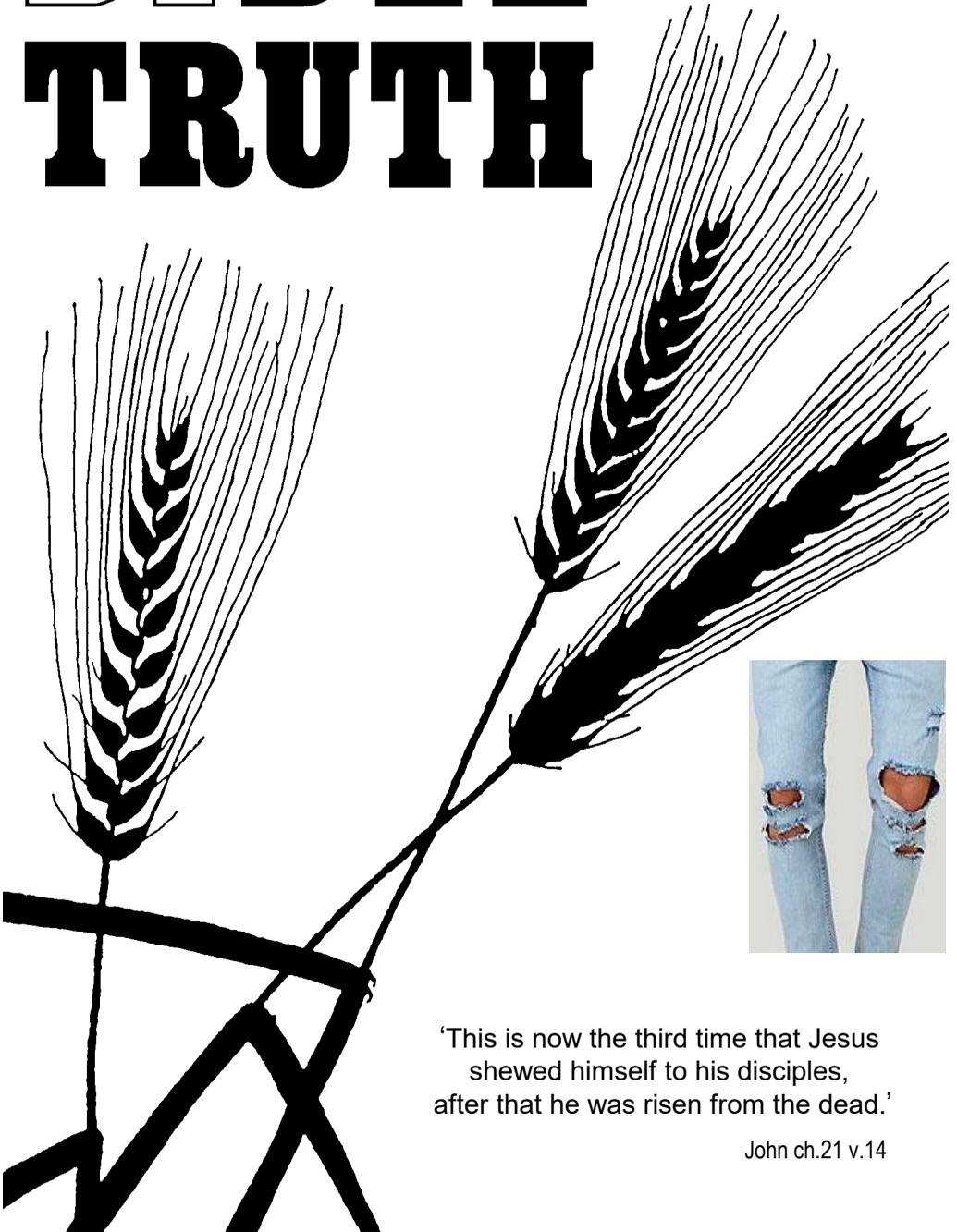


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'This is now the third time that Jesus  
shewed himself to his disciples,  
after that he was risen from the dead.'

John ch.21 v.14

# WORKERS OF INIQUITY

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'Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it. Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.'

Matthew ch.7 vv 13-23

See also Luke ch.13 vv 23-30.

