

**Articles and Sermons :: The Harvest and the great falling away. A warning.****The Harvest and the great falling away. A warning., on: 2009/6/20 10:25**

"The enemy who sowed them is the devil, the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are the angels."  
Matthew 13:38-40 (in Context) Matthew 13 (Whole Chapter)

These times are somewhat surreal to me, as the days pass. I have seen men, ministers of the gospel, that I respected, prove to be of the devil; false and lying apostles. Why didn't I see this before, when I could have warned others?, and why did not others see this coming in their lives? I have been astonished, and cried out, "This cannot be!"; "Not Him!"..but it was true. They were apostate.

The thing that I am beginning to grasp now, after some time at this business of discerning Truth and Deception, is that these men, these great leaders of American Christianity who have turned aside, have always been crooked. Many or most of them never did belong to Jesus. They have always been tares...and they must be exposed by the Lord alone, and this was only possible at a

**TIME**...the end of the age.

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One of the major signs is that we recognize the tares; the counterfeit WHEAT. They must grow up among us, and in a way, be hidden among the good fruit of the field. This is something that God has done, something that He has engineered, for the sake of purity. Yes, the devil has sowed the tares, but God allowed it as the test that All of the Harvest is about. **Worship**

Who do you love, and what are you devoted to? As I ponder the attributes of these men, I see a pattern about them, in their preaching, teaching and deeds. The lack of;

1. The preaching and teaching of the Cross of Jesus, and His blood alone, as the only and sole way to the Father.
2. The truth that; "**You must be born again!**" ..regenerated by the Holy Spirit Himself within your self, creating a new man; a child of God Himself.
3. The teaching and preaching of the Cross that the Christian must bear, to gain Christ. The submission inwardly to that Holy Spirit that will put us to death. This is the only thing that will transform us to the end that we will be as Jesus, and learn how to Love.
4. The drawing away from the Word alone, as literally written in the Bible, to an EXPERIENCE or humanistic feeling, as a fruit of God's will or presence. This is compromise, full and complete, and the odd thing about it, is that it grows, it spreads, and the trickle of heresy becomes a flood...every time, if you wait.

5. The "ministry" mentality, versus the "Brother" mentality. Clergy / Laity thinking, and the adherence to the "Priest Cl

ass" type of living. Separate...and this is the prominent thing that has destroyed the body life of the church, and there-by the Body. We are one body, and the Apostles all called themselves brethren FIRST, and esteemed the least of the Brethren as much as any of the prominent ones.

6. They see the church as an event, that they mostly lead, rather than an organism. The meeting is the Church to them, and the reality is that it is NOT! The meeting should never precede the community, the love of one another in practical ways in daily life. To admit this, however, would place these nicolaitan types right out of power, and they will not descend to the common, which brings ...

7. They are all professional preachers, paid itinerants often. Jesus had a word for them. **Hirelings**. After a while, you perform, you ACT. You play the role, and the entertainment and oratorical value of the impression you make, becomes a scendant over the Word of God. That is how they stay popular, after all. "and my people love it so."

We must learn to walk with God alone, for this is the very heart of what Faith is. The secret place, where we Know Him, and strive to please Him, to die to us, to live to Him...and THEN as a member of the Body, and then the Church is real; Love is real. This is where we are heading, and soon Jesus will take His rightful place as Head of the body...as Lord, all over the Earth.

The Elders of this Church will do three things.

1. They will feed the Church.
2. They will protect the Church.
3. They will manifest the Lordship of Jesus alone wherever they go and in whatever they do to All.

Your thoughts on this time ?

**Re: The Harvest and the great falling away. A warning. - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/6/20 10:46**

From my perspective I have noticed that some will make #4 a number one priority: the theology of 'feeling'. "I feel this way about.." that, having dismissed the authority of the Word on issues. It is all about 'feeling.' I think this is so dumb: feelings are so fickle. Mine are and I doubt that I am the exception. Hey! Some days I don't even feel love for my husband and then other days I am so cosy with feelings. Feelings are important - God made us capable of them - but they MUST come under the LORDSHIP of the Holy Spirit, no less.

It appears to me you are on target, that it is Biblical, Tom. This piece is worthy of more serious study, IMHO.

Blessings,  
ginnyrose

**Re: feelings: symbolism over substance, on: 2009/6/20 11:06**

Hey ginnyrose: It's like "Oprah" Christianity out there! Everyone is saved, Hindu or Muslim, god is good to all, and mercy for everyone. All you need is love...

That feels good to the soul, but the fire afterward will not, for the Father is jealous over the sacrifice of His Son, and must punish all who reject Him, for they are unclean.

The end to following someone like that, {I think of Rick Warren now.. is there end. Hell. thanks for the insight.

