

An Urgent Letter :

To the Church of Jesus Christ in South Africa

(This Part follows Part 5 (c), posted last week.)

6. Theoretical Christianity vs. Real Discipleship

This entire Letter to the RSA Church is not for idle chat or mild curiosity, but calls for action in repentant obedience and prayer unto God. By its very nature it is limited in exploring in greater depth the issues that beset the RSA Church, though all we need is Scripture to know something is seriously wrong.

Scripture reveals what it is, for Scripture is our full and final authority for all of life and conduct, (and is also the Divinely given historical record of the activity of God with man), from which we gain much understanding, if we know His Word intimately and obey Him wholeheartedly.

Part 1 was the Introduction to the Letter. It is an essential, foundation-laying Introduction and so I encourage you if you have not read the Introduction yet, or the Parts which follow it, to do so.

The issues raised here below, and in the Letter at large are given in broad brush strokes, and are not dealt with in fine detail, for that is beyond the scope of this Urgent Letter to the RSA Church : they are basically referred to (broad brush strokes) plus a bit, as I have been led. Broad brush strokes are not only a generalisation (although they apply to the greater number calling themselves Christian) but they reveal largely unrecognised underlying problems in and with the RSA Church. The intention is to raise the alarm and give enough information to be able to clearly identify specific spiritual problems that are in urgent need of attention, so you can get to prayer in repentance, and for revival of the RSA Church. Of course, not all the sin problems are addressed. There are many more. Look around you...just make sure what you see re sin is so reflected as such in the Bible. Look first to YOURSELF. Do not make any excuse for your sin. God has not given us that permission. Excuses only dig us deeper into the mess. Confess till the bag is completely empty....

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I have sought to ensure there are no typo's in the Scripture references I have given, and if there are, I offer my profuse apologies.

6. Theoretical Christianity vs. Real Discipleship

Jesus : God in the flesh of man; Immanuel, called out fake “faith” (what we could call today : "Theoretical Christianity" or “cultural Christianity” or “pew warming”) in **Luke 6:46**, when He said to the crowds that followed Him crying out to Him: “LORD !!! LORD!!” His response : “Why do you call Me ‘LORD !! LORD !!’ **but do not do what I say?**” And Jesus was inaugurating the New Covenant. Implication : I am not your LORD if you do not obey Me. **1 Peter 1 :2**

This statement of Jesus---it is in fact a statement about their fake faith---reveals a false, surface-level religion that in reality bears no truth connection with faith in Him and so sadly abounds in churches where people look good on Sunday but live exactly like the rest of the pagan world the rest of the time. No change of life from a worldly focus to a heavenly/God-ward focus. No evidence of Holy Spirit in their lives (fruit of the Holy Spirit; and loving, willing selfless obedience). No life changing evidence of prayer nor study of God’s Word in their lives, let alone substantive obedience to God. But rather what is so often easily/mostly seen as against a growing spiritual maturity is struggle, always having problem after problem, an un-ease in their life, dismay and disaster/storms always seemingly buffeting and social and spiritual decay in their lives where they live and work, across the nation, even if there appears to be material success.

A massive problem with the current/modern-day pulpit / Church, is spiritual shallowness. Interestingly Andrew Murray lamented this same thing in his book “State of the Church” See **Revelation 3 : 14—22** : that Church thought they were the “bee’s knees” of spiritual health and vitality. Jesus crashed that false understanding of themselves in no uncertain terms : in every way they thought of themselves in great esteem, He countered it thus :

“¹⁵ I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! ¹⁶ So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot nor cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. [They were utterly useless to Him---even perhaps a vile taste in His mouth. RSA Church : HEAR THIS !!!]. ¹⁷ You say, ‘I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.’ But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. ¹⁸ I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich;

**and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and
salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.”**

Now, before we see what comes next in **Rev 3 : 14—22**, first let us think ahead into it : if there is no moral law of God, why are they being held to a standard that requires obedience ? (In fact, read all of New Testament and you will see that obedience is called forth by God; commanded by God eg Matthew 28 : 18—20, which covers everything in Scripture !!) Even before the Fall, in Paradise/Eden, God commanded Adam’s obedience. Consequences were warned of for disobedience. There was already law in Paradise before the Fall, and consequences warned of for disobeying God. **Genesis 2 : 15—17; and Genesis 3.)**

¹⁹“Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.”

