,28)

We have all heard various interpretations of "God all in all," but although some have been enlightening, we are still left with the feeling that there is more to know.

Since He ascended back to the Father, Jesus has been at work putting all His enemies under His feet. Jesus told His disciples that He was going to the Father to prepare a place for them so that they can be where He is. Jesus said that it was *expedient* (necessary) for Him to go away. He knew that from that time forward, He had to deal with them from within them. He could no longer be an "outward, visible teacher" or presence. He knew that as long as they

had an "external God", they did not have life eternal. In His prayer to the Father, Jesus spoke of those that were sanctified (set apart) by the truth. *"That they all may be one; as Thou Father art in me, and I in Thee; that they also in us may be one; that the world may believe that Thou didst send me."* (Jn.17:21 Young's literal translation)

The NASB translates it, *"That they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be IN US, so that the world may believe that You sent me."* What must be grasped here is that these things happen within us. Nothing is exterior. We are in Christ and in the Father's house, within us. This is the huge difference between Christ and man's religion. Christians looking for His appearing in the literal sky and in a literal body, are not yet spiritually minded.

When His body in the earth becomes one with the Father as the Son is one in the Father in heaven, the world will be flooded with God's glory and the hearts of men will know that Jesus was truly sent of God and that He is the Savior of the world. *"THAT THE WORLD MAY KNOW THAT THOU HAST SENT ME."*

Paul was given much light in these things. He wrote about the *"...riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."* (Col.2:2-3) These are big words indeed.

At the same time, Paul guards against the philosophies and vain deceit of this world's teachings. He lifts up Christ and writes, *"For in him (Christ) dwelleth all the fulness of the GODHEAD bodily. And ye are complete in him (Christ) which is the head of all principality and power."* (Col.2:9-10) In other words, we don't need all the seemingly wise philosophies of the worldly church's teachings, we only need Christ.

This is where we are going; in the Son and in the Father. Jesus is taking us as Himself, into the Godhead. Whoa! Am I going over the line? Well, our goal is GOD ALL IN ALL. Let's take it step by step. Jesus

began to accomplish the goal of God all in all, and He is the one who is bringing it to a finish. Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last. The Son of God is the Word and the Word is God. He was with God and was God. (Jn.1:1) He is the One who made all things and He is the life which is the light of men. (Vs.3) That is to say He gave life to all men; there is no other source of life.

It is His life that makes man a living soul. This is why man needs the Savior when he loses this life. There is an old saying that "man lives on borrowed time." Who does man borrow time from?" Who else but Christ.

The Word who was one with God, was God for He was and is part of the GODHEAD. This same One left His place of glory in the Godhead, and became as a man, the Word in the flesh body of Jesus. *"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus; Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."* (Phil.2:4-8)

The Son of God left the GODHEAD and became a mortal man in obedience to His Father. The purpose for all this is to bring all of creation, the world that God the Father so loves, into the kingdom of God, that God might be all in all. This is the GOAL. So He came as a man but without sin. He was the pure Lamb of God, the sacrifice required to atone for the sins of the world. He was born of a woman, under the Law, and He walked with sinners although He never sinned. As a pure sinless Lamb, He was able to pay the penalty of sin for all men.

"He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; ...He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." (Isa.53:3a-5)

Men today still despise Him. They despise and persecute anyone who comes in His name. But He paid

the price for the sins of the world. *"And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."* (I Jn.2:2)

Jesus came through the grave and rose triumphant over death. Positionally we were with Him in His death and resurrection, and now we are walking it out in our own flesh bodies, until all death is under His feet.

The enemies of God, including death, are all things that proceed out of the carnal mind. *"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, NEITHER INDEED CAN BE."* (Rom.8:6-7)

The carnal, natural mind of all men cannot be trained. It has to be slain on the cross. This means it has to be brought down from its pedestal and crushed under foot; it is the mind of the sly and cunning serpent. It is the mind that has organized the systems and nations of this world. It is the headquarters of God's enemies, and it is what we see rising with fury against all that names the name of Christ or Jehovah in the world today.