**Re: - posted by rainydaygirl, on: 2009/6/20 11:36**

ginny

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Thank you so much for sharing this today. I have been in some very real danger recently in allowing some of my "feelings" to rule me. I am so thankful for this reminder and that the Lord has kept me during this time from making any really sinful choices! YES!! all things must be under HIM!!!!

thanks  
rdg

**Re: The Harvest and the great falling away. A warning. - posted by wayneman (), on: 2009/6/20 13:23**

Good word, Brothertom.

Wheat and tares are indistinguishable until a strong wind blows. Then the wheat bends but the tares remain stiff and unyielding. Revival wind exposes the tares for what they are. I have seen two spontaneous moves of the Spirit. One was a Friday night Bible study, the other was a Saturday night jail ministry. Both occurred outside the institutionalized church. Both were suppressed and shut down by the professional clergy. From the days of Jesus till now, the vanguard of resistance to God's purpose on earth has been salaried clergy with professional interests to protect.

George Whitefield believed that the great curse of his day was the "unconverted clergy." In his day, the church was very much a part of the fashionable world system. Today, the American Gospel Enterprise offers comfortable positions to any one with a flair for religion and a type-A personality. On Christian radio we hear preachers for whom the Bible is a closed book. They display no spiritual understanding at all. The unregenerate religionist reads the Bible and apprehends Jesus as rule-maker, example-setter, object of devotion and the one who made our salvation possible by paying the bill for our sins. They have reduced the Christian gospel to an ethical code and the Christian life to dead works. When these professional religionists encounter the work of the Holy Spirit, it seems strange and cultish to them.

In the end times there will be a great falling away. There will also be great persecution of the saints. We know that the clergy will spearhead the persecution of the saints because they throughout church history, beginning in the book of Acts. The professional evangelical clergy is the modern equivalent of the pharisees. Thank God, there are a few Nicodemuses and Josephs here and there. But they will probably be compelled to break from the professional clergy.

**Re: The deliberate quenching of the Spirit to protect your livelihood., on: 2009/6/20 13:56**

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Very clear discernment, Wayneman. I think of the Pharisee's final and logical justification to assassinate Jesus of Nazareth, . "If we allow Him to continue, the Romans will come, and remove our Nation, and our place!" "...and from that moment on, they counseled on how they might kill Him." This is what I was referring to when I said that it seemed surrea

I. Who could imagine that a real move of God would be quenched, willingly, by professing Christian leaders?

The sad truth, is that it happens, and it happens quite frequently, for when the Lord the Spirit declares His dominion over HIS body, Man must be dethroned. They are out of power and a job, and they will fight to the death to retain it. It is a small thing to them to sacrifice the church to do it. To them, it seems perfectly natural, and they deem themselves even responsible to do it. They will attack anything and anybody that may even hint that the church does not belong to them, and they are not needed. This is at the heart and soul of the Pharisee spirit, the professional ministry, and it alive and well in most of Churchianity in America today...but Hallelujah! ...not for long.

We will be one body with one Spirit and one Lord over all, before it is all over, and the Harvest has begun!

**Re: The Harvest and the great falling away. A warning. - posted by robbyk (), on: 2009/6/20 15:29**

Strong words of encouragement brother Tom. It is indeed a perilous time. Here in Madison much of the church has become the world, the deception is powerful and great to the youth. Here the persecution of the remnant has also begun and, sadly over the past twenty years, many lights have flickered, waned and died out with little or no nourishment afforded from the church. It is now a time for brotherhood and I feel strongly we must band together as brethren or risk isolation, abandonment and premature martyrdom. God bless you all for your wisdom and discernment and courage to speak out.

**Re: A side note, on: 2009/6/20 20:18**

What is this added word "Great" when it is said of the falling away? It doesn't say it's great, why put emphasis on something that has not emphasis? Great Tribulation yes, but not Great Falling Away. Where words are set are very important.

Some could say that I was being nit picky, but when you have thousands of English translations of the Bible and the wording becomes weaker and weaker, we should stand up against these added wordings. A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

Carry on with the discussion, this is a side note.

**Re: - posted by rbanks, on: 2009/6/20 20:40**

Blessings to you all!

Heb 10:39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Jude 1:20-25 (KJV) 20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,  
21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.  
22 And of some have compassion, making a difference:  
23 And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.  
24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,  
25 To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

**Re: The Harvest and the great falling away. A warning., on: 2009/6/20 20:54**

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Do you know how many times I have heard this? Yes things are bad but they are bad because of the technology that enables it to spread. Take a way the technology and what do you have? You have the same thing that has happened before in ages past. Nothing is new under the sun.

