

WORD OF LIFE

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TEXT - Revelation 1:10-18

"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and heard behind me a great voice, as of a trumpet, Saying, I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and, What thou seest, write in a book, and send it unto the seven Churches which are in Asia; unto Ephesus, and unto Smyrna, and unto Pergamos, and unto Thyatira, and unto Sardis and unto Philadelphia, and unto Laodicea. And I turned to see the Voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; and in the midst of seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death."

We see in this text the first words given to the Apostle John were fear not, fear not for I am the first and the last, I am He that was living and was dead and am now living, and I have the keys of hell and death. Now that fear that our Lord spoke of before this came to pass, that fear of fearing God, for He had the power to not only take our bodies, but our souls in hell, that fear now was no more for the believer, for everyone that believes that our Lord came into the world, and He was the first and He will be the last, and that He has the keys of hell and death. No longer should we fear but we should reverence God's name and give thanksgiving unto the Almighty God at all time, that He has given to the world this great gift, this gift where one has made a sacrifice great enough to overcome that power of hell and death.

It is only our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who holds those keys, and if we live according to His teaching, those keys He has already said they will be coupled with other keys. He had already said to His Apostles that He gives unto them the keys to the kingdom of heaven. They were not the keys to hell or death, they do not have that power that is only vested in our Lord. But the keys that He gave His Apostles were the Word of God, the gospel of salvation, the keys that open our heart and allow His word to enter in and increase our faith so that we understand that now as we leave this life, whether it is a natural death or whether it is a forced death, we do not fear, for we know that death has been overcome and there will be a resurrection again. Death is only the temporary ending of this body, but it will rise again when our Lord returns.

We should not fear hell for hell is the place of going to wait for judgment and for us in the Christian Church, judgment is with us each day of our lives, that is why we are taught that, that is one of the commissions of the Apostles to preach repentance and remission. We can now in sincerity, repent for our sins, we can receive remission of our sins through the partaking of the body and blood of Christ and through that, we no longer have to answer for that sin. Even all of those sins that are committed, as the Lord said in the quietness of the night, those things that we do when we think others cannot hear them. If we do not recognize them as sins, then they will be broadcast out on the day our Lord returns, but if we are sincere and we are humble and meek and recognize that we are sinners, we can have those taken away from us and therefore then there will be no need for judgment, for we have already judged ourselves unworthy and been given the remission or the righteousness of Christ, to make ourselves worthy so that we can stand before this glorified Christ and look unto the blessings that He will bring unto us when He returns.

Now all of this is only made possible through the teachings of the Holy Spirit, for the Holy Spirit has been sent into the world to give us this guidance and this teaching and it was already foretold many, many years ago that this would happen and we today are blessed that we live in this period of time when the Holy Spirit labours through flesh and can give us that hope, can give us that understanding so that we in our lives, can make this preparation. The Psalmist already wrote of this preparation in Psalm 34:11 *"Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is he that desireth life, and liveth many days, that he may see good? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth, and delivered them out of all their troubles. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit. Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Lord delivered him out of them all. He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. Evil shall slay the wicked: and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate. The Lord redeemed the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate."*

We see the great promise foretold those many years ago. We must hold fast to these promises of God, remembering His words, "I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last."

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TEXT - Hebrew 12:2

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”

According to the book of Revelation, we are reminded that our Lord is the beginning and the end of all things. The Alpha and Omega (Rev. 22:13).

Any book has a first page and the last page. Likewise, also the Bible.

In the world we live, many novels and great stories, written by worldly authors, receive awards and great praise. However, there is a great book, called the Bible, used within our lives as Apostolics; sadly, not to the full potential. It is our duty to bring life to this book in our existence. We receive many teachings in the Bible, confirming how the Holy Trinity is the Author of our being.

**The commandments are written by God.
The hand appearing and writing on the palace wall.
Jesus writing in the sand.**

The letters written by the apostles, anointed by Jesus and also the letters of Apostle Paul and other Apostles. And many more examples, of how we are privileged to know that our Lord is the author of Our LIVES. When we have part in the miraculous power of the Baptism, Communion and the Holy Sealing, we hear words spoken, written by inspiration of the Holy Spirit and not by wisdom of man. Especially during the Holy Sealing, we hear the words, "we have now become part of the household of God" and then the special words "Jesus Christ your Redeemer will WRITE through this action, your name in the book of life..."

