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West Valley End-Time Ministries Newsletter

“DISENGAGEMENT”

Our family has been watching a lot of baseball lately. It’s one of the things we enjoy as a family. One of the rules of baseball is that when a pitcher begins his delivery to a batter and stops to check a runner already on base to keep him from stealing the next base, this sudden pause in his pitching is called a “disengagement.” A pitcher can only do this twice on any runner. If he has a third “disengagement,” it is considered a “balk”, and the runner automatically gets to take the next base.

“Disengagement” is an interesting word, and I find it descriptive of what Jesus calls His followers to do when it comes to letting the “cares of this life” crowd out our “engagement” with the issues of eternity – the matters of eternal importance. Jesus said,

“Take heed...lest your hearts be weighed down with...cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly.” Luke 21:34.

“Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life.” John 6:27.

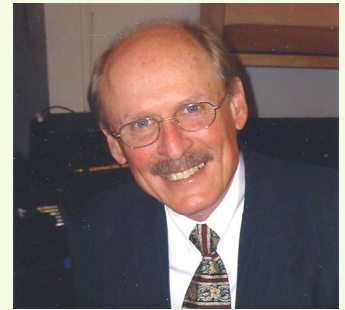
In this directive to His followers, Jesus is not suggesting that we should not work to provide the necessities of life for ourselves and our families. Work, approached properly, is a blessing and the activity associated with it is invigorating to both body and mind. But Jesus does indicate that our “labor” (*Grk*: a wearisome toil) should not consume our attention and exhaust our physical and mental resources to a point that we have nothing left to give to the spiritual life which He offers us in Himself. In this same chapter of John 6, Jesus says,

“The bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst.” John 6:33 35.

I once saw a bumper sticker that said, “He who dies with the most toys wins!” – a commonly held value that demands its adherents to “work, work, work” in order that they may “have, have, have!”

We are living in an ominous time when the signs of Jesus’ soon return are materializing before our eyes. This is a time when anyone wishing to be prepared for the days just before us needs to “disengage” from the unnecessary ties with life and “re-engage” with those matters of the heart which connect us to eternity and with the Eternal One! **Nothing** at this time in our life is worth distracting us from a simpler, less demanding, less consuming form of life that allows us to focus our heart’s attention on the most important pursuit of life – our life in Christ! **NOTHING!**

In Him,
Pastor Chilson

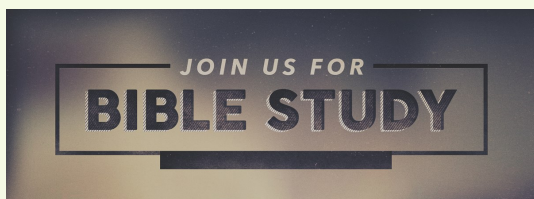


Pastor Darrell Chilson

“We are living in the season of Christ’s return.”

Jesus said, “Watch and be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

The mission of West Valley Ministries is to help Christ’s followers recognize the signs of His approaching return and be prepared for that Great Day.



John 6 – Part 2

“Bread from Heaven”

22 On the following day, when the people who were standing on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, except that one which His disciples had entered, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with His disciples, but His disciples had gone away alone-- **23** however, other boats came from Tiberias, near the place where they ate bread after the Lord had given thanks-- **24** when the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, nor His disciples, they also got into boats and came to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. **25** And when they found Him on the other side of the sea, they said to Him, "Rabbi, when did You come here?"

26 Jesus answered them and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs, but because you ate of the loaves and were filled. **27** "Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." **28** Then they said to Him, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" **29** Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in Him whom He sent."

30 Therefore they said to Him, "What sign will You perform then, that we may see it and believe You? What work will You do? **31** "Our fathers ate the manna in the desert; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " **32** Then Jesus said to them, "Most assuredly, I say to you, Moses did not give you the bread from heaven, but My Father gives you the true bread from heaven. **33** "For the bread of God is He who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." **34** Then they said to Him, "Lord, give us this bread always."