There is nothing going on today that is not notable. It has happened before. It's like a cycle that continues to go around. The Church gets worldly, the world gets worse because of it, and then the young people get fed up and they rebel, and then they want truth, so they seek God and in time a revival is birthed, after that persecution, which goes on for several y

ears, as people pray for the nation they are living in, the government passes laws for Christians to practise their faith without harassment. Then the government adopts the Christian principles into their judicial system even in governmental offices, and there is a sense of righteous living even amongst the world because the Church is doing what it's supposed to be doing, standing for the truth of God's word. When those days come, people don't have to lock their doors. Schools will be a place where you'll want to send your kids to learn. Sex education is left up to the parents, and guns will not be seen in schools. Those times will be called "the good old days".

The wicked will moan and do everything under the cover of darkness to match their heart.

Nothing is new under the sun. This will all come around again. And in some country, God is grooming a nation that will see righteousness flow down like a river and will bless that nation.

**Re: - posted by wayneman (), on: 2009/6/21 0:42**

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"Then shall we know, we follow on to know the LORD: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter former rain unto the earth." Hos. 6:3

I am believing God for a great end time revival. The church age began with the former rain (Pentecost) and will end with the latter rain.

"Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first ...And it shall come to pass afterward, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:" Joel 2:23-28

At the same time, "In the last days perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves...holding to a form of godliness but denying the power thereof." 2 Tim. 3 "Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake. And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." Matt. 24:9-12 "for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first." 2 Thess. 2:3

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"Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come." Heb. 12:14

**Re: Come out of her!.....Professionals included., on: 2009/6/21 1:40**

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The bible also prophecies that the glory of the latter house, shall exceed the glory of the former, and in Amos speak of a time when the plowman should be overtaken by the treader of grapes....INSTANT FRUIT! This is the church flowering in full maturity, and there is no doubt though, that suffering and tribulation will accompany this company as the DAY draws near.

This is how I see it. There are more leaving the church systems today than ever before, and more organic moves and churches than ever before, as the Lord prepares His bride. The wise virgins had oil. Could this be symbolic of true Holy Spirit relationship?

Tom.

**Re: The Harvest and the great falling away. A warning. - posted by TracyInMD (), on: 2009/6/21 7:53**

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*Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.*

It's just a theory that WE will see the other ones with insight, those who heard the message of righteousness and are truly obeying it. The beginning of this "shining brightly" could be the identification/clarification of counterfeit disciples. Until now, we've been deceived, but God is un-deceiving us and we are beginning to see.

I agree that it is a very unique TIME. More to say, little time, hope to write more!

**Re: Sincere but bound. The Ministry class and the void., on: 2009/6/21 8:19**

I might add that many men in the clergy/ laity system are sincere, and doctrinally sound, but in the long run, via the quenching of the Holy Spirit, create barrenness in spite of their noble intentions, and set the flame of Apostasy by virtue of His Absence. They create the FORM of Godliness, with hollow cores; there is no life!

Jesus exhorted of the Pharisees, "Do as they say, , "but do not DO as they do." So it often is today, even with good men in the pulpit. Because the body is separated from the Head, by virtue of a single man dominating the entire function of the church, we are left with a lifeless, religious void, that we have been sold as REALITY; the way it ought to be.

It is a far cry from the vibrant life of the early church that created "Great Joy", as they met from house to house, and sadly, a part of religious Babylon; the dead church, or at least the "Dying church."

Let us never forget that the Church was always and is always the Church of "THE LEAST OF THE BRETHREN," and this notion of an anointed "PRIEST CLASS".... did not exist. Yes, there were shepherds, but always plural, and always equal and equally submitted to one another. By allowing this order, the Headship of Jesus as Lord of the assembly and Body is destroyed, as He is rejected and quenched.

Yes, even good men can be a part of the problem, and to survive, not just the common, but the Pastors too, must "COME OUT OF HER MY PEOPLE!" to see Jesus as Lord and King over that which He redeemed.

**Re: The time when the Church shines., on: 2009/6/21 20:49**

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Brothertom says:

This must be the end of the Age. Paul spoke of his revelation that the ELECT could not be deceived, inferring it's impossible, and the fact that the body has "made herself ready..", and is clothed in White; "pure and spotless".

If she was stained or deceived by the "Tare deceivers", this could not be so. She had to have had the discernment and understanding to know the difference. "They will be Mine," says the LORD of hosts, "on the day that I prepare My own possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him."

Malachi 3:18

18. "So you will again distinguish between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him."

Malachi spoke of the special treasure of the Lord that he would possess in the last days; the day of the Lord. He promises this very discernment of the tares, and also His holy ones. Here He speaks of the essence of the harvest, the great separation culminating in eternal dwelling places.

