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Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

As we enter into the final days of this flesh earth age, there are many things we need to be aware of in order to successfully complete our noble obligation to our heavenly Father, and in so doing fulfill our destiny as Christians.

For not only must we soon take a firm and unwavering stand against the false messiah and his fallen angels when they arrive to this earth in that “evil day” (Ephesians 6:13; Revelation 12:12), but in the meantime, as we await that day, we must work to preserve our Father’s Word *as it’s been written*, making it available to his children *without spot or blemish* – that is, without adding anything onto it, and without taking anything away from it.

As the Scripture states in the final chapter of the book of Revelation:

Rev 22:18 – For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

Rev. 22:19 – And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

In short, if you *add to God's Word* (for example, by tacking on fairy tales about apples and snakes, or including blatant falsehoods such as the “rapture theory”), *or if you take away from God's Word* (for example, by refusing to teach about the serpent's seed of Genesis 3:15, or by telling people they don't need to study the Bible, because all they need to be saved is “love for Jesus in their heart”), then as a teacher you place yourself in dire jeopardy with our heavenly Father.

For indeed, as the Scripture above documents, the penalty for adding things into His Word, or leaving things out, is to lose your part in the book of life, which means your very soul will be cast into the lake of fire come judgment time. So teaching God's Word *without spot or blemish* it's a very solemn and vital duty.

It may sound harsh, but in the end, God simply will not tolerate those who disrupt His precious family with lies or fairy tales (i.e., by adding things to God's Word which God did not intend to be there) or with omissions (i.e., by leaving out of God's Word the knowledge and teachings He's put there to build us up and strengthen us against the enemy).

This is the same as the Old Testament law regarding those who were allowed to make the “bread offerings” at the Lord's tabernacle:

Lev 21:17 – Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever he be of thy seed in their generations that hath any blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God.

Lev 21:18 – *For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish*, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or any thing superfluous,

Again, a blemish means to be *lacking* in some way. For example, if you have a fine oak table, and someone puts a nick or cut in it – that is, they accidentally take a chunk out of it – then your fine oak table has become “blemished.” It has suffered a loss, or lack, of some kind. In human terms, a “blemish” can be a lack of eyesight due to blindness, or the inability to walk due to a missing limb or some condition of lameness, or even a physical deformity such as body part that never fully formed (i.e., “hath a flat nose”).

And “superfluous” means an unneeded addition. It's something *over and above* that which is considered normal or right. It's the same as being “spotted.” For example, if you spill something gooey onto your fine oak table, and it dries there, then your table has become “spotted.” There's now something extra on your table -- something that's not supposed to be there. It's *superfluous* to the table. In human terms, something superfluous can be an extra limb or an unusual growth, such as having six toes rather than five.

So in Old Testament times, people who had a “blemish” (i.e., lacked a normal ability such as eyesight or the ability to walk, or had a missing limb or other malformation) and people who had “anything superfluous” (extra body parts, unusual growths, etc.) were not allowed to do the service of the priest, i.e., they were not allowed to offer the bread at the Lord’s tabernacle.

This was *not* a punishment.

Revelation 22:18-19 (above) makes it clear that it was a spiritual “type” or example for us in these end days. It’s to be taken as a warning that *spiritually blemished* preachers and teachers (i.e., those lacking in knowledge of the in-depth truth of His Word) are not supposed to be found offering forth the “bread” (the Word of God) at the tabernacle (i.e., from the church pulpit). It’s simply not pleasing to God that they do so.

Why? For one, being ungrounded in the deeper truths of His Word – that is, being “blemished” or lacking in truth – *they are not able to discern God’s enemies, and are therefore unable to protect the sheep of His pasture from the wolves which abound in the field.* In fact, in their lack of knowledge of God’s Word (i.e., in their spiritually blemished state) they might even unwittingly lead God’s children right into the enemy’s camp, as many “Christian Zionist” preachers, for example, already have.

In the same manner, and for much the same reasons, neither are the spiritually “superfluous” supposed to be found preaching the Word of God. That is to say, our heavenly Father doesn’t sanction those preachers who add things to His Word that do not belong there.

In adding “divers and foreign doctrines” (Heb. 13:9) they’re “spotting” God’s Word. Ultimately, in adding to God’s Word that which does not belong there -- such as the any-moment-now rapture theory -- they end up leading God’s children straight into the waiting arms of the enemy. As St. Paul so eloquently warned in the great book of Hebrews:

2 Cor 11:3 – But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

2 Cor 11:4 – For *if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.*

In other words, Paul warned that there would be preachers coming who would try to add on to God’s Word “another Jesus,” or “another spirit” or even “another gospel.”