35 And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. **36** "But I said to you that you have seen Me and yet do not believe. **37** "All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out. **38** "For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me. **39** "This is the will of the Father who sent Me, that of all He has given Me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up at the last day. **40** "And this is the will of Him who sent Me, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in Him may have everlasting life; and I will raise him up at the last day."



- 1) When and where does this part of the story take place? (See verses 22-25).
- 2) Why were the crowds looking for Jesus? (See verse 26).
- 3) How does Jesus attempt to redirect their attention from the temporal to the spiritual — the eternal? (See verse 27).
- 4) Compare the meanings of the words, “labor” and “work” in verses 27 and 28.
- 5) What does Jesus say is the most important “work” that a man/woman can do? (See verse 29).
- 6) Discuss the crowds’ question to Jesus in verses 30 and 31.
- 7) How does Jesus liken Himself to the manna of Moses’ day? Does the crowd “get it”? (See verses 32-34).
- 8) What are the jewels of truth expressed in verses 35-40? How do these words of Jesus speak to you?



“THE AXIS OF EVIL – FALSE PROPHET” Part 4

And now we turn our attention to the False Prophet. We have carefully laid the groundwork for identifying this end time character and the role he plays in final events, and our task now in this chapter is to track his emergence upon the world stage.

How does the Bible describe a false prophet? This is important, because the Bible must **always** be its own source of interpretation. God never left us to guess who the characters of prophecy are nor what their role is. So let's review how the Bible uses the term “false prophet.”

THE BIBLICAL DEFINITION OF A “PROPHET” and a “FALSE PROPHET”:

- 1) A **prophet** is a spokesperson for God:

“And the LORD spoke by His servants the prophets...” 2 Kings 21:10.

- 2) A **prophet** often foretells the future or some future event, but that isn't always the case. Often the role of a prophet is simply "one who speaks forth or openly," "a proclaimer of a divine message" from God to His people (Vine's Expository Dictionary).

- 3) A **prophet** is always spoken of in the setting of the Church – both OT Israel and the NT Christian Church. **The term “prophet” by its very nature is religious in character – a spiritual spokesperson for God!**

The LORD testified against Israel and against Judah, by all of His prophets, saying, "Turn from your evil ways, and keep My commandments [and] My statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent to you by My servants the prophets." 2 Kings 17:13.

“God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets...2 Corinthians 12:28.

- 4) A **false prophet** claims to speak for God, coming in His name, but does so falsely and deceitfully to turn God's people away from Him, His ways, and His truth:


Her [Israel's] prophets plastered them with untempered [mortar], seeing false visions, and divining lies for them, saying, 'Thus says the Lord GOD,' when the LORD had not spoken. Ezekiel 22:28.


And the LORD said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart." Jeremiah 14:14.

But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, [and] bring on themselves swift destruction. 2 Peter 2:1.

- 5) Jesus told us that **false prophets** would be **one of the signs of the end**:

"Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many. ... For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect." Matthew 24:11, 24.





6) The **Beast** is a false system of religion in Revelation 13, **NOT** an individual pope within the papal system, **nor the people within the church** who are deceived by the false, pagan form of corrupted Christianity. The reign of the Papacy has spanned centuries, under the leadership of many popes and cardinals. It is a religious system, represented under the biblical name “Beast”, not an individual.

7) The **False Prophet** is also, **NOT** an individual, but a system of false Christianity, under the leadership of false teachers/leaders — a conglomerate of religious power. Neither of these powers of Revelation 13 are a single individual, but characters representing false religious systems. They are partners with the Dragon in the evil cause of deceiving the world, under the guise of a Christian faith that turns the world away from its Savior to destruction.

8) The **False Prophet** has the appearance of Christianity – “like a lamb” (Revelation 13:11), just as does the Beast – a church, a “woman” (a “harlot” — Revelation 17:1-6) – just as the Dragon “comes as an angel of light” (2 Corinthians 11:14)! The False Prophet is a “wolf in sheep's clothing”!

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves.”
Matthew 7:15.