Do you see/hear what the risen LORD Jesus is saying ?

²⁰“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me.” See **John 14 : 21, 23 (24)**

A great number of modern churches have become more religious entertainment centres than places of equipping for true worship, where people come to watch a music show, with flags to wave, even smoke machines, fancy electronic and musical equipment, emotion, but little to no substance of the real, Holy Presence of Holy Spirit, and a pastor speaking nice candyfloss happy-words that never confront their sin, but still promises them power and a wonderful life now and forever. Jesus said “These people ‘worship’ Me with their lips but their hearts are far from Me” **Matthew 15 : 7, 8.**

A lifestyle of and a heart for obedience to God and a desire to change from worldly to God-focussed are far more reliable signs of true worship than the present day over reliance and overemphasis on just singing and fancies. And so many pastors, preachers/teachers of the Word, encourage this error in understanding by not correcting it. They likely do not know, nor understand themselves what true worship is. A lie repeated often enough is easily believed. Cf Joseph Goebbels, Hitlers Minister of Propaganda. Note how the world was so easily played during covid to believe the most outrageous of blatant lies through constant repetition on every possible form of media, and

by silencing dissent, which turned out to be far more reliable than the bilge the ""authorities"" were dishing up.

This error re true worship affects how people understand Scripture and the meaning of obedience. They think singing loudly and emotionally, is worship and obedience....See **Romans 12 : 1** re true worship which equals true obedience.

There is a disconnect between accurate teaching and the response from the people in the pews, because many pastors don't train up disciples for works of obedience, thinking this is all the work of Jesus/ Holy Spirit, despite what the Word so clearly says they must facilitate (**Ephesians 4 : 11—16**); they entertain religious spectators as members because "church income" must not be challenged by the plain truth of Scripture in fear their income will be reduced. So many in the pews (and pulpits) do not go and DO the Word of God : they encourage the thinking that serving the congregation inside the 4 walls is ministry, "serving the Kingdom"---perhaps it is in a small way, but this is an errant theology that came from the early-ish Roman Catholic church which falsely equated the RC church with the Kingdom of God, so to serve the RCC was to serve the Kingdom of God. This thus negates the "As you are going about your DAILY lives..." (**Matthew 28 : 18--20**). So many pastors completely neglect to warn people that obedience wherever they are, especially as they go about their daily lives, TO MAKE DISCIPLES is called for, commanded, by God, and is to be obeyed.

Many preach a watered-down, "candyfloss" gospel that focuses on getting rich, staying comfortable, having a great life now, presenting a quick "fire ticket" to escape the world at the pre tribulation rapture (that delusionally comes before the tribulation), while completely ignoring Gods Divine call to personal holiness and taking the full Gospel to the lost souls around them, praying to God to cause the lost to be ready to hear, receive and bow the knee to Jesus unto salvation, and do good works of obedience to glorify His Name. Its just too much bother to do all this, it interferes with "my" life

Jesus' Definition of Love for Him :

Jesus gave us the simple truth : "If you love me, you will obey my commandments" (**John 14:15, 21, 23, (24)**). If you claim to love Jesus but keep living a lifestyle of greed, materialism, sexual sin, lying, gossip and compromise, neglect of studying the Word, and a blatant disinterest in and

disobedience to the commands of God, looking indistinguishable from the pagans, you are lying to yourself. You are lying to yourself.

True love for Jesus is measured by willing, selfless obedience, even when it costs you your popularity, your money, your friends...or your life. Yes, this sounds dreadfully uncomfortable to us cowardly weaklings in the western world, but God never sent His Son for us to be made comfortable. He sent Him to make us holy and to live righteously, in selfless obedience to Him, as He did towards the Father. This calls for hard discipline, training and even temporal punishment to get us back to where God wants us to be in Christ : like His Son in nature and character (image and likeness).