Today, we can see this fulfilled in the many preachers who, in direct contradiction to God’s Word, teach an “any moment now Jesus” who’s coming to “rapture” believers away.

Within this false teaching you have “another Christ” (i.e., the antichrist of 1 Jn. 2:18), “another spirit” (i.e., the “mystery of iniquity” of II Thessalonians 2:7) and “another gospel” (i.e., the *perverted gospel* described by St. Paul in Galatians 1:6-9) all wrapped up in the same false

doctrine, and being tacked on to God's Word by spiritually superfluous preachers.

A Simple Equation...

In summary, God knew that if His children were to become dependent upon spiritually blemished preachers (i.e., preachers who are not firmly grounded in the deeper truths of Father's Word), then the children themselves would end up "blemished" or lacking – that is to say, Biblically illiterate.

For you see, it's a simple equation: Spiritually blemished teachers turn out spiritually blemished students.

And when you're spiritually blemished – that is, when you're not well-grounded in the deeper truths of your heavenly Father's Word – then you're easy pickins', so to speak, for the enemies of God. They can suck you into their web of religious deceit with ease, because they act and sound so very holy. Without insight from God's Word, you'd never know they were "wolves in sheep's clothing" seeking to lead you out of the protection of God's pasture, and into the "field" (i.e., the world re: Mt. 13:38) where they can more easily and abundantly take advantage of you. Just as Cain led Abel into the field and physically slew him, so these spiritually blemished preachers use church tradition to lead their congregations away from God's Word and into a form of worldliness that's merely disguised as Christianity, potentially leading to their *spiritual* deaths.

Likewise, God knew that if His children were to become dependent upon spiritually superfluous preachers (i.e., preachers who add to God's Word doctrines and traditions which are not supposed to be there), then the children themselves would end up spiritually "superfluous." That's to say, His children would end up as unwitting workers in a church system that operates outside of the Word of God, always "playing church," always busy building and working for the church system, but never accomplishing anything significant *for God Himself or for the advancement of His Word*.

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Suddenly, tending to things such as church bake sales, car washes, bingo games, raffles, plays and skits, sing-song rallies, and of course those all-important fund raising events, become more important than learning and teaching the Word of God. And when you've become spiritually superfluous like that – in other words, when "playing church" has become more important than doing God's work as it is spelled out in His Word – then your value to God as one of His servants has become negligible. *He doesn't need you, any more than a person needs six toes!*

In short, teaching God's Word is not a task to be entered into lightly. All too many preachers today handle the Word of God with such flippancy that it literally makes you fear for their very souls, particularly when you know how our heavenly Father feels about it.

Therefore, we must always remember that as the Lamb of God, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ presented Himself to make atonement for our sins "without blemish and without spot." That's to say, He was completely without sin. No shortcomings. No added baggage. As St. Peter so

succinctly stated:

1 Pet 1:18 – Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

1 Pet 1:19 – But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb **without blemish and without spot:**

God's Word says that Christ paid the price for your entry into heaven, with His shed blood. He did so perfectly, without blemish and without spot. That is, He fulfilled the Scriptures perfectly, without skipping over anything, or adding anything.

Knowing then that Jesus Christ is the Living Word of God, and that He fulfilled God's Word in regards to our salvation "without blemish and without spot," it's therefore of the utmost importance that we present the Word of God to God's children *in the same manner*, which is to say, without *skipping* anything (i.e., such as the Bible teachings on the false Jews who hate Christ, or the rich truths to be found in the book of Revelation), and without *adding* anything to it (i.e., without tacking on traditions of man such as the rapture theory, Easter/Ishtar, snakes and apples in the garden, speaking in gibberish "tongues," etc.).

In short, regardless of how politically incorrect it may be to do so, Christians are to present God's Word *in its fullness*, exactly as it is written!

Those who would take away from God's Word by *leaving out* teachings they consider to be "too controversial" or "not politically correct" or simply inconvenient (and regardless of whether they do so in ignorance, or willfully) are the equivalent of the "blemished" of Leviticus 21:17. Our Father's Word says they're not fit for service at His tabernacle.

And those who *add* to God's Word false doctrines and traditions of man which do not belong there, are the equivalent of the "superfluous" of Leviticus 21:18. Father's Word says that they, too, are not fit for service at His tabernacle.