9) The mission of the **False Prophet** is to turn the attention and allegiance of the world to the authority and worship of the Beast:

The end time prophecy of Jesus: “For false christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.” Mark 13:22.


The end time fulfillment of Jesus’ prophecy: “And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast” Revelation 13:14.

10) The identity of the **False Prophet** of Revelation is hidden deep within the fabric of America, the “two-horned beast” (Revelation 13:11). He wears the clothing of Christianity in American culture – the “likeness of a Lamb.” Beneath his covering is a false Christianity – a **form** of religion which **has already emerged from within Christian America.**

Upon these foundational points of biblical evidence, combined with the collaboration of history, we are now finally prepared to identify the **False Prophet** of prophecy.

THE FALSE PROPHET IDENTIFIED:

Within the fabric of the Protestant Christian faith of America, brought to our shores 400 years ago by those seeking freedom of religion and an escape from religious persecution, there has been a **gradual compromise** of essential Christian doctrine and a once unwavering adherence to the faith of the Bible. What was once a clear distinction between Protestantism (a Christianity based upon the authority of the Bible alone) and Catholicism (a pagan religion based upon the authority of the Church of Rome alone), is now a blurry similarity of religious belief. Over the years, and particularly in recent decades, what made Protestants “**pro-test**’-ants” has gradually become a sort of “soft and fuzzy” acceptance of the idea of a “like faith” between ALL who CLAIM to be Christian, in the interest of “political correctness” and “Christian unity”!





Once there was literally a healthy “enmity” between the “seed of the serpent and seed of the woman” — Genesis 3:15. But over time, the inroads of the secularization of America, the doctrine of “inclusiveness” and a desire for peace at all costs, resulted in an unwillingness of Christian leaders to stand up against error and false teaching. The spirit of the Reformation that once characterized the Protestant Church of America was eventually replaced by compromise and an abandonment of the Christian convictions that once made America a bastion of the Christian faith in the world.

The consequences are that the America which was once “like a Lamb” in character, has embraced a new form of religion that is accepting of all faiths, and particularly that of the system which once put people to death by the millions for their unwillingness to bow to the authority of the Church – the Catholic Church. In the past 25 years, agreements have been signed between Protestants and Catholics which have reversed the Reformation and declared it nothing more than a **“mistake” – an “unfortunate misunderstanding!”** Catholics and Evangelicals (the new name for Protestants) signed an agreement in 1994 that they would seek to evangelize the world TOGETHER, under the banner of “Christianity!” In 1999, and since the dawn of this century, **other significant documents of a unifying nature** have been signed by Catholics, Lutherans, and other denominations, **rapidly unifying the “Christian world” under the leadership of the False Prophet!** We will examine a few of these agreements and their implication in our next chapter, but in these carefully crafted documents, what once separated the followers of the “Beast” from the followers of the “Lamb,” now no longer separate the false from the true, the witness of the Church of Jesus from the mission of a false religious system that will very soon bring on persecution spoken of in Revelation 13:

“And he” [the Beast – the Papacy] “was given a mouth speaking [pompous] things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty-two months” [3 ½ years] “....to make war with the saints and to overcome them. And authority was given him over every tribe, tongue, and nation.

“Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth” [America], “and he had two horns like a lamb” [Christian America] “and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast...He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image” [a likeness in religious doctrine and practice] “to the beast....He was granted [power] to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.” Selected from Revelation 13:5-15, editor’s notes in brackets.

This False Prophet – this corrupted Christianity now exists in America under the name “evangelicalism.” Protestant values that once identified the Papacy as the Antichrist have now been abandoned. And the Gospel of Scripture, the very foundation of the Christian faith, has also been abandoned for a false gospel that is unsupported by Scripture. The principle of *“sola Scriptura”* of the days of the Reformation has been abandoned for the primacy of radical social values now prominent in our nation. The voice of the *many* is now supreme over the voice of the *few* who remain faithful in life and belief in the Word of God!

Stay tuned!