Very edifying input..Tom

Re: , on: 2009/6/22 14:35

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Re: The Harvest and the great falling away. A warning. - posted by sonofthunder (), on: 2009/6/22 19:15

Bro tom from Illinois, i have somewhat to say unto thee ... If they don't acknowledge Christ as the head of the body ( his church ) and as the door of the sheepfold (not the shepherd apperently OVER - us) And Christ as the captain of his army, And Christ as high priest over the house of God (which house are we) ...Then bro tom from illinois as i said ...i have one thing to say unto thee! RUN FOR YOUR LIFE! Run AND KEEP ON RUNNING - DO NOT RETURN TO "Go" TO COLLECT THE \$200 HUNGE...RUN FOR THE BAULKUM HILLS IN A MANNER OF SPEAKING... DONT LINGER LIKE LOT OF OLD , NOR TURN BACK TO LOOK AT WHAT U SUPPOSEDLY LEFT BEHIND. FOR THAT MAN IS A HIRELING AND CARETH NOT FOR THE SHEEP. TOM FROM ILLINOIS HOWEVER WHAT HE PROBABLY DOES CARE ABOUT IS THE HIP POCKET RENUMERATION MONEY FOR SERVICES RENDERED. But the good shepherd layeth down his life for the sheep. Priscilla and aquila layed down there necks to supply service unto Paul and for the work. Hmmm. A SELAH MOMENT. THERE IS NO PLACE FOR MINI PHAROAH'S BEARING RULE "OVER" GOD'S CHILDREN!! Nurture yes, feed yes, oversee yes, feed the flock of God yes, watch over souls yes! As for the AUTHORITARIAN and hype r-sheperding, submission, and covering movement! It will be judged and perish along with the using...as the fashion of this world PASSETH away!

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Our home church we left about a couple of yrs ago, just last Sunday...the pastor rode a motorcycle into service to promote the new "ministry", motorcycles for Jesus. :-(

Re: Revival rain comes on the weeds as well as the wheat - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2009/6/22 21:47

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Greetings, all.

It seems more and more witnesses these days are testifying that they hear the Spirit saying there is a mighty outpouring of the Spirit at the door: the "latter rain."

I was thinking of this the other day, and a fear came over my heart, because of the implications. For it is not only going to bring the wheat to maturity; it is also going to bring the tares to maturity.

The "revival" at hand (but I think it is far far more than a revival we are going to see)...it IS going to come upon the apostate church as well as the true... with different results. It is going to bring the fulness of God to those who have been seeking and longing for Righteousness.

And it is going to bring forth a powerful expression of antichrist as well. The wheat shall come to maturity, and the thorns and briars as well. (Heb. 6.7,8).

The earth drinketh in the rain... and brings forth the harvest of both the wheat and the tares.

A very sobering and fearful prospect... as well as one of great joy and hope.

And so when it begins to happen, and we see the latter rain falling on the wheat to our great joy... and falling on the weeds too, as well as the wheat... and the weeds rejoicing in the rain, too... and strong deception taking place in those realms where men refused the love of the truth... and God actually doing what you said, Tom... God actually strengthening their avarice and carnal ways, and giving them over to their own hearts' lusts, and to deception... let us prepare for the inevitable persecution that will come our way, when men who think they do God service do to the true body of Christ what they once did to the Head.

AD

**Re: - posted by TracyInMD (), on: 2009/6/23 6:46**

This thread is amazing to me. One other thing I'd like to point out that I see and that is the idea of GATHERING. 3-4 of us where I am have heard distinctly the idea of "gather". It burns in our soul. Four years ago we did not know each other, but immediately upon finding each other, it became evident that GOD had brought us together. We believe wholeheartedly that God wants us and the body in general to gather. We believe it to start in small 2s and 3s.

For me, specifically, the days of far off prayer lists are gone. I want to be in the same room. Second best is by phone, but there is nothing like in person face-to-face when you hear what precise same things God is doing in the heart of His people.

In taking my eyes OFF so-called church as the assumed "right thing" and focusing strictly on what the Bible shows of God's desire for us, you see a terrible gap. And finding people who believe that is very difficult and we are geographically dispersed.

So there are the four of us, and it's like experiencing Acts 2 and this sense of awe. Nothing out of order or mystical or glorifying to itself. There is an extremely strong sense of "Body" and "One Faith" (Eph 4) and in fact Christ Himself. We are aware of Christ walking among the lampstands. There is not one of us in this One Faith that we do not need.

THIS is the Church to which Christ desires to return and we see it more and more with our eyes. And in fact the testimony coming out of Barnsdall proves to the four of us that God is doing it more and more. He is GATHERING. He is doing the precise same things in the hearts of the people within the various traditions.

Now look at Matthew 13:30--

*Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but **gather the wheat into my barn.**"*

It's our belief that God is gathering the wheat into His barn right now. This idea of gathering, plus the new awareness of distinguishing the wheat/tares, makes me believe more and more that this IS the time of end of the age.