In short, these teachers are either lacking in truth, or abounding in b.s. (in the form of empty church tradition), or both. And as such, they have *no right whatsoever* under the law of God to approach the altar of God from which to feed God's Word to His children. They're simply not fit for service in His tabernacle.

It's written in the book of Revelation regarding the church of Philadelphia that the job of the true teachers of these final days is to guard God's Word from loss or injury. As the Scripture states:

Rev 3:10 – Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Here, the word for "kept" is the Greek word *tereo*, which is Strong's #G-5083, meaning "to guard (from loss or injury)." It can also mean, "to hold fast, keep, preserve, watch over."

In other words, it's referring to the job of the Zadok, those faithful servants of God who in the end days stand guard over His Word when the rest of the world goes astray from it. They preserve His Word "from loss or injury" by teaching it without "spot" or "blemish." That's to say, they teach God's Word without adding anything to it, or taking anything away from it.

Chapter 44 of the book of Ezekiel confirms this. Let's look at a few pertinent verses from that chapter:

Ezek 44:15 – But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord GOD:

The Hebrew word for "kept" in the above verse is to Strong's H-8104 *shamar*, which, like its Greek counterpart, *tereo*, means to "preserve" or to "guard."

The Hebrew word for "charge" in the above verse is Strong's H-4931 *mishmereth*, which means the "watch," "the sentry," or "the post." In other words, it refers to the watch tower, the sentry post from which the guard was to watch for the approach of the enemy, and then sound the alarm should he see the enemy approaching in the distance.

The Hebrew word for "sanctuary" in the above verse is Strong's H-4720 *miqdash*, meaning "a consecrated thing or place, especially, a palace, sanctuary." It can also mean, "chapel, hallowed part, holy place."

So the Zadok are those who *preserve, or guard, the watchtower of God's sanctuary*, when the children of Israel go astray. In other words, as the children of Israel go flitting off after spiritually blemished and/or spiritually superfluous teachers (who are leading them straight into the arms of the antichrist), the Zadok refuse to desert their post in the watchtower of the sanctuary.

The sanctuary, or Temple of God of the end days is the many-membered body of Christ. The Zadok continue to man the sentry post within that Temple. In the face of mass apostasy, they continue to call out the warning of the enemy's approach, straight from God's Word. They refuse to compromise on it, even though the children of God have been convinced by the spiritually blemished and spiritually superfluous preachers that the approaching enemy – the "any moment now Jesus" – is actually "God" himself!

Let's jump down to Ezekiel 44:23-24 to see what the Zadok teach:

Eze 44:23 And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.

Eze 44:24 And in controversy they shall stand in judgment; and they shall judge it according to my judgments: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all mine assemblies; and they shall hallow my sabbaths.

In other words, they teach the straight-on truth of God's Word, without fear or favor to anyone. They *correct* the spiritually blemished and the spiritually superfluous teachings of the false preachers of these end days, by sticking firmly to God's Word.

There is however, one small problem with teaching God's Word exactly as it's written, without adding anything to it, or taking anything away from it. The problem is this:

Most of God's children simply don't want to hear it.

They'd actually prefer to hear and believe the fairy tales from the spiritually superfluous teachers. That's to say, they'd rather believe the teachers who have tacked on traditions of man to God's Word, or the spiritually blemished teachers who have left out the "inconvenient" (i.e., "politically incorrect") parts of God's Word, such as His admonitions against homosexuality, transgenderism and other so-called "protected classes."

Consider, for example, the churches of today who are adding "gay marriage" to their roster. They're *adding to* God's Word, by conducting such ceremonies as if they were Biblically ordained. And they're *taking away* from God's Word by ignoring the passages that teach homosexuality is an abomination to God.

As the Scripture states in the book of Jeremiah:

Jeremiah 5:31 – The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?

In short, God's children love to "play church." They listen to false teachings with glee. And they play by the rules set forth by the spiritually blemished and spiritually superfluous priests, rather than studying God's Word for themselves and acting in obedience to it.

Indeed, as the verse above asks, what will God's children do "in the end thereof"? That is to say, what will they do in the final days of this flesh earth age, having loved the false church system more than they loved the Word of God?

As it's written in the second book of Thessalonians, our heavenly Father isn't very happy with His wayward children for this very reason. Indeed, He says He'll allow "strong delusion" to overtake them, because they "believed not the truth" when it was set forth in front of them by God's elect, but instead took pleasure in unrighteousness.

