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This message is a transcription of a sermon preached by Leroy Surface on Sunday night, **March 15, 1987**. It is a prophetic message received in a vision from God only a week earlier. We have thought it well to publish it in its entirety for your consideration. So very much of what is forewarned about in this message is the same conditions we find in the church and world of today, thirty-seven years later. At the time of this message, the entire religious world was calling for “unity,” at the same time the Spirit of God was calling for “separation.” Within days after this message first preached and aired on several radio stations, the first of the religious “scandals” broke on the news. Within twelve months of this vision, the two largest evangelistic ministries in the world had fallen to moral scandals, and literally hundreds of lesser scandals were exposed in the religious world. God was “doing” the “separation” He called for in the vision He gave to Brother Surface.

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**II Corinthians 6:14-18:** *“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. **Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.**”*

**Revelation 18:1- 8:** *“And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried mightily with a strong voice saying, **Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, **Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much tor me tit and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow. Therefore shall **her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.**”*****

# GOD IS CALLING FOR SEPARATION.

Last Sunday morning (March 8, 1987) I related a vision God had given me in the morning of March 6. It was a vision of separation ...a vision in which God said He was going to utterly wash His people out from the unclean as one would wash a garment. He said, *"I will cleanse them out; I will purge them out; I will sift them out; and I will sweep."* After God has washed them out, purged them out, cleansed them out, and sifted them out, He said He was going to sweep. I saw the Lord diligently sweeping the churches, looking for His own, as the woman in the fifteenth chapter of Luke swept her house looking for one lost coin. She was diligent and swept the house until she found the coin. I saw that the time for separation had come to the church. The time for the clean to be separated from the unclean. God said, *"I'm going to pull my people out from the unclean and at the same time, pull the unclean out of my people."* God is going to pull His people out of the false church, Mystery Babylon, and He's doing it right now! God is calling for separation—separation in a sense that has not been preached much in the past. The time has come and the Spirit of God is calling for a separation in the churches.

## Unclean Churches?

Some churches are the churches of the unclean. Others are the churches of the clean. The difference is this the gospel they preach and live, and whether or not they have *"obeyed the gospel"* (I Peter 4:17). Many people preach a very similar gospel but don't obey the gospel. Many have used liberty as an occasion to the flesh. Many have used grace as a license to sin; to continue in sin and to live in sin, when Paul clearly said *"...How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"* (Romans 6:2) Many churches have given themselves over to uncleanness because of the preaching, teaching and the doctrines of the church prevalent over the past ten to fifteen years (and longer) , and so the time is coming SOON (you mark the time that I speak this to you) that God will turn churches over to uncleanness in exactly the manner that He turned Israel over to uncleanness in the first chapter of Romans: *"Because that, when they knew God, they glorified Him not as God, neither were thankful; but*

*became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened... And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things... Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator...*” (Romans 1:21-25). The scripture says that God gave them up to uncleanness to do things that were not convenient. Then He gave them up to vile affections, even to perverted lusts, “*men after men*” and “*women after women.*” Finally, He gave them over to a reprobate mind to believe a lie that they might be damned. Now, God is doing this again, this time in the church world. You may not want to believe it; you may not like to think about it; but God is doing it in the church world. He is pulling His people out of churches that are unclean, but He is also plucking out of His churches everything “*that doth offend and doeth iniquity.*” He's plucking the unclean out of the clean, and He's pulling the clean out of the unclean! God is calling for separation.

The apostle Paul said, “*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers*” (II Corinthians 16:14). This has always been deemed to include everything from marriage to business contracts, and I believe this is sound advice. It is a good thing NOT to be yoked together with unbelievers in any way. But what He is speaking about goes beyond marriage, business contracts, etc.: “*Don't you know that you are the temple of God? What concord is there between Christ and Belial? What fellowship has the temple of God with idols?*” (II Corinthians 6:15-16) This verse is speaking of something much greater than your personal relationships: it is speaking of your spiritual relationships, and God is saying, “*Come out from among them—the unclean—and be separate. Separate from idols; separate from Belial; separate from false teachers, from false prophets, from false apostles, from unclean churches. 'Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith God, and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you.*”

## **Who is spared in Judgment?**

This is a message that is going to be heard more and more until the time of the end or, maybe I should say, until the time that the “*cup*