Matthew 10:37—39; and Matthew 16: 21, 24, 25; and 7: 13—27; John 8:31; Luke 14:25—27.

Your words are empty unless your life is one of genuine worshipful obedience to Jesus and bears the fruit of authenticity, obedience, supporting what you say. See **Philippians 2 : 5—8; Philippians 3 : 7--16**

What is true worship of Jesus Christ ?

“Awake, ye Christians, to your high calling: [Which is] **The measure of Christ’s surrender** for you and your salvation, let that be your study until you realize somewhat of its meaning, and then let your heart respond and say: **Nothing less, by the grace of God, shall be the measure of my surrender to the Person, and the service, of this Beloved Redeemer.**” (quoted in the “State of the Church” by Andrew Murray, chapter 2, 1912, now public domain e-book. My emphasis.)

See *inter alia* **Luke 6 : 46; Romans 12 : 1, 2; Philippians 2 : 5—8, 12--15 and 3 : 7—10, 12—16.** Clearly recorded herein for us is absolute surrender to Christ, living as a sacrifice unto Him for His will to be done: not perfectly, but wholeheartedly. As Carol Ward, an amazing woman of God says (paraphrased as I cannot recall the exact quote) : ‘when you are dead to self, satan has no hold on you; fear has no place to land.’

The RSA Church is currently the exact opposite of this : we are the recipient of Christ’s revealing statement as to the crowd in **Luke 6**, and as silent as the crowd before Elijah at Mount Carmel as Elijah challenged them to take a stand for God, so we stand as apostate cowards. **Be warned : Rev 21 : 6—8 (note verse 8 about the cowardly !!).**

God will not be mocked. You reap what you sow.... When Christian leaders and church members act like nothing is wrong, in smug self-righteousness, in the face of carnal, worldly dis-obedience to **Matthew 28 : 18—20** and **Ephesians 4 : 11-16** “professing Christians” reveal they are blind, at the least by neglect, but possibly more often deliberately, to Christ's call to obedience. The lack of response to the spiritual emergency around us in our time, proves their apostasy by their disinterest and / or defiance.

And here is the rub : hardly a pastor, denominational leader, elder/church leader is willing to accept God's call on the RSA Church's apostasy and stand up and call it out for what it is---that is so counter the status quo and the candyfloss message !! --- just like the priests of Israel and Judah when God was speaking to them by His prophets; nor accept this message because if they do so it will be admitting THEY are sub-par too, and their “teaching” and or “preaching” ministries and church leadership is not as full of Holy Spirit as they want to believe or fancifully imagine and talk about.

To accept the rebuke for cold disinterest, idolatry and apostasy from God, means, in their eyes, condemning themselves, AND one's colleagues in ministry and that is a step too far for un-surrendered, alleged servants followers of Christ. Too much to lose, so we rather allow deceit to run loose (and invite God's temporal judgment.) Are we not supposed to be people who stand for truth ? I have heard one (RSA) prophet (?) and one pastor from Benoni on youtube take this stand. There are also a few more who act outside of the local church. WHERE ARE the rest...? Eating candyfloss and handing it out for others to get sick from it. Jeremiah called out the false prophets of his day who did the same...

Pride is a very powerfully deceptive tool in satan's hands.

God's people, down the ages from early Israel, have strenuously resisted God's warnings and temporal judgement of their conduct, and mocked, rejected those that dared, DARED !!! to say so. (How wrong they are !!!) The exact dilemma the Pharisees faced, and failed in.

Is it not more important by far to be aligned with God than allow the flesh / one's self / acceptance by man to dictate what is “right and true” ? God says at **Isaiah 45 : 19** “I, the LORD, speak the truth. I declare what is right”; **Hebrews 4 : 12, 13; Rev 21 : 8**

God's desire is never just to punish us.

