

Silence of the Lambs

Disclaimer: if this message speaks to your heart, and it brings you pain; then remember the Lords Mercy is new everyday and He says to you...MY Child...Begin Again.

Psalm 14: 2

The LORD has looked down from heaven upon the sons of men to see if there are any who understand... any who seek after God?

Jude 1: 3

Beloved, my whole concern was to write to you in regard to our common salvation. But I found it necessary and was impelled to write you and urgently appeal to and exhort you to contend for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints.

For certain men have crept in stealthily. Their doom was predicted long ago, ungodly persons who pervert the grace of our God into lawlessness and wantonness and immorality, and disown and deny our sole Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).

Galatians 1: 6-9

I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ.

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!

If you are like most people the first thing that comes to mind from this story title is the movie about Hannibal Lecter, a man who killed people and then ate them. The movie was called "Silence of the Lambs" and starred Anthony Hopkins.

Anthony Hopkins is an actor's actor. By that I mean he researches his roles so thoroughly that he literally becomes the person he is being called to portray. You believe his performances because he has mastered the psyche of the person he plays. Mr. Hopkins also starred in the movie about the life of C. S. Lewis a born again believer in the Lord Jesus Christ.

So here is a man who exposed himself through in depth research, and then mastered the display of the depravity of mankind exhibited by murder and

deception and then to the bottom of the pit to cannibalism as exemplified by Hannibal Lecter.

Then Mr. Hopkins exposed himself through in depth research into the heart and mind of a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. C.S. Lewis is a man that God had on an anvil. A man who was literally re-formed by the hammer blows of God, who then reached out to the God who refined him and purified him and became a believer in Christ.

These two portrayals represent the two extremes of mankind. There are only two types of people. The unsaved for which the depths of depravity will someday in the future come out and completely control them and their actions.

And there is the True Believer in the Lord Jesus Christ in whom OBEDIENCE to his walk of faith controls his life. Because he realizes that ALL Sin is performed before the face of God and that he will be accountable for each Sin even though he is forgiven.

This story as it continues will not look into either extreme of mankind's faith in himself or mankind's faith in the God who made him. However we will look into those that disgust Jesus the most. Those that are neither hot nor cold but lukewarm in their professed faith in Christ. Those that Jesus would rather "Spew forth from HIS mouth".

Those who claim to be the Bride of Christ but actually have abandon Christ without realizing it and un- knowingly serve the god of this world not the TRUE God of the Universe.

People who walk within the Sanctuaries of Churches as Apostate Christians who unknowingly walk in shadows and turn from light.

Within the Church of Men, called Christianity there exists a duality of faith wrapped in subtlety that is hard to see unlike the comparison between Hannibal Lecter and C.S.Lewis. This duality exists in the largest group of Christians. Not the Hot ones and not the Cold ones...but the Lukewarm ones.

Jesus referred to this when He spoke about separating the Wheat from the Tares. Then later separating the Wheat from the Chaff. It is one thing for us as people to see the difference between grain and weeds but it is difficult for us to see the difference between one professing believer and another as they make claim to Christ as Lord and Savior.

Without discernment we cannot see the differences. So we wait ultimately for Christ who sees the heart to separate the Chaff from the Wheat.

If you look deep enough into the works of these professed believers you will see the common thread of non- redemption that binds them all together. Unlike the Scarlet Thread of Redemption this Black thread of non -redemption woven throughout time appeared in the Garden of Eden when satan said to Eve in Genesis 3:5 "For **God** knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be **like God**, knowing good and evil."

Did you see the Black Thread? Those who want to be **like God** always do what they want first. For them God exists to serve themselves as opposed to living a life of service to God...no matter what those circumstances may be.

This need to be **like God** is at the very core of human nature. However, it existed before mankind was created. Wanting to be **like God** is the foundation upon which Sin stands. It began from one root cause that then deceived the multitudes.

Its cry is; only **"I" am** relevant, only **"I" am** important.

God gave free will to both angels and men and the seed of Sin perpetuated itself, no longer needing a deceiver for now angels and men are self-deceived.

"I will make myself like the Most High." That statement came out of the mouth of satan, the god of this world back in eternity past...Isaiah 14:14. How do you think he spoke those words of betrayal? Was it spoken quietly in hushed tones in the surrounding shadows? Or was it spoken with excitement of one who is confident in his prideful boasting that this was now a foregone conclusion?