*of wrath is given to Mystery Babylon”* (Revelation 18:6). Note that II Peter 2:5 says that at the time God “*spared not the old world,*” He saved Noah. When God determined to destroy that generation with the flood, He spared righteous Noah by having him “*build an ark*” and calling him into the ark at the time of His judgment against that generation. Before God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, He called righteous Lot to come out of Sodom and Gomorrah. God has done this time after time. He has always spared the righteous while He has judged the unrighteous: the wicked, the workers of iniquity, and the unclean. He has always spared the clean; He has always spared His people, and God is going to do it again. He has always called His people out before He judges that which they are in. Before He pours out His wrath upon Mystery Babylon, He gives the call from heaven, “*Come out of her, my people. Don't partake of her sins because if you do, you are going to partake of her plagues*” (Revelation 18:4) God is calling for separation!

He's calling, not only in the realm of the church, but in your life as an individual. He's calling you to a life of separation: separated unto God and separated from religion and the things of this present world. The Scriptures declare that in this generation, the last generation before the return of Christ, there will be doctrines of devils and seducing spirits which men will give heed to (I Timothy. 4:1), “*heaping to themselves teachers after their own lusts, having itching ears*” (II Timothy. 4:3), and the warning comes, “*From such turn away!*” (I Timothy 6:5). God is calling His people out of all those things. If a child of God continues to hearken to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, and things that are not according to the Word of God, he does so to his own destruction because God is getting ready to judge the unclean. He will do it while you and I are right here upon this earth. I repeat, God is getting ready to judge the unclean, but first He is calling His people out.

## **Corrupt Men in the Church!**

**Jude 1-4:** “*Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and the brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called. Mercy unto you, and peace, and love, be multiplied. Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of*

*the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

The book of Jude is only one chapter with twenty five verses. Nineteen of those verses give a description of those “ungodly men” who have “*crept into the church unawares.*” They are described as “*corrupt men*” who were “*before ordained unto this condemnation* (corruption).” Jude further describes them as having turned the grace of our God into lasciviousness. They are false teachers, false ministers who have crept into the church, where they have been from that time unto this. We are living in the last generation; we're living in the time about which Jesus spoke in the parable of the tares mingled with the wheat. In this parable, the servants said unto their master, “*Master, should we pluck out the tares?*” He said, “*No, lest you also destroy the wheat.*” “**But,**” He continued, “*at the time of the end—the time of the harvest—you'll first gather the tares into bundles to be burned and then you'll gather the wheat into garners. So shall it be at the end of the world*” (Matthew 13:40, paraphrase).

I want to tell you without doubt and without inciting fear, we are living at the time of the end of the world! It might be a few years, a very few short years before the culmination of it, but we are living at the end of the world as we know it. God said He would send forth His angels at that time to gather out of His kingdom “*all things that offend and them which do iniquity*” (Matthew 13:41). He said He was going to gather the tares into bundles to be burned, but that He would gather the wheat into garners. “*Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun...*” (Matthew 13:43). We are living in that time! Tares are being gathered into bundles; wheat is being brought into garners. WE ARE LIVING IN THE TIME OF SEPARATION. Praise God! God is calling for separation!

When God gives unclean churches over to uncleanness, they will be “*bundles of tares,*” just “*waiting for the fire,*” just sitting there on pews, waiting for the fire! I mean, unclean from the pulpit to the pew. Unclean from the greatest to the least. Unclean from the pastor

down to the janitor—everything unclean because God has given them over to uncleanness.

## **Grace - Liberty or License?**

We are living in a time when the normal, acceptable doctrine of grace that has been and is being preached, licenses preachers to defend your right to sin. I hear it every day on the radio and from the prominent ministries of this generation, telling you that you sin every day, even that you must sin every day: BUT GOD IS TELLING YOU TO SEPARATE FROM THAT. He's telling you not to believe such teachings. I heard a famous Baptist preacher teaching for a week or so on temptation, talking about some Christians being caught in adultery and fornication and some Christians being whoremongers and destroying the lives of innocent girls. He said, *“Now, I don't want you to think I'm saying that you are going to be lost for doing this, but you need to wake up and realize what you are doing to innocent young girls. But don't think you're going to be lost. If you've believed in Jesus, you are not going to lose your salvation.”*

What kind of preaching is going forth from the pulpits of America when preachers tell the whoremonger, *“You're going to be saved. You're going to make heaven. You're going to be all right because you have believed upon Jesus, but you need to stop what you're doing, because you are defiling women and young girls!”*

