

Our Crimes Against God

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Love God With ALL

A crime is an act that goes against or violates a law.

A crime against God is an act that violates his laws and commandments.

Jesus said in Mark 12:30 "Hear, O' Israel. The Lord our God is one and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, with all thy mind, and with all thy strength."

This is the first and greatest commandment.

How many of us really love God with ALL our heart and with ALL our soul and with ALL our mind and with ALL our strength?

I would venture to guess that for the vast majority of believers that call themselves Christian, it is far, far less than 50% of our hearts, minds, souls, and strengths.

In my opinion, the vast majority of so called Christians in The West love Him nominally at best. ONLY a few open their Bibles other than on Sunday morning. Only a few pray more than obligatory (sometimes when in front of other so called Christians) prayers of blessings over the food before eating.

I see only a tiny minority that are even trying to seek God with their all.

This failure to seek God with our all is a crime against God.

Even if we somehow squeak by and make it into heaven with such an indifferent attitude toward our loving heavenly father, we need to know that we have no chance of being considered a part of His Bride.

His Bride must be without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. See Ephesians 5:26,27.

If we have committed this crime of indifference, let us repent. For if we confess our sin, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

However, remember that true repentance involves a Godly sorrow for past wrong behavior and a desire to turn around and change that behavior to what is right.

Let us begin to seek Him with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds, and with all our strength!

If we truly love God with ALL, then we will love him more than our fathers, our mothers, our wives, our children, our careers or fortunes or anything else.

Let us check ourselves to see if we truly love our God like this. When given the choice to

do what He wants us or what our families want, what is our choice?

In Matthew 10:37, Jesus says "He that loveth father and mother more than me is not worthy of me and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me..."

In Luke 14:33, He says "Whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all he hath cannot be my disciple."

If we fail to follow His command to love him, with this type of love and abandonment we are indeed breaking his law and committing a crime against Him, our God.

Love Neighbor As Self

The second is like, namely this. Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.
On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The world says look out for number one (yourself). Jesus says love your neighbor as yourself.

"Who is my neighbor?" one asked. See Luke 10:23-37

Jesus explained by way of the parable of the good samiritan that our neighbor is anyone, anywhere. It is not based on race or religion or creed.

Can I love the next human being I see as I love myself?

That is the question.

Do we care about others as we care about ourselves? Or are we in contrast walking over, and climbing over others to exalt ourselves?

Are we looking out for our neighbor's needs as we look out for our own? Are we obeying what is often called the "golden rule"? "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"? See Matt 7:12

Some say the new golden rule is "He who has the gold, rules." With this mindset, one needs to have more gold than others to be in a position of rulership. If that is true, then can it not be said that one has fallen into the love of money which the Bible says is the root of all evil? See 1st Timothy 6:10

Jesus said "No man can serve two masters. you can not love God and Mammon for either you will love the one and hate the other or you will cling to one and despise the other." If our love is for the material things of this world, then we do not truly love our neighbor as ourselves.

1st John 2:16 tells "all that is of the world, the lust of the eyes, the lusts of the flesh and the pride of life is not of the father, but is of the world."

Isn't it interesting that for the vast majority of people, they are barely making ends meet? It doesn't matter if they are making twenty thousand dollars per year or thirty thousand or fifty thousand or a hundred thousand or more. Most just barely get by. When they are asked to help the poor or the needy or widows or the fatherless, most say they can not afford to give. In those rare cases where they do give, it's usually a very small amount. Why? Because people love themselves, and only themselves. They spend almost all, if not more than all, they make on their own lusts of the flesh, their own lusts of the eyes, and their own pride of life. Are we thinking of helping others who may be less fortunate? Or are we only seeking our pleasure, comfort, and luxurious living?

If this is what we are doing, is it not a crime against God?

Modern Day Mantras

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, FEAR GOD AND KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS; FOR THIS IS THE WHOLE DUTY OF MAN." Ecclesiastes 12:13

If we truly fear God we would be much more circumspect about how we conduct ourselves.

"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction." proverbs 1:7

Let us not be fools. Let us truly seek knowledge and instruction and wisdom from God.

