



Peace or a Sword

The time is upon us that necessitates a review of Jesus' prophetic words regarding the family's involvement with peace or a sword. If you have children, you have a family. If you are a child of someone, you came from a family. It is this family I am speaking of, not the body of Christ family.

(Mat 10:27-36 KJV) What I tell you in darkness, *that* speak ye in light: and what ye hear in the ear, *that* preach ye upon the housetops. {28} And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell [the grave - geenna]. {29} Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing? and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father. {30} But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. {31} Fear ye not therefore,



ye are of more value than many sparrows. {32} Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. {33} But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. {34} Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. {35} For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. {36} And a man's

foes *shall be* they of his own household.

Speak the Word

If you hear God's Word in a dark situation, run for the light and speak God's word—the spoken Word of God changes EVERYTHING. If you hear the spoken Word, proclaim it EVERYWHERE. If God casts his Word into your heart, share it with others.

Do not fear man

If the darkness that you are in has provoked you to fear either people or situations, do not be afraid of death or murderers, because they cannot kill your soul. The soul is under God's care. When a person dies, their soul goes back to God (from whence it came). Fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in the grave—that refers to fearing God. You have no need to fear God; he

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is making a point—don't fear man.

God cares for you

Jesus used two examples of God's care for us, sparrows and number of hairs on your head. There are countless sparrows in the world, so many that they are worth only pennies on the open market. Yet, God knows when one of his precious birds falls to the ground. God knows how many hairs you have; he cares so much for you that he has counted them. The reason you can and should stop being fearful is because you are worth far more *to him* than a sparrow.

Public confession of Christ

Christ is on your side. Confess him [Jesus is my Lord] before others; Christ confesses you before God the father in heaven. That is powerful and something that begins to remove you from this dark realm into the heavenlies. Confess Christ. Christ will deny those who deny him to God, the father in heaven. That is also powerful, but removes the deniers from any heavenly possibili-

ties. They will forever remain in darkness.

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If you think Jesus came to bring peace, you are sadly mistaken. If you feel embattled within your family, there is a prophetic reason for it. Jesus did not come to bring peace, but a sword. In his presence with his people on this earth, there will be divisions. He cites some of them, not all of them, in order to focus the meaning upon the earthly family and what believers within that family will have to endure: a man [a son] against his father; a daughter against her mother; a daughter in law against her mother in law.

A man's Foes

In these situations, who is your real enemy? Is it satan, or is it someone else? Jesus answers the question by stating that a man's foes shall be they of his own household.

Conclusion

Speak God's Word after you have been delivered from darkness.

- Do not fear man—period.
- God cares for you—always and forever.
- Confess Christ publicly—without hesitation.
- Christ brought the sword—stop wishing things were more peaceful—that's not going to happen.
- Your real foes will be/are those of your own household—prophetic words.

Much love in Christ.

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