**THE ALTAR AND THE WORD**

**WILL BE YOUR SECURITY IN THIS LAST DAY**

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**I’M BRINGING YOU OUT OF EGYPT’S BONDAGE**

Our story starts in Egypt over 3700 years ago. God’s people – the Children of Israel, had been in bondage for over 400 long years. Two to three million Israelites were in servitude to an evil King – Pharaoh, who had made their lives bitter with slavery. All the people knew was idol worship because the land was filled with idols and false gods that the Egyptians served and worshipped. The Lord’s people began to cry, their lives were bitter from the slavery. They wanted help, they wanted out of Egypt, there was no peace and no freedom there. (O God, Bring us OUT!!)

Pharaoh is a type of the Devil in this story and Egypt is a type of the World. So, the people cried and God heard their cries and sent them a deliverer – Moses! The only way you can be free, I’ve got to get you out of Egypt, the Lord was saying. I’ve got to separate you from that land of idols and false gods. You will remain in bondage and you’ll never know me and be able to serve me and have my peace if I leave you in that land. I’m going to reveal my Ways, my Holiness to you – I am the only One and True – the Almighty God!

**I’M BRINGING YOU TO A LAND OF PROMISE**

 The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob made His chosen people a promise – I’m bringing you out of Egypt, the land of bondage and I’m going to bring you into the Promise Land flowing with milk and honey. This Promise Land was called Canaan. It was a beautiful land made up of 7 different nations. God said to His children – these people of these nations are ungodly and corrupt. I’m going to cause the land to vomit them out before you and those that remain, you must annihilate by physical force. Do you know why? It was because their cup of iniquity had come to the full, their lives were full of sins of abomination. Everyone of them from the oldest to the youngest were given over to the worship of false gods. Their culture was saturated with sexual perversions of every kind – Adultery, Fornication, Incest, Homosexuality, Prostitution, Bestiality – lying with animals and giving their bodies to lewd acts with the beasts, Violence, Bloodshed, Witchcraft and Child Sacrifice to their false gods.

 God said, I’m going to give you their land. I’m going to give you their houses full of good things you

never built, give you their vineyards and orchards that you never planted, ye shall possess brooks of water and wells you never dug. This land is a good land of abundance, a land of olive oil, wheat and barley where you can eat bread without scarceness. It’s full of precious stones and metal. I will cause you to possess it, for they are not worthy of it.

**BUT - THERE ARE THINGS YOU MUST DO!**

 After the Lord brought His children, the Israelites out of Egypt, He told them before they entered the land of Promise – **Deut. 14:2** - For thou art an Holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath Chosen thee to be a Peculiar people unto Himself above all nations of the earth. I’m getting ready to bring you into this good land. If you want me to be with you and want my continued blessings, you must be Holy and keep my laws and commandments! If all of you my children want to survive and make it in the Promise Land, this is what you must do: **De 12:2** - Ye shall utterly (completely) destroy all the places, wherein the nations which ye shall possess served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree:

 **3** - And ye shall **overthrow** their altars, and **break** their pillars, and **burn** their groves with fire; and ye shall **hew** down the graven images of their gods and **destroy** the names of them out of that place.

 Why do you want us to do all this Lord? Why do we have to tear down, burn and utterly destroy these things? Because in doing it, you will be getting rid of all the evil influence! Their spirit will not be able to pull you or lure you into their ungodly ways! In doing this, you will remain undefiled by the spirit of the land. Can I say – O the desire of our Holy and Righteous God and His efforts to Sanctify us and keep us pure in this evil world!!? He does not want us defiled in body and conscience. If you hearken to me, Satan’s avenues to reach you will be cut off. Your hearts and minds will be pure and not polluted!

**YE SHALL WORSHIP ME!**

God goes on to tell them in **Deut. 12**, When you get the place cleaned up and sanctified and all the idols destroyed and the evil influence of sin removed, ye shall build me a Sanctuary, a place of Habitation and I will place my name there. It will be your Church, a place of worship to me! To my Habitation ye shall come and bring your sacrifices and offerings and tithes and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God for all His blessings. If you do these things, I will surely Bless you and keep you!