A master plan was written by our Almighty God, that no person can alter, revise or change. Many have tried with no success to change the clear instructions and the result of this action (Rev. 22:18-19).

The master plan of God creating a world filled with people, and His chosen people.

A flock guided by the sent Prophets of God, instructing them to adhere to His laws and to expect the coming of the Son, Jesus.

Only by the great mercy and love of God, He gave us His only Begotten Son, as our gateway to Mercy and the Kingdom of God. Where we shall according to His will have part of the Holy Kingdom and Priesthood.

We shall only enter into His rest (Heb. 3:11), when we adhere to the instructions written and given to us by the Holy Trinity. The author of our Apostolic life.

As per the great plan, Jesus was sent to dwell on Earth amongst men and to also bring the greatest offering to God, suffering on the cross for our salvation, becoming the High Priest for ever (Heb. 5:6; Heb. 10:12; Heb. 7:3).

Before this event of Crucifixion, Christ prayed to His Father, sitting on the Holy Throne, confirming and confessing with comprehensible words that His work and task which He was sent for was completed (John 17:4).

"I have glorified Thee on earth, I finished the work which Thou gavest Me to, do."

Establishing the faith, the Apostolicship which cannot be erased from the plan of God.

Eph. 4:5 "One Lord, one FAITH, one Baptism..."

MAY YOUR PRAYERS BE LIGHT AND YOUR BLESSING HEAVY.

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TEXT - Acts 1:14

"These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren."

This text tells us of the first community of Christians coming together, all the then known Christians numbering approximately 120. We see they had no trouble to be in one accord or united in prayer and supplication to the Almighty God. We must also remember at this time they had not yet been imbued with the power of the Holy Ghost, for the day of Pentecost had not yet come. Even without this guiding Spirit, they were still able to be of one accord in prayer, because they knew that, that was the key that would bring all God-fearing people the blessings of God.

What a pity this lesson in many cases, has been lost down through the ages, despite the fact that mankind prides itself on the many advancements it has made in the way we live our lives, compared to that community almost 2 000 years ago. One can only imagine the great power we would see if we could achieve today, to be able to bring all Christians in one accord in prayer and supplication. We find it near impossible to even achieve this with a community of even 120 members.

A classic example is in a farming area, some farmers pray for general rain, others do not want it yet, as the field is not ready for planting. Some are harvesting and would regard it a nuisance, others with irrigation do not require it, and also if it came it might increase supply and the price of the crop will drop and so it goes. There is certainly not one accord in those prayers.

If there is no unity, it is very difficult to see the fulfilment of the Lord's promise as contained in Isaiah 65:24, *"And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking I will hear."* The Bible is so full of testimony that these words are true and have come to pass through united prayers and supplications being offered. We can read how the children of Israel had no water, only a contaminated stream, but God answered the united prayer and showed Moses a tree which, when he had cast into the water, the waters were made sweet.

How Hezekiah and his people were delivered from their enemies by united prayer. The many times the early Church, when they were oppressed received great strength as written in Acts 4:31, *"And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spoke the word of God with boldness."* There is no doubt there are many times down through the ages, that this has been experienced by those at the time and not passed on.

Because of this, many look back but do not see the same can happen today. A recent example we should all take note of and be prepared to quote, is the recent Bush Fires in Australia. We all witnessed the terrible destruction and how out of control they were despite the use of facilities from Australia wide. We know our leader, on the Saturday, made a public appeal to all Christians on the Sunday, to come together in one accord in prayer and supplication, to ask the Lord for help. Because it touched all hearts, this was achieved Nationwide, and although the weather forecasts showed no rain at hand, on Sunday evening, rain fell so that the danger was averted.

This modern-day miracle in answer to united prayer should be an example to us all in our various communities, to strive to be as that first Apostolic Community mentioned in our text "To continue at all times with one accord in prayer and supplication."

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TEXT - Matthew 25:5-6

"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.

There is a danger in our time that we could grow tired or fall asleep while waiting for the Lord Jesus to return. The story of the ten virgins demonstrates this. The wait for the bridegroom was too long and they all fell asleep.

How do people act who have grown tired and eventually have fallen asleep? They no longer speak and barely stir. Spiritually it is similar, when God's children have grown tired. Their conversations concerning our faith and the goal of our faith more or less cease. They no longer invite others, nor help God's children who have stayed away to find the way back into God's house. Their interest in assimilating God's word has waned, they seldom pray or only pray in a superficial manner themselves, they find it very difficult to forgive and reconcile. It is not easy for them to sacrifice and offer because they do not see the sense in doing so.

