

Ministry of The Holy Spirit
Prison Letters
Ephesians 4:21-32

Last time...walk not as the other Gentiles walk

Ch 4:17-19...witnessed by the entire world in the “past feeling” of Hamas

During the week, the face of Satan was further uncovered

A pogrom of unthinkable depravity and pure evil not seen since the Holocaust by Nazis

- Preying on the defenseless
 - murdering, decapitating, and burning babies and toddlers
 - 20 children handcuffed, shot, piled up, and set on fire
 - burning children alive
 - pregnant woman butchered, her baby carved out of her womb
 - kidnapping and raping young women
 - kidnapping and murdering the elderly
 - babies used as human shields
- Taking the cell phones of captives
 - Recording the murder of parents in front of their children
 - Recording the murder of children in front of their parents
 - Sending the videos to the families of the murdered
 - Posting on the Facebook pages of the murdered
 - Murdered bodies paraded and abused in public
- Killing their own
 - Preventing innocent civilians their human shields from fleeing the war zone

Outrage and tears of agony and tears of rage across the world

Allah of Islam is Satan in the Bible

The Koran is his book

Hamas, Hezbollah, and Islamic Jihad are his foot soldiers

- Reprobate minds...worthless and poisoned minds embracing a worldview of bloody hatred
- Seared consciences
- Boldly genocidal, vowing to annihilate the Jews
- Utterly defiled
 - Matt 15:19-20a For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are *the things* which defile a man

- Brute beasts, devoid of any humanity, worthy of death
 - Jude 10 these **speak evil of those things which they know not: but what they know naturally, as brute beasts, in those things they corrupt themselves.**
 - 2 Peter 2:12 But these, as **natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed**, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and **shall utterly perish in their own corruption;**

The governments of Iran and Russia are like-minded puppet-masters
Satan's cheerleaders, like-minded with and celebrating the pure, raw evil of Satan's
foot soldiers, are in our midst and are all over the globe, not just in ME

- NYC, Chicago, Dearborn, Paris, London, Rome, Scotland, Amsterdam
- Harvard, UNC, UVA, CSU-LB, ASU, etc
- BLM
- in the US Congress and UN Security Council

Satan's foot soldiers, puppet masters, and cheerleaders have the same worthless and
poisoned mind

They are also against a 2-State solution;

All theirs, no Israel, by any means possible

Note: Joel 3:2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into
the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there
for my people and *for* my heritage Israel, whom they have
scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

There can be no peace with people who do not want peace

The IDF has plenty of firepower now but in the march toward Ezk 38-39, Israel and the
IDF will be overwhelmed

But God...as He has done so He will do – He fights for them

Gen 12:3

Jehoshaphat and Judah vs a great multitude of Ammonites and Moabites

2 Chron 20:6-7, 12-17, 27-29

Hezekiah and Judah vs the Hamas-like Assyrians

Is 37:15-23, 28-29, 33-36

Is 40:9-10, 15-17, 26, 29-31

1948, 1967, 1973

Ezk 39:1-7

Assyrians, Haman, Nazis, Hamas and Iran...same face, same heart,
same battle...Is 14:12-17

What is being seen in Israel will spread across the globe, to the places Satan's foot soldiers have migrated (USA and Europe predominately and for this purpose)

Matt 24:6 **And ye shall hear of wars and rumours of wars: see that ye be not troubled: for all *these things* must come to pass, but the end is not yet.**

Luke 21:25 **And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and **upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring****

In Hamas' horrifying display of no humanity in its attack on Israel and its spread to other nations, we also see a glimpse of life on earth after the Rapture of the Church that is currently restraining evil (2 Thes 2)

Now, the nations are divided over Israel
After the Rapture when evil is no longer restrained and Satan's counterfeit christ is ruling, the nations will be united against Israel

So, as has always been true, still is true, and will always be true,
the Lord God of AI&J is Israel's only safe refuge and our only safe refuge
Yet only a remnant will seek refuge in their God
Israel will be deceived by a counterfeit christ, just as Jesus foretold (John 5:43)
For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape.
(1 Thes 5:3)

Is this scenario possible in the not too distant future?
What started in Israel spreads to around the world.
After the Rapture when this evil goes unrestrained, perhaps this leads to the rise of antichrist

- Peace for Israel
 - For 3 ½ years
 - 1 Thes 5:2
- Nations surrender sovereignty for "peace and safety"

Time is short, the fashion of the world is passing way
Evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

AND, unbelievers are also shocked and asking questions!

- Son-in-law
- Softball friends

God may be softening hearts using these horrific atrocities of Satan's foot soldiers in the final days of the Church's witness of Jesus Christ on earth

This time...we have not so learned Christ (v20), continued

v21 If so be...seeing that, since

ye have heard Him and have been taught by Him...by the indwelling Spirit of Christ

John 14:26 the Comforter, *which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.*

John 15:26 when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:*

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, *that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.*

As the truth is in Jesus (The Living Word of God)

John 14:6 Truth is a Person – Jesus Christ

In a world awash with and immersed in lies, we stand on The Truth that changes not and cannot be moved

The lies are going to get louder and louder and increasingly intimidating and violent.