But that's the age in which we live--unclean! Unclean! Unclean preaching! Unclean teaching! And God said He was pulling His people out: *“I'm going to wash them out from the unclean; I'm going to sift them out, cleanse them out, purge them out; and then I'm going to sweep those churches, bring my people out of them, and then give those churches over to uncleanness.”*

The message in the Book of Jude is not only a message for the time in which it was written, but also for the end time. Almost every prophecy in the Bible has its immediate fulfillment and its ultimate fulfillment at the end of the age. This Scripture is no different. He is speaking of false teachers, false ministers; he's speaking of those who have corrupted the gospel, destroyed the faith that was once delivered unto the saints, and turned the grace of God into



lasciviousness. How have they done it? They have said that grace is a covering for sin. They have said that grace is unmerited favor; that God will overlook your sin. They have given people license to “continue in sin” if they believe upon Jesus Christ. That is not “grace:” it is lasciviousness and licentiousness. Licentiousness means “*a license to commit sin,*” but God has not given you a license to sin. God called those who teach such things, “*clouds without rain, wells without water.*” He said they are “*trees without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots ...raging waves of the sea foaming out their own shame*” (Jude 12-13). Paul said “*their glory is in their shame*” (Philippians 3:18-19). He speaks of them “*creeping into houses, leading silly women astray laden down with divers lusts*” (II Timothy 3:6). Peter speaks of them; Jude speaks of them, and the scriptures prophesy the end of all such. I want to tell you tonight what is about to happen in the realm of the church. God is going to separate His people to Himself. Then judgment is coming upon the unclean.

## The Way of Cain

Speaking of those on whom judgment is going to fall, Jude says, “*Woe unto them, for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Cora*” (Jude 1:11). First, they have gone in the way of Cain. This speaks of their first error.

Cain came before God with a sacrifice of the fruit of the field—corn, wheat, vegetables, etc.—part of the crop he had grown. He brought it and served it unto God upon the altar of God. On the other hand, Abel, his brother, brought a firstling of his flock—a lamb without blemish—and sacrificed it unto God, and God had respect unto Abel and his offering, but unto Cain and his offering He had not respect. Cain was wroth because God did not receive his offering.

What was Cain's sin? What did he do? What is the comparison the Scriptures make between Cain and ungodly perverse ministers who “*go in the way of Cain?*” Cain made his own plan of salvation. He presented a sacrifice of his own works, his own making, his own abilities, his own thinking. He presented it to God and said, “*God, this is what I'm going to offer to you.*” Abel came with a blood

sacrifice as he had been commanded to do. By faith he offered it. He obeyed God. He approached God in the way God had ordained for both Abel and Cain to come, but Cain made another plan of salvation. No place was it ever said that the fruit of the field—the corn, the wheat, the grain, or plants grown from the ground—would ever cover sin or serve as remission for sins. Cain made his own plan of salvation just as those who have turned the grace of God into lasciviousness have made their own plan of salvation! They say that if you simply “say you believe” with your mouth, you're saved, and God will never see your sin! God will never see your wicked ways! God will never see your perverseness because of the grace of God, so *“they say.”* They say *“God can only see Jesus Christ. He cannot see your old wicked, vile, unclean ways.”* THAT'S ANOTHER PLAN OF SALVATION!

GOD'S plan of salvation, the blood of Jesus Christ, cleanses from all unrighteousness. The blood of Jesus Christ takes sin out of the heart and out of the person who repents, and God casts that sin away as far as the east is from the west, never to be remembered against that individual. (Psalm 103:12) However, NOTICE, THE SIN IS GONE! I said, the sin is gone! As far away as the east is from the west!

The other plan of salvation, the doctrine of grace as it has been preached in this generation, is a corrupted plan of salvation. Now understand, we ARE saved by grace; but grace, as we are called to minister it, is that which God gives unto the humble, and imputes into the life of the individual. Grace is what the Son of God was full of and *“...of His fullness have we all received, and grace for grace”* (John 1:16). God has given us the life, and nature, the attributes and abilities of Jesus Christ. THAT'S the grace of God. Grace sufficient to overcome sin, to overcome Satan, to overcome temptation, to overcome the onslaught of the enemy: ALL-SUFFICIENT GRACE! All-powerful grace! Grace that is greater than anything this world or Satan can throw at you. Grace that is greater: that is the grace of God. Not a kind of corrupted grace that *“hides;”* not a corrupted grace that says, *“God doesn't care”* or that *“God loves so much He can't see;”* but the kind of grace that changes lives and sets souls free, that lifts them up and puts them on top and the devil under

their feet, that enables them to walk in holiness and victory before God. THAT'S THE GRACE OF GOD.

