*Monday, March 24, 2014*

**Enlightened**

Psalms 50:17-19 Seeing thou hates instruction, and casts my words behind thee. 18 When thou sawest a thief, then thou consented with him, and hast been partaker with adulterers. 19 Thou gives thy mouth to evil, and thy tongue frames deceit. (KJV)

When you accepted salvation and pledged your life to the Lord you were enlightened; and like a marriage vow, you vow that you will walk with our Lord and not do anything that would damage that relationship with Him.

We have all heard about adultery and what it entails according to the flesh, however, there is another definition that involves the realm of the Spirit. Many of God’s people have limited their understanding to the outward and are committing spiritual adultery without even realizing it. In fact, one of the definitions for adultery is idolatrous worship.

Matthew 19:7-9 They say unto him, why did Moses then command to give a writing of divorcement, and to put her away? 8 He saith unto them, Moses because of the hardness of your hearts suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it was not so. 9 And I say unto you, whosoever shall put away his wife, except it be for fornication, and shall marry another commits adultery: and whoso marries her who is put away doth commit adultery. (KJV)

Now I have heard it said by many professing Christians that “God hates divorce”. I have seen others who carry a backpack full of guilt thinking because they are divorced they are cursed and unable to move forward if they decide to remarry. Well, fornication and adultery go beyond the realm of the flesh, and is a byproduct of something that began in the spirit. The fornication our Lord is pointing out today begins in the spirit, and many times manifests itself in the form of so called churches, which is worse than the physical cheating.

James 4:1-2 From whence come wars and fighting’s among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. (KJV)

What happened to the peace you had in the beginning of your walk with the Lord, where did it go? Well, like a husband or wife who decides to step outside the marriage and seek attention, you may have stirred up a hornets’ nest inside.

James 4:3-4 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts. 4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. (KJV)

Some of these places and organizations that call themselves churches are nothing short of an abomination in the sight of our Lord. Some of the pastors and prophets have sold their souls for the approval of man more than God. Many need a bill of divorcement from those who profess to know God, but their lifestyles are just like the world.

Jeremiah 23:10-11 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourns; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil and their force is not right. 11 For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD. (KJV)

We are warned that in the last days things are not going to get better, but worse. So as we go along this week and point out areas where the enemy has infiltrated the church, ask yourself, how does the Lord really see me and is it all good?

God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord dearly loved.