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We find that in the days of Christ there were those who were descendants of Abraham and were Jews who went all the way with the commitment to God in covenant. These were known as Proselytes of Righteousness. However, there were also those who were not direct descendants. They were non-Jewish believers. They were those who loved the law and lived by its statutes because they loved the God of the Jews and feared Him. They were students of God's law. They would go to the gate but would not go in or get circumcised. They were known as God Fearers. (Dr. Ron Moseley)

Now look with me at **Matthew 10:34-36** *34Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. 35For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. 36And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.* In **Hebrews 4:12** God says, *For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged 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.*

**As I listen to the current affairs of the day I can prophetically see the spiritual battleground between the Kingdom of God and the Kingdoms of Darkness.** From (the Foley) government, corporate and church scandals to (the Colorado and Amish) school shootings. Each of these tragedies and atrocities we continue to experience in this nation are truly sad and tragic. It seems every reporter expresses the question "Why? How could someone do such horrid things?" At the same time others exclaim excuses and justification. **Yet, I cannot help but see a common denominator. We are experiencing the reality that Truth cannot be made relative, remain hidden, or be totally disregarded.** The truth that little girls are dead and were unjustly murdered; that children are being preyed upon by men in power; that life no longer has any real value is now a real absolute. **You can choose to believe that it really is not happening or you can believe that it is a political propaganda. You can believe what ever you want but it does not change the truth that it is destroying lives and bringing death and destruction to our lives, families, government, schools and every aspect of our society. What you believe about truth does not change truth anymore than you can change the stamp on time of history.** Another truth is that these acts, resulting from a way of thought and personal values, were committed by people whose actions result from a prevailing social ideology that is on an aggressive front to destroy any value system that seeks to restrain the selfish and perverted evil of their hearts and minds. These tragedies and atrocities are the result of a cause that those who hate and defy transcendent authority seek to destroy our national faith in precepts and principles founded upon Judeo-Christian standards of self government. It is the result of a nation's conscience being seared with a hot iron and being turned over to a reprobate mentality. It is the result of a perverse, selfish hatred of Truth disguised as tolerance, diversity, and constitutional rights. It is the result of social moral perversion and value deprivation. It is a totalitarian movement to destroy your freedoms of righteous living and thinking and subvert it with humanistic godlessness. **No matter what cultures says, no matter what men rise and fall, no matter how many hypocrites discredit the principles of integrity, no matter what my circumstance, Truth still remains to be Truth.**

**Proverbs 6:20-23** *20My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: 21Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. 22When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee. 23For the commandment is a lamp; and the law is light; and reproofs of instruction are the way of life: **Prov. 7:1-3** 1My son, keep my words, and lay up my commandments with thee. 2Keep my commandments, and live; and my law as the apple of thine eye. 3Bind them upon thy fingers, write them upon the table of thine heart.*

### **The Word of God identifies 3 things we are to bind Truth to:**

1. Upon our hearts
2. Around our necks (Prov. 3:3)
3. Upon our fingers (Prov. 7:1-3)

**As Christians we need not speak our opinions but we must be able to articulate Truth.** Your opinions cannot stand and are of no avail. But the Word of Truth is eternal and shall never fail. However, we cannot do so if we do not live in Truth ourselves. **If in our lives we are living a lie, we cannot be a beacon of Truth in this day.** Truth will not be hidden or disregarded. If you hide Truth, the wickedness of the lie brings destruction. If you pervert Truth, the wickedness of deception and manipulation brings death. There are two types of people in God's eyes throughout history – the God Fearers and the God Haters. Those who embrace and live by Truth and those who choose to pervert it, cover it, reject it, and live their lives by self pride.

Look with me if you will at **2 Kings 2:8-14.** *"Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?" **"Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,"** Elisha replied. "You have asked a difficult thing," Elijah said, "yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise not." As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, "My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!" And Elisha saw him no more. Then he took hold of his own clothes and tore them apart. He picked up the cloak that had fallen from Elijah and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. Then he took the cloak that had fallen from him and struck the water with it. **"Where now is the LORD, the God of Elijah?"** he asked. When he struck the water, **it divided to the right and to the left, and he crossed over."***

I believe, we are living in the **days of Elijah** where even the elect are deceived. As the children of Israel, who believed God was called by many names, even Baal, Elijah confronted the false prophets and said you call on Baal and I'll call on Jehovah and we will see who responds. I believe we are living in the **days of Elisha** where **God is raising up a generation who desire to inherit a double portion of God's authority and dominion.** Those who will let His glory may fill the earth and make His name (Jehovah, YAWH) known among the nations. We are living in a day when people believe God is called by many names and truth is relative. I tell you that **Truth** has a name above all names and His name is **Jesus Christ.** I believe we are living in days of great opportunity to build the Kingdom of God and let **Truth** be known. We are living in a season of God's plan when **the authority of Truth** divides the right and left, the God Fearers from the God Haters.

**Psalms 119:105** *105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path. 2 Tim. 3:16-17* *16 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, thoroughly furnished unto all good works. John 6:68* *68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.*

### **There are 3 things that Truth is to those who embrace it and love it:**

1. A lamp (Prov. 6:23; Ps. 119:105)
2. A light (Prov. 6:23; Ps. 119:105, 130)
3. Reproof of Instruction or the Way of eternal life (Prov. 6:23; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; Heb. 4:12; John 6:63, 68)

In conclusion, I believe that this and every day God is posing a question before us, "What are you to do with this Jesus? What will you do with Truth? What are we to do with Truth in a day and age when people have totally lost sight of Truth and many are deceived by a perverted concept of truth?"

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In these Scripture we find a pattern for living and

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