He is not malicious. His discipline of His sons and daughters is always redemptive, always intended to cause us to return to Him, to bring us back to Him, always redemptive, for He is our Creator Who created us to know Him and fellowship with Him, and He is our life, and **He longs to have an unrestricted-by-sin personal relationship with us. If we genuinely stop pretending fake Christianity is the real thing, and admit our faults and sin, and return to Him, He promises to completely forgive us, revive us again, and rebuild our broken nation. **Leviticus 26 : 1—13, 14—39, 40--45**; and **2 Chronicles 7 : 14** are just two of MANY Scriptures testifying to this.**

If the RSA Church does not turn back to God in repentance seeking Him first in priority in all things, His disciplinary corrections (see more clearly Part 8) may well turn into severe, temporal judgment that no one can ignore.

Ask Israel and Judah how that turned out for them. It was no slap on the wrist !!

Lets look at **Galatians 6 : 7, 8** and **Hebrews 12 : 5--13** again.

“Galatians 6 : 7-10

⁷“Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.”

Do not be deceived...who is the great and vile deceiver ? satan.

What is the deception ? That God can be fooled/conned/ derided/sneered at/treated with contempt/to turn up your nose at (mocked) and that God can be fooled with and taken lightly; that you can profess faith in Christ and live as you did before that with little to no change at all in your life and values (blatant hypocrisy); that because every sin has been paid for by Jesus on the Cross, no confession of, nor repentance from sin is necessary; that the Old Testament is of no relevance today having been totally replaced by the New Covenant.

What it means that “God cannot be mocked/sneered at” is that God has the full and final say (temporally and eternally), and He knows everything about all of every persons thoughts and attitudes, even those things no other person knows or is aware of including motives of the heart you might not be aware of, and we will answer to Him for our disdain of Him. You will not escape unpunished, no matter who you are. **“A man reaps what he sows”.**

So too, a congregation, a family, the Church of a town/city and even the national Church (RSA). That is how God has always worked with people : individuals to nations and all in between, especially regarding His people.

⁸Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap [a harvest of] destruction; whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. (⁹Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.”)

“Destruction” at Galatians 6 : 8 :

“Whoever sows to please their flesh, from the flesh will reap [a harvest of] destruction;” [Note : **Hebrews 12 : 5—13, especially verses 10 and 11**]... Paul was writing to the Church in Galatia, i.e. to Christians, warning them not to treat God with disdain (see verse 7 above). This is a Biblical principle, applicable to all. While God is patient and not every transgression is immediately disciplined, as His children, we best make sure we keep “short accounts” with Him, lest His patience with us runs thin and we incur His displeasure at lifestyle-ongoing neglect of obedience and dishonour of Him. (See below re : **Exodus 19 : 5, 6, 8; Exodus 24 : 3—8**—and notice the link between then, and you and Jesus : the sprinkled blood on the people and their affirmations of willing obedience to God; **1 Corinthians 10 : 1—12**)

In **Galatians verse 8** the Greek word used, *phtheiro*, (*phthoran*) means to **destroy** by corrupting, bringing about an inferior or worse state/condition; eg the effect of evil company upon the manners and behaviours of believers; and so also the effect of false doctrine upon the believer. It is also used of a local congregation being marred by the leading of it away from that condition of holiness of life and purity of doctrine which should be its characteristic. This *i. a.* refers to the effects of false prophets, false apostles and false teachers upon believers who follow their heresies. This decay is not only or mostly just spiritual-moral decay but also physical decay. Cf **1 Corinthians 11 : 26—29, 30—32, and now look again at verse 30. The same principle is at work here.**

We simply cannot escape, or obtusely hide from the clear theological implication of **1 Corinthians 10 : 1—12**, which was infallibly applied by the apostle Paul under the inspiration of Holy Spirit to warn Christian believers not to mock God, not to moan and complain, not to take for granted they are safe from disdaining God in attitude and conduct of blatant defiance and disobedience simply because they had made

some form of a verbal commitment to honour and obey God----just as ancient Israel had done **Exodus 19 : 3—8; Exodus 24 : 3--7.**

