

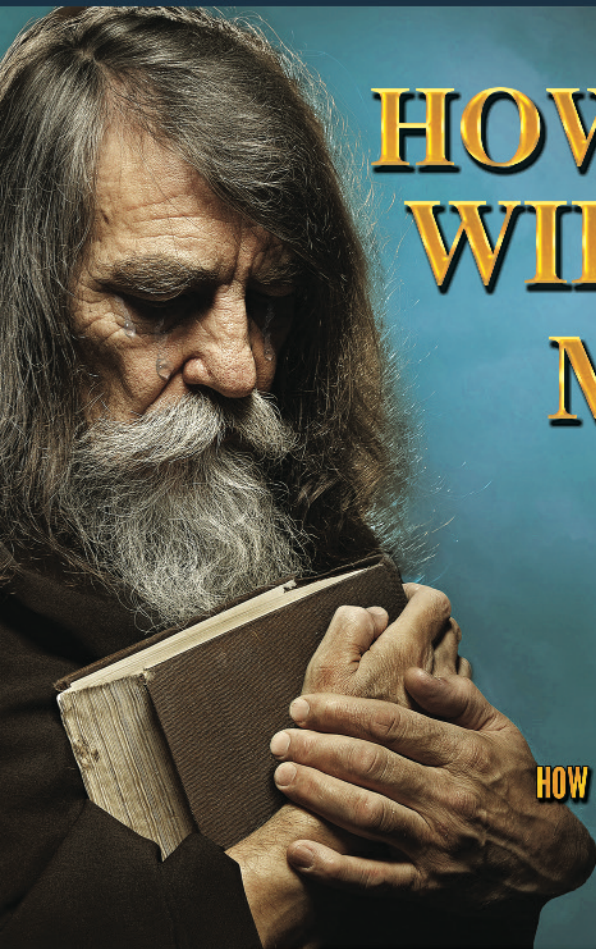
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HOW LONG WILL YOU MOURN FOR SAUL?

And the LORD said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? fill thine horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons. (1 Samuel 16:1)

I was worshipping the Lord on December 11, 2022. I was focusing on Him and His Glory when, suddenly, He spoke to me about the church. Prior to this, I had been spending extra time praying about His plans and purposes over a couple of months.

The Lord said, “How long will you mourn for Saul?” I wasn’t even thinking about Saul, much less mourning for him? I hadn’t thought of that scripture in a long, long time. I asked the Lord, “What does this mean?” I knew, by revelation, that what He said applied to me personally as well as to the entire church. This newsletter does not have enough space to tell all He revealed to me.

In this spiritual experience, the Lord used the story of Saul to get my attention and reveal to me the plan He desires for the church today. His plan will come to pass on the earth.



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The Lord asked Samuel how long would he mourn for Saul, seeing that God had rejected him. Saul was no longer part of the plan of God because of his disobedience. A new Spiritual Era, ordained by God, was about to take place. He wanted Samuel to let go of the past to move forward into the future.

Saul Was Not God’s Plan

But the thing displeased Samuel, when they said, Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the LORD. And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. (1 Samuel 8:6-7)

It was not the plan of God for Israel to have a King like other nations. This verse tells us that the people rejected His plan. He told the Prophet Samuel to tell the people of the hardships they would encounter if they rejected His will and plan. They desired to be like other nations and have a King to rule over them. That was the cultural trend of society in their day. It was popular and a nationally accepted practice.

Change Was Needed

And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel. Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beersheba. And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment. Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Rhema, And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations. (1 Samuel 8:1-5)

Samuel was a devout prophet of God and lived according to the scriptures. That doesn't mean he could not miss God and make mistakes. He desired to see his sons walk with God and gave them positions to judge Israel. Even though Samuel desired for them to carry on his ministry, his sons did not qualify to do so because of their lust for money. They saw a way to take advantage of the people and did so.

They were crooks! It didn't matter what their daddy wanted, they had to want it too and live a holy life. You see this today, sometimes, in different ways in ministry. Some want the position and authority, but want nothing to do with walking with the Lord. *It was Samuel that called his sons, not God.* He missed God by doing so, even though he was a devout prophet of the Lord.

You or I cannot call or appoint anyone to a ministry position. They must be called and anointed by the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the one that gives gifts unto men. *Being in the five fold ministry is not a career path, it is a life long calling from the Lord.* Many have went into ministry as a noble, admirable career because they went to a Bible college or school, or encouraged by someone else. This has caused many problems because there are those who have the title and position, but are not anointed by the Lord to fill that position. They struggle and usually turn to human secularism to build a church or ministry. Some operate in the natural very well and accomplish much. Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it. They are not led by the Spirit of God and could care less. The devil has a heyday with them, so to speak.

Samuel, desiring his sons to follow in his footsteps, was admirable, but they should have been given that position only after God said to do so. Samuel did it because he wanted it that way, without asking God. His decision brought corruption, sin and disobedience into the ministry of the Lord. Instead of bringing liberty, freedom and anointing to the people it brought oppression, injustice, and misery. The devil attacked Samuel's sons and operated through them against the people. Make sure of your calling, then go forward.