But those who have “*gone in the way of Cain*” have made another plan of salvation. “*Come,*” they say, “*and repeat after the preacher.*” All you have to do is believe with all your heart and you'll be saved. Then start going to church, get into the program, and you'll be saved. Neighbor, I want to tell you something: that's the reason churches are filled with the unclean—BECAUSE OF UNCLEAN PREACHING, because of CORRUPTED GRACE that has been preached to this generation. There are many people inside and outside churches who are headed straight to an eternity in hell-fire, separated from God, because they have been seduced by spirits to believe this doctrine of the devil (I Timothy 4:1). THEY HAVE NOT BEEN MADE FREE BY THE BLOOD. They have not received a new heart; they have not received a new spirit; they have not been changed by the grace of God. Their sin is that they didn't come the way God said to come. Instead, they came in a way that seemed right in their own eyes. (Proverbs 14:12) They “*went in the way of Cain!*”

## **The Error of Balaam**

Secondly, the Scriptures depict these false ministers: pastors, evangelists, teachers, false prophets, and false apostles, all of whom have corrupted the doctrine of the grace of God, as “*running greedily after the error of Balaam for reward.*” Again, Jude speaks of them throughout his book as “*clouds without rain; wells without water; trees without fruit; twice dead, plucked up by the roots; raging waves of the sea foaming out their own shame.*”

### **The error of Balaam? He prophesied for gain.**

Balaam was a prophet. There is no indication that Balaam was a false prophet. He was a prophet, who “*loved the wages of unrighteousness;*” he loved the gold and silver. King Balak, the enemy king, came to him and said, “*Balaam, I want to hire you. I'm going to give you a great amount of gold, silver and treasure, and all you have to do is curse a people for me. There is a nation of people I want you to curse, and when you do, I will give you all of this money.*”

Balaam said, *“I will have to inquire of God.”* He inquired of God, and God told him not to do it. He inquired of God again, and again, God told him not to do it. He prayed a third time. (You know, some people will not take God at His Word!) The scripture says that God will not separate you from the lusts of your own heart. He'll give you the flesh you desire. He will let you do the things you want to do. He'll let you partake of the evil that is in your heart (Psalm 78:27-31). When Israel cried for flesh (meat) instead of the food God was providing for them, God told them He would give them flesh until it came out their nostrils (Numbers 11:1:20). And He did! He gave them flesh; and as they began eating it, and while the meat was still between their teeth, the fattest of them began to die of the plague (Numbers 11-33, Psalm 78:30-31). God would not separate them from their own lust. God is calling YOU to separate; He is calling you to come out. He's going to do everything to get you out: He's going to wash you out, purge you out, cleanse you out. He's going to sweep to get you out, but it's still up to you to come out.

The third time Balaam inquired of God, God said to him, *“Go, but see to it that you don't speak anything but what I say.”* Balaam saddled his donkey and began the journey to meet with King Balak on the mountain to curse the children of Israel. Along the way, the angel of the Lord stood in his pathway with his sword drawn. Balaam's donkey was spiritual enough to see the angel that Balaam couldn't see! The donkey stopped, and Balaam began to beat him with a whip, trying to make him go, but the donkey wouldn't move. When Balaam began beating the donkey more and more, the donkey spoke to him in a human voice, *“Why are you whipping me? I've done you no wrong!”* Then Balaam's eyes were opened, and he also beheld the angel of the Lord who told him, *“You go on, but see to it you speak only that which God says.”* Balaam went to the mountaintop, met with King Balak and took the money to prophesy against Israel. As he was offering sacrifice, God gave him a prophecy, and Balaam stood and blessed Israel! Balak was angry. He said, *“You've blessed them! I've paid you to curse them, but you have blessed them!”*

Two or three times Balaam opened his mouth to curse Israel, but each time God filled his mouth with a blessing on Israel. Balaam

responded to Balak's angry remarks by explaining that he could not curse what God had blessed because God had not seen iniquity in Israel. Balaam explained further that what God had blessed, he [Balaam] could not reverse.