THE SON RETURNS TO THE FATHER AND BRINGS HIS BRETHREN

The entire process to bring all of creation unto the Father, has been in place since God created the heavens and the earth. The death and resurrection of the firstborn Son opened the way for His many brethren, His body, His church, His bride the firstfruits (all the same), to be called, raised, purified, sanctified and made ready and matured to take their place in heavenly places (realm of spirit), with Him. This is what has been taking place in us for the past two millenniums.

Positionally, we were in Christ when He was slain from the foundation of the world, *"...the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world."* (Rev.13:8b). God had finished the works but when Jesus died physically on the cross, the works were fulfilled in the earth as in heaven. We were in Him when He died on the cross. We were in Him when

He rose from the tomb. We were in Him when He ascended to the Father and became One again with Him. Now, He has accomplished the work in us, and He is presenting us to the Father as His brethren, His bride, His body.

In a recent dream, the Spirit explains, *“I was very much in love with this man, and he loved me very much also. We were going to be married, but first he had to bring me to his father for approval. He brought me to this vast and very beautiful estate and stood a few feet away while I waited for his father.*

Then the father came and stood behind me. I could not see him, but he put his arms around my waist and held me. I could only see the legs of the man I loved standing nearby and my heart was filled with love for him. Then the father looked at me as if questioning me without words. With his arms still around my waist, he rocked me gently and said, “I know that you truly love my son and so you have my approval.” End of dream. The Son is the Truth, the Word, the Life. The Father receives us in the Son because we love all that the Son is.

We go into the Father when we marry or become one in spirit, soul and “soon” body with the Son. *“I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh to the Father but by me.”*(Jn.14:6) There are many mansions (or dimensions of life), in Father’s house, but we enter in the Son. *“That where I am, there you may be also.”* (Jn.14:2)

Jesus is bringing His brethren, His body, His bride to the same level of life that He possesses. We become one with Father and Son. This is not only an honor and a privilege; it is a calling and an obligation. It is part of the new covenant in the blood.

When we are one with the Father, we will be clothed in new bodies, and be prepared to do the greater works of gathering *“all things in Christ, both which are in heaven (spirit) and which are on earth; even in him.”*(Eph.1:10). This will be done in the *“dispensation of the fulness of times.”* It is Jesus in His body who will finish these greater works. *“And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world.”* (I Jn.4:14)

It is in the sons, that Jesus the Head directs the greater works that He told us about. *“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also, AND GREATER WORKS THAN THESE shall he do; because I go to my Father.”* (Jn.14:12) Just as the sons have been delivered from sin and death, in turn they will deliver creation from sin and death; THAT GOD MAY BE ALL IN ALL. This is the appearing for which the entire creation is groaning and travailing.

“For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children (sons) of God.” (Rom.8:20-21 NASB)

LET US NOT SLEEP

The deep things of God are mysteries, yet our Lord does not leave us in darkness. We are the children of light. *“Ye are all children of light, and the children of the day; we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore **let us not sleep, as others;** but let us watch and be sober.”* (I Thes.5:5-6)

It is obvious that the apostle Paul was not talking about the normal sleep that we need each day. He was speaking of the “spiritual lethargy or indifference,” that is so easy to fall into. When we are “asleep”, we are in darkness, and not aware of our surroundings. For us, this means that we lose interest in what God is doing and find ourselves totally ignorant of what is happening in the Spirit.