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5

How does he give us wisdom? One way of course is as we continue feeding upon his word. What do I mean by feeding? I mean we must hear the word, we must read the word, we must study the word, we must meditate on his word, we must memorize his word, we must be doers of the word, and then be prepared to teach his word.

As we do these things, His wisdom begins to permeate our being. Truly as Jesus said in John 8:31,32 "If you continue in my word THEN are ye my disciples indeed AND you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

FREE?

Free from what?

Free from the traditions of man. Free from fear. Free from the religious deceptions coerced on them that lack the true light of God.

Free from blindly, almost unknowingly following the herd of politically correct people that figuratively, reverentially bow down to the gold calf and the golden statue when the music (is Mantra) is played.

A mantra is a chant that is music like in melody and repetition. It is generally designed to bring about a certain hypnotic (some would say spiritual, but what spirits?) state in those that use it, repeat it, and hear it.

With such a similar mantra going on around us, it is designed to make us conform or bow down to "political correctness." See if you recognize some of the music (mantras).

"A woman's right to choose is fundamental to her liberty."
(Translation - murdering unborn babies is ok.)

"We must not be biased against those practicing an alternative life style."
(Translation - Homosexuality is acceptable)

"One shouldn't sleep with a person on the first date."
(Translation - It is alright to fornicate after the first date)

These are just a few. There are others that are so deeply ingrained in our society that the vast, vast majority don't even recognize one. They have been brainwashed by an unscriptural mantra.

If we continue in His word, we will know the truth and the truth will make us free. Unfortunately, many "believers" never really study the word and are therefore caught up in these mantras. Essentially, they fall down and worship the image that America and The West displays when the music (mantra) is played.

How many believers think that a woman has the right to choose?

How many believers believe it is wrong to speak out against an alternative life style?

Yes, there are many.

And there are even more that follow the more deeply ingrained mantras. We'll talk more about those later.

Equal Partnership?

"Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church; and he is the Savior of the body. Therefore, as the church is subject unto Christ; so let the wives be unto their own husbands in everything." Ephesians 5:22-24

The scripture is very clear, and yet most in America and the Western world think of marriage as an "equal partnership."

A "History Channel" program on television set out a brief history of marriage and its so called evolution. In it, they proudly chronicled how marriage has "evolved" from the patriarchal and sometimes polygamous institution of the Hebrews through changes in Rome and the United States. They showed how women, little by little, gained more "rights" until now they can divorce their husbands. They can keep custody of the children and keep half of the assets of the marriage. They presented all this as progress and yet from God's viewpoint it is backsliding away from what God established.

Of course there are very few that would dare point this out for that would not be politically correct. It would go against the mantra, the chant of our times. It would in essence be refusing to bow down to the golden idols of equality among the sexes.

Such persons, as I, then are seen as anachronistic icons of a bygone era at best and dangerous, bigoted rebels against society and progress at the worst.

Yet, the real question is will I stand with God or will I be conformed to the world.

In Romans 12:1,2 Paul the apostle writes "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God."

How many of us are truly seeking the perfect will of God? How many are just seeking to get by? How many want an "insurance policy" to go to heaven while remaining as worldly as possible?

How many, when shown more of His Truth, are willing not to be just hearers but doers of his word?

How many are willing to walk in the light they are shown even when it may cost them the love and affection of close relatives?

Let Each Man Bear Rule

"Let each man bear rule in his own house." Esther 1:22

This is God's command in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. However, in The Western World (The United States and Europe) that command has been replaced with a new one.

"A man and a woman are equal partners in marriage."

The Bible warns against adding to or taking away from His word. Yet, men and women in their arrogance think they can change God's rules with impunity.

How is it that they could actually believe that they can bow down to the golden idol at the playing of the musical mantra and not suffer consequences?

Of course, the one truly behind the building of the golden image is Satan himself and he full well knew that there would be consequences and he relishes in them.

What are the consequences? Over 50% divorce rate! "God hates divorce." see Malachi 2:16. Therefore Satan loves it.

Satan has orchestrated over centuries one event after another to bring the Western World to this decadent point and then through "missionaries" from the Western World, he brings their vulgarized culture and doctrine to other so called "undeveloped countries" to destroy them with it as well!