*“But, since I've taken your money, and this effort to curse them has failed,”* Balaam said, *“I have a suggestion: cause the women of your nation to seduce the men of Israel and lead them into idolatry. Cause them to make sacrifice unto idols; bring them into fornication and immorality. THEN God will curse them.”* So the next day, Balak sent women of his nation in among the Israelite men to seduce them and bring them into idolatry.

Balaam's sin was this: HE PROPHESED FOR MONEY. He prophesied for the wages of unrighteousness. His entire ministry, his preaching, his teaching, and his prophecy was about money. He would sell God's people out for money. And God said that those teachers who have corrupted the grace of God have sold God's people out for money! In this generation, this fact is more evident than ever before. Turn on your radio; turn on your television. How many of them, the messages of the day, have been prosperity. The message of the day has been materialism. The message of the day has been speaking blessings on those who don't even know God! The message of the day has been principles to cause you to be successful in the things of this present life. Preachers ministering for gain, *“...speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their consciences seared with a hot iron”* (I Timothy 4:2). Preachers who will speak anything to you to get your money. Today, we no longer have just the *“gimmick preachers,”* who will send a prophecy through the mail to tell you, *“Thus saith God. Use this envelope to send a \$20 bill back to the prophet, and you'll receive your blessing.”* We no longer have only those false prophets who are so evident in their iniquity. Some of the most elite, some of the most honorable, some of the most famous in the full gospel ministry today are doing the same thing—preaching for money! Preaching for selfish gain! Preaching for the materialistic gains it will bring to them. THAT IS THE SECOND ERROR!

After going in the way of Cain and running greedily in the error of Balaam (preaching for money), THE THIRD ERROR is *“They*

*perish in the gainsaying of Cora.*” AND THIS IS WHAT GOD IS ABOUT TO DO!!

## **Is All the Church Holy?**

Turn with me to Numbers 16. I said this is what God is preparing to do in this generation. God is calling His people out because judgment is coming upon the unclean. God is about to do a new thing in the realm of the church. God is about to do something different—something that's not been known or seen up to now—a new thing for the last days in which we are living. From now until the time of Jesus Christ's return, things WILL NOT continue as they have been from the beginning. God is going to show Himself to be SOVEREIGN.

In January of this year, in fasting and solemn assembly, one of the things God spoke' to me was this: “*Preach the holiness of God, and preach the sovereignty of God;*” and God, being a sovereign God, is about to act in a way that the church has never seen Him act in judging the unclean.

“*Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben*” (Numbers 16:1). Notice that Korah was a Levite. He was rightfully a priest of the altar, but Dathan and Abiram were of the tribe of Reuben. They were not of the priestly order. Korah was a priest., “*They rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty princes of the assembly, famous in the congregation, men of renown*” (Numbers 16:2). Picture these three men, Korah, Dathan and Abiram, along with two hundred fifty princes of the nation of Israel which were men of renown, and famous in the congregation, gathering together against Moses and Aaron. Aaron was a Levite and the High Priest over all the house of Israel. Of these two hundred fifty-three men who gathered themselves together against Moses and Aaron, one of them was a priest; two of them were of the tribe of Reuben; and two hundred fifty of them were princes. The Scriptures do not tell us what tribes the princes were of, just that they were “*...princes, men of renown, famous men of the congregation of Israel.*” They were

very popular, very well-known, very famous, and very powerful among the congregation of Israel.

Numbers 16:3-7: *“And they gathered themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the congregation of the Lord? And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face: And he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, Even tomorrow the Lord will shew who are His, and who is holy; and will cause him to come near unto Him: even him whom He hath chosen will He cause to come near unto Him. This do; Take you censers, Korah, and all his company; And put fire therein, and put incense in them before the Lord tomorrow: and it shall be that the man whom the Lord doth choose, he shall be holy: ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi.”*

Korah, Dathan, Abiram and two hundred fifty famous men of the house of Israel, in rebellion against the authority of Moses and Aaron, the High Priest, complained that they were *“taking too much on themselves to be rulers over Israel”* (“Who made you to rule over us?” Exodus 2:14) GOD had sent Moses to be a ruler and a deliverer for the children of Israel. God had sent Aaron to be the High Priest over Israel. God had placed them there!

