



Many say, "I go to church," when you ask them if they have repented of their sins and asked Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Savior. Well, let me inform you that Satan goes to church also and people are following him, believing that as long as they go to their square building, that is sufficient. They do not believe in Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, of Israel. Many hiding behind the pulpit while standing on the pulpitum (stage) also do not believe.

Take seriously the Word of the Lord and read Revelation 18.4-8. Many talk about being lifted out of any trouble, and all will be well for them. They even say they can hardly wait because they are not going to be touched by any harm. This is a mockery to believe the martyrs all through the centuries to include our time - were/are horrendously treated because they were not living for the Lord God Almighty. Read Revelation 22.

Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

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Come apart and rest (Mark 6.31).

Mighty in the Word

of the
Lord
Jesus Christ

*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness;
But unto us which are saved it is the power of God" (I Cor. 1.18).*

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The Wise Still Seek Him

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Take No Thought!

Part I

Is not this the thinking of today? An old saying in a song of some years ago, "Do what comes naturally; that's the way to live successfully." Out of that has come in more recent times, "It's all about ME-e-e-e." Therefore, is this not how those hiding behind a pulpit while standing on a pulpitum (stage) have gained your confidence by telling you god (yes, god) loves you so just keep on doing and living as you are? You are just fine. "You got saved and baptized some time ago. Remember? So you are okay doing what you are doing and thinking like you do."

I am concerned that too many look to the New Testament, eisegeting, lifting out a phrase to substantiate their way of thinking according to their way of life. Little is done in studying the Word of God, the Holy Bible, to know the will of God, and what He gives to us, teaches us that we might live a life of holiness unto Him, to trust Him with our lives.

There are those who believe that Matthew 6.25 teaches we are to purchase one can of food as is needed for the meal. Let us look at Matthew 6.25 to understand what the Lord is saying.

Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? (Mt 6.25)

We are indeed to trust the Lord with our lives; however, this does not mean that we sit idle believing our needs will be dropped to us out of the sky as we desire it in the moment. The word *thought* does not mean carelessness, but rather we are not to be anxious, doubtful, lacking in trust of the Lord for the care of our lives. This does not mean we are to be careless, that we are not to work - as so many today believe.

Many today look to the government and others for a handout - not willing to work, desiring to live, however, as those who do earn their living, trusting the Lord to provide for them, a place to work, an income to purchase what they and their family needs. The Lord is our provider; however, He does not drop packages out of the sky for a people who refuse to work.

Know that this is appropriate as the Lord speaks of His people that He sends into the fields that are white unto harvest, which includes the workplace in our daily lives for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *[then]* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours (Jn 4.35-38).

As we labor in the workplace daily, we must know that we are in ministry if we know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, we are to labor for the Lord in the work place by also sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with co-workers when the Lord Jesus Christ opens that opportunity.

Genesis 3.19 makes it clear that we are to work.

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *[art]*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

We are to believe and hope and trust in our living for the Lord. Remember Peter as he toiled all night and caught nothing in Luke five?

And he entered into one of the ships, which was Simon's, and prayed him that he would thrust out a little from the land. And he sat down, and taught the people out of the ship. Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto *[their]* partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink (Lk 5.3-7).

Peter may have been discouraged as he had fished so long and caught nothing. However, he does not despair. He continues to labor as we are taught in the Word of the Lord. When the Lord tells Peter to "launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught," Peter obeys the Master. Oh, yes, he answers the Lord with, "we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy Word I will let down the net."

How sad that we fail to "launch out into the deep" in our lives daily. Oh, I believe the Lord is calling us to "launch out into the deep," living a life of trust and faith and obedience unto the Lord when all others around us chide us, endeavor to reduce us to thinking we have to do it all.

Launching out into the deep is not tempting the Lord God with a false faith that the Lord will provide when we have not walked in obedience to Him. Oh, how many in this day are living a lie, living against the Lord's commands - such as failing to even open the Holy Bible to "study to shew thyself approved unto God, a **workman** that needed not to be ashamed . . ." The New Testament having been written in Greek is where we are able to better understand the Word. Workman in the original language is

a "labourer, usually one who works for hire especially an agricultural worker. It is one who does, a worker, perpetrator" (Thayer G2040).

Gill wrote concerning Matthew 6.25;

Therefore I say unto you, take no thought for your life,... Since ye cannot serve both God and "mammon", obey one, and neglect the other. Christ does not forbid labour to maintain, support, and preserve, this animal life; nor does he forbid all thought and care about it, but all anxious, immoderate, perplexing, and distressing thoughts and cares; such as arise from diffidence and unbelief, and tend to despair; which are dishonourable to God, as the God of nature and providence, and uncomfortable to men:

We need to pray concerning our work and what the Lord wants of us as we endeavor to provide for the body as well as the soul, for our family and whomever the Lord places before us to help. We cannot do that if we sit idly by saying, the Lord will provide moment by moment, so I'll just sit idly by until I get what I want - and - uh - I am not responsible for others, so they are on their own.

We need to also look at the Old Testament. Famine is mentioned 80 times in the Old Testament and 4 times in the New Testament. Revelation 18.4-8 is powerful, and certainly should cause us to take deep inventory of where this nation is, where each of us is and those who are endeavoring to convince this nation they are serving two masters. Perhaps we need to ask ourselves, Whom do we serve. Who are we serving? God or mammon? Read Revelation 22.

- (Mat 6:24) No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.
- (Luk 16:9) And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.
- (Luk 16:11) If therefore ye have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true *[riches]*?
- (Luk 16:13) No servant can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Mammon is treasure, riches. Wherein lies your treasure? Is it with the enemy, Satan and his followers? The following scriptures should awaken us as well as Revelation 18.8

- Gen 41:56 **And the famine was over all the face of the earth:** And Joseph opened all the storehouses, and sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine waxed sore in the land of Egypt.
- Gen 41:57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph for to buy *[corn]*; **because that the famine was *[so]* sore in all lands.**

We have not taken seriously what has happened "all over the face of the earth" this year. We mock the government who has set forth the criteria that people can be spared the further spread of the *sickness* "all over the face of the earth." People continue mocking the Lord God when they say, I got god; I am not afraid - nor am I responsible for sparing someone else from grave illness.