

Who is your afflicter?

Base Lines:

A general discussion regarding the erroneous teaching and doctrine of God the afflicter of men. Luke 9:56 For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save *them*. And they went to another village.

The baseline may require you to dust off your understanding a bit so you can focus on what Jesus has done in/with you when you **Truly** – emphasis – **Truly** accepted His Gift of salvation. That gift includes an ability to walk in the gift of life and it more abundantly in the body of Christ, in truth.

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Afflicter?

Who will build up the walls, like in the time of Nehemiah, a hedge of understanding and illumination for the body of believers who think it is their God's desire to harm them while he chastises them? Which one of you will stand in truth?

Ezekiel 34:1-6

“And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD unto the shepherds; Woe [be] to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: [but] ye feed not the flock. The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up [that which was] broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them. And they were scattered, because [there is] no shepherd: and they became meat to all the beasts of the field, when they were scattered. My

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sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek [after them].”

Ezekiel 34:7-16

“Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; [As] I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became meat to every beast of the field, because [there was] no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my flock; Therefore, O ye shepherds, hear the word of the LORD; Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I [am] against the shepherds; and I will require my flock at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; for I will deliver my flock from their mouth, that they may not be meat for them. For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, [even] I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep [that are] scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country. I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and [in] a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up [that which was] broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.

Many times I find myself involved in conversations where I find folks have lost track of who the afflicter is. Just for openers only the devil and his demons afflict the body of Christ.

John 10:10

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

Hebrews 2:14

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Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

The devil and his demons afflict the body of Christ for Christ's sake, not because they have a grudge against little old you. So you see it's bigger than a personal attack. It is an attack on the body of Christ; which is, in a way, good news. It is good news because it brings God into the picture as it is an attack on the Kingdom.

1 John 3:8

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

Luke 9:56

For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save *them*. And they went to another village.

You are an ambassador, Christian and the devil attacks ambassadors. You see when Jesus sent you forth it wasn't to be a beggar it was to be his ambassador among men and women. You aren't marching to your mission but rather the King's thus any attack on you is an attack on the King. Can you learn to see that? It will give you authority you didn't realize you had. You are God's ambassador as you testify of him to others in truth.

2 Corinthians 5:20 Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

The devil isn't beating up on little old you he is attacking the Kingdom of God; God himself in you. Do you think God is unable to defend himself? Do you think he will allow you to be crushed?

Isaiah 14:12-19

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the

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congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, *and* consider thee, *saying, Is* this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; *That* made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; *that* opened not the house of his prisoners? All the kings of the nations, *even* all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, *and as* the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

The afflictions come and we will suffer for the Kingdoms sake however we have a God who loves us and promises us provision. Paul wasn't bemoaning his sufferings because he thought them required. He was illustrating how God overcame them as he stood with him. The devil afflicted Paul, the snake bit him, God defended his gospel. The boat was thrashed and sank, God preserved his messenger. Over and over we see Paul walk in authority that wasn't his own.

2 Timothy 3:11

Persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me.

At times however it seems we want to be crushed by an enemy that has no real power over us at all. The world is his but we belong to God alone and to attack us is to attack God. God doesn't like being attacked.

Numbers 10:9

And if ye go to war in your land against the enemy that oppresseth you, then ye shall blow an alarm with the trumpets; and ye shall be remembered before the LORD your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies.

Deuteronomy 20:1

When thou goest out to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, be not afraid of them: for the LORD thy God is with thee, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.

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Deuteronomy 20:4

For the LORD your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.

What foolishness this doctrine of roll over and die, what foolishness this doctrine of suffering for mans sake. As if God is unable to preserve the gospel or you. What nonsense to fear false teachings, what nonsense to fear false prophets. You aren't to fear you are to watch, identify them and then trust Jesus. Keep your eyes fastened firmly on him and save yourself the hassle.