God does NOT play games and give false warnings, for God does not lie, nor is He frivolous nor insincere. One might be tempted here to interject, saying that 'They were not saved, then', but the question is returned to you thus : how do YOU know that YOU are saved ? See **Luke 6 : 46; John 14 : 15, 21, 23 , 24; John 15 : 1—10 and 2 Corinthians 13 : 5.....**and its not by a mere prayer that slips over your lips. Did you mean it with all your heart, or were you holding back from God, just looking for "fire insurance" but still wanting your "best life now" ? **"A man reaps what he sows"**.

Are you sowing to the flesh by neglecting and or refusing to obey God in all things especially cultivating holiness after God in Christ, refusing/failing to pray the LORD of the harvest to thrust out harvesters into the ripe harvest fields, nor making disciples of the saved of all the nations, teaching them to obey all God has commanded you/us ?

What about fulfilling your calling as a royal priest of God and serving Him as a living sacrifice ? Be reminded by **Exodus 19 : 3—8; Exodus 24 : 3—7**, for when you came to faith in Christ, the obvious and logical implication, perhaps even spoken by you, was that you would honour and obey God in all things; having stepped out from being a lifestyle sinner (satans domain) to a child of God, brought by Him into the Kingdom of the Son He loves means EXACTLY that you will honestly and sacrificially seek to do all God has commanded FIRST.

Matthew 6 : 33 tells us if we seek God and His Kingdom and His righteousness FIRST in priority of life and conduct, He will provide everything we need, for He is a faithful Father Who honours those who honour Him. This provokes the question : what is the RSA Church actually seeking then, seeing the country is in such a disastrous mess and decay in every facet of life ?

..."whoever sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life." **Matthew 6 : 33; John 10 : 10(b); Ephesians 1 : 3 and 2 Corinthians 5 : 17** indicate that the new, born again/born from above life has a great many blessings that can be and are experienced in this lifetime, for those who are truly born again and honour God. Aspects of eternal life are now experiences; now facts. The greatest is likely truly knowing God personally again and this can be deeply intimate (see the Greek word "epignosis"---a deeply intimate, personal experience of God, and **John 14 : 23**).

One thing that is extremely clear in Scripture is there are consequences for deliberate, ongoing, unrepented of sin of every kind --- sin is disobedience to God. It is all over the Old Testament. It is in the New Testament too : **Acts 5 : 1—11**, Ananias and Saphira when they lied about the money they were giving to

the Church for the needs of the poor, God struck them dead immediately. Yes. New Testament. Take note.....

Look also at **1 Corinthians 11 : 22--32** in connection with the refusal to honour Christ in the celebration of communion. (Read these verses VERY carefully. Allow Holy Spirit to speak to you.) Note Paul says at **verse 23** "For I received from the LORD what I also passed on to you",...**see verse 26** : it speaks of faith in Jesus Christ for Who He is and what He has done, and why, and therefore the need for obedience to Him. That is all contained in verse 26. Now with this in mind consider **verses 27—32, especially**.

1 Corinthians 11:27—32: [The layout and some content is AI---checked for accuracy. Extra comments/underlining mine.]

1. **"Examine", verse 28**

- **Greek Word:** δοκιμάζω (*dokimazō*)
- **Meaning/Context (v. 28):** To test, scrutinize, or examine oneself to ensure one is fit or genuine.... It carries the idea of an honest self-assessment rather than self-condemnation. [It refers also to unrepented of sin.]

2. **"Judgement", verse 29 (First occurrence)**

- **Greek Word:** κρίμα (*krima*)
- **Meaning/Context (v. 29):** A decree, sentence, or legal decision [in this instance see below re Divine verdict]. Eating and drinking like this, but without recognizing the body of Christ brings a divine verdict or consequence upon oneself. [Eating without recognising the Body of Christ (disdaining Christ Himself) includes deliberate unrepented of sin, or a negligently/casually repeated sin habit that is not dealt with but is kept like a pet, is equally demeaning to God. See **1 Samuel 2 : 30; Leviticus 26 : 14 ff**. See **John 5:14** ("Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you") and **John 8:11** ("Go and sin no more"). So, judge yourself re your own sin/ask Holy Spirit if there is anything unknown to you He wants you to confess and get rid of.]