Yes, they take pleasure in the false teachings of those spiritually blemished and spiritually superfluous teachers who added things in to God's Word, and who left things out of God's Word, to suit their own selfish purposes or to conform to empty church tradition. As it's written:

2Th 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

II Th 2:11 – And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

II Th 2:12 – That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

Yes, before the arrival of Jesus Christ, God will send to those who “received not the love of the truth” what He terms to be “strong delusion that they should believe a lie”

And in many ways, He sends that strong delusion *through the spiritually blemished and spiritually superfluous preachers whom the children of God love to listen to.*

And because of this, by the time *the* lie (i.e., the false Christ, pretending to be Jesus Christ) arrives on the scene, God’s children will have already been “primed” to embrace him wholeheartedly. They’ll earnestly believe that Satan is God. As it’s written in the book of Revelation:

Rev 12:9 – And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Indeed, Satan and his fallen angels will be cast out onto this earth, and they’ll deceive the whole world -- including most Christians -- into believing that they are Christ and His holy angels. In fact, it’s written that just as most Christians are expecting the Lord to return, Satan himself will arrive instead, pretending to be “God.”

God’s elect know this only too well. But we’ll look briefly at the Scriptures to reaffirm it:

II Th 2:1 – Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him,

Paul states, “We beg you to listen, brethren, regarding the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together unto Him.”

II Th 2:2 – That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand.

Don’t let anyone get you all shook up into believing that Jesus can come at any time, referring to the any-moment-now rapture doctrine.

II Th 2:3 – 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;

The day of Christ’s Second Advent, and our gathering together to Him, simply *cannot* take place until the son of perdition himself – Satan, in his role as the antichrist – reveals himself on earth. It will be a time of great apostasy (i.e., “falling away”), which is to say, many of God’s children will be so deceived by this event that they’ll fall away from the truth of God’s Word and embrace this

liar as their “Lord.”

II Th 2:4 – Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Yes, Satan, the son of perdition, actually arrives to this earth at Jerusalem claiming to be “God,” and proceeds to seat himself in the “temple of God.”

In other words, he’ll imitate Christ’s second advent, arriving at Jerusalem just like Christ ultimately will (Zechariah 14:4), and even seating himself as the head of the many-membered body of Christ, which is the true temple of God of these end days (1 Peter 2:5; 1 Corinthians 3:9-17).

And Christians will flock there to him, to worship him, rather than obeying Christ’s admonition in Mark 13:14, “*But when ye shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing where it ought not, (let him that readeth understand,) then let them that be in Judaea flee to the mountains...*”

Yes, we’re supposed to flee the area, because that’s where our Lord and Savior’s wrath is about to be poured out, in the great battle of Armageddon.

But that’s why Satan is called the “anti-christ,” or, as it’s translated from the Greek, the “instead-of-Christ,” which simply means he comes *in Christ’s stead*.

In other words, he comes in *imitation* of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ -- who is God incarnate -- for the explicit purpose of deceiving God’s children into worshipping him. This, in turn, puts their soul at risk of hell fire, which is precisely his goal.

And that’s why, at Christ’s Second Advent, those who had worshipped the antichrist are referred to as “the dead” (Revelation 20:5), and cannot participate in the first resurrection until after they’ve been properly taught during the millennium, and have repented of their idolatry in worshipping Satan.

In other words, their souls will remain *mortal*, rather than *immortal*, throughout that 1,000 year teaching period, while those who stood firmly against Satan will receive immortal souls immediately upon Christ’s arrival.

St. Paul warned Christians it would be this way, and so it will come to pass. The Biblically illiterate children of God will end up believing that Satan is “God,” and unwittingly worshipping him as such.

Why? Again, it’s very simple.

It’s because they’ve spent so much time listening to the spiritually *superfluous* preachers who have added teachings to God’s Word such as “Jesus can come at any moment now,” when in reality God’s Word clearly states that Jesus *cannot* come until Satan arrives first pretending to be Christ.

And it's because they've spent so much time listening to the spiritually *blemished* preachers who have avoided teaching much of the Word of God, telling their congregations "Don't worry, you don't need to understand God's Word, all you need is to love Jesus in your heart and you'll be saved," when in reality our Father's Word clearly states that to be pleasing to Him we are to "search the Scriptures daily" (Acts 17:11) and "study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth" (II Timothy 2:15).

And so it is that by the time Christ's second advent takes place, the vast majority of God's children will have to be judged unworthy of participating in the first resurrection (Revelation 20:5-6), because they "took pleasure in unrighteousness" (i.e., in the doctrines put forth by the spiritually superfluous and spiritually blemished preachers) and "believed the lie" (i.e., they ended up believing that the antichrist was their Lord and Savior Jesus Christ).

