

The Ultimate Battle: Lies, Fear & Hate - warring against - Truth, Faith & Love



Some years ago I started working in an area where believers in Jesus suffered severe persecution: over 100 people butchered, houses burned, many places of worship looted and ransacked. When having heart to heart talks with different survivors, it was obvious that it was a very difficult time. However when I asked, "Are you sad that it happened the response was not what I expected, "No Sir," one responded while her eyes lit up, "because now we know that Jesus is real."

Dear friends, we have no idea about the times we are approaching, thinking that we will just float along.

Corrie Ten Boom wrote in 1974: "There are some among us teaching there will be no tribulation, that the Christians will be able to escape all this. These are the false teachers that Jesus was warning us to expect in the latter days."

Jesus said, "**Many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.**" (Matthew 24:11) How do I **identify who is false** among the **Many** preachers and prophets?

"The LORD says, listen not to the words of the prophets ... **You shall have peace; and.. No evil shall come upon you...** they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart; and not out of the mouth of the LORD."

(Jeremiah 23:16,27)

Which Preacher/Prophet Speaks the Truth?

Jesus said in Matthew 24, "**Immediately after the tribulation.. shall the son of man return**" (29-31) The tribulation is the 2nd half of the 7 year reign of the Antichrist, when the abomination is placed in the temple. Jesus told us when this happens to **FLEE** as then shall be "**the great tribulation**". (Mat.24:15-21) Jesus hammers this home, "**Heaven and earth shall pass away but my words shall never pass away.**" (35) The abomination is the image of the beast which we will be forced to worship (Rev.13:15).

However, **many** preachers and "prophets" change Jesus' words and say that Jesus will come to get us before the tribulation, while Jesus told us to flee. These **many** prophets get TV prime time and 90 to 95% of the Christians believe them rather than what Jesus said, while ignoring that he warned us four times in Matthew 24 to **not be deceived**. (4,5,11,24)

Who Should I Believe?

John warned us, "**Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.**" (1John 4:1)

If the prophet changes Jesus' words then he/she is one of the many false prophets that are gone out into the world. **If he/she stands by what Jesus said, then their spirit is of God.**

Jesus did not hang in agony, naked on the cross for six hours, balancing his body weight on the nails pounded through his hands and feet to tell some half-truths that we can change to attract the people and the money.

Paul explains, "**For this reason God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:**" (2Thess.2:11)



"Therefore, **the LORD has put a lying spirit in the mouth of your prophets.**" (1Kings 22:22,23)

"**Darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people.**" (Isaiah 60:2)



Fear and worry is the killer



If we have faith in the Words of Jesus and trust him with our life, then we know that he will watch over us like a hawk over her chicks. We might at times think that God has forgotten us, however he will be there like a coach that is giving us the final training for the Olympics, which is to rule with him for the next thousand years.

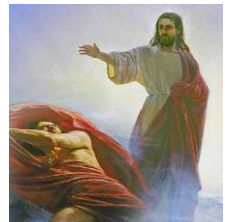
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Then they answered, "**Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge ... We ought to obey God rather than men.**" (Acts 4:19 & 5:29)

Will I fear and follow the crowd or stay faithful to Jesus? This will be the test of my heart. Will you and I choose faith, or fall for fear? Will I believe the lies or stick to the truth? Will I love or hate, choose God or Satan? Life or death? This is my 'Freedom of Choice'. No one can make it for me, not God, nor Satan.

Remember the Antichrist has no power of his own. It says "**power was given unto him to continue 3½ years**" (Rev.13:5) The Lord allows him to do his job or tenure in order **to test our heart and character** and to separate the tares from the wheat as Jesus teaches us in Matthew chapter 13: 24-30.

When the devil tempted Jesus in Matthew 4, Jesus answered with "**it is written**". If Jesus needed to quote scriptures to resist the Devil, how much more should we.



The Devil is "**the father of lies**" (John 8:44) and he is good at it. **Don't let the liar scare you. The only way to fight the lies is with the truth of scripture.**

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"**Will You Obey Your Emperor?**" (Historical true account)
The 40 (39+1) Martyrs of Sebaste. The time: A.D. 320.
The place: Sebaste, is in present-day Turkey.