Recently and for the third time, I was reminded of a dream that came to me twenty years ago on June 23,1999. In 2014 the Lord brought it back to my memory.I wrote about it at the time and now it comes again vividly to mind. This is how I recorded the dream and interpretation at the time, *“My husband Michael and I were traveling with others. We were going “Home,” each in our own car although we were traveling together on the same road. It was evening and we were checking out of our motel. We were packing our own car and I told Michael to be sure and not forget my little red footstool.*

Then standing by the car I see this tall nice-looking man. He looked very kind and extremely knowledgeable. I asked him if we could make it "home" in one trek. He said Yes, if you don't get too sleepy. We were traveling on a two-lane road, not on an expressway. There were only 225 miles to go, but because it was evening and we will be traveling by night, we will probably get sleepy. He said, "If you get too sleepy don't feel bad if you have to pull over, you must pull over. (End of Dream.)

It is obvious that the fulfillment of this dream has been on-going all this time, and that now it is closing in on the end. It was given twenty years ago. The number 20 has to do with a perfect or complete "waiting period."

We need to remind ourselves that because we are people of the "light" and not of the darkness, we have, not only the privilege, but also the calling as sons, to be aware of what is happening in the realm of Spirit. I am not sure what my interpretation of the dream was in 1999, but I see it clearly now as it has been coming to pass in our lives.

The little red footstool is very significant. Actually, my husband Michael had built me a little footstool and he had covered the top of it with a nice piece of red vinyl; I still have that little footstool. But in the dream it speaks of overcoming death in the bodies. Putting the death of these flesh and blood bodies (red) under our feet. The name Adam means Red. *"For this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool."* (Heb.10:12-13)

Since the time of His ascension, Jesus in the midst of His body, His church, has been putting all His enemies under His feet. Then the dream informs us that the remainder of the journey is 225 miles. My question to the man (Lord) by the car was, "Could that be done in one trek?" The answer is yes, if we don't fall asleep on the way. That was a possibility because it was a night trip on a two-lane road.

The 225 miles are also significant because it is not only a number of miles that can be driven in one trek,

but it also stands for our destination. Revelation 22:5 which is the end of the Bible, describes our destination. *"And there shall be no more night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever."* 225 brings us to our being light as He is light and ruling and reigning with Christ.

In 2004, my Michael passed on to the other side of the veil. As the dream explained, some could have to pull over and sleep; Michael did. If we get "sleepy", that is if our bodies are too tired and can no longer remain here, the Lord makes a way for us to reach the goal too.

In the dream, the Lord says, "Don't feel bad about that." But for those who are still here, it is good to hold true to our faith in the vision, and to keep ourselves and each other spiritually awake and encouraged. The closer we get to the goal, the fewer we seem to be in the vision, but God's way is always to use only a few, that His glory may be made manifest.

In the dream, we were each in our own car, yet we were all going together to reach the goal. Spiritually speaking, the Lord deals with us individually, but we are very much one body of Christ; we are not alone. We are moving together in the same Word and in the same Spirit. We were not on an "expressway" where the majority travels; we were on a two lane road with very little traffic. In the Spirit we are not part of the majority of Christians. We are not in the trafficking majority in the land. And so we keep the faith, encourage and keep each other spiritually awake as we go. This is the purpose of these writings and of this dream.

DESTROYING THE OLD

Jesus had been teaching in the temple one day, *"And as he came out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Master, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!"* They were looking at the beauty of the stones that formed the temple at that time. *"And Jesus answering said unto them, Seest thou these great buildings? There shall not be left one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down."* (Mk.13:1-2)

The apostle John also records what Jesus told the Jews who were looking for an argument, *“Destroy this temple, and in three days, I will raise it up...But he spake of the temple of his body.”* (Jn.2:19,21) Jesus was not concerned about the literal temple at Jerusalem, His focus and His heart were set on the temple of God which was His body where His Father dwelt in Him, and His body where He and His Father would dwell in His brethren.

Jesus did not only promise a new temple built without hands in three days time, He also promised that not one stone would remain of the building of the old literal temple. The Lord is not building the new on the old ruins; the Lord is totally destroying the old before building up the new. The old temple that has been built in our minds through man’s teachings, is being destroyed as well.