Re: , on: 2009/6/23 8:51

You have it well figured out there Tracy. This is the church to belong to.

<http://www.theinvisiblechurch.ca/fundamentally/fund3/Fundc23.html>

Old Joe

Re: , on: 2009/6/23 9:43

Old Joe said;"Christ alone can save you, but beware of church!"

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Brotherhood...It'd hard to tell when the model of a plurality of Pastors fell, but both Paul in Acts 20, those who would "draw disciples after themselves" and the apostle John, in 3John, with Diotrophes, who "loved the preeminence among them", had to confront these usurpers. The seeds of ambitious power were sprouting even in the most primitive of church plants.

Later, in Rev:2,.... The Lord Jesus himself speaks to John, about these; to the churches of Ephesus and Pergamos: the NICOLAITANS.

It is a word that means Kings or Lords over the lay, or the common. It is the Babylonian system as defined in every Empire in the ancient world, where Kings ruled absolutely, with a court, or underlords that implemented his will. It was forbidden by the Apostles, and Peter and Paul both championed the Priesthood of the believer, and always a plurality of shepherds and a company of ministers. Brotherhood and equality, with all submitting to the Lordship of Jesus; the Spirit, the Lord.

It was the Lord Jesus Himself who coined the term "Hirelings", which brings us to our modern terminology, "Professional Ministers", including "the PASTOR". This was an oxymoron to the Apostles. It was attacked too, while they lived. I like what Jesus says about that. "The hireling flees because he is a hireling". Otherwise, when the perks of power and the cash is gone; so is he. Easy rider...and when hardship or persecution comes, well....SIANARA! ADIOS!

I went to the underground church in China, in 2007. We met by night, under cover and Christian sentries. Most of the Pastors had fled, abandoned their flocks, but not all! There were women, 3 or 4 to each man. You see, they had been tried, and many failed. To lay your life down for your brother is more than a good slogan, and that is the Shepherds duty and calling. Rare indeed in soft, plush America; for now.

We must also remember that Jesus Himself, the MODEL for all itinerant ministries, was supported by those who followed Him; often women; sisters. Paul said; "muzzle not the OX that treads out the grain!"..speaking of the SENT ones. There are full time ministers, and it is not their fault if they are famous. We cannot make blanket statements that imply that everyone is corrupt or out of God's will, for God looks upon the Heart.

There are some right here on this site, that I respect.

**Re: - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2009/6/23 11:03**

Quote:

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TracyInMD wrote:

So there are the four of us, and it's like experiencing Acts 2 and this sense of awe. Nothing out of order or mystical or glorifying to itself. There is an extremely strong sense of "Body" and "One Faith" (Eph 4) and in fact Christ Himself. We are aware of Christ walking among the lampstands. There is not one of us in this One Faith that we do not need.

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This was beautiful to read. Four of you? Wow! :-) I wish I could be there with you.

May the Lord bless you, and continue revealing Himself to you.

AD

**Re: - posted by robbyk (), on: 2009/6/23 13:30**

My wife has a longtime ministry to the Asian community in our city. This is borne out of her previous occupation as a lead researcher in Cardiology for the university where she met many who became a part of her small groups where she teaches English, current events, crafts and Bible study. Many of her friends in Christ have gone back to be in home churches in China, Praise God! We hear frequently from them and the church is being mightily tested there, for sure, but...the persecution and attacks from the evil one against them are absolutely incredible here in our city. From professors who hate Christians, to treacheries in keeping green cards, to schisms in their local churches...all evidences to my wife and I of the nearness of our Redeeming Lord. The Asians have a very strong quality of perseverance which has been a deep encouragement to us as we have also been buffeted mightily by the early winds of persecution and hatred but that is the key, or one of them...to stand, simply to stand for we have so much to gain in our Lord! We pray the Lord will not tarry as many of our precious brothers and sisters have fallen back into the world as their lights have dimmed and flickered out.

**Re: The fire in the harvest., on: 2009/6/23 18:48**

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You portray the exact sentiments of my post, with this testimony!...

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Remnant overcomers brother.

By the way, I traveled over to UTUBE and listened to your music. I heard you sing Wholly and Holy.. but Wow, I liked it. It was just you with a guitar. This old Jesus freak enjoyed that. Could you post a link to that song? You have a gift, and I appreciate your down to earth Love expressed to Jesus.

until later, and thanks for an encouraging testimony and song.

your brother, Tom

**Re: - posted by robbyk (), on: 2009/6/24 2:15**

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Brother Tom it scares me mightily as well as I have become even more aware of the strength and cunning of the enemy! I have redoubled my efforts to, as Enoch, walk constantly with my God and be ever on guard and vigilant. Madison is a gathering and welcome community for covens and satanic orders. My desire to be always in His presence is why I have recently joined this community, to be with like minded, Bible believing, strong and persevering men and women of God and to be edified, lifted up, encouraged and emboldened. I thank the Lord for you all as you are tremendously gifted with His Word and the knowledge of His ways!