In Revelation God's Son also alludes to spiritual tiredness in His congregation. Jesus deplors that the congregations at Laodicea is neither hot nor cold, but lukewarm. He observes the Laodiceans indecisiveness of faith, faults their indifference, and warns them of self-deception (Rev. 3:15-17).

What must we do to overcome tiredness or rather to be protected from it? We must sing a song of praise! This may be taken both literally and as intended in Psalm 103:1-5. Take seriously the Spirit's call that the bridegroom is coming and be zealous and repent (Rev. 3:19). This means that we consciously incorporate Jesus. "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind." Ephesians 4:23-24. Even in the cycles of nature there is regular renewal. There are thousands of wonders in and on our physical body. We know old cells die and are replaced by new ones. Our inner being the life of our soul and spirit must also be continually renewed. Here we think of Jesus words which point to the future "Behold I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5).

How does spiritual renewal occur? Through the effect of God's word conveyed through the Holy Spirit which always produces faith and the wonderful grace born out of Jesus' sacrifice.

What is the best way to renew our conviction? By savouring Holy Communion. This embodies the strength, nature and life of Jesus Christ. The worthy partaking of Jesus' body and blood establishes the closest fellowship of life with our Saviour and Redeemer. It should be possible to say of us, "We have the mind of Christ".

(1 Corinthians 2:16). We want to be aware that the regular renewal of our inner being is our life's work to become righteous and ultimately the fruit of our spiritual life. Only in this manner will the new creation in Christ mature (2 Cor. 5:17) and will Jesus be able to identify us, transform us, and catch us up as His own on the day of His coming. Do we also let our light shine (Matthew 5:16) and are we still able to show many seeking souls the way?

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“The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.”

We must learn to see life, not as man (from birth until death) but as God sees it (from conception until eternity).

Before Jesus Christ came to start a new way on earth, man had a dismal future because of the downfall of man.

Life began at conception, extended to living in the world for the period God destined, then death happened, and man's soul had to go to Hell as a place of waiting to be judged at the last day. This judgement would determine eternity for that soul.

Man was captive! But hope came through Jesus Christ's mission and victory.

Prophesied – Psalms 68:18-19

“Thou has ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men yea, for the rebellious also that the Lord God might dwell amongst them. Blessed be the Lord who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.”

Confirmed – Ephesian 4:8-18.

Now Hell and Judgement and finally death, were captive to Christ, and a new line of life in God's sight, came into being for Christian believers.

Conception, life on this earth, death of the body, soul to Paradise, return with Christ and resurrection from the grave, rebirth, kingdom of God and eternity.

Re-entry to Paradise, the Word of God shows clearly, how we obtain a passport for this journey. Luke 23:39-43 the malefactor showed what must be done.

1. He confessed his sins — verse 41.

2. He recognised Jesus as Lord (Christ) verse 42.

3. He asked to be remembered (no demand) mercy & grace.

4. He acknowledged he believed in the return of Christ to set up His kingdom.

Our Lord then introduced to us, a new place of waiting (Hell was taken captive).

Verse 43— Paradise — He further told in Revelation 2:7, what and why we must first go there — to eat of the tree of life, originally placed in the garden at the creation.

John 19:34 Records – But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

The malefactor was still alive, when Christ was speared he received direct from Christ's body, the double cure for sin that was to be given to all believers.

Water - for the remission of inherited sin of Adam (baptism).

Blood - for the remission of our repented sins in this life (communion).

This then for us, sets the road, but the Holy Spirit sums this all up through the Apostle Paul's letters to the Ephesians 2:4-8. *“But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: That in the ages to come he might shew the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.”*

Our Lord summed it up Matthew 24:35 *“Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away”*. Mark 13:34; *“that heavenly gifts and earthly wisdom will all pass away, but His word would never pass away”*.

That is why we do not fear death, but by the Grace of Christ, we can look forward at all times - Matthew 6:33. *“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.”*

TEXT - Genesis 1:11

"And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so."

The words 'think' and 'thank' are related. When we think of the bounteousness of God we become thankful, and as harvest time approaches our thoughts turn more in this direction.