Governor Agricola addressed forty Roman soldiers in the Legio XII Fulminata, "I am told you refuse to offer the sacrifice ordered by Emperor Licinius."
This is your last chance. Will you obey your emperor?"



"To disgrace the name of our Lord Jesus Christ is more terrible still," replied the men. Exasperated, the governor threatened to flog and torture them. Boldly the men answered, "As for your threats - we despise our bodies when the welfare of our souls is at stake." The rebels began stripping off their own clothes and marched onto the ice in the freezing March air, singing "What is our death but entrance into eternal life?"

"Look," one of the guards suddenly exclaimed, pointing toward the sky. "What?" said his fellow guard, "It's too dark to see anything, I wish this was over. I'm freezing out here."
- "Don't you see them? **Angels hovering with golden crowns** over those fellows' heads, holding out rich robes for them!"



"Are you out of your mind? It's pitch black!" Standing on the shore, the shivering guards shouted into the night. "Don't be idiots. What's the point? Come off the ice. Warm yourselves!"

"Look, one of them is coming." - Babbling, one of the forty crawled toward them from the ice.

The guard who saw the vision, without delay, took off his clothes and ran onto the ice, proclaiming loudly, "**That crown is what I want and it is mine!**"
(Adapted from the true account of the 40 Martyrs of Sebaste)

A Promise is a Promise:

"Blessed is the man that endures temptation: for when he is tried, he shall **receive the crown of life**, which the Lord has promised to them that love him." (James:1:12)
"Fear none of those things which you shalt suffer.. you be faithful unto death, and I will give you **a crown of life.**" (Rev.2:10)



HOLD ON and Don't Let Go

Jesus said, "the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and **the violent take it by force.**" (Mat.11:12)

Grab hold of that Kingdom Crown in your heart by faith and fight for it against worry, anxiety and fear.

Daniel's three friends answered "Our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace,.. But if not, be it known unto you, O king, that **we will not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up.**" (Daniel 3:17,18)

How to Face Our Executioner?

People have had dreams of getting beheaded in the tribulation for the cause of Christ. How could we possibly face our executioner, even if he is hooded not only to instil fear but mainly to hide his identity? Remember, "The Lord is.. longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." (2Peter 3:9) **That hooded person is deep down inside a human being** just like you and me.

"There is no fear in love; but perfect **love eliminates fear:**" (1John 4:18) May the Lord give us the grace to love and tell him, "I love you and even if you sever my head from my body you can never sever my love for you from my heart, for the simple reason that Jesus lives in my heart who loves you beyond measure."

"And Stephen kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge." (Acts 7:60)

Time to Go Home

I am offered clemency if I accept the RFID chip and decide to worship the talking android. (Rev.13:15)
"**No, thank you.**" "For I know that the sufferings of the present cannot be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18)

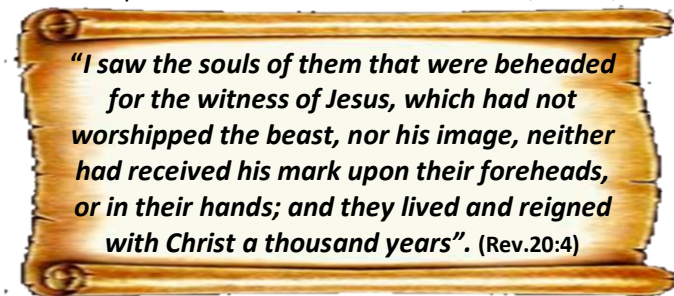
"Ready... Aim... Chop..." - There goes Johan. - Of course I will be branded, "traitor, terrorist, alien enemy of the state" and all that stuff. My corpse will be dumped into a mass grave. But thank God, I am finally away from this idiocy, this senseless absurdity and those crazed people that hate me, cause I love Jesus.

I am going up to heaven. The people that love me, await me. Immediate arrival! Back home for Christmas. "Hey guys, let's celebrate, Johan made it too!" They are even proud of me, but what did I do?



Nothing really... I just took the easy way out! I relax with a glass of the very best wine until I meet the love of my life, my eternal Soul-mate, my Jesus.

"Eye has not seen, nor has ear heard, the things that God has promised to them that love him." (1Cor.2:9)



"I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, which had not worshipped the beast, nor his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years". (Rev.20:4)

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