I think it was spoken with malice and forethought in arrogance and pride. It was the statement that reverberated throughout Heaven. It was the statement that banded together a group of rogue angels who rallied around Lucifer the Deceiver, the Archangel who had gone astray.

Lucifer the worship director of Heaven had now been given enough lead on his leash by God so he could create a rebellion against the very God who created him along with the fallen angels who would now blindly follow their Deceiver into the darkness, away from the light.

Together they were allowed by God to wreak havoc first in heaven and then on the earth among a second race of beings that God would create...the race of mankind.

War erupted in heaven and then war covered the face of the earth. The battle was spiritual but its casualties were counted in untold billions of people made of

flesh. The battle lines were clear because they were drawn as a line in the sand between two opposing forces.

The opposing statements of either side separated the line in the sand. There are the words of satan (a creature made by God)...

"I will make myself like the most high".

And the Words of the Living God as recorded in the book of Isaiah 45:22...

"Turn to Me and be saved, all the ends of the earth; For I am God, and there is no other."

There are also two sides to the Greatest Story Ever Told. One side is veiled in deception and has been swallowed completely by the fallen angels along with fallen mankind.

That side is like a bedtime story told to a child; filled with adventure made up of fairy tales, legends and myths. A clever story with bits and pieces of truth wrapped up in lies so it can be believed. Yet this story is told at night in the darkness so your senses are dulled as you are rocked to sleep by this lullaby of deception as the words **"I will make myself like the most high"** penetrate your mind and your soul till you believe it.

God Himself tells the other side to this story. It is a story of His Truth. HE tells it like it is. It is a story filled with prophecy about someone coming to save you from certain death. That Someone is Jesus who would die in your place, so that you would have eternal life rather than eternal death.

The story is unlike any other story you have ever heard. For this story was written in eternity past and now is coming to life daily before your eyes. It is a story of actual events in history played out through time...and you have a role to play in it. No its not set in stone, your choices in life will dictate your story as it unfolds on the pages of your individual book of Life.

This Greatest Story Ever Told, the story of God, begins in the deepest blackness of night, but ends with the Statement that would bring forth the Dawn of Eternal Light and a new race of spiritual beings and later a new creation of the heavens and a new cleansed and purified Earth.

The Old Testament begins this story with the statement..."In the Beginning GOD Created the Heavens and the Earth...". The New Testament ends this story in the Book of Revelation, which depicts a New Beginning with New Heavens and a New Earth.

A New Eternal Place with New Spiritual Beings populating it.

There is a statement given by the Son of God that proclaimed not only the Salvation of Mankind but also the Dawn of Eternity for Mankind. It was given from HIS CROSS and could only be stated by Jesus. Because HE was the only one born of Mankind who could be "THE CRUCIFIED ONE".

The statement I am referring to put all the powers of Hell on notice that God had now established a beachhead in this war torn place called Earth within the borders of HIS Eternal City called Jerusalem.

The war of the ages had finally reached the beginning of its end.

God planted His Sign into the Judean dirt in Jerusalem. The sign was the Cross; the wood upon which His Son Jesus hung and the statement was the one heard throughout the Created Universe that ROARED forth from the lips of Christ as HE gave up HIS SPIRIT...

Tetelestai... "IT IS FINISHED"

This Crucifixion scene of the life of Christ has been portrayed over and over again by preachers portraying a weak Christ giving up His Spirit to His Father and then saying it is finished almost in a whisper.

I have news for you. Christ came into this battleground called earth as a Lamb, but He left earth as the LION of the Tribe of Judah. That word Tetelestai ROARED Forth from the lips of the Jewish Messiah and still echoes throughout the Heavens.

Satan hears its echoes everyday. And he knows that his time is short and his ending is sure...and he trembles before the God who made him and will soon UN-make him.

"Tetelestai." *The most powerful single word of all of Jesus ministry. It was also his last word. It was the word that turned this apparent tragedy into a scene of Victory that shook the earth, split rocks, changed history, raised saints from the dead and tore away the temple curtain that kept people out of the Holy of Holies.*

"Tetelestai" *doesn't translate simply, we have to make a phrase out of it - "It is finished." But still some of its power is lost in the translation. In the Greek it implies that something has come to an end, it has been completed, perfected, accomplished in the full and that something has consequences that will endure on and on forever.*

Luke 23:46 Then Jesus, **calling out with a loud voice**, said, “Father, into your hands I commit my spirit!” And having said this he breathed his last.