Joshua 7:13

Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

When the devil attacks Jesus in you, don't jump in front of Jesus and defend yourself, rather let Jesus defend you. Call on his name, worship him, submit to Jesus and your aid will come speedily. So many feel as if they have no defense that if the devil afflicts them he is afflicting little old them. Foolishness; the devil is afflicting the Kingdom's Ambassador the representative of the King himself the Abode of God in Jesus the Father and the Holy Ghost. What foolishness to rush to your own defense of to speak yourself out from under his command. Listen to what another ambassador of God said about the one who comforts you.

2 Samuel 22:1-51

And David spake unto the LORD the words of this song in the day *that* the LORD had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: And he said, *The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence. I will call on the LORD, who is worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies. When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of ungodly men made me afraid; The sorrows of hell compassed me about; the snares of death prevented me; In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried to my God: and he did hear my voice out of his temple, and my cry did enter into his ears. Then the earth shook and trembled; the*

foundations of heaven moved and shook, because he was wroth. There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it. He bowed the heavens also, and came down; and darkness *was* under his feet. And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: and he was seen upon the wings of the wind. And he made darkness pavilions round about him, dark waters, *and* thick clouds of the skies. Through the brightness before him were coals of fire kindled. **The LORD thundered from heaven, and the most High uttered his voice. And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them. And the channels of the sea appeared, the foundations of the world were discovered, at the rebuking of the LORD, at the blast of the breath of his nostrils. He sent from above, he took me; he drew me out of many waters; He delivered me from my strong enemy, *and* from them that hated me: for they were too strong for me. They prevented me in the day of my calamity: but the LORD was my stay. He brought me forth also into a large place: he delivered me, because he delighted in me. The LORD rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly departed from my God. For all his judgments *were* before me: and *as for* his statutes, I did not depart from them. I was also upright before him, and have kept myself from mine iniquity. Therefore the LORD hath recompensed me according to my righteousness; according to my cleanness in his eye sight. With the merciful thou wilt shew thyself merciful, *and* with the upright man thou wilt shew thyself upright. With the pure thou wilt shew thyself pure; and with the froward thou wilt shew thyself unsavoury. And the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thine eyes *are* upon the haughty, *that* thou mayest bring *them* down. For thou *art* my lamp, O LORD: and the LORD will lighten my darkness. For by thee I have run through a troop: by my God have I leaped over a wall. *As for* God, his way *is* perfect; the word of the LORD *is* tried: he *is* a buckler to all them that trust in him. For who *is* God, save the LORD? and who *is* a rock, save our God? God *is* my strength *and* power: and he maketh my way perfect. He maketh my feet like hinds' *feet*: and setteth me upon my high places. He teacheth my hands to war; so that a bow of steel is broken by mine arms. Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation: and thy gentleness hath made me great. Thou hast enlarged my steps under me; so that my feet did not slip. I have pursued mine enemies, and destroyed them; and turned not again until I had consumed them. And I have consumed them, and wounded them, that they could not arise: yea, they are fallen under my feet. For thou hast girded me with strength to battle: them that rose up against me hast thou subdued under me.**

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Seriously, are you really so important the devil would seek to harm you? Isn't it more the truth the devil seeks to harm the Kingdom in you? The devil seeks rather to silence you with silly fears and trembling; to remove the truth of the Gospel from your mouths by your own testimony of the affliction and its power.

Suffering pain, anguish, anxiety both physical and mental, suffering provisional shortages of money, food, places to lay your heads are real. They do not however stand above the Kingdom that satan is attacking. Adjust your eyes to see the King of Kings before you with His Angel warriors and God the Holy Spirit in power destroying the wiles of the enemy for the Kingdoms sake, of which you are an ambassador to the world for.

Do you really think God would allow the world to supplant his authority? Do you think that attack for a moment is just aimed at little old you? Kind of arrogant wouldn't you say?

After all you are a Christian the devil can no longer claim you, so what fruit does he have afflicting you? The answer usually is your silence, your testimony of affliction, you locked up behind fear and offence to the point you are; if not for the love of God, useless.

Is pain real? Yes but your God is real also. Is mental confusion real? Yes, but your God is real also. Are you a Son or daughter of the Living God? Yes, Christian you are. Are you given strength of God as an ambassador of the Kingdom or are you just a puny little flesh bag?

