

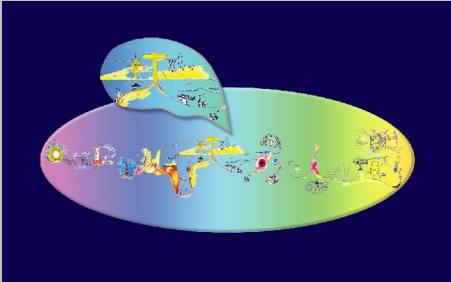
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# LETTER TO THE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

## 【THE END-TIME CHURCH】

*“I have loved you,” says the LORD. “But you ask, ‘How have you loved us? ... “A son honours his father, and a servant his master. If I am a father, where is the honour due to me? If I am a master, where is the respect due to me?” says the LORD Almighty. “It is you, O priests, who show contempt for my name. “But you ask, “How have we shown contempt for your name?” “You place defiled food on my altar. “But you ask, “How have we defiled you?” “By saying that the LORD’s table is contemptible. When you bring blind animals for sacrifice crippled or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you?” says the LORD Almighty. “Now implore God to be gracious to us. With such offerings from your hands, will he accept you?” –says the LORD Almighty. “Oh, that one of you would shut the temple doors, so that you would not light useless fires on my altar! I am not pleased with you,” says the LORD Almighty, “and I will accept no offering from your hands ... You have wearied the LORD with your words. “How have we wearied him?” you ask. By saying, “All who do evil are good in the eyes of the LORD, and he is pleased with them” or “Where is the God of justice?” ... Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you.” says the LORD Almighty. “But you ask, ‘How are we to return?’ “Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. “But you ask, ‘How do we rob you?’ “In tithes and offerings. You are under a curse –the whole nation of you– because you are robbing me ... “You have said harsh things against me,” says the LORD. “Yet you ask, ‘What have we said against you?’ “You have said, ‘It is futile to serve God. What did we gain by carrying out his requirements and going about like mourners before the LORD Almighty? But now we call the arrogant blessed. Certainly the evildoers prosper, and even those who challenge God escape.’” Then those who feared the LORD talked with each other, and the LORD listened and heard. A scroll of remembrance was written in his presence*

*concerning those who feared the LORD and honoured his name. "They will be mine," says the LORD Almighty, "in the day when I make up my treasured possession. I will spare them, just as in compassion a man spares his son who serves him. And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.*

**MALACHI 1:2, :6-10, 2:17, 3:7-9, :13-18.**

Malachi, the last prophet of the Old Testament era delivered severe messages from the Lord, addressing the restored Jewish community on the land of Israel after the Exile out of Babylon. When spirit-filled leaders such as Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah were with them in the community the Jews led an ordered life by obeying the Law, however, in the absence of such leaders amongst them, the Jews returned to their sinful ways again. When Nehemiah returned to Jerusalem he found sins of all kinds prevailing the land; scepticism about God's love, the corrupt worship of the priests, the contemptuousness of the Law, the breach of the Sabbath and tithes, the pervasion of the truth, the oppression of the poor and the weak, unfaithfulness, dishonesty and so on. Malachi condemned several of these sins in the passages quoted at the beginning.

Repetitive statements starting with the words **'But you ask'** and followed by the Jews' sarcastic questioning revealed how far God's people, the Jews had gone away from the Lord in Malachi's days. And yet they had impudently continued their formal and outward worship before the Lord. Malachi warned this degenerate community of an impending judgment, stating that the Lord would come **'like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap'**. In other words, he prophesied that the Lord would come as Judge to judge His people first among all sinful nations. As a consequence, only through that refining fire, burning like a furnace, would those who feared Him and revered His name survive and see His redemption, while every evildoer would be burned like stubble with neither a root nor a branch left. Would I be alone in thinking that such warnings by Malachi are quite appropriate for the current state of the church and Christianity? Indeed, a few have been giving warning about the unbelief and unholiness of the present church.

According to the November 2006 issue of *"The Berean Call"*, more than ninety percent of Americans are said to claim a faith in "God" and about eighty percent are said to call themselves "Christians." However, what they define as "God" ranges from "Mother Earth" to a "higher power." Unfortunately, the reality is that even many self-professed "born again Christians" no longer believe the absolute truth that Jesus Christ is the only way to God, the Father. Even more shocking is that about seventy percent of Americans, sixty-four percent who call themselves "born again" and forty percent of "self-proclaimed" evangelicals reject it. Why have the majority of so-called Christians turned so readily to rejecting what the Bible, the eternal and infallible God's Word clearly claims?