This is all part of the work of preparation that we have been experiencing in our lives. It is also what we see taking place in the world. The religious systems of Babylon have been falling apart. Be not fooled by the glitter and the displays of splendor that you see in some churches and on television today; Jesus has left these buildings long ago!

Jesus has been raising up His true temple, His true church and it is just about ready to be displayed in the world. But do not look for new tabernacles, temples or buildings of any kind. Do not look for pageantry or showiness. Do not look for the worldly glamor or clever showmanship. Do not look for large gatherings in the flesh. You will not find any of these in His church.

His church is described by John the Revelator as a bride adorned for her husband. She is a woman in love and ready to give herself fully. He calls her the New Jerusalem, a city like no other. A great voice introduces her, *“Behold!”* This means *“Take a good look! Look carefully at what I am showing you!”* *“Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.”* (Rev.21:3)

For anyone to really see this church by the Spirit, all of the old ways of thinking have to be done away! There cannot remain any of the “outer religion” that we have held onto in the past. We cannot see Jesus in a literal way and see Him in the Spirit at the same time. We cannot see ourselves after the flesh any longer. The time of “All things new” is at hand, and it must first be so in our minds and hearts. The fear of losing the security that we found in the things that brought us to this place, must be overcome.

Paul said it this way, *“When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things. For now we see through a glass darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.”* (I Cor.13:10-13)

And I dare say that for the sons, the childish days are now over and the “then” that Paul spoke about is now here. It is time to quit relying on our past experiences and victories. It is time to see ourselves as we are in Him now. By the Spirit of the Lord, we have been changed. It was not by anything we accomplished, but by His Spirit. We cannot deny the work that He has wrought in us without denying the One who has faithfully led us each day.

A DAILY CHOICE

It is becoming so real to all of us on this walk, that something very special and very new is taking place in our lives. The words that God spoke to Israel through Moses have taken a brand-new meaning, *“I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore **choose life**, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may **love the Lord your God**, that you may **obey His voice**, and that you may **cling to Him**, for **He is your life and the length of your days.**”* (Deu. 30: 19,20a)

More and more we are made aware of the two natures that are at work within our beings. James wrote, *“A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.”*(Jms.1:8) We have struggled between the carnal mind and the mind of Christ. As we grow in Christ, our old dominant nature is revealed in its ful-

ness. It was at our conversion or “born-again” experience, that the struggle began. The Lord quickened us in spirit and a new nature began to rise within us. Since then, His Holy Spirit has been pouring His living Word into us and has been training us to obey His voice and strengthen the new nature within. The old nature which deceived us into choosing death is challenged. It had deceived us into believing that the death we chose was actually the best “life.” Now, we have tasted of the true best life and little by little we have lost the desires of the old.

The words of Isaiah long ago still speak loudly to our souls, *“For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.”* (Isa.9:6)

This was speaking of our Lord Jesus as He came to earth more than two-thousand years ago, but it also speaks of Christ growing from a Seed and forming the Christ creation in us. Jesus is alive forevermore in heaven and IN EARTH. He is arising in us to rule and reign in the visible realm of earth as He does in the heavenly realm of Spirit.

Since the Christ man within us has been forming and growing, there has been a struggle between the old nature and the new. We are tested each day and faced with the choice for each occasion, *“I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing, therefore CHOOSE life...”* This is the acid test in each experience that He sets before us daily.

The double-minded man has to go. It is imperative that we let go our allegiances to man, or organizations of man, and follow the voice of the Shepherd within us. The images that we formed in our minds of who Jesus really is, have to be removed.

When we saw Him as Savior, we were as little children and we leaned on Him and knew that He would keep us safe. When He became our Lord and gift-Giver, we were as teenagers, feeling that the world was our oyster and nothing could hurt us. All we had to do is “name it and claim it” and Jesus would do the rest. This is pretty much how many Christians

still think of Him today. They know His works, but they do not know Him nor His ways.

