

Wednesday Word of the Week

Power

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There is a plague that affects every single one of us. It is all through humanity and has been since:

Genesis 3:6-7 - So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

What is this plague? Seeking power. We all do it or have done it sometime in our lifetime. We seek to be known or acknowledged by someone we esteem to be great. Pastors do it, world leaders do it, worship leaders do it, government leaders do it, wives do it, husbands do it, great evangelists of the past did it, even children do it. It is not how God ordained it to be; seeking power for our own glory. Why this message? I keep saying we are in a season of God correcting us. I am wrong. God has always been in a season of correcting us. There is a cure for this plague. The cure is Jesus Christ.

Genesis 3:22 - Then the Lord God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"—

Why would God not want us to be like Him? After all, isn't that what we should be doing; aspiring to be like Christ Himself? Though it is true that we are to be the expressed image of Jesus Christ the issue is within our own hearts. The great sin was not just that Adam and Eve ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil but that they disobeyed the word of the Lord.

Genesis 2:16-17 - And the Lord God commanded the man saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

They ate of this tree after God said not to. More than that, they listened to another instead of believing and trusting God.

Genesis 3:4-5 - Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

For us today this is still an issue even though we have been given the gift of salvation through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. We listen to everyone else around us instead of God Himself. We often disregard what the Lord says because of the form or messenger He chooses to use for a particular message; or because we choose to believe a lie instead of God's Truth for whatever reasons. We quench His Holy Spirit because of our own agenda and man's theologies. Though it may be with good intentions the point is did we seek the Lord and His ways to accomplish something or are we trying to strive to seek even God's approval. God is not interested in how we try to flatter Him with what we think is right.

Matthew 15:8-9 - 'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. 9 And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'

He is interested in us believing Him and allowing Him to lift us. He is not interested in us seeking to lift ourselves. To sum it all up God will not allow us to have His power if the motives of our heart are not pure; His will within us.

Matthew 6:33 - But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

Psalm 37:3-4 - Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. 4 Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

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