In the first century, a man named Ovid wrote facetious stories of a man worshipping his woman. Apparently at that time, the people knew he was joking and no one took it seriously. Nevertheless, 1500 years or so later, men like Shakespeare wrote stories such as Romeo and Juliet and people began to believe this was the ideal.

In the meantime, the Roman Catholic church gradually over the centuries, began to erode man's position. They took over the priest's rights to marry more than one woman. Then they took away the priest's right to marry even one woman. At the Counsel of Trent in 1563, they took away the right of any man to have more than one wife.

The Morrill Act in 1863 made plural wives marriages (polygamy) unlawful in the USA.

In the late 1800s women won the right to divorce their husbands.

In the 1930's Margaret Sanger pushed for birth control.

In the late sixties, states began to liberalize divorce laws and allowing "no fault divorce"

In 1973 Roe vs. Wade allowed women to have abortions, murdering unborn children.

In the 1990's it was established that a man would not force his wife to have sex or it was considered rape!

More and more court decisions in divorce cases came down in favor of women. Women get custody of the children, women get 1/2 the man's wealth and money (1/4 to 1/2) of his future income for child support and for alimony (ex spousal support).

These events and others have degraded a man's capability to be the head of his family. Anytime he does not bow down and worship her and do her bidding, she can legally divorce him and destroy him and she can do it over and over again with different men.

Satan has very cleverly, through marriage, gotten men to succumb to one of the temptations that he put before Jesus Christ. He said "All these kingdoms and the glory thereof are given to me. I will give them to you if you bow down and worship me." Jesus was wise and said "It is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God and Him only will thou serve."

However, today, when the temptation comes in the form of a woman and romantic love, men succumb.

She essentially says without saying, "I will give you access to my body and will be a great wife to you if you will bow down on one knee and propose undying love to me and only me forever."

When he does so, he is trapped and has succumbed to the temptation. He has given away his authority and this is further stated in the marriage contract as he says his vows.

"I will keep only to thee so long as we both shall live."

He has been forced (usually unknowingly) into an unscriptural vow that God does not sanction and the wife is now in the driver's seat of the marriage. That may not become clear to him for several years. Yet it is true.

We must not be ignorant of Satan's devices. He is wicked and evil indeed. This is one more of his plots to stop man from being what God has called him to be: ruler in his own house.

"Let each man bear rule in his own house."

If Ye Continue . . .

"If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed." John 8:31

What does it mean to continue? It means to be a doer of the word and not a hearer only. How do we know this?

In Romans 10:8,9,10 we read "But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth and in thy heart; that is the word of faith which we preach: That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shall be saved. For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Now if we go to John 12:21,22,43 we read: "Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess him; lest they should be put out of the synagogue. For they loved the praises of men more than the praise of God."

Salvation is based in belief and confession. These among the chief rulers believed but did not confess. They failed to continue in his word. They therefore never became his disciples indeed.

Many people claim to be disciples of Jesus Christ, but what we do with his word is what determines whether or not we really are.

We must each ask ourselves "Am I a doer of His word?"

As we truly continue in his word, we begin to climb, as it were, a spiritual mountain. Those that refuse to climb are left at the bottom of the mountain. Others will climb up to a certain level and stop. Our continual ascent will also separate us from these as well.

Our continuing to climb will place us in the company of fewer and fewer people. Only others who also have continued their approach to the top of the mountain will remain in

our company.

And yet those that have failed to truly seek to reach the top of the mountain will claim that it is the high climbers that are off and out of the will of God.

Their perspective is so distorted that they think they are in the higher positions and that it is we the climbers who have had slid below them, thus creating the distance between.

In their love for us, they actually call to us to come back to them, not realizing that to do so would mean a descent down the mountain for us and away from our Lord.

Truly as Jesus said in Matthew 10:34-39, "Think not that I am come to send peace on the earth: I came not to send peace but a sword. For 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. A man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And He that taketh not his cross and followeth after me is not worthy of me. He that findeth his life shall lose it, and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."

Pain

"And there went great multitudes with him and he turned and said unto them, 'If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple. And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple... So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.'" Luke 14:25-27, 33

Salvation is free! See Ephesians 2:8,9.

However, discipleship costs everything!

A dear Christian brother said to me, "I don't believe God would have you do something that would hurt those close to you."