Mark 15:37 And Jesus **uttered a loud cry** and breathed his last.

Mathew 27:50 And Jesus **cried out again with a loud voice** and yielded up his spirit.

The title of this message is “silence of the lambs”. As you will see as we go forward the title could just as easily be “searching for wheat in a field of tares”. Or who are the True Believers and if you are one then you have responsibilities before Your LORD.

What we have established so far is that there are Battles raging everywhere within the spirit world and on planet earth.

It is a Battle for the eternal souls of people. When I came to know Jesus as my Lord, My Savior, My SOVEREIGN KING I was naive enough to believe that Christians were all the same and that they all were saved. The Church to me was painted with one broad brush. I was Jewish and the rest of you were all Christians.

Now as I think about the meaning of my father’s statement to me, as a youth “Never Trust A Christian” it finally has become clear. My Father was a Holocaust Survivor. He lost his wife and children in the gas chambers. He blamed Christian’s and the Church for everything. After all was not the German Nation Christian? Didn’t the Church in America remain silent as well including the Pope and Rome itself?

Both my father and I were ignorant of what True Christianity really was about and who the True Christians are. The Book of Revelation makes it clear as to who the real Christians are not: In Matthew 7:23 Jesus himself, speaking to professing Christians who said to HIM Lord, Lord, I did this for you...and Jesus said to them “and I will declare to them, **I never knew you**; depart from Me, You who practice Lawlessness”.

You can surmise from Christ’s statement to **professing** Christians who stand in HIS presence and find that Heaven for them becomes the portal to Hell; that multitudes of them are self-deceived and that their good works in the name of their professed faith in Christ have Zero worth.

Years later as I gained maturity and then discernment I realized that the Church was in a fragmented form made up of numerous denominations that shared very little in common when it came to True Faith in Christ or keeping HIS DOCTRINE pure or fighting to guard the Truth once and for all time given to His Saints.

Evangelism has always been my passion. In my early years I learned the words of warfare from the Scriptures and the concepts and definitions that go with the Word of God in the Bible.

These words had specific, unchanging meanings since the day they were inspired by God and written down through His Prophets and Apostles. But now today as I review this living organism called the Church I find that the same words are being used but no longer in the contexts of their original meanings.

Gods Word has never changed, God says what He means and means what HE said in the beginning.

The Church has now adapted the same technique of teaching as the Christian Cults. That is ripping Gods Word out of contexts and twisting His Word to take on the definitions of men that bend and twist Christianity into a RELIGION of Men that changes with the culture and each new generation.

This New Religion of men no longer reflects its original intent of having a personal Relationship with the Son of God.

I now understand this current form of the Church that has become a mutating organism well on its way to the Apostate Church described in the Book of Revelation. It is not the True Church of Jesus Christ, but does in fact hold within itself the Bride of Christ; who are the Wheat growing in a field of Tares / Weeds.

There are many themes that run through the Scriptures but the one that is used to separate True Believers from Self Deceived Believers (whose end will be in the Lake of Fire)...is the theme of the Many and the Few. As I said there are only two kinds of people on Planet Earth...those that are the MANY (the unsaved) and those that are the FEW, (the saved).

So if the claim of the small god of this world **"I will make myself like the most high"** resonates deep within your heart; then you are part of the army of darkness. Because everything you are focusing on reflects your desire to fulfill what you want not what God wants for you.

That in turn speaks of you with the most hated word in Scripture...PRIDE.

OR

If you have seen yourself held in the arms of Christ and nailed to HIS CROSS / your cross, then you were there when HE ROARED forth HIS statement

Tetelestai... "IT IS FINISHED" ! ! !

The shape of the Cross-has a two fold meaning to me. It represents Jesus dying for the Sins of the world and opening up the way to heaven as His arms are outstretched, nailed to the Cross-that points up above His head to the Heavens.

