

CHAPTER TWO

The Bitter Harvest of Godlessness

We have been unwilling to accept that we bring our own judgments. We do not hold ourselves accountable for our own actions.

If the fate of the world is judgment by religious persecution then we acted to bring that persecution. We permitted a social environment in which the Devil could work. God will now determine who are his true people. He will separate the wheat from the chaff. He is using the Devil to do it.

This modern godless generation detests previous generations who were so intolerant. They perceive strict moral and religious standards as Victorian and anachronistic. They take the weaknesses of those generations as justification for condemnation, not recognizing that moral and religious structure was the glue which kept civilization together, in spite of imperfections.

Earlier generations focused on God; that focus gave life direction. They had purpose, they had worth, and they had hope. Whether they were elite noblemen or peasant workers they lived daily with concentration toward that ultimate goal. When we threw God away we lost focus; we lost direction; we lost worth; we lost hope. We then degenerated into mere fleshly and material gratifications.

The modern generation seeks freedom. Freedom means tolerance. Most anything goes; there are no strict standards of conduct. Social behavior is now conditioned by liberal consensus, not by rigorous principles.

But many people still have a desire for God. They really and truly would like to bring a transformation. Unfortunately, when they were disconnected from the old forms they sought new forms.

This is a new age. The old ages and the old fashions have passed away. The human race is now liberated from the old nonsense.

This is Devil time. He introduces into the world a renunciation of those principles which provide wholesome integrity of society. His purpose is to create an environment in which he can carry on free intercourse with men. He nurtures the spiritual milieu of "freedom and liberty." This provides social conditions which permit him to gain entry into human mind.

By creating a new age environment, with its great tolerance of any spiritual exploration, human dabbling in communication with the Spirits is no longer under social restraint. It no longer carries the strong social stigma which attached in prior ages. Many more human beings begin to see a new spiritual age. They can now commune directly with the spirit realms. They can receive messages from above. They can be taught the most devious and insidious concepts of human purpose. And they can have their minds conditioned to Devil's work.

Such is the framework for the coming spiritual judgment of mankind. We wanted new spiritual freedoms; we shall reap the rewards of spiritual apostasy.

If we had remained righteous, if we had held true to God, and to a firm will of his purpose, we would not have opened ourselves to the Devil. But when we liberated ourselves we set up conditions for our own judgment. As God provided the resources for material power, and the coming physical judgment, so he provided the resources for spiritual power, and the coming spiritual judgment. Our former Prince remained on this planet at the mercy of God; he will now execute his malicious schemes simply because we did not remain true to God. He will bring the judgment; we permitted him to do so.

Matt 13:24-43 Another parable he put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' . . . Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "He who sows the good seed is the Son of man; the field is the world, and the good seed means the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. The Son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

We should not jump to the conclusion that, somehow, if we believe in God, we shall escape tribulation. No personal view could be more deceptive. *Matt 24:30-31* and parallels show clearly that the sign of the Son of Man in the heavens, and the appearance of his angels, will be after the Great Tribulation. All mankind upon this planet must suffer these woes. There is no human being living today who is worthy of rescue from the judgments now about to come down upon us.

Revelation 7:9f is also clear. The great multitude standing before the throne of God were those who came out of the Great Tribulation. They did not wash their robes and make them white except through that cleansing fire.

An inherent part of God's mercy is to give every human mortal an opportunity to demonstrate spiritual allegiance, clearly and unequivocally. Men cannot do so unless they come under extreme spiritual trial. The complacent environment of a stable social order does not bring human mortals to spiritual trial; it merely offers opportunity to display social allegiances.

We should recognize that the Prince has come, is now in his power, and has planted his seed among mankind. He did so while mankind slept. The weeds grow with the wheat, and coexist, side by side. They are relatives, friends and neighbors.

It has been customary for Christians to conceive of this coexistence as those who publicly espouse a devotion to Jesus, and those who do not. But such public display is mere social appearance. Unfortunately, for their sad disappointment, the forces now shaping around us are not so neatly defined. The forces are far more insidious and deadly.

If death comes from family members, relatives, friends, and neighbors, by what preposterous stretch of the imagination could such event take place? What will bring ordinary men and women, all those lovely and loved ones, all those gentle women and kind men, to an extreme which reaches beyond any conceivable human possibility?

In this century we have become accustomed to genocide and persecution unto death of entire segments of population. Whether it was Germany, or Russia, or Cambodia, or other programs of mass human extermination we have witnessed in the past hundred years, we cannot raise our imagination to the possibility that mass human murder will now come by the hands of seemingly sane comrades and jovial companions living in the midst of us.