In the fifteenth chapter of Numbers is an account of a man who had broken the law by picking up sticks on the Sabbath, and Moses commanded that he be taken out and stoned to death by the congregation. This man's act seemed like such a little thing, but in breaking the law of God, he was also made subject to the punishment prescribed by the law. Now we have Korah, Dathan, Abiram and the princes in opposition to Moses and Aaron—in essence saying, *“Who do you think you are? ALL the congregation is holy. God is with ALL the congregation.”*

Notice their message: *“ALL of Israel, ALL the congregation is holy!”* This present generation has accepted the secular teaching of a decade ago, *“I'm okay; you're okay; everyone's okay.”* Now it has gotten into the church: *“I'm righteous; you're righteous; everybody's righteous. All God's people are righteous; all the*

*congregation is righteous.*” All you have to do is say, “*I'm righteous*” and that makes you righteous. “*I confess I'm righteous; therefore, I'm righteous...*,” without regard to the gift of righteousness, without regard to the righteousness of Jesus Christ; without regard to the Word of God; without regard to whether they have been cleansed with the blood or not; without regard to whether they have been made free or not; without regard to whether they continue in sin or not “*...all the congregation is righteous. All the congregation is holy.*”

I hear the corrupters of this generation speaking over the radio specifically to the whoremongers, telling them, “*Don't think you're going to lose your salvation. You've believed upon Jesus. You're holy. Jesus said he'd never leave you nor forsake you. You're going to make heaven, but you ought to quit destroying young girls' lives!*”

Do you understand what I'm saying? I want to tell you something: if you think for one moment that all the congregation is holy, you are deceiving yourself. If you think all the congregation is clean, you are deceiving yourself. If you think that everyone who says, “*Lord, Lord*” is going to enter the kingdom, then you don't believe the Word of God: “*Not everyone who says unto me, Lord, Lord shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but they who do the will of the Father*” (Matthew 7:21). **NOT ALL THE CONGREGATION IS HOLY!** Shaking a preacher's hand does not make you holy. Shaking a preacher's hand does not make you righteous. Repeating a “*sinner's prayer*” does not make you righteous. Nothing but the blood that was shed on the cross of Calvary can cleanse. Only the blood can take the vilest of sinners and make them clean; and having been made clean, they are righteous. They are holy, but they are “*a city set on a hill*”--their righteousness cannot be hid! The change **WILL BE** seen. It will be recognized that they have been with Jesus. The world will take note that something has happened to them. They don't do what they used to do. They don't go where they used to go. They don't walk the way they used to walk. They don't say what they used to say. They've been changed! They've been made free!

In answer to these rebellious men, Moses said, “*Korah, tomorrow God is going to show who is holy and who is not holy. God is going to show whom He receives and whom He does not receive. God is*



*going to show which are His and which are not His.*” God is about to do this again in the church world. God, Himself, is going to separate between the clean and the unclean. The preachers, the priests and the prophets have refused to separate between the clean and the unclean. They’ve called that which is unclean, clean and that which was clean, unclean. But God Himself is going to show the difference.

*“Korah, tomorrow you and all your company come with fire in your censers and offer incense before the Lord ...come near to God and offer incense unto Him.”*

Dathan and Abiram told Moses they were not coming, and they stayed in their houses; but the next day Korah and the two hundred fifty princes gathered. *“And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood in the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron. And Korah gathered all the congregation against them unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the glory of the Lord appeared unto all the congregation”* (Numbers 16:18-19).

Notice (verse 19) that Korah gathered all the congregation against them. Moses and Aaron stand alone, but I want you know something: one man with Jesus Christ is a majority! If God speaks to a man to preach HIS [God's] holiness and sovereignty, even if the whole world should deny it, God will stand with that one man! In this Scriptural account, we see two men alone!

**Numbers 16:20-21:** *“And the Lord spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment.”*

**II Corinthians 6:17:** *“Wherefore come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.”*

Paul quoted this incident when he said, *“Come ye out from among them and be ye separate, saith God.”* Paul was not prophesying: he was quoting! God told Moses to separate himself from this congregation so that He could consume them in a moment. God was preparing to wipe out the whole bunch and leave just Moses and

Aaron standing there, except for one thing: Moses and Aaron fell upon their faces before God.

