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This study is not written to increase knowledge. It is written to expose reality.

Many claim to follow Christ, yet few have stopped to consider what He actually requires. Discipleship is often presented as a decision, a prayer, or a belief. Scripture presents it as a cost. That cost is not partial. It is not occasional. It is total.

Christ never lowered the requirement to gain followers. He made it clear that unless a man is willing to deny himself, take up his cross, and forsake all, he cannot be His disciple. This is not a higher level of Christianity. This is the only standard.

The problem is not that people have not heard these words. The problem is that they have been redefined, softened, or ignored. Many are drawn to Christ for what they can receive, but few remain when they understand what must be surrendered. Attraction is common. Commitment is rare.

This study exists to bring that line back into view.

You will not be asked what you believe. You will be confronted with what you are willing to lose. Scripture does not measure your agreement. It measures your obedience. It does not ask if you started. It reveals whether you will endure.

Discipleship is not proven at the beginning. It is proven when the cost becomes personal.

Throughout this study, you will see that belief alone does not equal conversion, that proximity to Christ does not guarantee salvation, and that many who begin the walk do not finish it. The question is not whether you have followed. The question is whether you will remain when following requires everything.

This is not a study to read lightly. It is a study to examine yourself through.

If you are willing to measure your life against Scripture without defending it, this study will serve you. If you are not, it will confront you.

The cost has already been defined.

The only question left is this:

Have you truly counted it?

Opening Exhortation: A Letter Before the Study.

Discipleship Commitment and Accountability

Brothers and sisters,

When we accepted the call to follow Christ, we accepted more than forgiveness. We accepted a covenant of commitment. True discipleship is not simply believing in Him; it is belonging entirely to Him. It is surrendering our rights, our comforts, and even our attachments, and living as those who are fully available to His will.

Christ said, “If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.” (Matthew 16:24) The cross is not a symbol of convenience. It is a choice of death to self. To follow Christ is to choose obedience even when it costs something. It is to say no to the flesh, no to comfort, and yes to the will of the Father.

Many are drawn to Christ’s teachings, but few remain when the cost becomes personal. He warned that before calling ourselves His disciples, we must count the cost. He said that whoever builds a tower must first see if he has enough to finish it. In the same way, we must examine whether our lives are truly yielded to Him or only partially given. Those who hold tightly to their attachments will always hesitate when obedience requires sacrifice.

True disciples live detached from the world. We must hold everything lightly, our possessions, our plans, our reputation, and even relationships, so that at any moment we can say to the Lord, “It is Yours.”

What matters is not how much we have, but how much of us He has. The question for every disciple is this: If He asked me to give it all up today, would I obey without hesitation?

Commitment reaches every part of our walk. It is not limited to church, prayer, or service. It touches how we speak, how we react, how we treat others, and how we handle correction. Disobedience and disrespect are not minor flaws. They reveal how much of our heart still belongs to self. A disciple who cannot obey authority on earth will struggle to obey the authority of Heaven.

Disobedience is not a moment of weakness. It is the rejection of God's authority. When we choose our will over His Word, we repeat the same rebellion that began in Eden. "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." (Romans 5:19)

Disobedience says, "I know better." It replaces surrender with self and turns God's commands into suggestions.

Christ said, "If ye love Me, keep My commandments." (John 14:15) and again, "He that hath My commandments and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me." (John 14:21) True love is not proven by words or emotion but by obedience. Heaven's language for love is obedience. When obedience weakens, relationship with God suffers. "Your iniquities have separated between you and your God." (Isaiah 59:2) It is not that God withdraws His presence, but that rebellion closes the heart's door to Him.

Disrespect begins where Honor ends. It treats what is holy as common and questions what God has already made clear. "Why call ye Me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" (Luke 6:46) Disrespect says, "I will honor You in word but not in submission." Holiness is not a tone of voice or an outward appearance. It is a posture of the heart that yields before correction. We cannot claim to honor God while resisting the Word that shapes us.

What we are toward God will also show in how we respond to authority on earth. If we resist the Father in Heaven, we will resist the parents, elders, and leaders He placed over us. The same heart that questions God's ways will question a parent's instruction. The same pride that refuses divine correction will refuse human correction.

A son becomes disobedient when he refuses what is right or rejects the authority God placed over him. A son becomes disrespectful when his tone or attitude dishonors that authority.

Disobedience says, "I will not do what you ask."