The answer of course is you are heirs to the Kingdom. You are not defenseless all you need do is honor from where it is your help comes from and not the affliction. Stop letting the enemy convince you he is greater than you. He is not, Jesus is in you and His name is above all things named. Speak to your God.

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Stop the foolishness of accusing God of afflicting you. God expects you to be afflicted. He tells you it will be so but he also says to trust him and he will defend you, not for your sake but for the kingdom for the Glory of God.

Did you read it again or just skip it ?

Read these too.

[Psalms 34:19](#)

Many *are* the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.

[2Timothy 3:11](#)

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God gets no glory from crushed Christians. He does however get glory from Christians in battle unto the death testifying of his goodness and power.

[Revelation 12:11](#)

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

So what we find is the devil has worked his way into our camp because we chose to accuse God of being a child molester rather than a defender of the molested. We literally give the devil permission to kick the snot out of us because we accuse God of the affliction and leave the devil blameless, we despise God and worship the devil by calling God the cause of harm and the devil has no blame.

[Joshua 7:13](#)

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Luke 11:1-13

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth. Give us day by day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth. And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if *he ask* a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall *your* heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Foolishness, we suffer and die because we sleep away from the truth. How long will we sleep. When will you understand that the devil is the afflicter and God the deliverer? When will you decide to trust your God to deliver you?

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the *same* night in which he was betrayed took bread: And when he had given thanks, he brake *it*, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

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After the same manner also *he took* the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink *it*, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many *are* weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

Is your pain real? – Yes

Is the affliction real? – Yes

Can you overcome? - Absolutely; in God alone.

We stand and cry unto God daily and yet we accuse him of the pain we feel. How that must hurt him. We cry unto God yet accuse him of cursing us and harming us and destroying us as we go about the business of His command. He commands us walk and then he crushes us for walking, seriously do you accept that foolishness?

My God, My God when will we see that you are our defense and our high tower? When will we see that you will keep us from violence?

2 Samuel 22:2-4

And he said, The LORD *is* my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; The God of my rock; in him will I trust: *he is* my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence. I will call on the LORD, *who is* worthy to be praised: so shall I be saved from mine enemies.

Silly children fighting an enemy while rejecting the help of our God who loves us.

Why do we die by the thousands? Why do we commit suicide? Why do we have divorce? Why do we destroy other people's faith? Because we declare the afflicter blameless and accuse our God of harm and render ourselves to death by what we worship.

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Afflictions will come for the Kingdoms sake Christian. Who will you blame for you pain? If you blame God who can help you be delivered from the pain? The one you hold blameless, the devil? Who is your Father?

Romans 8:15

For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Galatians 4:6

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father.

If you stand and say Father you have afflicted me, who then will deliver you from the affliction of God? Is your God such a one as a torturer that commands his sheep to walk and then breaks their legs?

If you think God afflicts, why you do pray for relief? Why not pray for more afflictions? Why do you stand in disobedience and attempt to end the affliction if it is your Father God who afflicts you?

Suffer quietly and ask for more, if you truly believe God is your afflicter.

If however you understand He is a good Father who loves you. Catch the devil by his fruit and crush him in Jesus name with the Father's blessings and protection.

John 15:16

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

When pain hits, acknowledge it share it with the saints and then come against it knowing God is your restorer. Your wellbeing just as Paul's wellbeing even in the face of affliction from hell is a testimony of Glory to God. To whom you are an ambassador carrying the words and wishes and intentions of your King and not the desires of the devil who is not blameless.

James 5:13-16

Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

To hold God blamed and leave the devil blameless is a fruit you will not survive. It would be better for you to die swiftly than to give the devil glory by accusing God and leaving satan blameless.

Decide this day whom you will serve if Baal be God than follow him but if God be God then follow him. . .

What word will you answer?

