



SOWING SEEDS for the *Kingdom*



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Dearly Beloved in the Lord,

The key to experiencing a turnaround in *adverse situations* is to continue to maintain the dream of God in our hearts and not allowing ANYTHING to destroy it or make it ineffective.

Love is vitally important, it is essential to walking in the fullness that God has called each one of us to do. I of course am talking about the GOD KIND OF LOVE (agape), which is the very center of all that God's Kingdom is and does. **1 John 4:16 (KJV)**

¹⁶ And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. So, if the love of God is lost or compromised, every other quality of godliness is certain to be corrupted.

It was this dangerous condition in people who have walked with God that Jesus was referring to when He answered His disciples question regarding the signs of the end of time in the Gospel of Matthew, **Matthew 24:10-12 (KJV)**

¹⁰ And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another.

¹¹ And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.

¹² And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

The word "love" here of course is the Greek word 'agape' or the GOD-KIND of love. The good news is that we as born-again believers HAVE this kind of love in our hearts. **Romans 5:5 (KJV)**

⁵ And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Sadly, many will never develop the standard of love that is revealed in God's Word. Without His unconditional love as a priority in life, people become cold at heart.

No one starts down the path of compromise on purpose. It begins as a gradual and nearly unnoticeable decline. Once it starts, if left unchecked, the momentum can make the spiral down much easier.

How can leaders in the Kingdom of God lead without loving and touching the people they lead? How can God's family lose sight of His call to love? It happens when they choose to receive only *selective* things from the Word of God. When we *selectively* receive from God, we limit His influence in our lives.

The lack of love in the Body of Christ is clearly the sign of the times. The love of many has grown cold. The evidence is everywhere. It's seen in men and women of God who want to touch God but **SELFISHLY** neglect touching people. Others value being right more than maintaining **RIGHT RELATIONSHIPS**. Sadly, it is possible to do the work of God and not have the love of God in it! Is this the work of God in God's eyes?

No amount of prayer or giving will balance the scale of a calloused love. Only the melting of God's presence can replace the chill of selective love with His unconditional love. God's unconditional love is for **EVERY** person. Do you have this God-kind of love?

Jesus unveiled the dangerous condition of the times in a parable found in Matthew chapter 25:1-13. He tells of five wise and foolish virgins who, while waiting for the bridegroom, needed to keep their lamps burning bright. The five wise had enough oil, but the foolish did not. While the wise waited faithfully for the bridegroom, the foolish left to seek a supply of oil from **ANOTHER PLACE**. When the bridegroom arrived, only the wise were there to meet him.

We **MUST ALLOW** the oil, which is the presence of the Holy Spirit to cause our lamps to shine bright. The Holy Spirit is the One Who reveals to us God's love. We **CANNOT BE** like the foolish virgins who lacked the anointing, or the fuel, to cause their lamps to shine brightly. Without the love, our lamps remain only a mantelpiece.

If you would like us to stand with you for a particular situation, please contact our prayer team, text, e-mail, web-page or snail mail, our prayer warriors **GET RESULTS! Got a need? PLANT A SEED!**

Kathy and I are so grateful for your faithfulness in giving of prayers and offerings to help us spread the Kingdom of God throughout the whole earth. SHALOM!

KATHY AND I DECREE YOU BLESSED IN JESUS NAME!

Pastor Dave and Kathy

Matthew 6:33

You are loved. You are welcome. You belong.

Walking in Love

A new commandment I give unto you, "That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." John 13:34

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23

- 1) **Love** (Greek: Agape- divine love)
A strong, ardent, tender, compassionate, devotion to the well-being of someone.
- 2) **Joy** (Greek: chara)
The emotional excitement, gladness, delight over blessings received or expected for self or for others.
- 3) **Peace** (Greek: eirire)
The state of quietness, rest, repose, harmony order, and security in the midst of turmoil, strife, and temptations.
- 4) **Long suffering** (Greek: makrothumia)
Patient, endurance, to bear long with the frailties, offenses, injuries, and provocations of others, without murmuring, repining, or resentment.
- 5) **Gentleness** (Greek: chrestotes)
A disposition to be gentle, soft spoken, kind, even tempered, cultered, and refined in character and conduct.
- 6) **Goodness** (Greek: agathosune)
The state of being good, kind, virtuous, benevolent, generous, and God-like in life and conduct.
- 7) **Faith** (Greek: pistis)
The living, divinely implanted, acquired, and created principle of inward and wholehearted confidence, assurance, trust, and reliance in God and all that He says.
- 8) **Meekness** (Greek: praoles)
The disposition to be gentle, kind, indulgent, even balanced in tempers and passions, and patient in suffering injuries without feeling a spirit of revenge.
- 9) **Temperance** (Greek: engkrateia)
Self-control; a moderation in the indulgence of the appetites and passions.



AMERICAN MINUTE WITH BILL FEDERER

"So Help Me God": Purpose of an Oath

On February 28, 2019, Democrat Rep. Steve Cohen (TN) was swearing in witnesses before a House Judiciary Subcommittee.

Then Congressman Mike Johnson (LA) made a point of parliamentary inquiry: "I think we left out 'so help me God.'" Cohen replied: "We did." Johnson asked "Can we have the witnesses do it again for the record?" Cohen responded: "No, if they want to do it, but some of them don't want to do it, and I don't think it's necessary, and I don't like to assert my will over other people."

Johnson responded: "Well it goes back to our founding history, it's been part of our tradition for more than two centuries and I don't know that we should abandon it now."

Democrat Rep. Jerrold Nadler (NY) interrupted: "If any witness objects he should not be asked to...and we should let it go with that."

That was it. Gone. Over two hundred years of precedent of witnesses ending their oath with the phrase "so help me God" abruptly discarded.

Why did the founders include "So Help Me God" in the oath?

Human nature! Greek philosopher Plato explained that human nature was such, that if a person could escape accountability; they would act unjustly, with selfish immorality.

Plato wrote in *The Republic*, 380BC: "According to the tradition, Gyges was a shepherd in the service of the king of Lydia; there was a great storm, and an

earthquake made an opening in the earth at the place where he was feeding his flock.

Amazed at the sight, he descended into the opening, where, among other marvels...looking in saw a dead body of stature...having nothing on but a gold ring; this he took from the finger of the dead and reascended...”

Plato continued: “Now the shepherds met together, according to custom, that they might send their monthly report about the flocks to the king; into their assembly he came having the ring on his finger, and as he was sitting among them he chanced to turn the collet of the ring inside his hand, when instantly he became invisible to the rest of the company and they began to speak of him as if he were no longer present....He was astonished at this, and again touching the ring he turned the collet outwards and reappeared; he made several trials of the ring, and always with the same result...when he turned the collet inwards he became invisible, when outwards he reappeared...Whereupon he contrived to be chosen one of the messengers who were sent to the court; whereas soon as he arrived he seduced the queen, and with her help conspired against the king and slew him, and took the kingdom.”

Plato added: “No man can be imagined to be of such an iron nature that he would stand fast in justice. No man would keep his hands off what was not his own when he could safely take what he liked out of the market, or go into houses and lie with any one at his pleasure, or kill or release from prison whom he would, and in all respects be like a god among men. Then the actions of the just would be as the actions of the unjust; they would both come at last to the same point...And this we may truly affirm to be a great proof that a man is just, not willingly or because he thinks that justice is any good to him individually, but of necessity, **for wherever any one thinks that he can safely be unjust, there he is unjust.**

2nd Chronicles 7:14,

14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

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