And as well thank you for the positive note on the music the Lord gives to me. I am just now recording a bunch of Gospel tunes that I have performed locally in churches over the past decade. Wholly in Love can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5iC2luXH0g>

**Re: , on: 2009/6/24 2:54**

This whole thread has been a great encouragement to me. Thank you all for sharing yourselves. I know it can be difficult, going against the status quo, so to speak.

**Re: The Harvest and the great falling away. A warning., on: 2009/6/24 6:59**

Hi robbyk,

Quote:  
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Are there some words missing in the first of these sentences? I feel you are talking about two different communities both called Madison, one which attracts occultists, and one which attracts serious Christians.

Please could you clarify?

**Re: community?, on: 2009/6/24 8:39**

Madison, Wisconsin. It's a big city, and he lives in a Christian community in the area.

**Re: - posted by robbyk (), on: 2009/6/24 15:14**

Alive-to-God

Thanks for the request for clarification. Brother Tom is correct in that I live outside of Madison in a nearby small town and share and take part in a vibrant Christian community from many of the region's Bible based churches..

Madison is a large community with a well known reputation for tolerance which is inviting to many groups which consider themselves as "in the minority". I have seen many statistics which cite us as having the largest number of individuals per populace in the US for the categories of satanists, wiccans and homosexuals. We have many abortion clinics. Our former University of WI chancellor declared the university grounds to be "a religion free zone" and at one point disallowed HR's and RAs from possessing Bibles in their dorm rooms citing that as offensive and hateful. Our legislature banned the famous Green Bay running back Reggie White from speaking engagements for comments he made regarding his Christianity and homosexuality. We are the home of Annie Gaylor and the Freedom From Religion group, etc. Thus we are indeed a very open and inviting community to the above groups who tend to be very vocal and active.

Where we hold house church on Sunday, a group of occultists hold a counter church just across the street. These satanic groups in Madison take their vocation VERY seriously and are not in it for the nose jewelry and Ozzy Osbourne music.

As you surmise, there are also many who have strived mightily to make Christians a viable force in this Corinthian city, but, alas, with little success. Almost every venture I have seen spring up in the last twenty years, and I have been a part of many of them from revival meetings, HOP and other prayer events and my own gospel music venues have withered and died on the vine in the face of fierce opposition. Oddly, much of the resistance comes from the churches?!

I have been blessed to be well known and accepted by the secular community as a local Christian artist and I have been president of the Madison Songwriter's Group and recently received 4 nominations from the Madison Area Music Awards for my original Christian compositions in the categories of jazz and pop. I have been taken back as to why the Lord allowed that but it has allowed me to work one on one for Him within the music community to some small degree. I am thankful the Lord has used me in that way.

I hope that helps explain this city, it is an exceedingly wicked place and nothing to play with superficially. I once began to lead Tuesday night concerts, mostly southern Gospel, at a local Masonic Center auditorium and definitely crossed a spiritual boundary. One night a demon followed me home and manifested herself to me as I lay in bed. She attempted to suck the air out of my lungs and for 5 minutes I fought for my life. Scared? Yes I still am. I countered by always anointing every door that I walked into at the center with holy oil and then nightly patrolling the boundaries of my property with prayer and holy oil and the Word. The attacks ceased immediately. I often tell my friends the mistake Satan made that night was that he revealed himself and his methods to me. He wins more through deception as opposed to an outright attack. Now I know with every fibre of my being that spiritual battle is real and Ephesians 6 is a DAILY necessity, it's not a game.

Sorry for the long past and probably too much information. Time to go to prayer in the garden! God bless you all.

**Re: The Harvest and the great falling away. A warning., on: 2009/6/25 11:20**

Hi robbyk,

Quote:

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Not at all. It was both interesting and encouraging. Thank you for taking the time to explain the situation. I feel sure the Spirit gives songs which are very real ministry, when God's people are living in extremity.

**Re: - posted by robbyk (), on: 2009/6/25 15:14**

Thank you and brother Tom and the others in this post as you have given me much spiritual edification; this morning, as I harvested the flowers from a thickly sown bed of arugula, I saw the "tares" have also grown up, some clover, a little lamb's quarters, and I had joy remembering the wisdoms expounded in this post.

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**Re: The event that exposed a big bundle of them...TARES gone wild!, on: 2009/6/25 17:32**

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RobbyK: your welcome, and it is my privilege. I posted this on July 30, a year ago, about a week before Bentley retired from Lakeland.