Nevertheless, the fact that this is how it will be "in the end thereof" does not preclude the elect from setting forth God's Word to His wayward children, *exactly as it's written*. It's the job of God's true teachers to "preserve [i.e., to guard from loss or injury] the Word of His patience."

"Whether They Will Hear, Or Whether They Will Forbear"

What's more, we're to bring forth His Word to His children, "whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear."

This doesn't mean we're to try to force God's Word on people. But we're to *make it available to them*, in its fullness and truth, whether they choose to listen to it, or whether they choose to ignore it.

We do this through personal seed planting (i.e. help people understand God's Word, one topic at a time), and by supporting ministries which bring forth that truth in these end days. In this way, you set forth God's Word, and let His children decide for themselves whether or not to listen. As the Scriptures instruct:

Ezek 2:3 – And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that hath rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me, even unto this very day.

God *sends* His elect of this final generation to His rebellious children. It's not a job they take on themselves. Unlike the spiritually blemished and spiritually superfluous preachers who are simply "winging it" on their own accord, the teachers *God* sends out to boldly speak His Word to His wayward children are given a commission from the Lord Himself to do so.

Ezek 2:4 – For they are impudent children and stiffhearted. I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD.

Here are our instructions: We're to speak God's Word to His children without adding anything to

it, or taking anything away from it. We're to say, "This is what God's Word says" (i.e., "Thus saith the Lord God"), and then *we're to tell them precisely what it says*.

Ezek 2:5 – And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them.

We're to set God's Word before them boldly. But it's *their choice* whether to listen to it, or ignore it. Either way, in the end, when Christ arrives at the seventh and final trump, they'll know for a surety that Father had sent His servants to teach them.

Ezek 2:6 – And thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns be with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

We're not to let the haughty arrogance of the spiritually blemished and spiritually superfluous preachers and their unwitting followers trip us up or scare us from doing our job.

Those who "believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness" will attack you for holding up the straight plumb-line of God's truth, because it exposes the blemished and superfluous nature of their own beliefs and teachings.

When you teach God's Word in its fullness, the people who care to listen begin to see that they've been shortchanged by their preachers. They can see that crucial information is being left out of God's Word by some of their preachers, and that doctrines which don't belong are being added in to God's Word by some preachers.

In short, God's children who choose to listen to you *get their eyes opened*. And you can bet that the spiritually blemished and spiritually superfluous teachers do not like having their little church fiefdoms challenged in this manner. They don't like it when members of their congregation are told that "playing church" won't get them into heaven. And for rocking their boat, they'll attack and accuse you.

Yet when they attack and accuse you for what you teach, you're not to be dismayed by it. You're to simply continue to set God's Word before them, exactly as it's written, without fear or favor to anyone. It's their free will *choice* whether to embrace it, or to ignore it.

Ezek 2:7 – And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear: for they are most rebellious.

We're to speak God's Words, not our own, and not anyone else's. We're not to add to God's Word, or take away from it. They are "most rebellious" and therefore, they must be presented with the straight-on truth of God's Word. No one else is making it available to them. So we must. It's our solemn duty. It's part of our commission.

Ezek 2:8 – But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; Be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee.

This is a euphemism meaning we're to study His Word diligently. We're to willingly and eagerly partake of His Word, so that we know how to speak His Word with clarity and with confidence on His behalf. He'll do the rest. Spiritually speaking, we plant the seeds of truth (i.e., God's Word). And God waters those seeds, at His own discretion.

Ezek 2:9 – And when I looked, behold, an hand was sent unto me; and, lo, a roll of a book was therein;

A “roll of a book” means a scroll. In those days, God's Word was written on papyrus scrolls, which were then rolled up for safekeeping. Here, God sets His Word before Ezekiel, just as He's set His Word before us today. He has His hand upon us – through His Holy Spirit – to teach us His Word in its fullness and in truth, as long as we do our part and study diligently.

10 – And he spread it before me; and it was written within and without: and there was written therein lamentations, and mourning, and woe.

God *opened up the scroll* in front of Ezekiel. On the spiritual level this means our Heavenly Father opens up His Word to us through the Holy Spirit. He gives us the ability to understand the words written therein. He gives us the “eyes to see” and the “ears to hear” His Word.

And one of the specific things He gives us the ability to “see” are the “lamentations, and mourning, and woe” that are coming upon His Christian people. In other words, God's servants can see the *captivity of confusion* that's befallen His children, and how this confusion adds to their spiritual destitution and misery.