**THE ALTAR AND THE WORD!**

**De 27:1** ¶ And Moses with the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandments which I command you this day.

 **2** And it shall be on the day when ye shall pass over Jordan unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up Great Stones, and plaister them with plaister: (Cement them together)

 **3** And thou shalt Write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over, that thou mayest go in unto the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, a land that floweth with milk and honey; as the LORD God of thy fathers hath promised thee.

 **4** Therefore it shall be when ye be gone over Jordan, that ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in mount Ebal, and thou shalt plaister them with plaister.

 **5** And there shalt thou **build an Altar** unto the LORD thy God, an Altar of Stones:

 **6** Thou shalt build the Altar of the LORD thy God of whole stones: and thou shalt offer burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD thy God:

 **7** And thou shalt offer peace offerings, and shalt eat there, and rejoice before the LORD thy God.

 **8** And thou shalt Write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly. (Engrave my Commandments on them so the people can read them and take heed!)

 **9** And Moses and the priests the Levites spake unto all Israel, saying, Take heed, and hearken, O Israel; this day thou art become the people of the LORD thy God.

 **10** Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of the LORD thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day.

I’d like to say right here in this Newsletter: There will never be anything more important than a good Holiness Home Church, the Word of God and the Altar! Your Faithfulness and dedication to them will see you through many temptations, trials and hard times. They will be your Lifeline, strength and hope in these last days! If you let up and drift from them or leave them, you are surely doomed in these closing hours of time. O God, I need my Church, I need my Pastor and preacher. I need the Word of God and I need the Altar to make it! Without them, there is no way to Heaven! Can this be your prayer? – “Dear Lord Jesus, I don’t want anything pulling me away from you! I don’t want this world or anything it has to offer to entice and entangle me in its pleasures or entertainments. I can’t afford to do anything or have anything that will hurt me spiritually and defile me! O Lord, don’t let my heart be taken away from you and your Divine Holiness!”

**PRESENT DAY IDOLS**

 God has never ever intended for His people to go back in bondage to the things He has delivered them from and brought them out of. If it was crucial for Israel and a matter of life or death way back then for them to utterly destroy all the idols and every trace of evil influence, how much more for us today in a society that is filled with every modern technology imaginable?

What are some of the modern-day idols that has captured the minds and hearts of this generation? Remember, an idol is anything that comes between you and God that you set your heart and affections on. It’s what draws and keeps your attention, ties up your time, keeps you enthralled, involved and entertained. It takes away your devotion to the Lord, robs you of your prayer life and spending quality time in the Word of God! We live in an age of Gadgets. So many THINGS have become idols in peoples’ lives, even things that seem innocent and harmless.

Remember, God told Israel – when I bring you into the Promise Land, don’t learn the peoples’ customs. Don’t make any leagues with them. Do not allow your sons and daughters to marry into them or be Connected to them in any way! There must be a separation! Set yourselves apart for me. I want your Heart and Mind!

**MODERN DAY GADGETS**

Dear reader, the main crux and point of this Newsletter starts right here. Satan, the devil, the great deceiver of mankind has done his job well since the Garden of Eden when he seduced Eve and got her to bite into a lie when he promised her great Knowledge! I want us to take a look for a moment at some modern-day gadgets that have become idols and they are stealing our children, splitting up marriages and families and flooding homes with evil! **Deut. 32:17** – They sacrificed unto devils, not to God; to **New** gods that came newly up. Technology is good, but you must remember – Satan’s hand is behind many inventions that is intended to snare souls and take them away from God.

**SMART PHONES – COMPUTERS & THE**

**INTERNET**

Tim Cook, the CEO of Apple, when interviewed said – “We make Products that people didn’t know they wanted and when they get them, they can’t live without them!” Ninety One percent (91%) of all Americans now have a Cell Phone. Technology is good if it is used right but it must be handled with a guarded eye and a prayerful heart! The Lord laid this message heavy on my Heart and I was burdened and wept for several days. As a result, it has inspired these last two Newsletters as a wake-up call and warning for many to take heed that Satan doesn’t take your Heart and Mind away from God and corrupt it! (Don’t let him steal it!)