3. **"Judged", verse 31**

- **Greek Word:** διακρίνω (*diakrinō*)
- **Meaning/Context (v. 31):** To evaluate, discern, or properly judge. Paul notes that if we truly evaluated and corrected ourselves (diakrinō), we would not come under divine judgment (krinō). [See point two above.]

4. **"Judgement", verse 31 (Second occurrence)**

- **Greek Word:** κρίσις (*krisis*) or κρίμα (*krima*) / Verb form κρίνω (*krinō*)
 - **Meaning/Context (v. 31–32):** Refers to the judicial act or process of passing judgment. In verse 32 (*krinomenoi*), **it refers to God's evaluation of believers in the present time** [i.e. temporally; it could also lead to eternal judgment].
5. **“Disciplined”, verse 32 [PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION HERE and below....]**
- **Greek Word:** παιδεύω (*paideuō*)
 - **Meaning/Context (v. 32):** *Paideuo* comes from the Greek word *pais* = *child* and suggests the broad idea of education. It means to train children, teach/be taught, correct, instruct. The verb is used of family discipline as in **Hebrews 12 : 6, 7, 10. Hebrews 12 : 6, 7** says this : “...the LORD DISCIPLINES those He loves and he PUNISHES everyone He accepts as a son” [NOTE : PUNISHES...see Vine below]...” For what son is not disciplined by His father.” **Hebrews 12 : 10** says this : ...”God **disciplines** us for our good, [so] that [purpose of God] **we may share in His holiness.**” See the love of God in this : so we may know we are His sons, and if we submit and receive His discipline we will come to share in His holiness and reap a harvest of righteousness and peace. **Hebrews 12 : 10, 11**
 - **W.E Vine**, in Expository Dictionary of Bible Words (Marshall Morgan and Scott) page 264, explains re: **1 Timothy 1 : 20** “might be taught”/ “to be taught” (*paideuo*=to train children ; [1.] where the apostle Paul hands over Hymenaeus and Alexander to satan) : “...however the passage [1 Tim 1:20] is to be understood, it is clear that **NOT** the impartation of knowledge **but severe discipline is intended.** [2.] In **Luke 23 ; 16, 22**, Pilate, since he had [already] declared the LORD guiltless of the charge brought against Him, and hence could not punish Him, weakly offered as a concession to the Jews, to “chastise, *paideuo* Him, and let Him go.” This sense of *paideuo* is confirmed by **Hebrews 12 : 6** where it is joined (in a quotation from the Septuagint [Greek OT] of proverbs 3 : 12) with **to lash or scourge.**”

Note what God said about Eli the priest at Shiloh, and what happened to him and his sons, also priests at **1 Samuel 2 : 12—36---4 : 22. Ezekiel 34 : 1—10.**

The **Luke 23** passage above tells us that if such a discipline was so laid upon our LORD and Saviour for our sin---a severe discipline which left Him a mangled mess of lacerated flesh, let us not allow satan to cleverly deceive us when we profess we are saved by faith, therefore it will not so befall us for unrepented-of, repeated, deliberate / negligently repeated sin and disinterest in and demeaning of God that dishonours Him by treating Him as inconsequential (all sin Christ was punished for, take note), because paideuo now suddenly means something else far less.

Vine (supra) pg 183 A : in dealing here with *paideuo* which had the primary idea of teaching/educating children, it means “**by chastening by the infliction of evils and calamities**, **1 Cor 11 : 32** [see **1 Corinthians 11 : 26—32**]; **2 Cor 6 : 9**; **Hebr 12 : 6, 7, 10**; **Rev 3 : 19**. The verb also has the meaning **to chastise with blows, to scourge**” [as in Jesus case under Pilate].