The key to understanding was provided by John. It is supposed service to God. These individuals will believe that they are obeying the instructions of God. They will be given the reasons and the spiritual influence to believe they are offering a service to God.

This truly diabolical action will come out of new age persons who have placed themselves under the psychic and spiritual influence of the Devil. They did not have their hearts centered on God; they knew neither Jesus nor the Father. They were after new spiritual experiences and communications; they are now receiving them with true vengeance.

Emerging today, around our planet, are large masses of people who experience new psychic phenomena. They hear quiet voices within their minds. They produce a literal flood of new revelations from those voices. And they experience intimations of new spiritual bliss which they heartily believe is coming directly from God.

Mark Farley, of Corvallis, Oregon, made the following statement in the spring of 1994.

"And so I started my quest for my teacher. I didn't have any guidelines so I just made up everything as I went along. During the hour that I commuted each way to work I began talking to my teacher and listen-

ing for answers. I half expected to hear audible voices, even though other transmitters had told me that the teachers' voices sound like your own thoughts at first . . . "I sat in the car a long time. I knew I was at a spiritual junction. I just sat there and watched the trees move in the wind and the river flow by. I thought about the cycles and my place in the world. I tried to feel lonely but I couldn't. I realized that I would never feel or think the same way again. I had already changed. Something within me had made up its mind to see where this road would lead."

They believe they are the pioneers of a new planetary age. They believe the earth will be renovated and that they are the agents of such renovation.

"What the mission means to me has evolved and matured as I have become involved with it, and it becomes apparent that we will be instrumental in what is to come. The few flashes of the future that I have received from the teachers make me wonder if I will be up to the challenge . . . I found myself wanting all the challenges the universe could give me so that I could grow enough to be involved in whatever the teaching mission would become . . . I have waited all my life for the fulfillment of the purpose that I have always felt within me. I will not allow my fear, prejudice, and self-loathing to stand in the way of becoming what the Father intended me to be. I wanted a taste of it on this planet . . . We all need to become projectors of the Father's love. I have experienced a few brief flashes of that love in moments when my guard was down and I can tell you that it's potent medicine. I would give anything to be able to spread that love around. I think I have had glimpses of what this mission is really about and I pledge myself anew every time I get an expanded view . . ."

At the moment of this writing they are being conditioned to new attitudes of reality, to different mental frameworks, to strong psychic readjustments. They are being conditioned to accept the instructions of that Master Mind who has gained entry into their minds, with a control they do not recognize because of the subtleties of his technique. While he is conditioning them they continue to believe they are free agents. And they will continue to believe they are free agents as he leads them into the most horrifying human action of all planetary time.

A constant theme runs through all of the messages received from that "spiritual God."

"This time is indeed the early stages of the mission, the testing ground, as it were. Although this stage reaches around the globe, in the years to come you will barely recognize this mission for what it appears today . . . You concern yourselves overmuch with this process, breaking your hearts against the rejections and the falseness that appear to

batter you . . . **The outcomes are not yours** . . . Think not that I will ever abandon you as you struggle on this rocky and lonely road, and know that wherever possible, I will not only light your path, but show you the wonders that all who seek reality will see along the way. You will not regret this, however many dark hours you must bear. **There will always be the light** . . . there are enough souls present to minister to wherever you pass by. You are the leaven in the dough. Not all can be the leaven, and there is no shame in this, but you will lighten the entire population of the world . . . Trust in me; trust in my mission . . . Know that I love you, each one of you, tenderly and truly and personally. When you are uncertain, my spirit is with you, **my mind is available to you . . .**"

The emphasis is mine.

Christians customarily believe in two types of diabolical influence. The first is the spirit of sin which now pervades our world, a spiritual atmosphere which conditions our lives but from which we are safe as long as we remain true to God in righteousness. The second is diabolical possession in which the victim is subjected to actual seizure by evil spirits. These traditional views have frozen into mythical notions which do not reflect a recognition of the true reality of Spirit control. Even though their literature is filled with new age concerns, Christians do not recognize the middle ground, where neighbors and friends have subjected themselves to literal mental and psychic control while going about ordinary lives.

The Prince is real. He is alive. He is a personality. He thinks. He plans. He acts. And he watches to see who will become his son or daughter. When we literally open our minds to him he readily jumps in. And then we become his.

Christians cannot grasp the reality of living spirit personalities. They do not understand that the Prince is part of the Kingdom of Heaven. They do not apprehend that the Kingdom is real. They have not formulated a scheme which would permit them to place different spirit personalities within the Kingdom. They do not conceive of structure, or spatial dimension, or administrative purpose. For them the Kingdom of Heaven is mystical, words pronounced without content.