Then the Cross-became the Sword of the King that came from the throne of Heaven. This sword thrown down to earth invaded the darkness of this world. This sword filled with LIGHT, stuck deep within the Judean soil never to be removed until its rightful owner came back for it. The Cross-is the Anchor of Christ that ties him to planet Earth during His absence.

When HE RETURNS as The King of Kings and the Lord of Lords HE will grasp the hilt of HIS Cross and with His hand remove it from the earth and then use it for JUDGEMENT as a sword separating the wheat from the chaff, the saved from the un-saved.

The WAR is **OVER**. Yes the battle will continue for a very short time, but the final "DAY of the LORD" is on the horizon.

But what about those of you who have answered His call to "FOLLOW ME"; have you counted the cost; have you picked up your cross and followed the path lighted before you?

Are you following the one who declared war, the one you claim to follow, the one who has opened His Mouth and now asks you to open yours and speak on His behalf?

Why are you spending valuable time in Bible Study after Bible Study pursuing Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness here on Earth, when instead you should be studying how to wage war?

Do you not realize it is not about your **Life**, because now that you are His, your life is all about His Life and His Will for your life?

Its not about your **Liberty**, because when you answered Him by saying "I am here Lord...use me; you became His "Dulas"...His Slave.

It's not about your **Pursuit of Happiness** because you are no longer important here on earth. Your True Happiness waits for you along with your Treasures in Heaven.

The only real objective in your life is now to pray for those you know and love that they will gain Salvation before they die. You need to be available to plant good seeds into their hearts every time the Lord leads.

He lights the path before you one step at a time. Are you focused on the mission to the lost of this world as described in Romans 10:14

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent?”

As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The person this passage is speaking about is *not just your pastor* **but YOU!**

You are called to warn those you love, you are called not to Bleat like a Lamb, but to **ROAR** like a Lion and most importantly not to join the majority of professing lambs that remain silent.

Christ went to the Cross-as the Lamb who was Silent before His captors. But He broke the bonds that held Him and you on HIS Cross-with a mighty shout ...a LIONS ROAR...**"IT IS FINISHED"**.

The Cross-is a symbol to reflect upon and understand but the Words **"IT IS FINISHED"** become the reason we live and now join His Battle.

The Book of Ephesians contains the Believers Armor of God. Study it...put it on! Then survey the people who live within the sound of your voice and the touch of your hand. Who are they, what is their worldview, what religious systems made by man do they follow?

Ask them the simple question of WHY they believe what they believe?

Engage them, with words, with your mind and spirit.

God has called you to this war...He will equip you...He will not let you go before them in Silence, but rather will be with your mouth; even unto death.

He has called you like Elijah to be a watchman among the people you know and love. A watchman who is called to disciple...to teach ...to love and if all else fails to condemn in Love.

Christ Rose as the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. You through obedience and actions and your words will show that you belong to HIM. Because only through your obedience, your actions and your words will your life bear the fruits of proof that you are who you say you are.

So stand up, and Roar with the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Make His name known in the darkness and He will honor you by saying "Let There BE LIGHT" all around you.

He has looked inside your heart.
He knows everything about you.
He sees your deepest thoughts hidden in every corner of your soul.
He knows your words before you say them.
He knows every place you have been and will go.

There is no story of your life that His memory could not tell.
Long before you drew your first breath He knew you.
He knows your darkest secrets.
He watched you as you were formed out of sight of human eyes
HIS HOLY SPIRIT is in you and you are always before HIS eyes.

He left you HIS WORD:

READ and TASTE the HOLY WORD of GOD. Let it fill your very being. The Word of God has the power to Clarify, and to Direct you towards Holiness, Obedience and Understanding.

It Grab's you, it Threatens you, It Encourages you, It Comforts you, It Instructs you, It will Convict you and finally ... It will Delight you.

Jesus The ONE who IS, and WAS and IS to come says to you..."I was dead and now am alive forever...fear not for I have the Keys of the Kingdom and I have come!

There are NO silent lambs within HIS Family of LION'S!

If you think even for a moment that you are one of the silent lambs then God Almighty says to you ..."My Anger lasts but a moment... My Mercy is new every day that you live...and My Love for you is for a lifetime".

"My Child...If you need to... BEGIN... Again!"

Jesus said something else to think about in Matthew 8:22:

“Follow Me and let the dead bury their own dead.”

AMEN and AMEN