Disrespect says, "You have no weight or value to me."

Even if someone obeys outwardly, a prideful tone exposes inward rebellion. The same is true before God. Partial obedience is not obedience at all.

Questioning often reveals the state of the heart. Most questioning is not curiosity but resistance in disguise. When God's answer does not lease the flesh, the heart begins to wrestle. Job questioned, but God corrected him; not for asking, but for assuming he understood better. There is a difference between asking to learn and questioning to justify self-will. When questioning becomes defiance, it no longer seeks understanding; it seeks control.

"Honor your father and your mother." (Exodus 20:12) This command is about more than agreement. It is about attitude. Whether toward parents or toward God, the issue is not whether we understand everything, but whether we remain humble through what we do not understand. Questioning with humility draws us closer to God. Questioning with pride distances us from Him.

Honor does not always mean silence, but it always means humility. It is calmness when the heart is troubled. It is peace when answers seem delayed. When a child speaks with gentleness, it is not disrespect. When a child refuses sinful instruction, it is not disobedience. But when the heart questions with pride, both sins are present.

Scripture says, “To obey is better than sacrifice.” (1 Samuel 15:22) and “This is love that we walk after His commandments.” (2 John 1:6) Obedience and respect reveal spiritual maturity. They are the fruit of love perfected by trust.

Disciples, our calling is not casual belief; it is full surrender. Christ never invited spectators, only followers. Commitment is not a word; it is a life laid down. If you find yourself questioning God, let it be with faith and humility, not pride and resistance. If you cannot submit to Him, you will not honor those He placed over you. And if you cannot honor authority on earth, you are not yet walking rightly with the One who gave it.

He that loves God will submit to His Word. He that despises instruction, whether divine or parental, cannot claim to love God. So, guard your tone, your thoughts, and your responses. Let every question be asked from faith, not pride. Let every act of obedience prove your love.

For the Son Himself said, “As the Father gave Me commandment, even so I do.” (John 14:31)

To love is to obey.

To obey is to honor.

To honor is to walk as Christ walked.

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The Full Biblical Study.

Discipleship = Commitment

Many people are attracted to “Christ” (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach) and His teachings, and great multitudes often become believers and even disciples of Him.

Very few people even think about considering what it takes or how much we need to be committed to become a genuine disciple of Christ. Yet one of the most crucial points in the bible to even become a follower of Christ is the challenge to examine the depth of our commitment.

Matthew 16:24-27 (KJV) Then said Christ unto His disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

25 For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.

26 For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?

27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of His Father with His angels; and then He shall reward every man according to his works.

Many are drawn to Christ because of what they hear, what they see, or how it makes them feel. But attraction is not commitment. Many stay near the truth because it stirs them, comforts them, excites them, or gives them a sense of belonging, but that is still not the same as surrender.

Feelings cannot be trusted for salvation because they are unstable, easily influenced, and often deceptive.

A person can feel close to God one day and far from Him the next. A person can feel convicted and yet never obey.

A person can feel safe and still be lost.

If a man follows Christ by feeling, he will abandon Him the moment following no longer feels right. That is one reason why so many appear to begin well and later turn back.

Their walk was built on emotion and not on commitment, faith, and obedience. God's Word must inform our feelings, not our feelings interpret our standing with God.

YHWH gives us two examples of how or what we need to consider before committing to Him as disciples of His only begotten Son "Christ" (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach).

Luke 14:26-27 (KJV) If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

27 And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

The word hate used means to love less.

Greek Word: μισέω

Transliteration: miseō

Strong's Definition: to detest (especially to persecute); by extension to love less.

The love that is within us must be strong to the Lord. Our loyalty and devotion to Christ must supersede our love for anyone else.

Unless you love everyone else less, to the point of being totally misunderstood, or even being criticized and prosecuted by your own family, you cannot be a true follower of "Christ" (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach).

What are the things in your life that you're holding onto?

What are the areas you're struggling to release right now?

Are there habits or behaviors you keep telling yourself you could stop anytime, but still haven't?

Have these things started to take a deeper hold on you?

Could they even be forming into addictions?

As followers of Christ, we must have very light roots because we must be available to do what He says, when He says it, where He says it at any moment or whatever His choice may be.

Luke 14:27 (KJV) And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple.

To live the Christ like life nowhere implies that is simple or is easy or that all of our Christian friends and family will agree with us.