A network of influence now exists all around our globe. It is not a network of formal human structure. From my personal contacts with these people I know they have had difficulty organizing. The Prince does not want them to become organized at the human level; they would interfere with his plans. He wants to maintain individual control which will permit him to direct their actions as suits his purpose. The network is his, not theirs.

Paul told us that the god of this age comes as an angel of light. He has appeared to individuals in the past as a being of light. But this is not the significance of the revelations now being given to the servants of the Prince. He will provide them, literally, with light. It will be such a powerful influence they will not be able to deny it. It will give them absolute conviction that it is from God himself. And it is — from their God.

Indeed, they will enlighten the entire population of the world. This will be a worldwide action, to cleanse the human race according to his criteria. And they will do so because he has made his mind available to them. When he opens his mind to them they will see his light. It will appear glorious to them.

This leaves us with a disturbing situation. Christians today are ineffective in thwarting this upsurge of psychic social formations because they cannot shake the mystical attitudes in which they now stumble. How many of them are willing to give credit to the living power of this fallen being? How many are willing to accept that, indeed, he will provide such light? Christians are subject to distortions of spiritual realities which prevent them from contributing to the salvation of God's people.

This means that the witnesses who will be brought up before governors and kings and before churches and synagogues will not come from the ranks of ordinary Christians. They must be from other places who have an understanding of the reality of this fallen being, and who have been prepared for this service.

This does not mean that a few Christians here and there may not become part of the witness service. But it does mean that the rank and file of Christians will not be able to serve in this capacity. They are too constrained by their conventional and traditional mythical and mystical notions.

The Kingdom of Heaven

Matt 24:10-14 And then many will fall away, and betray one another, and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because wickedness is multiplied, most men's love will grow cold. But he who endures to the end will be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, as a testimony to all nations; and then the end will come.

The gospel preached at the end of the age is the gospel of the Kingdom, not the gospel of personal salvation. This is not to say that personal salvation was not the business of God over the past two thousand years. Paul was commissioned to take that gospel to the Gentiles. The other apostles understood their service also as that of the gospel of personal salvation through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, who became a savior to all members of the human race.

But now God has a different need: to salvage this planet and his people on this planet. Christian theologies and views are not adequate to that task. Christians are unaware of the administrative structure of the Kingdom, or even the location of that Kingdom. C. S. Lewis, one of their favorite champions, stated it succinctly:

"What we need for the moment is not so much a body of belief as a body of people familiarized with certain ideas. If we could even effect in one per cent of our readers a change-over from the conception of Space to the conception of Heaven, we should have made a beginning."

The Kingdom of Heaven is within space and time. The fallen One wanted to ascend above the stars, to place his throne on the Mount of Assembly in the far north, above the heights of the clouds, and make himself like the Most High, *Isa 14:13-14*. The far north cannot be in some mystical heaven; it must have a spatial reference in a three-dimensional universe. But Christians have no understanding of such matters, in spite of the revelations they carry with them to church each Sunday morning. They know there are Michaels, and a Gabriel, and many Melchizedeks, and seraphim and cherubim, but they have not the slightest notion how they relate to one another. Michael is a Chief Prince, a Prince above all Princes, *Dan 10:13*, but Christians do not know what that means. Furthermore, he is only one of many Chief Princes, but Christians flee, frightened by such revelations.

When this gospel of the Kingdom is preached to all nations the end will come. The gospel of the Kingdom cannot be preached until a dramatic change in world attitude occurs, until Christians are willing to reexamine where they stand. And they will not reexamine where they stand until they are brought out of their arrogance to their knees in more certain humility. And that striking result will only be brought by persecution unto death. Our God will change the attitudes of this world, and he will use the Devil to do it. Our God will bring a spiritual judgment upon all of us, and we deserve it.

What will men and women do when the slaughter comes? Who can be trusted? How many will seek to save their skins by betraying neighbor and friend and brother? What will become of all the brotherly love which so many espouse today? We all can make claims of our respect for others, and the "Christian" fellowship we share, within a comfortable and safe social environment. But we will turn an altogether different face when death comes to our doorstep.

Many false prophets will arise. Those who teach that God's people will be rescued from all trouble and woe are false prophets. Those false prophets are in many Christian pulpits around this planet.

But the truly wicked false prophets will be those who serve the fallen Prince. They will teach a new world order, and claim themselves as the agents of that new order. They will believe they are serving Christ. And they will lead many astray.

God is bringing a spiritual judgment upon mankind. Men and women everywhere will show their true colors in a time of trial this world has never before witnessed.