Today quite a few of those who claim to believe in the truth are said to have fallen victims to a universal reluctance to speak the biblical divine truth and accordingly, we are already in an age that has been prophesied to come *worldwide: 'In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.'* (2Ti.3:12-13). 'What the Bible clearly calls sin is whitewashed as "alternate" styles of living. Nothing is wrong, so nothing is right. The church has joined the world, the gospel has been compromised, and we think God doesn't care. ...World leaders (including professing Christians, President Bush and Condoleezza Rice) have openly defied God by dividing His land, giving most of it to Arabs who fraudulently call themselves "Palestinians", claiming that Israel is occupying *their* land. ...Like politicians, religious leaders, too defy God. In 2002, D.James Kennedy, R.C. Sproul, and dozens of others declared that Israel has no special title to land in the Middle East, having been replaced by the church. ...It is shocking how many Christian organisations oppose Israel. ...Christians seem prone to jump on every folly invented by "science" for doomsayers and publicity-seekers. Christian leaders are joining the "global warning" hoax to support Gaia, or Mother Earth. Yet Earth was probably far warmer before the flood, when life flourished as never since; there was a Medieval Warm Period AD800-1300; Earth has been both colder and warmer than now in the last 100 years; and as recently as 1940-1975, the warnings were all about the

coming *ice age*. ...The *Renovaré* Spiritual Formation Bible (Billy Graham was the founder and J.I.Packer one of the Executive Editors) ...In its notes, 50 “biblical scholars” declare that the first 11 chapters of Genesis, foundational to the entire Bible, came from “near Eastern religious narrative and Mythology [and] were reshaped with monotheistic intent”! ...The *Renovaré* treat Israel as replaced by the church, consider the prophets as poets, deny that the Pentateuch was written by Moses, Isaiah by Isaiah, Daniel by Daniel, etc. ...*Renovaré* downplays the powerful Old Testament prophecies, which are the foundation of the faith and vital to the salvation of mankind –even denying that Isaiah 53 foretells Christ’s sufferings for our sins! ...Christians publishers began to put profits ahead of sound doctrine, made a lot of money by giving readers what they wanted instead of the biblical truth they needed, then sold out to the world monetarily as they already had spiritually. ... For more than 50 years, Billy (Graham) has affirmed Roman Catholicism as the true gospel and ...praised John Paul II as a preacher of the true gospel and declared that he and the Pope agreed on almost everything. Yet John Paul II (as does his church), looked to Mary instead of Christ for salvation. In his Last Will and testament of March 6, 1979, he entrusted “that decisive moment [of death] to the Mother of Christ and of the Church [and] of my hope... “... Billy Graham has praised Bishop Fulton Sheen as the “greatest communicator of the 20<sup>th</sup> century.” Though Sheen preached a false gospel, and his hope of heaven was that Mary would let him in because of his 40 pilgrimages to Marian shrines at Fatima and Lourdes... When Sheen died, Billy said, “I... look forward to our reunion in heaven.”... there are so many false prophets on radio and TV... The most popular today is Benny Hinn, praised by evangelical leaders ...Hinn’s false prophecies are too many to recite,... Robert Schuller said that if all of his descendants became Muslims, it would not bother him. ...Some of the worst heretics and practitioners of the occult, while claiming to be Christians, have gotten together in what they call the Chrysostom Society. ...Truth has been assassinated by political correctness, the gospel has fallen victim to “we must not offend other religions,” God is being mocked, and eternal souls are being robbed of the salvation that is only Jesus Christ. That tragedy prevails in nearly all churches. Let us weep and repent for the church, for our country, for ourselves, and speak the truth in love.’ (*The Berean Call*’ Vol. XXI No.11, p.3-4).

Whether or not one takes this information seriously depends solely on each individual’s standing in the Lord and in the Bible. If this information is not based on an unwarranted prejudice but simply truth, it proves that we already live in the midst of terrible times of the last days clearly predicted by Christ, along with many other biblical authors throughout the whole Testament era, when even the elect will be deceived. It is worth heeding this article. Without any hesitation, it exposes boldly what is usually buried as unknown and is actually avoided by “good and tolerant” Christians. On the basis of such biblical statements, unless each individual believer turns to the Scripture alone, a rising tide of deception could easily lead Christians astray.