Taking up the cross means that we choose death to the self-live. Meaning that we have chosen death to the flesh. It does not mean that we will never participate in it. It means that the way of living as a lifestyle that we have chosen is death to our old ways.

When it comes to the things that are sinful in the eyes of YHWH, those are the things we should never participate or look back.

We should not have to even have to mention those things, because we should not have done them or even to the point of allowing ourselves to consider them.

Eph 5:3 (KJV) But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

The church today is working to get acceptance by the world.

YHWH delivered us from acceptance by the world.

The worst thing that can happen to the church in America is for unbelievers to stop persecuting and accept us.

We don't want to be accepted by them, we want them to accept our Lord and Saviour.

In the same way, we are not to conform to this world, nor keep company and be part with anything or anyone that goes against YHWH. Whether they like us, complement us, and say the truth of us or not, we should not be partakers of any of that which represents evil.

Acts 16:16-18 (KJV) And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

Just like we are not to even give the appearance to be evil minded by participating in events or traditions that are not Godly.

For example, preaching or giving out Christian tracks on Halloween night dressed as Apostles or any other costumes.

1 Thessalonians 5:21-22 (KJV) Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray YHWH your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Christ.

Or just like going to a “pride” parade to preach and tell those involved that they need to stop and change their ways.

Psalms 1:1 (KJV) Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.

Ephesians 5:3-7 (KJV) But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints;

4 Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks.

5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

YHWH used two examples on the way to contemplate our decision.

First, we have the parable of someone starting an expensive and time-consuming building project. He noted that no one should begin such an endeavor without first determining that he can follow through on that commitment to the end.

Luke 14:28-30 (KJV) For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it?

29 Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him,

30 Saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish.

In the second example He likened our commitment to a decision to go to war to initiate a long, drawn-out struggle in which we will face repeated hardship, setbacks, and defeats. Are we willing to remain committed to that struggle to the end, regardless of the personal sacrifice it might take?

Luke 14:31-35 (KJV) Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

32 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and desireth conditions of peace.

33 So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

34 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned? 35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

34 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be seasoned?

35 It is neither fit for the land, nor yet for the dunghill; but men cast it out.

There must come a time in our live that we say, YHWH it is all yours. You do with it what you choose.

The question is not how much we have, but how much of us does He have.

The only way to show YHWH that we are completely His, is to truly step across the line and be willing to give Him all of us, including all our treasures.

We must learn to live with but above and detach ourselves from any and all superficial and material stuff. That is what it means to be free.

This does not mean to give it all up or get rid of it. It simply means to have no attachment whatsoever with anything. It plainly means that we can detach from it at any given moment without hesitation.

As I said in the beginning, “Many people are attracted to Christ and His teachings, and great multitudes often become believers and even disciples of Him”.

But there is a serious problem with just being a “believer” and this is due to the biggest lie that teaches that a “believer” is a saved person.

This is where the error becomes deadly.

A man may believe many true things and still not be converted.

A man may walk near Christ and still not belong to Him.

A man may speak the truth, participate in ministry, and even be used in some outward way while still not having reached the point of true conversion and full commitment.

Peter himself proves this. Peter believed that Christ was the Son of the living God, walked with Him, learned from Him, and even served alongside Him. Yet Christ still said to Peter, “when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.”

That means Peter believed, but was not yet converted at that point.

Peter’s case destroys the lie that belief alone equals salvation.

Belief, activity, proximity, and even outward participation do not equal salvation. If belief alone saved, Peter would have been secure long before he denied Christ three times. But he was not.

Conversion was still necessary. This fits your main point exactly: discipleship is not admiration, not emotion, not mere belief, but a real turning, a changed life, and a commitment that remains when the cost becomes personal.

As we have learned and verified previously in study **B2-C01-S10, “Believing Nearer to Salvation, Not Saved”**, believing only gets us closer to salvation (Romans 13:11). And this just means that if we are not fully committed to learning the truth and doing what YHWH asks us to do, then we will just lose our way and eventually leave the faith.

But even as disciples, we have to be fully committed, or else we are just wasting our time. Just like “Demas” one of the disciples that was walking with Paul ended up leaving the faith, because he loved this world more. 2 Tim 4:10 (KJV) For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica, Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

YHWH does not require for everyone to give up everything that they have to follow Christ; But if He did, how many of us are willing to do it?

