*Wednesday, January 5, 2011*

**The Chosen One**

Matthew 22:14-18 For many are called, but few are chosen. (15) Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might entangle him in his talk. (16) And they sent out unto him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, Master, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, neither carest thou for any man: for thou regardest not the person of men. (17) Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? (18) But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? (KJV)

So what becomes of the many that are called, and yet only a few are really chosen? Well, if one looks through the word of God they see that it was the religious crowd that persecuted our Lord, those that should have known better. In fact it was this same crowd that crucified our Lord as well. You will find in your walk in the Spirit that many today who claim that they are the Lord’s are crucifying Him all over again with their fallen doctrines. You will also find that the persecution you suffer will come from the religious crowd, those that should know better.

Matthew 24:10-13 And then shall many be offended, and shall betray one another, and shall hate one another. (11) And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. (12) And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. (13) But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. (KJV)

Do know that, all who live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. As we see illustrated above, many that were called of God were no longer answering His call, but rather chose a different path. Do not be surprised by those that claim they are of God, because your Bible is quite specific to point out what the many are following, and what they have chosen to give ear to.

Mark 4:16-17 And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; (17) And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended. (KJV)

Here we see the word offended again, and why many become offended rather than learning to endure and be an over comer. Many are all in and on board concerning the blessings of God; however, mankind and his fallen nature is fickle and weak, and will jump ship when dealing with persecutions for the Lord’s sake. Oh and don’t be surprised either by where these persecutions arise from, as well as who they arise through; because it will come from the many who claim that they know God, however in works deny Him.

1 John 4:1-3 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. (2) Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: (3) And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. (KJV)

You know, the reality is that the only doctrine our God gives credence to is the doctrine of Christ. Thus the reason why the enemy is described as antichrist, because he knows that God’s chosen few know who they are in Christ and the name that gets them access to His throne. There is no other name under heaven given to mankind that is approved of God and chosen to be our mediator, that being Jesus Christ. Now if God has chosen Him, why haven’t the many done the same?