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## The Spoilers Are Coming-Part One

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### Not Everyone Who Says To Me, Lord, Lord Will Enter The Kingdom Of Heaven

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What a terrible experience it would be to hear the following words from Jesus!

*"I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"<sup>1</sup>*

English Bible translations define "practice Lawlessness" in these ways; the King James Version says; workers of iniquity, the Amplified uses; disregarding my commands, NASB & NASBUE both say; you who practice lawlessness, with the NIV translating it as; evil doers. The actual Greek word is anomía which means lawless or lawlessness. It means not the absence of the Law, but the violation of Law, i.e., transgression or lawlessness, it places stress not on or in a subjective law that we have create for our convenience, but chiefly in a divinely instituted Law.<sup>2</sup>

The phrase "who practice lawlessness" simply stated means the rejection of God's Laws for subjective traditions and manmade practices that replace the divinely instituted laws of God's Word. In a letter to Timothy, the Apostle Paul warns his spiritual son about these skewed practices and the rejection of God's laws by giving him implicit instructions about how to interact with spoilers. He tells Timothy; *"from such turn away."*<sup>3</sup>

As Paul so matter-of-factly points out, lawless leaders have a "form of godliness" – they appear devout but lack the spiritual substance of an intimate believer. Paul told Timothy to avoid such people – and with good reason, because spoilers sidetrack people with mistaken sensory perceptions of godliness. They prioritize appearances, structure, ceremonies, formulas and look at things like church buildings, the size of the congregation, where the church is located, and who is attending before deciding whether or not they want to be a member of the assembly. In other wards they are more interested in form than the power of God manifested within the people. The result is that they miss the spiritual

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<sup>1</sup> Matt 7:20-23 NKJV

<sup>2</sup> From The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament © 1992 by AMG International, Inc. Revised Edition, 1993

<sup>3</sup> 2 Timothy 3:5 KJV

dynamics of what Christ Life (church) is about because the focus is on carnal externals.

The bible has a lot to say about how we live and how important it is to our current and eternal existence. The Apostle Paul was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write these words to the past, present and future churches; *"Don't let anyone deceive you in any way. For the Day will not come until after the Apostasy has come and the man who separates himself from Torah has been revealed the one destined for doom."*<sup>4</sup> It is vital to understand that when a nation, any nation, turns it's back on God's commandments the spoilers will come. Spoilers plunder, pillage, and distort biblical truths.

We have watched the church declare her allegiance to God and at the same time morph into a socially relevant gospel full of materialism, selfishness, immorality, sports, celebrity worship, mysticism, spiritualism, pursuit of mammon, idolatry and ungodly entertainment complete with reprobate leaders who are unaccountable (lawless). Paul gave a description of the condition of the church in the last days when He said this; *"You may as well know this too, Timothy, that in the last days it is going to be very difficult to be a Christian. For people will love only themselves and their money; they will be proud and boastful, sneering at God, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful to them, and thoroughly bad. They will be hard headed and never give in to others; they will be constant liars and troublemakers and will think nothing of immorality. They will be rough and cruel, and sneer at those who try to be good. They will betray their friends; they will be hot headed, puffed up with pride, and prefer good times to worshiping God. They will go to church, yes, but they won't really believe anything they hear. Don't be taken in by people like that."*<sup>5</sup>

Christianity is described as having a narrow gate and a difficult pathway that leads to life and it requires faithful allegiance and loyalty to Christ not just a fifteen second repentance prayer or commitment to a social gospel of good works.

*"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. You Will Know Them by Their Fruits. Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves."*<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>4</sup> 2 Thess 2:3 CJB

<sup>5</sup> 2 Tim 3:1-5 TLB

<sup>6</sup> Matt 7:13-15, Matt 12:33; Luke 6:43-45 NKJV

*"Why call me Lord, Lord, but do not the things I say?"*<sup>7</sup> Jesus is not just a Saviour; He is also Lord and returning King! He expects full submission to His Lordship. You are not your own. Lord means ruler. Is He Lord of your life? Jesus is way more than a ticket to heaven. He is God and the creator of all things. He is the one that delivered us out of bondage and sin.

