

Dominion Seat of Favor

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A WICKED GENERATION

Matthew 12:43-45—"When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this **wicked generation.**"

Jesus spoke these solemn words to a generation that had witnessed His miracles, heard His teachings, and experienced the manifestation of God's power, yet refused to repent and believe in Him. They saw the blind receive their sight. They saw demons cast out. They saw the sick healed. They heard the wisdom of God directly from the mouth of Jesus Christ. Yet, instead of receiving Him as the Messiah, they accused Him of operating by the power of Beelzebub.

Matthew 12:24 states: "But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of the devils." Their problem was not a lack of evidence. Their problem was the hardness of their hearts. Jesus therefore described them as a wicked generation. A wicked generation is not merely a generation filled with immoral behavior. It is a generation that sees the light but chooses darkness, hears the truth but rejects it, receives divine visitation but refuses divine transformation. Jesus warned that outward reformation without inward regeneration could leave a person or an entire generation in a worse condition than before.

1. A WICKED GENERATION REJECTS THE TRUTH OF GOD—The people at that time had the truth standing before them, but they refused to receive Him. Jesus said in **Matthew 12:41**: "The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here." Nineveh repented when Jonah preached. Yet this generation refused to repent even though Jesus, the Son of God, was among them.

John 1:11 says: "He came unto his own, and his own received him not." Truth rejected does not leave a person neutral. Every time a person knowingly rejects God's truth, the heart becomes harder.

Hebrews 3:15 says "Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts. "A wicked generation hears sermons but refuses correction. It reads the Bible but does not obey it. It desires God's blessings but rejects His authority.

2nd Timothy 4:3-4 states "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers,

having itching ears; and they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

We must not become people who only accept the parts of Scripture that please us. God's Word must be received in its entirety.

Psalm 119:160 says: "Thy word is true from the beginning; and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever."

A righteous generation submits to God's truth. A wicked generation attempts to change the truth to accommodate its desires.

2. A WICKED GENERATION SEEKS SIGNS WITHOUT REPENTANCE

In Matthew 12:38, the scribes and Pharisees said: "Master, we would see a sign from thee."

They had already seen many miracles, but they demanded another sign. Jesus answered in **Matthew 12:39**: "An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign." There is nothing wrong with believing God for miracles. However, it is dangerous to desire miracles while refusing repentance. Some people want healing but do not want holiness. They want deliverance but do not want discipleship. They want breakthrough but do not want obedience. They want God to change their circumstances while they refuse to allow Him to change their hearts.

Jesus said in **Luke 13:3**: "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." Repentance is more than feeling sorry. It is a change of mind that produces a change of direction. **Acts 3:19** states: "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out."

The greatest evidence of God's work in a person's life is not merely a miracle. It is a transformed heart.

2nd Corinthians 5:17 states "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

A wicked generation wants the power of God without submitting to the government of God.

3. AN EMPTY HOUSE IS A DANGEROUS HOUSE

Jesus described a man from whom an unclean spirit had departed. The spirit later returned and found the house: "Empty, swept, and garnished."—**Matthew 12:44**

The house was clean, orderly, and attractive, but it was empty.

The problem was not merely that the evil spirit had left. The problem was that nothing had taken its place.

This teaches us that deliverance must be followed by discipleship. It is not enough to remove bad habits; our lives must be filled with the presence of God.

It is not enough to stop drinking, lying, stealing, fighting, or committing immorality. A person must receive Christ and be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Ephesians 5:18 states: "And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit." An empty heart remains vulnerable. Human effort may sweep the house, but only Jesus can occupy the house.

Colossians 1:27 states that "Christ in you, the hope of glory. "Christianity is not merely about becoming morally improved. It is about becoming spiritually alive through Jesus Christ. The Pharisees appeared clean outwardly, but inwardly they were empty of God's life.

Jesus told them in **Matthew 23:27**: “Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men’s bones.” A person may attend church, dress properly, speak religious language, and still be empty inside.

2nd Timothy 3:5 describes people who have: “A form of godliness but denying the power thereof.” The question is not merely, “Have bad things left my life?” The greater question is, “Who is occupying my life?”

My dearly beloved, **Romans 8:9** states that : “Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.” I pray that the Lord make His light to shine upon us in Jesus mighty name. God bless you all!!!

First Bible Reading: Matthew 12: 38-50

Second Bible Reading: 2nd Timothy 3:1-15

REGULAR SERVICES:

Worker’s prayer meeting @ 9.30- 9.45 a.m

Sunday School @ 10.00 a.m –10.45 a.m

Sunday Service@ 11.00a.m-12.30 p.m

Digging Deep-Every Tuesday 7pm-8pm

Wednesday prayer session-7.30 pm-8.00 pm

Zoom meeting ID-84263021723

Passcode: 010853

Early morning cry-Every First Saturday of the month-7 a.m-8 a.m. prompt in the Church.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

1. OPENING PRAYER
2. PRAISE AND WORSHIP
3. INTERCESSION
4. BIBLE READING
5. ANNOUNCEMENT
6. WELCOME OF GUESTS
7. OFFERING
8. SPECIAL MINISTRATION
9. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
10. EXHORTATION
11. CLOSING GRACE AND BENEDICTION

2026 Motto—

This is my year of Divine Fulfillment. According to Isaiah 55: 11, “So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it” According to Romans 8: 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. The glory and power of God protect and direct me this year and enable me to succeed in every aspect of my life. Almighty God covers me with his safety blanket this year and I abide under His shadow. I decree that this year is pleasant for me and my family. Wherever I go people see the glory of God shining upon my life.

God’s goodness favor and mercy rests upon me wherever I go this year. Almighty God makes a way for me to breakthrough in every aspect of my life. I am an overcomer. Grace and mercy are my daily companions. I abide everyday under the secret place of the most high God. The forces of heaven protect and defend me. This is a year of outstanding testimonies and triumph for me. I receive grace to walk with God faithfully and stand with God in prayer.

2026 delivers my expected blessings and miracles. My divine inheritance of peace and joy shall not be compromised. I reject spiritual, physical and financial embarrassment this year. According to Job 8:22; those that hate me shall be clothed with shame. I am not an image of failure, and I am not fashioned after the likeness of a God of the tail. I am the salt of the earth and inside of me is every Excellency of the power of God. According to Joel 2:4, my appearance is as the appearance of a horse, so I leap high like mighty men and if I fall upon the sword, it cannot hurt me. I seek first the Kingdom of God; therefore, everything I need is added unto me. I shall not labor in vain. I walk every day in victory. God’s plans for my destiny are fulfilled. Jehovah is my rock and fortress. The everlasting God equips me and carries me through this year. I will not die prematurely; I experience all round wellness. It is well with me in Jesus mighty name.

Congregational Hymn

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY, AND FOREVER” HEBREWS 13v8