**INTO THE DEVIL’S LAIR & WEB**

 I want to take us for a few moments into the dark realm, into the Devil’s lair - his Ballroom! The Holy Ghost fed this all to me and I wrote as he gave me the words: There is a door that enters! Just outside the door that enters this huge room is a well-lit screen. This Screen beckons with its many colors – it lights the entrance to this big Ballroom. It looks innocent enough and inviting to say the least. But don’t be fooled, it is not altogether harmless. To enter, all you do is touch and a window which is actually the door is opened. When this portal is opened, your eyes and mind enters and you find that hundreds of millions of people are already inside this domain. They’ve made residence here, they live here day and night. They display their thoughts and play their games here! Every nationality and creed, every ideology and religion of the human race with every thought and agenda is here in this giant Web.

When you enter this portal – It’s Welcome to the World Wide Web! Your eyes become your guide and your fingers do the walking. It is here that everywhere all around you, you find that sinners and the ungodly and worldly minded are here! You’re now Connected to thousands of others, to their thoughts, ideologies and desires. You are Connected to a whole world full of pictures and sounds. Look hard as you may, you will not find God’s Holy Altar! The true Holy Word of God will be scarce! Yes, there are good Websites of good Holiness Preaching and Singing. Yes, there is good helpful information, but be wary dear reader and always on guard. A Prayerless heart that is given to pleasure should never enter this domain.

The Internet Domain you enter is much bigger than Times Square in New York city and all the major cities of the world combined. All their neon signs and billboards of advertisements beckon from every direction. Everywhere you look, there are sights and sounds and flashing lights in front of millions of doors to every business and place of entertainment. Everything is for Sale Here! It is the Mind’s Fantasy land of wishes, games and dreams. Unwary souls don’t realize they are being pulled into this Web by the spirit of the god of this world and after a while they are held captive. Everything imaginable is here. Your Senses are bombarded with advertisements – Tap here - Enter our website and check us out. Come on in. As you enter, you travel with your fingers down a busy proverbial sidewalk of wireless technology. You are pulled and enticed to look and read. The works of man and the flesh abound everywhere.

The Website store owners want your time, your mind and your money. We have everything to offer, a lot for you to see – Come and join us. You don’t realize that you are leaving behind you a trail of finger prints which are your digital footsteps as you surf this world wide web. Every place you visit is logged and the time you spent there. The big search engines have a profile of you. They know what kind of person you are. The government and the powers that be know what you like by the places you visit and how long you viewed it. (So does God – He is keeping a record). Thousands of souls have been before you and thousands will follow. This world Wide Web never sleeps, it runs 24-7. It spreads around the globe and reaches into almost every home, found in the hands and pockets of people from the youth to the old. (God is saying – I see the addiction to this modern-day idol, I see the mesmerizing control it has on the mind. People are not connected to me anymore. **My** **Word** and **My** **Altar** has been forgotten and forsaken! Their entertainments have drawn them away!)

It is a sad fact that many who have went into the Webs domain have never made it back out. They left God outside and ended up being pulled deeper into the dark regions until they were defiled in mind and heart. They are now held captive. Only God knows how many preachers, singers and once dedicated Christians have become a statistic and are now corrupt and backslidden. The world has won their hearts. How many precious souls are held hostage by technology. You don’t even have to leave home, take a bus or plane to visit the world – it’s in your lap and in your hand! Please don’t get this writer wrong, technology is good, we live in an information age and knowledge is power if used right. We can connect with our families, text our friends, share pictures and our love, listen to Gospel but to the Carnal minded I WARN: Predators lurk here waiting for gullible souls to stray in with searching eyes. Be careful who you entertain, who you let your little children Connect with. We are losing our youth. They are linking up in Chat Rooms with complete strangers, with lust minded sinners. Families are busted up here. Adultery is committed more online than anywhere else. Husbands leave their wives and wives their husbands. The arch enemy of our soul – the devil, has made it so easy to sin!