July 30, 2008.

Bentley and the withering.

There is such a thing as withering. "Jesus saw that the fig tree had no fruit, and He cursed it. Upon return to those parts, they beheld the fig tree, and it had withered, and they marveled."

.... Lakeland and Bentley have been flourishing, and as much as a splash is concerned, he made a cannonball run, may be as much as any one man since the venerable Benny Hinn, or even for a brief moment, Billy Graham. He was on every major American news cast....most charismatic leaders have fawned and bowed before him in their glowing accolades and endorsements...and now....it's over.

I believe he became a victim of his own outrageous and pathological lies. His penchant for ever increasing whoppers, and Elijah like encounters, combined with the sorcery like visitations became too much. even his own began to back off a bit. There is right now a revisionist history being written of him...and a vast sanitation of his teachings. They are being edited and revised as we speak.

He has a problem. Of course it is a minor problem, in the beginning, when promises are made. It always is. You just say

it.... and it's true! Well, after one hundred and twenty days, and about 30 resurrections from the dead, and possibly 10s of thousands of miraculous healings, there does not seem to be any medical verification on anything! Zero. Nada. Zip. The National media saw to that.

Not withstanding as pathological liars do, is the increase of the fib. Minnows flitter amazingly in the bowl, you are amazed, but Moby Dick emerges and flops into your living room, and he gets your attention. Todd Bentley became his own worst enemy. He could not restrain himself. He had to reach for the Elijah mantle. Conversing with Abraham and the Apostle Paul was not enough. Traveling through time, and God always directing you, audibly was not enough. The great Angel of the Winds of change at his beck and call, protecting and anointing him, was not enough. Tumors exploding out of bodies at his great anointing was not enough. Emma was not enough. Wigglesworth audaciousness was not nearly enough, as he created the gravely ill, and knocked teeth out of the infirmed....with a full mount that would make the WWF swoon.. .. bam! bam! bam Allah koolia!

But really, there was more to the story than this. It was, and is strong delusion. It was a dividing line, a separate, a harvest, if you will. Many, many of the charismatic leaders of my time, saw something that must have resembled Elijah, in their perceptions. when solid Believers in Jesus saw imps, and demons, our most honored Prophets and Apostles saw light! They lined up to endorse Todd. The great leader of the end time harvest! In a way, they were right...but not in the way they thought. They have been identified, by their embracing of the thing that murders, with the murderer. They have become accomplices, by virtue of association.

Bob Jones, The "Apostolic commission; C. P. Wagner, Dutch sheets, Chuck Pierce, Jim Goll, and all of their crew, Paul Cain, Charisma magazine, the former Lakeland chiefs, All of the Toronto leaders, Randy Clark, Che Ahn, the ambulance of the Assembly of God in Springfield.....on and on. Pastors uncountable, and too many other so called leaders to name. I think of Rick Joyner....I am sick to go on. Could someone do a list please, that is a researcher, of the names of the prominent who jumped aboard this ship named Emma?

Soaking prayer, with a pure Hindi doctrine of transcendental guided imagery; the emptying of the mind to translate yourself into the realms of Heaven through focus, and voiding of all conviction to EXPERIENCE....OH TO HAVE A VISION!!! AND OF COURSE , THEY DO!

At this moment, they are trying to convince Scottish believers to open their minds to receiving Angels...and laughter as joy from God. Todd's packing to Europe.

In Luke, the Lord said that the Harvest is the End of the age. He said he would send forth the angels to bundle the wicked....the tares...for fire. He also said he would separate the righteous , the wheat to take into his storehouse...Heaven. The Harvest is not about the great evangelistic move in the End, alone...it is also about the Evil being divided unto judgment. This, is that.

This has been the most obvious unscriptural carnival of parading imps, possibly in the 20th, and 21st centuries. It is more bizarre than Mormonism was ever elevated to in the annals of the magic show. It is so obvious, that babes in Christ know, much less anyone who has actually read the new testament. It is therefore....strong delusion....sent by God! God sent it! To separate the wheat, and the other. "The harvest is the end of the age! Bentley is sent by God, in this sense.

Only a deep repentance coupled with a Godly sorrow will absolve these leaders who endorsed this Liar and false Prophet. The blood of the Lamb will not be trodden on without some retribution. God is not mocked, and that is all Lakeland and Bentley are really about. I do not wish them Firelake.

It is Harvest Time! The last thing I want to say, is that God has heard the many, many persistent cries to stop this dark parade. God had his timing...to wait until it came to some maturity, and used it to approve those who are and were faithful

to Him, through Bentley's perverted dog and monkey show. I believe it is over in Lakeland, though they are trying to rebuke the blanket over them away. It has become dry, and boring....the kiss of death for any magic and animal show. The music is off key, and the shouts of victory are hollow. time to vamoose! Shim dag doomariah!

