



Two existing realities...

In life there are many things that happen simultaneously. Some things are good, some are bad. You could be on a phone conversation and the conversation can be good in one sense, and bad in another. For example, you can go to a Baseball game and have fun with your family and walk outside Yankee stadium and find that your car was stolen in broad daylight in beautiful Bronx, NY. You were in the stadium yelling, screaming and eating overpriced chilidogs, while your new car was being stolen. I think you get what I am saying. This same reality happens spiritually in church and in the circumstances of our lives, and so I want to address this briefly.

If we go back to the Garden of Eden we will see this same principal. In the Garden there were two trees, one was the *tree of the knowledge of good and evil* and the other was *the Tree of Life*. In the same place that God created and called “very good” there were two completely different realities and possibilities. Choices are what make possibilities realities. Here there are two choices: obey God or not. That decision will define your realities in this life and in the life to come.

If you look into the Parables Jesus taught you would find that many of them are very simple. However there is profound depth in the simplicity of his Parables. These parables are the hidden Wisdom of God from before the foundation of the world. True spiritual wisdom is veiled to the natural eye. That is why Paul said this, *1 Corinthians 2:7 KJV* “But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden

wisdom, which God ordained before the world began to our glory." What you will find in several of Jesus' parables is that there are sheep and goat, wheat and tare. There were the two faithful servants who were rewarded and the one servant who was judged. There were the virgins with oil and there were the virgins with no oil in the time of need. There was the man who built his house on the rock and the man who built his on the sand. In the Spiritual world there is light and dark, there is good and evil, there is truth and lies. It's one or the other, we must choose. It's blessing or cursing, faith or doubt, fear or love. The choice must be made. One day I was praying and the Lord whispered to me "there is NO gray area in outer darkness." What I am saying is there is two existing realities and they are in opposition to one another. Sometimes this can happen with truth. Many times people accuse the Bible of contradicting itself. The truth is, it doesn't. The reality is that their eyes are veiled to the hidden wisdom of God in a mystery.

I will explain what I am saying further. You will clearly get what I am saying and it is very relevant to your life, so just keep reading. Recently the Lord spoke to me and said "in my parables there is prophecy." There are two prophecies that are happening right now. They seem to be in contradiction. It is hard for people to reconcile them both simultaneously, but with the Spirit of Prophecy and the Spirit of Truth we can understand this mystery that is seen in one of Jesus' parable. The parable that we will use to illustrate this Truth is found in Matthew 13. It is the parable of the wheat and the tares. There is a wheat field and a farmer. As the farmer goes to sleep his enemy comes and sows tares among the wheat. So now in the same place at the same time you have two completely different things growing. There are several lessons we can learn from this. The first is that when the church is

sleeping, the enemy comes to corrupt God's vineyard, so spiritually we must be awake and aware. The second thing we learn from this parable is that we don't know the wheat from the tares until the time of harvest.

This spiritual truth is seen even in the natural world. During the harvest time of a wheat field, there are two very visible realities. The wheat is bent over when the wind is blowing, while the tares stand straight up in opposition to the sovereignty of the wind. This natural reality is seen in churches all the time. The Holy Spirit starts to move and some submit to him, while others stand straight up and resist what God is doing. It could be the Pastor who is resisting what God want to do because he or she likes control. It could be the church members who want to get out of church a half an hour earlier and have service without Jesus' manifest presence. There is no neutral ground, we are either for Jesus or against him, we either gather with him or scatter against him. We are either on board for what he wants to do, or we have a religious agenda that is different from his. I have seen a bumper sticker that makes me nauseous. The bumper sticker reads as follows "Jesus is my co-pilot". Many Christians live like that; they are in control not Jesus. So when they crash then they let him take over if they make it out of the crash alive. The problem is that when we are in control we run over innocent pedestrians. We hurt people and resist God when we don't give Jesus control. If we are not moving forward with God, we are clearly resisting him. Paul prophesied about a "Falling Away" before the Lord Jesus splits the sky and judges the nations. *2 Thessalonians KJV* "Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition." Paul is prophesying that two things must happen before the Day of the Lord. The falling

away is the church falling away from Jesus, and the son of perdition being revealed, which is speaking of the anti-christ's identity being revealed to the church and the nations.

Simultaneously or at the same time, Isaiah's prophecy of the "Increase of His government" is also being fulfilled. *Isaiah 9:7 KJV "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this."* The increase of his Lordship in the life of believers is what is going to make a bride without spot or wrinkle.

On the day of Pentecost, in the same place at the same time, there were two things that were happening. There were people using their tongue to glorify God in a language they didn't learn or understand, and there were other people using their tongues to accuse them of being drunk. The prophecies of Paul and Isaiah are seen in Jesus' parable; it's called hidden wisdom. This same truth was seen as the Spirit moved in Acts chapter 2. The Spirit moving and the wind blowing, both illustrate this truth. One shows us a natural reality that illustrates a spiritual truth. God's wisdom that is hidden becomes revealed and we then gain understanding. Understanding is necessary if we are going to lead others, or else it will be the blind leading the blind.

There are many examples of this same principal. Jesus said to many people in Matthew 7 "I never knew you." He says this to people who did miracles, and prophesied. He never said those miracles were fake or the prophecy was false, he just said "I never knew you." This is very sobering, how God can work through someone authentically, yet not know who they are. Many Christians avoid these

scriptures in pursuit of a nice message that does not cause you to deeply search your soul, or seek the Lord. The day of the Lord is another interesting day where two very different things will happen. The day of the Lord is called the “great and terrible day”. It will be great for those who truly know Jesus; it will be terrible for everyone else. I was in Carrefour Haiti on January 12th, 2010 when the earthquake shook the nation. That was a terrible day, however it was really great to all those who survived. At that time, the Haitian people were mourning for those who were dead and they were also full of thanks because they were alive. If you would like to help the Haitian people go to: www.haiticharity.org

Jesus was called the man of sorrows and yet for the joy set before him he endured the cross. In life there are two existing realities quite often. We have to make the choice of what part of Paul’s prophecy are we going to be, a wheat or tare, to fall away or position our hearts toward Christ Jesus. If we position our hearts correctly then his kingdom and leadership are going to increase in our lives. I, by the grace of God, have laid this out plainly and I am sure that you will choose wisely.

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