1 Kings 18:21

And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD *be* God, follow him: but if Baal, *then* follow him. And the people answered him not a word

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Gifts abound in Christ, peace and Joy in the attacks of the devil, asking anything in Jesus name so that God receives Glory through the Son. Who troubles you more the man who accuses you of foolishness as you embrace the gifts of God as stated in His Word or The God of all creation who you stiff arm and reject His promised provision?

John 14:14

If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do *it*.

What will you chose to do, sit still and watch the devil destroy your family, your church , your children your rest or will you stand and receive and begin to war in the Spirit?

2 Corinthians 10:4

(For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

Warring in the Spirit is the undoing of the afflicter, who is not God, who is not for you, who is not for the Kingdom and who you have the authority to destroy. The devil's fiery arrows count for nothing in God's will. All for God's glory.

Ephesians 6:16

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

It's time to act like what you are, Children of the Living God. Be hungry for his promises; come against the afflicter, accuser of the brethren.

Stand when your brothers and sisters may not yet stand. Bring to bear your Shield of faith as you ward off attacks from hell protecting those who are weak in the faith. Stand in Jesus who is your High Tower. Those of you who accept the office he has given you and commanded you walk in, listen, study, reflect, enjoin, cry out to your God for wisdom never ceasing and walk.

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

The body needs you, for lack of those who are obedient to the gifts and callings many die asleep in our churches because no one will shield them from their weak faith.

Ephesians 6:11

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

You must step in and minister according to your calling. No more time to wait for fear of persecution, fear of rejection there is only one thing you must fear, the fear which is the respect of the all powerful God that has called you to come forth.

Psalms 111:10

The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do *his commandments*: his praise endureth for ever.

If you are sitting there doe eyed feeling like you are buried and run over by some of this, spend more time in God's word than in your daily routines. Study to show yourself approved. Rightly divide the Word don't swallow some dead false accuser of the brethren, accuser of God philosophy or tradition not after Christ. You have no excuse. God has called you. No

justification for being still. The pews are nailed to the floor they don't need you to hold them down.

2 Timothy 2:15

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Luke 4:18-21

The Spirit of the Lord *is* upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. And he closed the book, and he gave *it* again to the minister, and sat down. And the eyes of all them that were in the synagogue were fastened on him. And he began to say unto them, This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears.

Matthew 16:24

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

Mark 8:34

And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

John 10:27

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

Fix your foundation; learn to talk to your God in truth, being honest with yourself and God. Tell him the truth of your state of faith and position of willingness to conform to his will. Don't be afraid, he loved you while you were yet a sinner, how much more now that you are blessed?

Talk in earnest with God, build that relationship, spend more time with God than the world allow God to show you just how much he loves us. Then ask him for his eyes and his ears and his wisdom and study the Word of God.

How much freedom could one of you that are called by God provide the body of Christ? How much freedom and joy could one of you called to the office provide a sleeping church?

To watch and do nothing is foolishness to watch and sound the alarm also is incomplete. To watch, sound the alarm and run to the battle is God's desire for you.

He is the giver of life and life more abundant. His desire is for you to remain blessed. He will not leave you fatherless in the face of His and thus your enemy.

Those that are with God are not against God and do not accuse him of being one who hurts his sheep, Christians are God's sheep Look to Ezekiel on God's position of bad shepherds. Will you accuse God of that? Good luck with that doctrine.

Matthew 12:25-37

And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: And if Satan cast out Satan, he is divided against himself; how shall then his kingdom stand? And if I by Beelzebub cast out devils, by whom do your children cast *them* out? therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad. Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy *against* the *Holy* Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the *world* to come. Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by *his* fruit. O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. But I say

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unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Sniffy, feely, fuzzy, cuddly Christianity, chasing words from men and women as opposed to using the gifts yourself. Running from revelation to revelation, rather than opening your eyes to Him for a revelation of his Word in study. Holding down pews when God would have you bless the congregation, save the lost, testify of his goodness. Consider what he has for you. Each of you now I speak wisdom to you in such that you become full of God's desire for you as to what position in this battle you will stand fully armored in is provision. No more sleeping, we are dying from sleep. Be free

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