If one truly forsakes all, then God will at one point or another call him to do that which separates him from others. And there will be pain indeed.

What was it like for the family of Abraham when he separated himself from his family and headed out in a direction that God chose for him even though he did not know where he was going? Is it possible that some of his kinsmen might have tried to persuade him to stay? Were they hurt when he wouldn't listen to reason and went on anyway?

Did it hurt Abraham when he obeyed God and had to put Hagar and his son Ishmael out of the camp and send them away? Did it hurt Hagar to be sent off? Did it hurt his son Ishmael to be sent away by his father?

Was Isaac emotionally hurt when he realized that his father Abraham who he loved and trusted was willing to tie him down and raise a knife in preparation to kill him and burn

him as a sacrifice at God's command?

Were Joseph's brothers hurt when he shared his visions that showed he could one day reign over them? Was Zippora hurt when it was necessary to circumcise her son to save Moses' life? (See Exodus 4:24-26)

Were Aaron and Miriam hurt when Moses took another wife who was an Ethiopian? (See Numbers 12)

Did it hurt Joshua when it was necessary at God's command to stone and burn Achan and his family who were fellow Israelites?

Did it hurt Michal when her husband David the king danced before the ark wearing only a linen ephod?

How did Peter's father feel when he left the family fishing business to follow a wandering Jewish carpenter?

How did Peter's wife feel when her husband left her alone to go traveling with Jesus?

Will God ask us to do things that will bring emotional pain to those close to us? Yes! Yes! Yes!

Why?

Because it must be shown that we love Him far more than we love anyone else or anything else.

"He that forsaketh not ALL (ALL, ALL, ALL) that he hath CANNOT (CAN NOT, CAN NOT) be my disciple."

This is how he brings not peace, but a sword. This is why a man is set at variance against his father and the daughter against her mother and the daughter in law against her mother in law.

When the one who follows Jesus goes with Him and climbs the mountain a little higher, he leaves behind those that will not go on and there is hurt and resentment on the part of those left behind.

There is also suffering and hurt in those that go on, and yet because they love God more than they love any relative or friend, they must go on, because they love God even more. These are the true disciples and it is for this reason that the scripture says "He is not ashamed to call them brethren." (See Hebrews 2:9-11)

Love in Deed and in Truth

"Beloved, let us love one another for love is of God and everyone who loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not; knoweth not God for God is love." 1 John 4:7,8

Most believers say "yes, amen. We must love each other." However, when it really gets right down to it, many, if not most, rarely show much love other than occasionally saying, "I love you in the Lord."

In 1 John 3:13-18 we read "Marvel not my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But who so hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

As we look worldwide, there are many of our Christian brethren living in undeveloped countries that have great need and yet most of us in the wealthier Western countries spend all our income and wealth on luxuries for ourselves.

How can we then say we have the love of God in us?

In fact the vast majority of believers in The West don't even give the 10%, the tithe that belongs to the Lord, to Him. So, they are far, far from giving the tithe plus and offerings and alms for the poor. Yet many of these go around thinking that they are good

Christians.

Truly, they are like the Laodicean church which said "I am rich and increased with goods and have need of nothing." and they know not that they are poor and wretched and blind and naked.

Many of us are very, very selfish and self-centered. If we are to grow in love, we must concern ourselves with the welfare of others.

If we are not willing to give of our material things, the scripture says "How dwelleth the love of God in him?"

Then there are things that can be given that go beyond just money and material things. How can we share those things unless we truly have the love of God in our hearts and are willing to love in "DEED AND IN TRUTH" ?

Pure Religion

Pure religion and undefiled before God and the father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their afflictions and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

The word religion to many of us who seek to move forward in God has a negative connotation. Religion brings to mind, man made institutions that have grown cold and static. These institutions are filled with pomp and ceremony and traditions of men and have little or nothing to do with a real relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Still in this passage, the word religion is used in context which implies a genuine faithfulness to do what God wants.

PURE RELIGION and UNDEFILED IS...

The implication is that not all religion is pure and undefiled before God. In fact, some would contend that most religious systems are not pure and are defiled. Notice the next few words.. before God and the Father is this.