So very often we must ask YHWH, at this point of my life is there anything of which that I am attached to?

Is there anything that has attachments to me?

If He came to you and said, “you abandon it all and come to follow me”, would you, do it?

What a foolish and selfish mistake it is to hold on to our attachments and give up following Christ.

Anything that we have not given up to Him, anything that we are not ready to give up, anything that He does not have ready access to, is cheating us out of YHWHs best in our life.

So, think about it, what are you willing to give up for “Christ” (יהושוע Jehoshua Hamashiach)? Are you willing to abandon all your attachments; are you willing to lay down your life for His sake? That is exactly what it takes to be a true disciple of Christ.

A man cannot be attached to both. Is there anything you OWN?

There is a big difference between, I own this, I earned it, it is mine, than it belongs to YHWH, He has given it to me, or allowed me to have it and He can have it back whenever He wants.

Because whatever you own, owns you and you are not free. Man cannot serve things and Christ.

Man cannot be attached to things and Christ.

Man must be attached to one or the other.

The same goes with relationships, we can have no attachments to things or people that are not of YHWH.

Again, what are you attached to?

We must be somewhat attached to our husbands, wives, sons, and daughters, because these are divine appointments that YHWH has given us. These are love and partnership relationships. And even then, there may be a time that we may have to let go of them.

If they become ungodly or a hindrance in our walk with Christ, then we must let them go.

When we talk about having let go, we are talking about relationships that have a pull or a tug, and relationships that we are attached to and own us.

Who is it that you have an attachment upon that you are not willing to give up?

Are you living in it?

Are you trying to be it?

Are you wearing it?

Are you having a relationship with it?

Do you own it or does it own you?

The disciple's life is one of liberty and not just on the rejoice of the Lord but liberated for the attachments of life.

John 6:53 (KJV) Then Christ said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you.

54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

59 These things said He in the synagogue, as He taught in Capernaum.

60 Many therefore of His disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying, who can hear it?

61 When Christ knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, He said unto them, Doth this offend you?

62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where He was before?

63 It is the spirit that quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Christ knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray Him.

65 And He said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with Him.

67 Then said Christ unto the twelve, Will ye also go away?

68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

70 Christ answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

71 He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

“Our commitment,” said Christ, must be total. Or else we are just wasting our time.

Another example: 3 plus years later when Paul was preaching, one of the disciples chose to leave the faith, because he loved the world more.

1 Timothy 4:9 (KJV) Do thy diligence to come shortly unto me:

10 For **Demas hath forsaken me**, having loved this present world, and is departed unto Thessalonica, Crescens to Galatia, Titus unto Dalmatia.

11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark and bring him with thee: for he is profitable to me for the ministry.

Luke 14:33 (KJV) So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

The commitment YHWH expects from us is indeed great. But the reward is even greater.

Disciples are all in, or they’re not in. That’s what the text is saying. There is one more truth that must be understood, and it removes the final excuse many hold onto.

Starting is not the same as finishing.

Many begin with Christ. Many believe, follow, serve, and even suffer for a time. But the Scripture does not say, “he that begins shall be saved.” It says, “he that endureth to the end shall be saved.”

Matthew 24:13 (KJV) But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

This means that commitment is not proven at the beginning, but at the end.

A man may appear committed for a season and still fall away. A man may walk with Christ for years and still turn back when the cost becomes too great. This is why endurance is required. True disciples do not just start the walk, they remain in it.

We are called to endure hardness, affliction, correction, and even rejection.

2 Timothy 2:3 (KJV) Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Christ.

Hebrews 12:6-7 (KJV) For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth... If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons.

Even those closest to Christ had to endure.

Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

Peter himself had to endure. If he had died at the moment of his denial, he would have been lost. His beginning did not secure him, his endurance did.

This destroys the lie that a past commitment guarantees salvation. A man is not saved because he started. A man is saved if he remains faithful to the end.

Starting with Christ does not save you. Finishing with Him does. How do you count the cost when you don't know what's coming in your life?

The answer is that Christ requires, upfront, a commitment to the highest possible cost. And nothing later is going to surprise you then because you've already totally committed to the highest, most excessive commitment.

In other words, you don't need to know the specifics of the cost in your own particular case if the agreement you sign is "I'm yours at any cost." And it's exactly what these verses say, isn't it? Luke 14:33 (KJV) So likewise, whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple.