Cling to the Truth, cling to Jesus!

Fear not, little flock!

Our Good Shepherd loses none the Father has given Him

Our King is the Almighty God

Not living like the unbelievers in these tumultuous and perilous times because we have not so learned Christ, we...

v22-24 put off...put aside, depart from

concerning the former conversation...the filthy behaviors and lifestyle of the old man...the sin nature and carnal mind of the flesh

- Adam, a living soul, fallen man-kind

which is corrupt...Rom 7:18

- self-centered
- self-righteous (Is 64:6)

according to the deceitful lusts...self-love, self-serving, self-indulging even to the harm of another person

And be renewed...re-formed, re-made

Rom 12:2 not conformed to the world but transformed (“re-programmed”) by the renewing of the mind (with the mind of Christ)

2 Cor 4:16 the inner man being renewed day by day (sanctification)

in the spirit of your mind...the nature of Jesus Christ by the indwelling Spirit

Ps 51:6 thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden *part*
(heart and mind, connected and in one accord with the heart of
God and the mind of Christ) thou shalt make me to know wisdom

Ps 51:17 The sacrifices of God *are* a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite
heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Ps 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my
thoughts: And see if *there be any* wicked way in me, and lead me
in the way everlasting.

And that you put on...clothe oneself as with a garment

The new man...2 Cor 5:17

- the last Adam, a quickening Spirit (1 Cor 15:45)
- made dead-to-sin and alive-to-God
- having newness of life, being Jesus-kind
- living a Godly lifestyle of Matt 22:36-40
- God-centered, others-centered, even to the harm of Self

which after God...in the manner of God

is created...re-made, made new, made alive

in righteousness...pleasing and acceptable to God, the righteousness of Jesus Christ
and true holiness...genuine “separate-ness” (from world and unto God) vs hypocrisy

v25 Since we put off/cast aside the old man (flesh, unregenerate heart and mind, v17-19),
we are to also put away what the old man does – lies thru his teeth for self-gain

And since we put on like a garment the new man (Jesus Christ),

we are to also do what Jesus does – speak the truth

- absolute and unchanging and eternal
- in love (v15), with gentleness and meekness
- with his neighbor...who is my neighbor?!
- for we are members of the one Body of Christ

The followers of Allah/Satan are told to lie to infidels (non-Muslims)

And in putting on the new man and living Christ-like lives...

v26 Be angry and sin not

Be provoked and be enraged...so easy this week!

We MUST be outraged over what Hamas has done!

But, we are to not sin

- misrepresent God our Father or Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior
- think and act according to the flesh but according to the Spirit

This was a struggle for me this week: Can I be angry and sin not?
In my flesh (Rom 7:18), No because all my flesh knows is sin
In my Spirit, Yes with a righteous anger

1 Sam 11:6 And the Spirit of God came upon Saul when he heard those tidings, and his anger was kindled greatly.

Context: 1 Sam 11:1-2

And Nahash the Ammonite answered them, On this *condition* will I make *a covenant* with you, that I may thrust out all your right eyes, and lay it *for* a reproach upon all Israel.

I cheered Netanyahu:

“Every member of Hamas is a dead man.”

“Every place Hamas operates will be in ruins.”

“We will dismantle Hamas.”

“No mercy!”

I unreservedly support what Israel is doing
Good MUST confront evil, not run from it
We are to cleave to that which is good and abhor the evil
Gen 9:6 stands unchanged!

Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man.

The monsters of Hamas are worthy of death!

I want to see

- Hamas and Iran destroyed
- all of Satan's cheerleaders expelled from this nation
- the earth rid of this diseased vermin

Is this anger a righteous anger, rooted in the heart of God,
or is it rooted in my heart??

I was “all in” on

Is 33:1

Woe to thee (Hamas) that spoilest, and thou *wast* not spoiled; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt cease to spoil, thou shalt be spoiled; *and* when thou shalt make an end to deal treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee.

Eccl 3:8

A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace. (and now was the time for the and war)

But...

James 1:19-20 let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.

Heb 10:30-31 ...Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord...*It is* a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

I was "all in" on

Rev 11:5 And if any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.

But...that ministry is not given to the Body of Christ

Matt 5:43-48 Love our enemies, bless those who curse us, do good to those who hate us

Rom 12:19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

Rom 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

So how can I discern between the no-good anger of my flesh and the righteous anger of my spirit?