Even though the earth contains all the necessary substances we need to live, we cannot just eat earth. A number of processes and changes have to take place before these substances take a suitable form which the body can use for its nourishment "Let the earth be fruitful..." We are so familiar with this that we hardly think of how marvellously God's earth looks after us, but we ought to think about it and be grateful for the many things the earth gives us food, raw materials and electricity etc. This picture would be incomplete if we did not include the cosmos, of which our earth forms a part, eg. the relationship between the earth and the sun without which the earth would be uninhabitable. Supporting all this is its Creator.

Now what the earth gives and brings forth is often far from being useable or edible. The expression 'raw material' is appropriate. We should contemplate our contribution. God's entire creation expresses His nature. All things in God's creation are ultimately interdependent upon each other. Man is no exception; therefore, he cannot stand apart and just enjoy the benefits. We should appreciate each other - 'One good deed deserves another.' Harvesting, mining, manufacturing, productions, packing, wholesale and retail trading, for all this man-power, human intelligence and industriousness IS necessary. It is also significant how many containers and tools are necessary during these processes before ie. we can purchase our goods in a supermarket. Then the food must be prepared before we can eat it. Eating starts off a new process, and digestion turns it into energy. Another example: the two wires in a wall socket lead to the fuse box, then the sub-station, transformer, high voltage transmission lines, generator, turbine, dam and finally the lake. The examples give us food for thought, showing us how the most simple things in daily use come to us through many media undergoing many changes and all this is the way creation works.

"There shall come forth a rod..." Isaiah 11:1-2, these words point to the spiritual creation which began with the Son of God who provided for the soul's needs. The soul came from God and receives life and nourishment only from Him, as the body receives its nourishment from the earth out of which it came.

How can we receive these spiritual gifts? After having read the above the answer should be easy. Heavenly gifts can only be received through Christ who is the giver. Jesus said: "I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6. Since the first Pentecost Jesus, as the Holy Spirit, has been with us. As a Spirit He needs tools and vessels 2Cor. 4:7 these are His Apostles and servants whose task is: the perfecting of the saints..." Ephesians 4:11-16. The Lord Himself said to His Apostles: "He that heareth you heareth me" Luke 10:16 and: "He that receiveth you, receiveth me Matthew 10:40, Romans 10:12-17, 1Corinthians 4:1, 2Corinthians 3:6-8; 4,7; 5,18. Christ's heaven 'comes forth' on the earth through Christ's disciples, in whom God has put His Spirit. The Spirit makes us grateful. If we are grateful then our deeds will show it. Let us also recall what is said in our Book of Faith re the Sacraments: "Sacraments bring grace" and are necessary for the salvation of the soul, they are administered by those chosen of God and are visible rites through which invisible divine salvation it received.

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TEXT - Ephesians 5:15-21

“See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ; Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”

We see good advice there on how we should walk through life. This advice was preached down through the ages. The English Apostles in their day found that people were also not walking circumspectly again, and they sent messages out to the churches.

They likened a walk through life is like taking a walk through the many tables that are set up in the markets where we go and buy things. These things are set there, and we walk through idly, and we see many thousands of things that when we look at them they really don't have any value, but we look, and we pick them up and we put them down, and we walk on. Sometimes we buy them, and we take them home, and eventually they are thrown out. The market place is full of everything that takes the eye of mankind, and so it is with life. They said that for those, who walk circumspectly they see and can pick the most valuable things that are hidden in amongst all of those things. They see these and they then try to acquire them for they are everlasting.

Of course we are referring to the spiritual blessings that are available to each and every one of us within our lives. We have to seek them out and when we find them then all the other stuff that is in that market has no relevance to us. We can take them within our hearts and within our souls, and we can give thanks that we have received those blessings. The Apostle Paul also said that we should not join in with the world on many of the things that are happening. That is quite obvious, for we see the punishment and the distresses that come from that.

He gave advice there which might seem a little bit strange. Let us hear the words again that he said: “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and Spiritual songs, singing and making Melody in your heart to the Lord.”

He tells us that as we go through life we should be singing and thinking of the Word of God within our hearts. Singing within ourselves so that it enters within our hearts. We may very well say to our self - What use it that? What use is that for ourselves? What use is that for those around us? If we travel the world in many countries we see how they use song to co-ordinate and work together. In India when we were there we saw there the women were irrigating these crops. Some of them were pulling the water out of the well and pouring it into a channel and lined up along the channel there would have been at least two hundred women all with a silver pot. Of course, the water has to slowly move down through the channel. The first woman began to sing and she took her pot and threw the water over the crop, the second then did the same, and the third, and they all continued singing as each one picked up the water. This singing was co-ordinating and making them think as one.