**Numbers 16:22- 26:** *“And they fell upon their faces, and said, O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, shall one man sin, and wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation? And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins.”*

Compare the message of God through Moses to the congregation of Israel with II Corinthians 6:16, *“Come out from among them and be ye separate and touch not the unclean thing and I will receive you saith God.”* It's the same thing He said to the congregation of Israel: *“Depart ye from them! Depart ye from them! And touch nothing that pertains unto them lest ye be consumed, saith God.”* Compare these Scriptures to Revelation 18:4: *“Come out of her, my people. Partake not of her sins that ye partake not of her plagues, saith God.”* God's cry to come out of Babylon because of His impending judgment is the same cry coming from the Lord to His people, to “come out” of churches and religious systems that are unclean in their behavior, their doctrines, and their teachings. *“Don't partake of anything that is theirs. Come out from among them and be ye separate, saith God. Touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you.”*

## **The Time For Separation Has Arrived! The People Must Made A Choice.**

God continued His warning to Israel: *“Tell them to separate. Tell them to get away from these rebellious men and not to touch anything that belongs to them. I won't destroy them if they will separate.”*

This same thing is getting ready to take place in this generation. You mark the night you heard this: it's getting ready to happen in the church world.

**Numbers 16:27-29:** *“So they gat up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on ever side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood in the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little children. And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that the Lord hath sent me to do all these works: for I have not done them of mine own mind. If these men die the common death of all men, or if they are visited after the visitation of all men, then the Lord hath not sent me.”*

## **They Perish in the Gainsaying of Korah**

A month or six weeks ago, during the time of fasting and solemn assembly mentioned previously, the Spirit of God began to speak these words to me: *“If these men die the common death of all men...”* I did not fully grasp nor understand the thing He spoke; but the Scriptures kept coming back to me, *“If they receive a visitation as is the visitation of all men, then God hath not spoken unto me, saith Moses.”*

Secondly, notice what Moses says: *“But if the Lord make a new thing...”* I said God is getting ready to do something in the church world that's not been known before.

**Numbers 16:30-35:** *“But if the Lord make a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down quick into the pit; then ye shall understand that these men have provoked the Lord. And it came to pass, as he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground clave asunder that was under them: **And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods.** They, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed upon them; and they perished from among the congregation. And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them: for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up also. **And there came out a fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that offered incense.**”*

The two hundred fifty men, men of renown, the famous men of Israel who offered incense unto God, came with their incense to worship before the tabernacle because they believed the report of

Korah that all the congregation was holy. Famous men took it upon themselves to take censers and do the priestly ministry. (“I can hear from God just as much as anyone else can!”) We're in the time of “*body ministry.*” The pew is exalting itself against the pulpit, and the shame of it is, too often the pulpit has corrupted itself and corrupted the pew as well. The corruption came from the pulpit—teachers who have usurped their authority against apostles and prophets of God. But God is changing things. **GOD IS CHANGING THINGS!** God is calling His people to separate from the unclean. God is calling His people back to the Word of God. God is calling His people to search the Scriptures diligently and pray for understanding. God is calling His people to get into this Book prayerfully and tearfully—to stain the pages of the Bible with tears from their eyes as they seek to know the truth of God—that they no longer accept what man tells them without also going to the authority of the Word of God and searching for “*THUS SAITH GOD, the Word of God and the Spirit of God.*”

Deceivers are crisscrossing the land. They hate a prophet who would turn them from their sins when the Word of God says, “*If a prophet speaks a blessing, you watch him and see if it comes to pass.*” Why? Because a prophet is a watchman. God only raises up a prophet when an enemy is coming over the wall! God only raises up His prophets when an enemy is breaching the wall and coming in. **THEN** God raises up prophets to sound the alarm, to blow the trumpet, to speak to God's people to turn from their wicked ways! But when you find a prophet speaking a blessing, keep your eye on him and see whether or not it comes to pass. A great percentage of the church world would tell you, “*Don't listen to someone who preaches like Bro. Surface! He doesn't have to preach like that. He should know that God is a God of love, and he should preach a little bit of love.*” I must tell you, I am watching for your soul. The church is filled with “*bless me*” parties, people laying hands on and prophesying blessings to those who are unclean and impure. They're getting up and dancing a jig around the front of the church and then going home condemned and bound by the powers of hell. But I want you to know something: there is still a God who will deliver those who turn to Him with their whole heart...who are real with Him, who call upon His name ...who put faith in the blood of Jesus Christ, repenting of

their sins. There is still a God who delivers, a God who is sovereign; there is still a God who is holy, who judges in the affairs of men. I know it's a lot easier to listen to someone who picks up your self-esteem, builds up your self-image and tells you that you are holy, righteous, good and pleasing in the eyes of God. The next time a "prophet" calls you out and tells you how good you are, how righteous you are, how great you are, ask yourself, "*Compared to what?*" Compared to Jesus? I'm good compared to Jesus? I'm great compared to Jesus? Compared to what? Compared to someone else sitting on a pew? Paul said that those who compare themselves among themselves are not wise. (II Corinthians 10:12) How is a prophet going to tell you how good you are? How is a prophet going to pronounce great blessings on you and tell you how pleasing you are? Compared to what?