By the Word of God

Heb 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Consider the prophet Jonah

- desiring the destruction of the Hamas-like enemy (Assyrians) rather than their salvation
- running from the calling of God on his life, knowing the OTL God is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness
- against his will, he was sent any way
- his message: "In 40 days Ninevah shall be overthrown!"
- was displeased and very angry, thinking himself justified in his anger

Jonah's heart was not God's heart

Jonah's anger was of his flesh

God's anger was being withheld while He was working salvation in a very, very wicked and evil people with poisoned minds thru whom the world was seeing the face of Satan

Rom 2:4...the Assyrians repented!

God's wrath fell later when they turned their back on Him again and when all that remained to be done was judgment, His last option

Which means I have to put off the old man and put on the new man...
like it or not

Which means until the Lord stands up to judge (in this case, Ezk 39:1-7),
I must “stand down” and fight the good fight

Eph 6:12

2 Tim 2:24-26

2 Cor 10:3-5

Which means I must go back and read Ps 73 again and check my heart

Be angry/enraged...and sin not
Being Spirit-filled and Spirit-led

v27 We must v26 so we don't let Satan establish a foothold in our hearts or in our minds
Satan cannot be allowed to “get in our heads” and poison us!

- Revenge is his way
- Hate is his fuel

We don't “play” according to Satan's rules (the old man)
but according to God's rules (the new man)

We have been changed

- our hearts
- our minds
- our lifestyles

John 3:30 as we pray, “Father, not my will be done but Your will be done on earth as it is
in heaven.”

Evidence of a lifestyle of denying of Self, picking up our cross, and following Jesus...

v28 Evidence

1. the thief that stole (with covetousness took from someone else for himself)
 - steals no more
 - instead, works hard, keeping his hands busy by being productive, so that
he may have from his earnings to give to someone else who is in
need...a manifestation of the Royal Law

The fruit of our labor is for...our needs and for the needs of others who are unable
to labor themselves

The Body of Christ takes care of itself, the Family of God takes care of its own
Gal 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all
men, especially unto them who are of the household of
faith.

v29 Evidence of the change in us

2. A “guarded” tongue, re-trained and restrained

- we bite our tongue if any cruel or filthy or “blue” or jesting or mocking or destructive words are on the tip of our tongue (James 2)
- we loose our tongue to build each other up in the faith and to encourage the discouraged, speaking grace to each other

Mark 9:49-50 **For every one shall be salted with fire, and every sacrifice shall be salted with salt. Salt *is* good: but if the salt have lost his saltness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace one with another.**

What increases flavor and prevents decay and is more valuable than gold?

What seasoned Jesus’ sacrifice and our Rom 12:1 sacrifice?

Grace

Think before speaking!

To speak as Jesus is manifestation of the Royal Law

v30 Evidence of the change in us

3. Pleasing, not grieving, the Holy Spirt our Teacher and Guide (v21) Who has sealed us (Eph 1:13-14) until the day of redemption, the day we move into our glorified resurrection bodies not made with hands, eternal in the heavens

By His power, saying “NO!” to

- sin, willful disobedience...my will be done vs the Father’s will
- the old man in order to put on the new man
- “playing” by Satan’s rules and not the Father’s rules

day-by-day until Jesus Christ changes our vile body that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body (Phil 3:21)

v31 Evidence of the change in us

4. Putting away (“lifted off”) **all** of **all** the ways of the old man with the old man

- bitterness...self-inflicted “heart disease” and a spirit of unforgiveness
- wrath...fierce indignation
- anger...indignation
- clamor...outcry, a strong expression of protest
- evil speaking...vilification of another person
(for whom Jesus died and whom the Father loves)
- malice...evil, badness

I am not able to “lift off” those things from me.
Are you?
Who can?
When?
When we surrender our will to His

v32 Evidence of the change in us

5. Being Christ-like

- kind to one another as Jesus is kind to us
- tenderhearted/compassionate toward one another as Jesus is compassionate toward us
- forgiving (“490”) one another as Jesus is forgiving of us

God has (past tense) forgiven us for the sake of His Beloved Son, Who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb 12:2)

We are to be as our Father in heaven

Matt 6:14-15 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

Matt 5:7

Heb 8:12 For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

Our greatest need – the forgiveness of God

To be given as freely as it was received (Matt 10:8), no strings attached

How are we to respond to the horror we are seeing in Israel and may soon see here?

Be angry, provoked, enraged
But sin not
Righteous anger, God’s heart and not ours

Pray

For Israel

For softened hearts around us

For the baptism of the Holy Spirit every day to be Christ-like,
putting off the old man and putting on the new man...and leaving Him on!

Sit, walk, stand! (Ephesians)

1 Peter 3:15 sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be* ready always to *give* an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear, having a good conscience

KNOW that God is working...always working, even when evil seems to be unrestrained

Be bold

- speaking matter-of-factly
- speaking as if Jesus were right there...because He is!
- speaking Truth as if everyone knows it, for they have no excuse to not know it