We begin to see that this singing can work, but that is audible singing. What about this singing in the heart? Reading a book recently on the prisoners of war who were put out on work duty, they too used to sing to co-ordinate themselves and keep their spirits up. Those supervising them forced them to stop because they did not understand what they were saying and they thought that they could be conniving a plan to escape, and the officers said to the men - Continue with that singing in your heart; and they did that. All of those who were involved felt that through that spirit that was coming from there one to the other, they could still be co-ordinated and they could still feel this spirit moving amongst them.

That is why the Apostle Paul says that we should do that within our lives, for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. As we sing these praises to God, when there is nothing else to be done, we cannot be distracted of course, that then will emanate, and the Spirit will take it to others, but the great blessing will be that we will be prepared to confront a problem. If suddenly there is a problem come within that workplace instead of biting back, criticising, causing trouble; out of the abundance of the heart the mouth will speak, and we will find we will be able to speak the love that is within us and not cause trouble. Let us always walk circumspectly and redeem the time that the Lord has given us.

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TEXT - Colossians 2:2-3

"That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge".

When we open up a Bible Concordance we can identify that there is a lot written about wisdom and knowledge. If one reads attentively, it becomes quite clear that the Bible makes a difference between "worldly" and "godly" wisdom.

This world has many "wise" people who have detailed expert knowledge of certain subjects. People who have studied in Universities and High Schools are highly accomplished in their education. Their knowledge refers always to a certain part or branch. One can possess a wide range of general knowledge, but is never the less, specialised in one or few study-subjects. It is not a rarity that some people are quite conceited about their knowledge and let others know in no uncertain terms, especially those who have a lesser education. In their narrow mindedness, their worldly wisdom has become to them a somewhat Status-symbol, although it is transitory.

In the book "What we believe" is also mentioned Wisdom in the chapter, which speaks of the gifts and powers of the Holy Spirit. Will one obtain true wisdom, there is the belief necessary; and indeed a belief which does not rest on the wisdom of mankind, but undoubtedly on the power of God. Therewith becomes the signal for this Year, that is God given, apparently clearer. Wisdom and knowledge are hid in Jesus Christ. Out of our belief we should search for it.

This search does not have to be endless, because God already promised through Jeremiah 29:13: "And ye shall seek me and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart".

The Apostle Paul writes in his first letter to the brothers and sisters in Corinth 18:21 "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written in Isaiah 29:14 "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Now, where are the wise? Where are the scribes? Where is the disputer of this world? Hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world? For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe". About the preaching Paul says (1 Corinthians 2:6) "Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory". How we should treat this preaching, we read in Matthew 7:24-29. Jesus concludes His sermon with these words: "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock". The deciding factor is, that we firstly hear His word, receive it and then act accordingly.

Often, our ears are nearly deaf, so we don't hear some speeches, some sermons, some valuable words. But the Lord wants that His words move our hearts and we, through our deeds, bring forth fruit. A wise man accounts for today, for tomorrow and for the future. That is why he builds his house upon a rock, which does not fall nor disappear. This rock is and will always be JESUS CHRIST. That is why He is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

As long as there are no storms, no self-denials and disappointments, there seems to be no difference between a wise and a foolish man. Both houses look secure. But the floods will come, He says: storms, sufferings, opposition, doctrines, sickness, misleading friendships beat upon our house of faith and tear at it. But when the heart is securely anchored in faith and stand upon this rock, there will be no damage done to that house.

Sorry to say, that many have fallen victim to the temptations, traps and snares of the evil one. They liked the sand (the world) rather than the rock (Christ). Even we as well, stand always anew before the deciding choice: Rock or sand, Christ or the world, godly or worldly wisdom. The famous middle-road, which we rather love to choose, is not available here. The main point is, that we in sure belief, are trusting God to guide us in His wisdom, fully give ourselves into His hand and follow His word in obedience. May this realization, the true willingness and the necessary courage, grow for the consequence in this year. Then will God grant us also the so important insight which makes it possible, to try the spirits, whether they are of God!

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also". Matthew 6:21.

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