Now, there are two principles in that sentence. One is found in the phrase whosoever. This applies to every disciple, not just a select few: "Any one of you whosoever does not renounce all he has." That's the first principle. The other principle is found in the word "all". You must forsake all that you have to be my disciple. Your resources may stay in your control as a manager, and guardian, but you must be ready at any time to let go of everything for Christ's sake.

In other words, there's no negotiating here with Christ. There's no calculating. There is no saying, "Well, if the cost reaches this, then I'm not interested in Christ anymore." Because He says, "You can't sign up that way, nobody signs up for seventy percent of what I require." That's not what disciples say. We don't talk like that. Hypocrites are the ones that talk like that.

Our Lord and Saviour Christ (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach) says that there is no cost that you can pay in following Him that won't be made up and multiplied to you in the resurrection.

Matthew 13:44 (KJV) Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field, the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field, A man sees and sells everything he has, everything he has, to get that treasure.

In other words, all the so-called costs and all the so-called losses, everything, are nothing compared to the gains of having Christ and being in the kingdom of YHWH for eternity with Him.

Is there any greater treasure?

So yes, we must count the cost in order to be a disciple. The cost is total in principle and may be total in actual experience. In the

end, being a disciple of Christ means gain, like Paul says: "Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ," (Philippians 3:8 KJV).

And then, we have the promise of YHWH's help: "I will never leave you nor forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5 KJV).

Paul reminds us that " He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of "Christ" (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach) (Philippians 1:6 KJV).

In spite of the hardships he faced, Paul remained focused on "the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." (2 Timothy 4:8 KJV).

Paul knew and reckoned that " the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18 KJV).

YHWH offers us a future so glorious that the challenges and trials we face in pursuit of it are miniscule in comparison.

As Hebrews 2:1-3 (KJV) tells us, "We ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him;"

Freedom is the greatest treasure in life. When you can live free, liberated and when you are not attached, but you are walking in the liberty of "Christ" (יהושוע) Jehoshua Hamashiach), then it doesn't make any difference.

So, you see, when YHWH says, "whosoever of you does not forsake (abandon) all that he has cannot be My disciple" He

meant exactly what He said. He does not require for everyone to give up everything that they have to follow Christ. But if He did, how many of you are willing to do it?

So very often we must ask our heavenly Father, “at this point of my life is there anything of which that I am attached to or Is there anything that has attachments to me?”

I ask again, If He came to you and said, “leave everything behind and come to follow me”. What would you do?

Will you hesitate and walk away from Him?

All Disciples of Christ are given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 13:10-16 (KJV) And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables?

11 He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.

12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath.

13 Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

14 And in them is fulfilled the prophecy of Esaias, which saith, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand, and seeing ye shall see, and shall not perceive.

The only way to receive this knowledge is through complete obedience to HWHW. And one of the most important commandments to us as disciples is 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV) Study to shew thyself approved unto YHWH, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

And why do we study and verify everything?

Because we do not want to learn from and follow someone who is not a true disciple of Christ.

Matthew 13:15-16 (KJV) For this people's heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes they have closed, lest at any time they should see with their eyes and hear with their ears, and should understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. 16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

2 Corinthians 11:13-15 (KJV) For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel, for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works.

Final Consideration

You have now seen what Scripture says, not what is commonly taught, not what is assumed, but what is written. At this point, the issue is no longer understanding, it is response. God does not measure what you agreed with while reading, He measures what you obey after seeing it. If something in this study exposed an area of your life, that was not accidental, that was light, and Scripture is clear that light brings responsibility. What you now know, you are accountable for.

This is where many fail. They read, they agree, they feel conviction, and then they delay. But Scripture does not treat delay as neutral. “To him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” So the question is not whether this study was correct, the question is simple, what will you do with what God has shown you? Will you obey immediately, or will you explain it away? Will you remove what He has exposed, or will you manage it? Will you submit, or will you delay? There is no third option.

God is not asking you to fix everything at once, but He is requiring that you stop defending what He has already revealed. Repent where you must repent, cut off what must be cut off, and obey what you already know. Do not wait for a better moment, do not wait for stronger feelings, do not wait for more clarity. Scripture has already spoken, “Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your heart.” This is that moment.

If the fear of the Lord is present, obedience will follow. If obedience does not follow, fear was never received. The line is clear, and the responsibility is now yours. Choose.

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