6. Condemned

- **Greek Word:** κατακρίνω (*katakrinō*)
- **Meaning/Context (v. 32):** To pronounce ultimate sentence against, or condemn; adjudge to punishment whether temporal or eternal. Paul is saying that God’s judgement of believers for their sins is His loving discipline to correct the believer, seeking to cause them to return to a right and proper relationship with Himself, **so that we will not have to face, but will escape, the final penal condemnation** reserved for the world. It is ENTIRELY for our good. It may be brutal even (consider Israel under the brutality from Assyria, and Judah from Babylon). It’s for our extreme GOOD that we escape eternal condemnation for our sins---**for those who have been trained by it. Hebrews 12 : 10, 11.** God is willing to **gravely hurt us through discipline, “by chastening by the infliction of evils and calamities”** for our good and His glory if that is what it must take for our salvation and sanctification, for **HIS GLORY.**

Contra : for those who reject God’s discipline and/ or take offence at God for it, there is a terrifying prospect that looms before them,

lest they truly repent. Only those with the heart for God and openness to His Spirit will discern His training....but : it is written and if we were sensitive to our sin, satan would not deceive us here. **Jeremiah 8 : 1—13; Jeremiah 6 : 13—19**

God's love is not candyfloss nonsense. It is robust, strong, pure and utterly faithful. Would He Who knows all things, not be showing His great and faithful love to and for you if He inflicts great pain upon you to cause you to return from serious apostasy to Him in Spirit and Truth, and be saved; would it be great and Divine faithful love to simply ignore you, casting you aside unto hell ? Effectively leave and forsake you, which He swore never to do ? Is THAT your loving and faithful God, Who is Perfect loving Father ?

The God of the Bible, unpalatable as it may seem to modern, western, candyfloss, excuse-making Christians who hide indoors as much as they can, is not a tame little concept. He is Mighty God, Who roars from heaven like a great wind and rushing waters, from Whose Presence even the stars and galaxies flee : yet he calls His own to come rushing boldly into His Presence as a beloved child.

What would you prefer Him to do if your salvation became a knife edge issue ?

Would you not urgently cry out for salvation no matter the pain, no matter what it takes to ensure you spend eternity with Him ? Or would you prefer Him to ignore you and shrug His shoulders though He full well could have done something to save you ?

Conforming you to the image and likeness of Jesus His Son is more important to Him, and for you, than to be turned away by petty whinings and pain. THIS is part of His faithfulness to those who love Him and are the called according to His good pleasure.

Think : what did He do to His Son, with Whom He is well pleased and Who did not deserve any such treatment as He got from the Father on the Cross, on your and my behalf, to open the door for our salvation and indwelling by His Holy Spirit ? OH !!! How the modern Church has become infected with weakness of mind, soul and spirit !!! How well satan has wrought his insidious evil in our midst !!!

Just because you and I have not been struck down for our sin, does not mean God does not see it, or winks at sin. He is patient. He institutes corrective discipline at lower levels first (I speak from over a decade of personal

experience... I knew it was God speaking to me from the beginning, but in arrogance I carried on...and then when God had had enough, it became very, very painful : but He had my full attention !!)---but then you probably thought it was just satan getting at you. Sometimes it is, but not at all always. This is a deception satan would love us to be fooled by : if we were deceived into believing satan alone is always the root cause of all our troubles in this life, we will miss God's loving, corrective discipline, and could well be in potential danger of ultimate condemnation which is reserved for unbelievers, for we would have disdained God's (unrecognised) hand of loving, gracious, even painful discipline in correction, attributing it to satan. It is true that God uses/allows satan to bring His discipline to pass, by withholding His hand of protection, blessing, abundance, peace in soul and life and family, nation etc, but its not always **just satan** getting at you. Do not be deceived. Often it is Gods hand of discipline that allows satan room to move in and inflict you. Sin invites the presence of evil (for sin is evil), but God restrains satan until God decides.