In other words, through God's Word we're able to see the *consequences* of the spiritual confusion of these end days that's being caused by the spiritually blemished and spiritually superfluous preachers. This is the “lamentations, and mourning, and woe” that are written into our Father's Word. He tells us throughout His Word that His children are going into captivity to the one-world system of the false Jews (Kenites), and ultimately to the antichrist himself.

Our heavenly Father describes in great detail the spiritually dead condition of His children, which has come about because they won't study His Word, but instead, prefer to “play church” with the blind multitudes.

Father's Word documents over and over again the spiritual deception that envelops His children in these final days, because of the spiritually superfluous and spiritually blemished teachers they've chosen to listen to, rather than study the Word of God, daily, for themselves.

Our Father's Word documents the unwitting descent of His children straight into the arms of the enemy. And in the final book of the Bible -- Revelation -- our heavenly Father reveals to us the three “woes” that come upon the whole world (Rev. 11:14), ending in that final “woe” which is the wrath of God being poured out upon His enemies (*not* His faithful servants) and those they've deceived.

In essence, our heavenly Father is saying to His elect, “I’ve opened up My Word to you, and you’re to teach it exactly as it’s written. Don’t add to it. Don’t leave anything out. Teach the bad and the good. Teach the chastisement of my children for their rebellion against Me, and the ultimate salvation of My children if they choose to partake of it. Let them know the consequences of their actions, exactly as they’re written in My Word, whether they choose to listen to you, or whether they choose to ignore you.”

Indeed, in the final days of this flesh earth age it’s our duty – our *noble obligation* – to help bring forth His Word and set it before His children “without spot or blemish.”

And again, we do this in many ways, including seed planting and teaching whenever Father opens up the opportunities, and through our support of those Christian ministries with broader platforms, which teach the Word of God line by line, verse by verse and precept upon precept, *leaving nothing out and adding nothing in*.

And what’s the point of teaching His Word without spot or blemish? As it’s written, the Lord is returning for a “glorious church, not having *spot*, or *wrinkle*, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and *without blemish*.” As it’s written:

Eph 5:27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

In other words, when our Lord and Savior returns, He’s looking for a church (i.e., a called-out group of people) that’s not spotted with false doctrine...not wrinkled with senescence (i.e., the deterioration that comes with aging during our 2,000 year wait on His Second Advent)...and not blemished with loss of understanding.

In Closing...

In closing, let’s meditate for just a moment on our Lord and Savior’s first public miracle, in which He turned water into wine at a wedding feast. There’s something very interesting to be found in the final verse of the account of that miracle, which pertains to us today. As it’s written:

John 2:10 – And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now.

You see, in those days, at a wedding feast, the good wine was set forth *first* for the wedding guests. But once everyone had enjoyed a few drinks and were getting a bit tipsy, the lesser-quality wine was then set forth, because, quite frankly, no one would at that point be able to tell the difference. It saved money. Weddings are expensive.

But Christ’s first public miracle teaches us that the “good wine” is to be kept until the end of the feast. That’s to say, prophetically speaking, the *fullness* of God’s Word -- for example, the [Seven Seals of Revelation](#) -- would not go forth *until the final generation*.

The elect body of Christ carries forth that precious message, and serves it to God's children, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear."

Note carefully that the word "kept" in the John 2:10 above is translated from the Greek word *tereo*, which we studied earlier. It means to "preserve," or "to guard from loss or injury."

In other words, in the closing days of this final generation, we're to bring forth the "good wine" – the fullness of God's Word – without leaving anything out, or adding anything in. We're to guard it from loss or injury, by teaching it fully and truthfully, as it's written.

As our heavenly Father told Daniel the prophet, the book would be sealed "even to the time of the end," and *only then* would "knowledge be increased." And so it's happening, today, exactly as He promised. The "good wine" has been kept until the end.

Dan 12:4 – But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

Indeed, in the final days of this flesh earth age our heavenly Father is opening up His Word to us unlike He has at any other time in history. And the elect body of Christ is bringing forth that precious knowledge – that "good wine" – and setting it before His children, in strict accord with the instructions He's given.

They're presenting His Word "without spot or blemish," so that those destined to be servants of the Lord at His Second Advent will be found "not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

This is our duty in these final days of this flesh earth age, as we await that time when Satan and his fallen angels will be cast out of heaven and onto this earth, and we'll take our stand against them. We're privileged to have such a noble obligation.

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