This should make us really sit up and take notice. What is it that is pure and undefiled before God and the father? We should all want to know, so we can make sure that we are doing it. Otherwise, how would we please our Lord?

"TO 'VISIT' The Fatherless"

I put quotation marks around this word VISIT because in the Greek it has several meanings. Does it really mean to just go by and see someone?

In the Greek the word is episkeptomis. It can mean (according to Strong's Concordance) to inspect (by implication) to select by extension to go see, relieve! -- lookout, visit.

I would think that in light of what we read in James 2:15,16 it must mean relieve. "If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them depart in peace, be warned and filled not with standing ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?"

Since fathers are the ones required to provide for their families, a fatherless child may be doing without the necessities to live. He may also be without the role model and discipline that a father brings to a family.

Notice also that the scripture says "fatherless" it does not say orphan as some modern so called translations try to make it. Why is this important? Because when we think of an orphan, we think of a child that has no parents. When we think of the fatherless, this could be a child with a mother, but no father. We need to be concerned about children with no parents who are fatherless and motherless and we must be concerned about those who have a mother but no father.

THIS IS PURE RELIGION!

Relieve the fatherless AND WIDOWS in their affliction.

How do we relieve the widows in their affliction? We provide food, shelter, clothing (natural covering) and spiritual covering. "For this reason ought the woman to have power (authority) on her head because of the angels." 1 Corinthians 11:10

How is this done?

"What advantage then hath the Jew? Or what profit is there of circumcision? Much every way; chiefly BECAUSE THAT UNTO THEM WERE COMMITTED THE ORACLES OF GOD." Romans 3:1,2

How were the Jews told to take care of widows? Let's answer that, by going to Deuteronomy 25:5-10. "If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child, the wife of the dead shall not marry without to a stranger; her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother unto her. And it shall be, that the first born which she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother which is dead, that his name be not put out of Israel. And if the man like not to take his brother's wife, then let his brother's wife go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband's brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not perform the duty of my husband's brother. Then the elders of his city

shall call him, and speak unto him: and *if* he stand *to it*, and say, I like not to take her; Then shall his brother's wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face, and shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto that man that will not build up his brother's house.."

The Jews required the brother of a man who died to take in his brother's wife and be a husband to her. In doing so, he relieved her affliction of being a widow and without means and he raised up unto his brother a name in Israel.

Of course we modern Westerners think we have a better way. We trust in Mammon. We buy life insurance!

Although life insurance can relieve some of the financial hardship, it can not be the same as a man who provides a spiritual covering as well.

But alas, if the brother is already married, then this would go against what is built up as the sacred ANTI-polygamy system.

We Westerners hold to this godless, diabolical ANTI-polygamy golden calf and worship it when in fact it is straight out of the pit of Hell!

In light of the scriptures, it is obvious that Satan desired to perpetuate the "ANTI-polygamy sacred cow" to destroy women and to leave many husbandless and childless!

Teaching on speaking in tongues used to bring great antagonism by many people. Teaching on tithing brings repercussions!

But I have seen nothing bring about the IRATE TIRADES that come forth as the truth about plural wives in a family brings.

Our Western society accepts all types of deviation and abnormalities including abortion, transvestites, homosexuals and more yet it chaffs at the thing which is scriptural and necessary to help widows and fatherless. This shows that this venom against this truth is fumed in the pit of hell and spurred on by demon spirits that are stirred up by it like bees whose beehive has been hit with a stick!

Those of us who dare step up and teach truth quickly find that we can become very lonely men as there are not many even amongst those that know and believe the truth that will openly teach and preach it.

So the question comes down to ethics. Do I want to please God or men and women who cling to the false ANTI-polygamy system?

God Loves & Satan Hates

"God is Love." 1st John 4:8

God is about Love. The adversary, Satan is about Hate! Love builds up. 1 Corinthians 8:1 Hate tears down!

God so loved the world that he GAVE...

SATAN so HATES the world that he seeks to steal, kill, and destroy!

As we grow in God, we begin to see things more and more from HIS perspective. As we grow in God, our loves grows. As we grow in God, our compassion grows. As we grow in God, we love and have compassion for his creation and our fellow human beings. We desire for others heaven and not hell. We desire good and not evil. We desire to lift up and not tear down. As we grow in God, we will love and build up and care for our fellow humans rather than being hateful, spiteful, resentful, envious, striving people who only seek to get ahead of others and will put others down or walk over them to do so.