On a serious note, the wake of sorrow and confusion left behind is what our prayers should be directed too now. There will be many, many young ones thinking God let them down, or depressed when they are not pumped by the special effects, and adrenaline, thinking that God is a deserter. There will be those numbed by it all...and this maybe the most numerous group of all, and possibly the Devil's intent. Let us ask God to take time out and visit each of these, and reveal to them that this was not Jesus at all, but ancient impostors who desire worship due only Him.

Also, the many who were let down by false hope. It really does make the heart sick.

To the many who sought God for an end to this travesty, and to those who stood against , thank you. It turned out to be a united front, more than the Devil bargained for. Thank you who suffered the backlash of Hell for your stand, and thank you for those who understood the times and seasons; the sheer gravity of the innocent being so clearly devoured by the wolf. Thank you seasoned intercessors, and the young one's too. There is a cost, when approaching an army of 10,000, and you seem to be only 300. The battle is not a fairy tail. This has been real, and costly, with many casualties. Let us not put down our swords yet. Keep praying, as you are burdened. Let us be like Samuel in the face of AGAG! Yip! That's the spirit!

to my fellow soldiers....Brothertom  
Posted by Thomas Watkins

today, June, 2009

I emphatically do NOT want to turn this thread into a Todd Bentley warning, but simply that it happened. 10 or 20 years ago, it would have been unthinkable, and as you, RobbyK, have reported about Babylonian witchcraft and the spirit of Sodom becoming ascendant in Wisconsin; It's incredible to me...dreamy. Madison is the home of the cheese, and Norwegian athletes, and Apple Pie!..The heartland...but evidently no more.

This is the End of the Age, and it's Harvest time. There is a separation going on, and it's real. 2 camps. The Devil's, and the Lord Jesus'.

**Re: - posted by jsisrl (), on: 2009/6/26 11:41**

Have you all ever Read Milton Green's book:

The Great Falling Away Today:

[http://home1.gte.net/web23vhn/milton\\_green-no-frames.htm](http://home1.gte.net/web23vhn/milton_green-no-frames.htm)

**Re: - posted by jsisrl (), on: 2009/6/26 14:06**

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Tom, I have experienced this from almost Day 1 from God waking me up and causing me to be Born from above. Sounds like you too.

Keep the Faith and Hold on we shall endure much more than what we are seeing right now - wait until the Apostate Church (the emergent - church grow churches) once they complete their 'dialectic process' the spirit they are of will soon become cruel - murderous.

Blessed are those who die in the Lord from henceforth and they shall rest from their labors and their works do follow.

**Re: , on: 2009/6/26 16:34**

Quote:

-----Pretty well the only noticeable key for discernment today is to recognize "if a preacher is famous, he is false".  
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I think I know what you are saying, however, there be many famous men and women who are certainly not false. But I think your saying that if men lift up some personality that is probably a sure sign that he is false. If that is what you meant by that, then I certainly would have to agree.

**Re: Persecution from the false church. The inclusionary gospel., on: 2009/6/28 11:30**

20 years ago this inclusionary Gospel; a gospel that includes new age agendas and political / socialist dovetailing would have been isolated immediately as anti Christ. Because the church as a whole allowed just a tiny bit of it, it grew, and as yeast, obtained control and infiltration over the whole loaf.

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It is beginning. Home meetings are under attack by activists enforcing zoning laws, home schooling is either banned, or saddled with heavy weights and standards that make it impossible to do. and the cry of no social deviation from the status quo... as HATE SPEECH, and thereby illegal. It is illegal to CARRY a bible in government institutions, and the Satan worshipping cults, such as the Wikken, have Satan's star over the honored dead at Arlington National Cemetery.

This was accomplished through the changing of laws, and by political activists that challenged her. The church in America backed down, and capitulated; leaving us with the church of the half gospel, and the rest is against Christ; antiChrist. It is the church of every path leading to God, and all faiths sufficient to obtain Heaven. This was the message of Obama to the world as Rick Warren stumbled through his universalist ideas about faith at the inauguration, .

What is happening is "intimidation", and it is the heart and soul of it's big brother, terrorism. It is, and has been the str

ategy of every totalitarian regime that has ever been on Earth, and you better not resist, OR ELSE!

The Church has become leavened, and really but an extension of the larger spirit, political and social institutions, th  
at hate the Lamb of God, and his holy Word, and love rebellion, and their rights to do, and to sin as they well please! ME  
!,ME!, ME!..I'm at my best when I'm blessed. We are watching the great falling away, day by day, as we speak, and I agr  
ee, it's going to get much, much worse as this spirit multiplies it's deception.