The Church in the New Millennium has been heavily influenced by a form of godliness with teachers that entertain but refuse to address sin. The narrow gate and difficult way of the cross and the infallible Word of God is considered too narrow to be culturally relevant. Within the scope of the spoilers ministries are *practicing* homosexual bishops, pastors, deacons and members. I recently met an emergent church pastor who had a practicing Buddhist musician leading their worship team. I was set back a bit... when I had a conversation with a post modern-emergent church pastor and his wife who have been tattooed and pierced top to bottom in the last few years. I asked what about blood covenant issues spoken of in the bible? The reply was our tattooist has a Christian tattoo business and is a member of our church, besides that is Old Testament Law and we don't have to live by the law.<sup>8</sup> I asked is a Christian Tattoo business like owning a nude Christian dance club? Jesus said, I never knew you because you were a worker of lawlessness. I am not speaking of individuals who have tattoos before knowing Christ or get them out of ignorance of scriptural truth. We are discussing spoilers who disregard biblical principles for man made practices.

Spoilers host major Christian television programs, live in sin, and have no shame in perverting God's word to steal money from God's people. They conduct revivals, which are broadcasted on Christian TV and the internet while they are committing adultery. How can a minister of the gospel of the LORD Jesus Christ be considered rehabilitated and restored to legitimate ministry when they divorced their previous spouse and married the adulterous person during their rehabilitation period? Yet this has and is happening! This is delusion, lawlessness, personality worship and represents a form of godliness without the power of biblical truth. Again I say when a nation turns its back on God's Laws the spoilers are released.

The Prophet Jeremiah describes in detail the characteristics of spoilers.

*"Because from the least of them even to the greatest of them, Everyone is given to covetousness; And from the prophet even to the priest, Everyone deals falsely. They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, Saying, 'Peace, peace!' When there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; Nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; At the time I punish them,*

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<sup>7</sup> Luke 6:46

<sup>8</sup> Lev.19:28 CJB

*They shall be cast down," says the Lord. Thus says the Lord: "Stand in the ways and see, And ask for the old paths, where the good way is, And walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it.' Also, I set watchmen over you, saying, 'Listen to the sound of the trumpet!' But they said, 'We will not listen.' Therefore hear, you nations, And know, O congregation, what is among them. Hear, O earth! Behold, I will certainly bring calamity on this people — The fruit of their thoughts, Because they have not heeded My words Nor My law, but rejected it. For what purpose to Me Comes frankincense from Sheba, And sweet cane from a far country? Your burnt offerings are not acceptable, Nor your sacrifices sweet to Me."*<sup>9</sup>

To obey God's Commandments is an expression of love for Jesus, why? Because, *"this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."*<sup>10</sup> The spoilers are at work now turning ears from the truth to myths and fables.<sup>11</sup>

The last day apostasy is well under way. Now is the time to get serious with God. As the lawlessness increases make sure the spoilers pass you by because the blood of Christ is covering the door posts of your life, *"For the time is coming when [people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction, but, having ears itching [for something pleasing and gratifying], they will gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold, And will turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions."*<sup>12</sup>

What a terrible experience it would be to follow a spoiler's teaching only to hear these words from Jesus!

*"I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!"*<sup>13</sup>

**My Prayer Is When You Say "Lord, Lord" You Hear This...** *"Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord."*<sup>14</sup>

*Blessings, Pastor Bob Hill.....* **Part Two Next Week**

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<sup>9</sup> Jer 6:13-20 NKJV

<sup>10</sup> 1 John 5:3 KJV

<sup>11</sup> 2 Tim 4:3-4

<sup>12</sup> 2 Tim 4:3-4 AMP

<sup>13</sup> Matt 7:20-23 NKJV

<sup>14</sup> Matt 25:23 NKJV