It is my view that the above text will occur on earth after Christ returns to establish His earthly Kingdom. It will be a time of rejoicing for some and despair for others. This will take place in the early stages of His rule. Christ is returning as King to separate the tares from the wheat (see Matthew ch.13).

It is interesting, that *Ferrar Fenton* and the *Polyglot* says 'lawlessness' in respect of Matthew ch.7 v.23. In the *Anointed Standard Translation* the word 'injustice' is used in Luke ch.13 v.27. As shown in *Strong's Concordance* these are two different Greek words. Other translations show there is a difference. Nevertheless, Christ is talking about the same workers.

No matter how you look at these passages the workers of iniquity believe that the national Laws that were to be obeyed are now irrelevant. In a world that is showing the final signs of decay there is hardly any consideration being given to the following fact.

‘The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.’

Psalm 19 v.7

If you consider what Jesus said about the Law, obedience to the Law is still very much a necessity.

‘For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.’

Matthew ch.5 v.18

The only time when the Law will no longer be needed is when the Tree of Life has taken its rightful place (see Revelation ch.22).

It is true that the Ten Commandments might be referred to occasionally by the ‘shepherds of the flock’. By doing so they believe they have pleased God. But what about the financial laws and the many other laws of society that God gave to Moses for Israel to obey? These Laws were not nailed to the Cross. Only the Ceremonial Laws were nailed to the Cross (see Ephesians ch.2 v.15, Colossians ch.2 v.14). One of the reasons why so little is said about this subject is because the Churches are in the clutches of the banks. The Bible is very clear that if we obeyed these Laws, there would be no poor in the land, there would be rain in due season, and all our debts would be cancelled on seven year cycles.

‘Save when there shall be no poor among you; for the LORD shall greatly bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it.’

Deuteronomy ch.15 v.4

‘That I will give you the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil.’

Deuteronomy ch.11 v.14

‘At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. ... Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbour shall release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbour, or of his brother; because it is called the LORD'S release ...: but that which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release; Save when there shall be no poor among you; for the LORD shall greatly bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it: Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day. For the LORD thy God blesseth thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto

many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt reign over many nations, but they shall not reign over thee.'

Deuteronomy ch.15 vv 1-6

God would bless in other ways also. Instead of obeying we look to our own wisdom and thus allow the workers of iniquity to play their part in the enslaving of the masses.

It is my view that many are genuinely looking for answers to the problems of today, but the leaders are letting them down.

'Therefore thus saith the LORD God of Israel against the pastors that feed my people; Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them: behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the LORD.'

Jeremiah ch.23 v.2

'As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock;'

Ezekiel ch.34 v.8

Our leaders have become wolves in sheep's clothing.

I think that many of the Kingdom will be cast outside the Kingdom into the darkness.

'And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Matthew ch.8 vv 11-12

Many from outside will be brought in to become citizens of the Kingdom. I believe also that the perfecting of the Kingdom, even with Christ reigning, is going to take considerable time. Missionary effort will not cease when Christ returns. Maybe these workers of iniquity might eventually play a part in the final uprising by the forces of evil at the end of the Millennium.

'And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, And shall go out to deceive the nations ... .'

Revelation ch.20 vv 7&8

The Bible is very clear that Christ will rule over the House of Jacob and His Throne will be that of David's (Luke ch.1 vv 32-33).

‘He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.’

These words cannot be spiritualised to mean a heavenly Throne. Christ will be in command and His instructions are very clear as we can read in the following.

‘But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me.’

Luke ch.19 v.27

Could these enemies be those of the Southern House of Judah who 2000 years ago rejected Christ? Little has changed in history.

Will these workers of iniquity be like the prophets of Baal who were taken by the Prophet Elijah down to the brook Kishon and slain before the Lord?

We live in a day of delusion and spiritual evil in high places. Workers of iniquity are in the seats of authority. But all is not lost for God and His remnant, His chosen Elect will be used in a mighty way, to prepare this earth to receive a Heavenly design.

‘Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.’

Matthew ch.6 v.10

In the mean time we have to declare as Joshua uttered.

‘... : but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.’

Joshua ch.24 v.15

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