As we grow in God, we seek to share those things that HE will allow us to share. We will share our time, our money, our material possessions and other things to help rather than hurt.

Yes, certain men will even be called upon to share themselves as husbands to a plural number of wives.

NO, not out of lust of the flesh or lust of the eyes, or the pride of life. No, instead they are and will be called of God to spiritually cover and protect women that otherwise would go without the headship that they need.

These men who trust in God are willing to suffer persecution for Him, are not the dirty lusting scoundrels that the ANTI-polygamy Satanic inspired crowd would make them out to be.. NO, these men seen with the eyes of faith are spiritual heroes. Giants in the faith!

Many others who dare not stand up for truth, if seen spiritually, are mere midgets in the things of God because they love the praises of men more than the praise of God. They desire acceptance of the majority rather than to suffer affliction with the righteous.

Many of these will weep bitter tears when it is shown to them the glory that they could have had.

God is love. Let us grow in love. Let us love God with all our hearts and our souls, all our minds and all our strength. Let us love our neighbors as ourselves.

In this spirit, how can we allow believing women who desire to be married and have children to grow old without a husband, and deny them to see fruit come forth from their womb? Is that love?

How can we allow widows to suffer and not provide the love, warmth, care, and affection that a husband can provide? Is that love?

How can we allow the fatherless to remain fatherless? Is that the love that God would have us show one another?

It's crazy to think God is pleased if we say to our brothers in Christ who are children who are fatherless, and our sisters in Christ who are husbandless, "be ye warmed and filled" and give them not what they need.

God is not pleased with words alone. We are called to be doers of the word and not hearers alone. We are called to love not just in word but in deed and truth.

"Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels and have not charity (LOVE), I am become a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy and understand all mysteries and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I would remove mountains and have not charity (love), I am nothing."

The Conclusion of the Matter

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man." Ecclesiastes 12:13

If we truly fear God then we realize who He is as compared to who we are. We are less than an ant is as compared to a man, when we compare ourselves to God. He is our ruler, we are HIS servants. We don't do what we want. We are called to do what he wants.

We are not our own for we are bought with a price.

That price was/is the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Therefore, we are not to live for ourselves, but for Him who died and gave His life as a ransom for us.

Therefore, we have no "right" to do our own thing. We have no right to conform our thinking to the world's thinking. The world's thinking has been contorted by Satanic powers to make what is right seem wrong and what is wrong and sinful seem right.

When we fear God and continue in his word, he reveals to us more and more of His truth. As we walk in more and more of His truth, it separates us more and more from the natural unsaved man and the carnal babe in Christ who still thinks like the world.

Truly, Jesus said "I come not to bring peace but a sword!" Yet we must be willing to submit to the sword of division that brings us to a higher realm, a higher place in God. It is only through obedience that we can gain that higher realm.

"Know ye not my brethren to whom ye yield yourselves to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death or obedience unto righteousness." Romans 6:16

"...even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness." Romans 6:19

There is a right way to worship God.

How is that?

In spirit and truth.

"...the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father seeketh such to worship him. God is a spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." John 4:23,24

For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons (mature sons) of God.

As we truly fear God and seek to keep his commandments, He is going to lead into more truth and he is going to require of us that we show that we truly love Him with all our hearts, all our souls, all our minds, and all our strength. He will require us to love (AGAPE) one another. In doing so, he will lead some men to have relieve the widows (whether by death or abandonment) by marrying more than one wife. He will also bring some women who are first wives to the level of maturity that they can and will accept the fact that their husbands are called to love God by marrying other women and providing for them.

Many will chaff at this message. The babes in Christ and those so steeped in religious tradition will call it heresy. Yet we are each called to study to show ourselves approved unto God, workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

As He reveals truth to us, we are required to walk in it.

Let's each ask ourselves:

"Will I walk in God's truth?"

and another question

"Will I continue to commit crimes against God, by failing to love Him and my neighbor?"

For more thorough Bible study on the plural wives question, see the book *Truth or Tradition* by Andy Nonymousman