What Malachi condemned the corrupt priests and the people for, or what the Lord pointed out by a repetition of their sarcastic taunts in his book, such as ***‘How have you loved us?’***, ***‘How have we shown contempt for your name?’***, ***‘How have we defiled you?’***, ***‘How have we wearied him?’*** and ***‘How do we rob you?’*** was all the deep rooted cynicism of God’s people. Because of this cynicism, they had been spiritually blinded and completely lost a clear sense of discernment to tell righteous from wicked and the distinction between those who served the Lord and those who did not.

Referring to another article about the state of the present day, one of the contributors of *‘Prophecy Today International’* magazine analyses the end-time church in the following way. ‘In our day, church and state are under God’s judgment. We are lukewarm, riddled with compromise, apostasy, liberal theology, idolatry, and sexual immorality. Humanism is poisoning the body of Christ. One bitter fruit of this deception is anti-Semitism. Notable leaders despise our Jewish roots and teach replacement theology. This bears strongly on what is ailing the church and blocking it off from the fullness of Father’s intention. Liberalism has so permeated the Lord’s people that our very offerings to the Lord are profaned by man-centred worship and are no longer ‘most holy unto the Lord.’

Tragically, many worship before false altars. Almighty God can absent Himself from many meetings and not be missed! Where is the fear of God in the churches? ...The spiritual climate of Britain mirrors Israel's history when they turned away from the living God, with all the consequences that follow such actions. Linked to the sorry state of the churches, Britain has declined under progressive government legislation, with a leader who professes to be Christian and yet promotes anti-Christian laws. Godless legislation is destroying family values, replacing Christian worship in our schools with multifaith ...In past times God used the Persians, Assyrians, and Babylonians to judge Israel, and they were taken into exile. In the same way, today's church and state in the UK are being taken away into spiritual exile. Yet there is a clear call to those who are listening -a call to separate and to come out of defilement. ...God always separates the Holy from the profane and calls His people to greater purity. ...Many in the body of Christ are desperate for a new move of the Holy Spirit in their lives, and in the churches we serve. Tragically, we work against our own longings by the attitudes we hold and the unconfessed sin in our lives. We resist the Holy Spirit and choose to stay in the outer court, separated from His holy presence. ...The level of intercession that is now required to turn the tide in the church in this nation, has to come out of Our Lord's divine presence.' (*Prophecy Today international* Vol.22 No.4, p8-10).

Those who have been for long involved in a deliverance ministry, in which they are constantly facing warfare between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan tell us that the domination of demons over the world is powerfully increasing today because the demons are much more aware of their imminent destiny following Christ' Second Coming in comparison to the church. The latter is asleep without taking the issue seriously at all and thus, they let the devil have a free hand. Because of these far increasing satanic attacks of deception, perversion, scepticism and rebellion so as to attempt to frustrate His Coming with all the devil's strategies, there are confusion and chaos constantly arising around us. All the signs and tides of the present age seem to indicate that the Lord's return is very near, while it is also true that every generation in the past two thousand years has thought that the very ages of their own more unequally fitted the characteristics of the end times than any before. However, many biblical teachers agree that there are prophecies concerning Israel and Jerusalem, which could apply only to the present day because we have seen their fulfilment in our times. For example, the restoration of Israel as a nation was fulfilled in 1948. The prophecy by Zechariah that the Jews and Jerusalem would be the focus of world attention and that '*all the surrounding peoples*' will be gathered against Israel, is true today for the first time in Israel's history. The prophecy of a return of the Jews to their own land after being scattered worldwide for twenty-five hundred years has begun to be fulfilled in our days. Joel's prophecy of the land being divided by the nations has also only been fulfilled over the last eighty years. Thus, the end-time scenario painted in the Scripture is applicable today, and it is more relevant us than any previous generation.

Malachi, even having condemned Israel's godlessness and unholiness, and announced an inevitable judgment throughout his book, never forgot to tell a great hope of assured redemption for those who persistently feared and revered the Lord. The Day of the Lord is a day of fearful judgment and yet, also of complete cleansing for the true believers.

**We hope all the blessings and peace of this special Season  
Will light up your life with Faith, Hope and Love.  
Wherever and Whoever we are,  
JESUS CHRIST is God's Gift for us!**

