*Wednesday, July 2, 2014*

**Not of Men**

Deuteronomy 8:1-3 All the commandments which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers. 2 And thou shall remember all the way which the LORD thy God led thee these forty years in the wilderness, to humble thee, and to prove thee, to know what was in thine heart, whether thou would keep his commandments, or no. 3 And he humbled thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and fed thee with manna, which thou knew not, neither did thy fathers know; that he might make thee know that man doth not live by bread only, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD doth man live. (KJV)

As a born again believer in Christ you will find that salvation not only begins in the realm of the Spirit, but that it is a continual process that also needs to end in the Spirit. Just as the carnal man needs to be fed on a daily basis, so does the inner man. The inner man needs to be fed and nourished properly if you are going to make it to the finish line.

Hebrews 5:11-12 Of whom we have many things to say and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. 12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. (KJV)

The teachers that are being referred to in the verse above are not pointing to any certain denomination or organization; it is pointing the people inward so that they can re-establish the spiritual hearing of the word for themselves. At a time when they should be able to hear the Lord firsthand and allow the Spirit to speak through them, they are still in the infant stage of their walk.

Hebrews 5:13-14 For every one that uses milk is unskillful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongs to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil. (KJV)

When you were an infant you had parents who raised you and taught you how to grow up and take care of yourself. Now that you are older you need to learn to hear the Lord for yourself, and then step out in faith in what you are hearing in order to continue to mature. It’s time to get out of the nest and fly upward Church.

Job 12:11-13 Doth not the ear try words? And the mouth tastes his meat? 12 With the ancient is wisdom; and in length of days understanding. 13 With him is wisdom and strength, he hath counsel and understanding. (KJV)

You have carnal senses so that if something doesn’t taste right you won’t ingest it. Spiritually you have the same senses, if something doesn’t taste or sound right, and it isn’t from the throne of God, you shouldn’t allow it into your heart. Too many of God’s people have allowed the many who are not of God to have more of an influence on them than they should. In the end despite the fact that many have been called, only a few are truly chosen to deliver the truth.

Ephesians 4:14-15 That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; 15 But speaking the truth in love may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: (KJV)

When you are not relying on what is coming straight from God Himself, then you will be like a dried out tumbleweed going from one extreme to the other because you let man dictate salvation. You will speak the truth, growing and maturing in Christ, when you eliminate man from the equation.

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