God told Ezekiel (chapter 43) to tell Israel to go back and measure the pattern and be ashamed. When you see the pattern, which is Jesus, you will cry as Isaiah did, "*Woe is me, for I am undone.. I am unclean, unclean!*" Then God will take a coal from off the altar and purge your uncleanness. God will use you if you will be real with Him.

We get all flattered from blessing prophecies about how good and great we are in the eyes of God, and we get to feeling really proud. "*I didn't know God thought that much of me,*" we think. He doesn't. God tried two hundred fifty princes with fire: they had fire in their censers when they came before God, but all two hundred fifty of them burned to ashes! Aaron offered his incense unto God, and God received him. God pronounced Aaron holy and received him. IT IS NOT WORDS THAT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. You will see who stands and who burns in the presence of God. God will try His people by fire, and God is getting ready, once again, to open the mouth of the earth and swallow up the rebellious and unclean, starting with His ministers.

You say, "Preacher, I don't know what you're talking about '*...swallow up.*'" I don't either! I just know God spoke it to me, and He is getting ready to do it: If God would do a new thing, if the earth would open its mouth and swallow them up alive into the pit, then you will know that God has spoken unto me."

**Revelation 12:13-16:** *“And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child. And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.”*

That is a prophecy pertaining to the last days when the earth is going to open her mouth and swallow the flood that proceeds from the dragon's mouth. What is it talking about? The flood of false doctrines. The seducing spirits and doctrines of devils; the flood of false teachings, false prophets, false apostles, false ministries that are in the world today, that, have been spewed out of the mouth of the dragon! Corrupt men! Clouds without rain; wells without water; trees without fruit; twice dead, plucked up by the roots, raging waves of the sea. False ministries. False teachers who have seduced God's people and told them lies, causing them to trust in fables and not in the Word of God. God said it was a flood out of the dragon's mouth, but He said the earth was going to open its mouth and swallow the flood.

*“Preacher, what's going to happen?”* I don't know, but I know one thing: I know the earth is getting ready to open its mouth again and swallow the flood ...that which has been spewed out of the mouth of the dragon. Revelation 16:13-14 tells us that the dragon spewed out of its mouth unclean spirits like frogs and covered the earth. Unclean spirits! Those unclean spirits have possessed men and women—have caused them to speak lies and hypocrisy. They have caused them to preach for materialistic gain! Caused them to corrupt the doctrine of grace, turning it into lasciviousness—making their own plan of salvation, going in the way of Cain, running greedily after the error of Balaam for reward. And they will perish in the gainsaying of Korah!

## Tried by Fire

This thing is going to be tried by fire. God said every man whose work burns will suffer loss, yet he himself shall be saved so as by fire, but the next verse says, *“Know ye not that your body is the temple of God”* (speaking of the church). *“If any man defile the temple of God, him will God destroy, for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.”* It is talking about the church. If the builders build the church wrong, if they defile the church, if they preach false doctrines in the church (the offense cometh, but woe unto him by whom the offense cometh: Matthew 18:7), God will destroy them. Let me tell you something, there are famous preachers who will *“go to hell with their clothes on.”* Judgment! God is calling His people out from the unclean. The plagues are about to hit the unclean church.

### Plagues? What plagues?

The same plagues that fill the world will fill the unclean churches! God is going to give the unclean church over to uncleanness. It is soon going to be manifest ...the filth that is in the unclean.

God is calling His people out, *“Don't touch them; don't touch anything that belongs to them; get away from them.”* We hear so much in this hour from various segments of the church: *“Unite, unite, unite!”* But God is saying, *“Separate, separate, separate!”* *Touch nothing that pertains to them. Don't partake of their sins lest you partake of their plagues.”*

When the judgment of God burns the famous men of renown, the Moses's and the Aarons will be left standing. God RECEIVES them! There will be a safe place in the hour of judgment. There is always a safe place in the hour of judgment. It is in Jesus!

God is calling for separation. He's calling for you. He's calling for me!

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