**PORNOGRAPHY**

O the human toll on families and children in this digital revolution we live in and Satan seeks to rule it. Porn has now become mainstream entertainment in our society. Welcome to the days of Noah and Lot. According to a recent study, Porn sites receive more regular traffic from people than Amazon, Netflix and twitter combined each month. 35% of all internet downloads are Porn related. 34% of internet users have been exposed to unwanted Porn through pop-up adds that come on the screen. It is documented that 30% of all data transferred across the internet is Porn related. Recorded Child Sexual exploitation known as Child Porn is one of the fastest growing online business. Over 624,000 child Porn traders have been discovered online. Porn is Global – over 97 billion dollar business – 12 billion in America alone. In the year 2016 – 4,599,000,000 hours of Porn was consumed on the worlds largest Porn site. 64% of young people ages 13 – 24 actively seek out Pornography weekly.

 Studies show that Porn warps the minds of youth, it steals their innocence, causes inward guilt and shame. The victims feel polluted. It leads to physical and verbal abuse. It causes self-hatred and low self-esteem that leads them to throw their life away and causes suicide. Even secular non-Christian doctors say it destroys a child’s outlook and balanced views. They feel unloved, unwanted and it causes them to go down the path of drugs and alcohol to cover their feelings and hurts. These poor innocent souls who were never raised in a Christian home by praying parents and taught the ways of God will go through life feeling unworthy, that they have nothing good to work toward. Marriage and having a good home and family means nothing – it’s unreachable to them! Pornography is so strong and addictive that it is now classified as a Drug by some!

 Now you see the dangers of unrestricted, unguarded use of the internet! Satan knew well and saw this day even back in Eden when he told Eve – “Go ahead, you won’t die – it’s alright, eat of the forbidden fruit and you will be as God and have great knowledge. This evil sin is destroying an entire generation of young people. Many are stumbling across Porn unintentionally while searching the internet and their inquisitive minds pull them into a bondage of corruption. Just one tap of the finger to view and check something out is surely the first step downward to an immoral mess! The Internet is surely the worst invention this world has ever known since the beginning of time – a proverbial Tree of Knowledge of good and EVIL!

 70% of youth pastors say they are having their teenagers coming to them eat up with guilt and needing help. A Quote by the U.S. Department of Justice: “Never before in the history of telecommunications media in the U.S. has so much indecent and obscene material been so easily accessible by so many minors in so many American homes with so few restrictions!”

**OPENING THE DOOR TO SPIRITS**

 Now you see why there is such an increase in Homosexuality. We are witnessing the Transgender movement which is inspired from the pits of Hell. People are opening themselves up to these spirits by what they see, entertain and listen to. If there is exposure to these things and to Pornography during the period of Child development, sexual deviance becomes imprinted on the child’s brain and it becomes a permanent part of his or her sexual orientation. In other words, this is why boys believe they are girls and girls want to be boys. This is a spirit that is allowed in the home by TV, movies, advertisements and the Internet. We have a society now of twisted views that is completely alien to our Wonderful Holy God. Satan has wrecked God’s original and ordained plan for the family and for Holy matrimony between man and woman. Nothing is sacred anymore, there’s nothing but lust and perversions of every kind. Unclean spirits now rule and roam the airways looking for more victims, more unsuspecting souls to deceive and mar.

 The devil knew all along what he was doing in introducing these new modern gods (idols). He’s defiling the whole human race – DON’T LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU! Listen close, you don’t just play with and view ungodly pictures – you are opening the door and inviting demons! Spirits follow pictures and sounds. You may wonder – why did so and so do what they did? Why did they turn out like that? It’s because they opened the door to the devil and he entered their minds and hearts. They strayed from God – they forsook the **Altar** and the **Word** and entered the devil’s domain!

 To my readers I say: Don’t take this Preacher wrong, but if you can’t handle it cut the strings and stay with God! Hold to the Altar and the Word! Don’t let yourself or your family and your precious children be victims and be defiled and destroyed! Children should never ever be turned loose with a Cell Phone with internet. Take this as a **Warning** – you will open a portal to Satan’s dark regions. If you go too deep, there’ll be no getting out. Everything good will be forever lost!

I saw a Picture of a little boy that looked to be about 6 or 7 years old sitting unguarded at a desk with his little hand on a mouse and he was staring in a Computer Screen with no one else in the room. It broke my heart and I cried. God told me to WRITE!! I wrote the last two Newsletters because of that picture of an innocent little child looking into the World’s Portal. May God touch my Readers!!!