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Change was needed in Israel, but not at the expense of turning against the plan God. The people desired change, but forgot about the Lord God that led them and watched over them. They desired to be culturally relevant more than governed by God. God told them what would be the negative consequences of their choice. Read First Samuel chapter eight and you will see all the bad things that would take place in their nation.

And ye shall cry out in that day because of your king which ye shall have chosen you; and the LORD will not hear you in that day. Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, Nay; but we will have a king over us; That we also may be like all the nations; and that our king may judge us, and go out before us, and fight our battles.
(1 Samuel 8:18-20)

Samuel told them they would cry out to God to help them in their hardships, but God would not hear them. This means He would not answer their prayers. *This reveals that rejecting God in your past can bring negative consequences in your future with no reprieve.* I am not saying you can't repent and be sorrowful for your wrong decisions. For instance, I was on my third escape from prison and was sorrowful and repentant of my past decisions. I was sent back to prison for years because I had made wrong past decisions. I had repented and accepted Jesus Christ, but God still allowed me to go back to prison.

Most Christians don't want to hear this, but the past decisions of the church, as a whole, is one of the main causes of the problems in our nation today. Deuteronomy chapter 28 will further confirm this. It was written to Israel, but the same principles in it apply to all nations. That chapter will tell you why we have the president we do, politicians that are against us, children gone wild, marriages breaking apart, robberies, murder and all crime, evil, rebellion, and sickness and disease, media control, education demise, gender issues, etc. Many preachers refuse to believe that chapter, but they are living in it today.

Grace has been taught to the extreme. This extreme grace declares that there are no consequences for your sin because Jesus already paid for it. That is a blatant lie and false doctrine. If you rob or murder someone today and repent today, you will still go to prison when you are arrested, for many years. Most of the church world has been duped into believing this lie of extreme grace. This is why many have no idea why our nation is in the mess it is in. The church never wants to think that it is at fault for the demise of our nation.

I have experienced the grace and mercy of God. I believe there are exceptions, as God wills, to deliver someone out of their situation, even though they made wrong past decisions. God intervenes and brings someone out of their situation with His power. It is as the Spirit wills.

Not Following The Lord

Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying, It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night. (1 Samuel 15:10-11)

And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. (1 Samuel 15:24-26)

There are many ministers today that have been rejected by the Lord because they fear and please people and are not led by His Spirit. There are more than we want to believe in the charismatic and word of faith movements, among others, that are in this position. Some have charisma and fool many with it. Charisma is a fleshly attribute, not the anointing.

False prophets are a dime a dozen in the church today. They prophecy falsely on international T.V. and the church applauds them. Deception has filled much of the church and they believe the lies these false prophets declare. They need to be quiet, and get on their knees and repent.

Just think of how many false prophecies you have heard or read in the last couple of years. This is from well-known admired prophets. The devil deceived them and spoke through their mouths by an evil deceiving spirit. Any honest person knows it, but they fail to confront it and allow the devil to keep on speaking through them. Are you saying the devil can speak through a preacher and Christian? Yes.

They are continually lauded and promoted in their error so they continue in their ways. This grieves and angers the Lord Jesus Christ. Are you so far away from the Spirit of God that you don't know that? Many are so enamored by their popularity that they overlook the fact that what they have prophesied did not come to pass. It's time to stop swooning over them.

The desire is to respect the elders and position. *God didn't, He rejected Saul and took his position away from him.* When a minister is backslid and no longer has the Word of the Lord we are not to agree with them or support their error. We love them, but we do not love the flesh and devil they yield too. If you do, you will eventually yield to the same evil spirit they do. I have witnessed that happen over and over to people.

The number one way the devil seduces you is through someone else, usually very popular, that is already deceived. There are other ways, but the Lord told me that. (1 Timothy 4:1)

Stop Mourning Saul

There are major international Christian organizations that used to have the Word of the Lord. They became self-reliant, complacent and backslid. They quit following the Spirit of God and no longer have the Word of the Lord. You cannot follow them without backsliding too. That does not mean that you be unkind or don't love them and pray for them. Recently, the Lord sent me to someone to show kindness to them that was in this situation.

Samuel mourned and prayed for Saul. God told him to fill his horn with oil and go anoint another to be king in Saul's place. The Lord had been very merciful to King Saul's sin and disobedience, overtime, but there came a day that a new era or season had to begin with someone that would obey Him. The plan of God is more important than hurting someone's feelings or any Christian organization.

Fill Thine Horn With Oil And Go

The Word of the Lord for 2023 is, *"Fill your horn with oil and go!"*

God told Samuel this and He is telling us to do the same thing today. It is time to get out of your fleshly, self-made backslidden ways, turn to God with your whole heart, and be refilled with the Holy Ghost!

Stop esteeming things and people more important than the plan of God. Quit wasting hours on media, pleasures and events that have no promise of life. Stop looking for fulfillment and happiness in the things of this life. Crucify your flesh and tell it no! Then arise and rebuke the devil in the name of Jesus Christ and he will run from you as in terror!

It is time to stop clinging to these backslidden organizations and preachers who wouldn't know the Holy Ghost if He came down the aisle with a red hat and coat on! Find and know God for yourself!

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