*Saturday, January 8, 2011*

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Leviticus 20:23-24 And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them. (24) But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land that floweth with milk and honey: I am the LORD your God, which have separated you from other people. (KJV)

The Bible is consistent throughout the old and New Testament concerning evil communications and what affect it has on good morals. God consistently in His word separates His people so that they will not be influenced by those of this world and their fallen interpretations of His word.

Leviticus 20:26-27 And ye shall be holy unto me: for I the LORD am holy, and have severed you from other people, that ye should be mine. (27) A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them. (KJV)

The word of God is described as a double edged sword, sharp enough to cut through any nonsense and devices of the devil. Kind of like a meat cutter, getting rid of the fat and gristle so that what is left is edible and healthy.

Galatians 1:15-16 But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb, and called me by his grace, (16) To reveal his Son in me, that I might preach him among the heathen; immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood: (KJV)

If you notice, God was able to get through to Paul once he cut off other influences, things that were not healthy or edifying Spiritually. You will find in your own personal walk with the Lord that you to will need to let go of anything or even anyone that is not bringing the doctrine of Christ, and yes even if they are near and dear to you.

Genesis 12:1-3 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: (2) And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: (3) And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. (KJV)

I personally consider Abraham a great man of faith, a man who God worked through mightily. If you notice, one of the first orders of business that God dealt with this man on was getting Him separated from anything negative so that God’s word would have more of an influence than anything or anyone else. Did you ever wonder what or who it was that our Lord was asking him to separate from?

Joshua 24:2-3 And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods. (3) And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the flood, and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied his seed, and gave him Isaac. (KJV)

Well, as you can see Abraham wasn’t getting much support from the home team, thus the reason that God had him move on. Has God been asking you to move on so that He can have more of an influence in your walk as well?

Matthew 10:36-38 And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. (37) He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. (38) And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. (KJV)

The spirit is willing, it’s the flesh and the carnal influences that need to be cut off and separated in order to be used of God. Are you willing?