As the new Christ creature was being formed in us, the Spirit tested our faith every step of the way. Some of our testing has become severe, but our ability to swiftly call upon Him has increased. Now we know that the One we are calling upon, is not Jesus up in the sky or some place outside of ourselves. The One we are calling upon is the Christ that has risen within us. He is the One who is our life and our true identity. He is the One who rises within us and who defeats our carnal nature in every circumstance. We have been re-born, we are no longer the old Adam man, we are new beings in Christ, and the Father has received us.

We are learning to quickly take hold of His Spirit and to go through many troubled waters without harm. Our arch enemy is the body of this death with its carnal mind that continually wants to rule the roost. Until the body of this death is dissolved and we are clothed with the glory of the body of His life, both life and death are at odds within us. We are faced with choices every day. In every situation, the voice of the Spirit prompts us to choose to follow the Lamb nature and put the carnal, beastly nature on the cross. In time past, our carnal, beastly nature was more powerful and always gained the upper hand. Now, the strength of the Lamb nature arises within, and we are able to choose Him quickly and live.

These things have not happened by our own self-efforts, but by the patient work of His Spirit within. How faithful and how long-suffering He has been through it all! We give Him honor and glory!

THE ROOT OF THE PROBLEM

Paul cried out, *“O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?”* (Rom.7:24) These are the words of the same man who said, *“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.”* (II Cor.4:7) Paul knew that the bodies of this death were given to hide the treasure within. He also knew that these bodies were at odds with the glory within. The outer man wants to rob the inner

man of the glory of God within. Humanism is the name of that game. Jesus said, *“Why callest thou me good? There is none good but one, that is God.”* (Mk.10:18).

Because He is good and merciful, God shows His glory through men who constantly deny Him. When man makes a wonderful discovery that helps mankind, who receives the glory? When bravery rises up to help someone in distress, who gets the glory and becomes the hero? Jesus fled when they wanted to give Him glory. When the sons are raised in the world, God will show forth His glory through them and they will point the people to the One who is the glory.

Just as the sons hear the voice of the Son of God, the world will hear His voice through the sons. They will be the quickening spirits who will give new life to every man that hears them, howbeit each man in his own order, *“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that Christ’s at his coming.”*(I Cor.15:22-23) In Adam man continues to die, but in Christ they shall be quickened or made alive.

A MATTER OF THE HEART

From the time that we were made alive, we heard His voice through many channels. But there were times when we heard other voices that sounded a lot like Him. It seems that hearing from Him should be very simple, but it is not always the case. The problem arises because His voice comes to us through our conscious mind. While we are still double-minded, we need to discern what is the true source of the voice. We have read many books and heard many teachings concerning “discernment” and they were all very helpful. But they still left us wide open for error. So what is the safe way to discern the true voice from the counterfeit?

The Bible tells us to try the spirits. *“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”* (I Jn.4:1) The apostle John continues to explain that false spirits will deny that Jesus

Christ has come in the flesh. This was certainly referring to Jesus Himself as He walked the earth, and it is just as certain that it refers to Christ IN YOU, the hope of glory today.

But even when we firmly believe that Christ lives within, strange voices can still whisper in our ear. What is our safeguard? THE CIRCUMCISION OF THE HEART. God looks upon the heart and the motives of the heart. James says, *“Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man. But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed.”* (Jms.1:13-14)

God never tempts us to see our reaction, God exposes the lust (strong appetites of any kind), and our own lust tempts us. It is our own heart that deceives us; our egoist self-nature that leads us into temptation. It is that same nature that leans toward the voice of the liar and deceives us. The only sure way to never fall for the false is to have a pure heart. When the heart is pure, we can easily discern what is not of God.

Paul writes, *“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth....Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry.”* He adds *“...anger, wrath, malice blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.”* (Col.3:2.5,8)

Jesus said that all these things proceed out of the heart. The instrument to deal with this is the sharp word of God. *“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”* (Heb.4:12) Thank you Father for the quick and powerful Word that circumcises our hearts, that we might know You, the One true God.

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