Be discerning. Study God's Word and be much in prayer, and obedience, so that you may understand what is going on in/through, even to, your life.

So lets look at **Leviticus 26** again :

Pay close attention to **verses 1—13**. For **careful, worshipful obedience**---great, marvellous blessing and God's manifest (Personal) Presence.

Now, pay close attention to **verses 14—46**. For **disobedience** the increasingly hard, even brutal Hand of God against us, to bring us to our senses [**see verse 41**]. But arrogance and wrong theology kills.....there are disastrous consequences to ongoing, arrogant, unrepented-of sin....However, if/when His people repent and confess their sin against Him, God is gracious, merciful, lovingly faithful to restore us to Him and bring blessing to us again.

2 Chronicles 7 : 14

Galatians 6 : 7, 8

Matthew 5 : 13

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, call on your cell groups, all different church groups, local churches in the area where you minister or live to join you in applying **2 Chronicles 7 : 14** weekly/bi-weekly/monthly in deep heartfelt personal repentance, and repentance on behalf of those who have gone

before us in the faith for their contributions to the powerlessness of the RSA Church, and the seeking of God's Presence for His glory sake, for our transformational revival and for a HUGE spiritual awakening amongst the lost; and go forth to honour and obey God in certain trust, for He has given us His infallible Word : **"It is written..."**.

2 Chronicles 7 : 14 sets out the Divine principles that God expects to be applied by those repenting from their disobedience towards Him, their disinterest in Him, idolatry by arrogance against Him and thereby, their apostacy. Dear Reader, THIS is where you start, and keep going.....

Why not watch this short video :

<https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1bJfescp95/>

Don't you desire to experience God like the Moravians did ?

You can.

Why not call fellow Christians together to pray once a week, on any given night together for revival of God's people and a HUGE spiritual awakening amongst the lost; and 2 to 3 other times a week from your separate homes as arranged in the group for the same purpose.

2 Chronicles 7 : 14 is a beautiful Scripture to immerse yourself in. See **Daniel 9 : 1—19** for the kind of things to pray about (just a guide, but VERY helpful.)

Encourage those in your group to do likewise and call a group together, and to encourage those joining them to do likewise....soon our city, province, nation could be vibrantly raising up voice to our LORD with fervent prayers for revival on every night / day of the week....

If you and I take this seriously, can you imagine the difference it would make in your life, your family's life, your neighbourhood, town, suburb, city, and our nation ?

Send the link to the Urgent Letter to the RSA Church, including this video and message, far and wide across our land (and keep doing that for a couple of months to spread this call and hope we have in Christ), and start praying.

Pray for God to raise up men, women, boys and girls to pray for revival and for Him to visit us /visit them / visit our nation with a long lasting, incredible transformational revival of the RSA Church and massively massive spiritual awakening amongst the lost.

Share the link to the Urgent Letter to the RSA Church with family, friends, all across the country.

Discuss this entire Letter in its different parts in your cell group / Bible study / whatever church groups you are in. Let GOD by His Spirit speak to you from His Word.

Pray honestly, fervently for transformational revival in your congregation, suburb, town/city/province/nation, for when God reveals His Presence in manifest glory, no leg can stand, no voice can speak just like the priests in the tabernacle when God came down upon them, but wail for our sin in repentance, on our faces, until, when He is done with us, when He has purified us from our sin(s) we stand revived and in exceeding rejoicing go forth to show our love for Him through prayer, obedience, love for others/the lost and selfless humble ministry unto Him, for HIS glory alone.

This Letter to the RSA Church is an urgent call for her to return to her LORD in humility, confession, and repentance unto obedience in measure not yet expressed in and through our lives before, to glorify His Holy Name, and for all our good, even the entire country.

Part 7 of this Letter to the RSA Church (**The Grace of God is Not a License to Continue to Live in Rebellion Against Him : Older Testament Lessons for the Newer Testament**) follows next week, God willing.

The previous Parts to this Urgent Letter to the RSA Church can be accessed at :

www.pechurchnet.co.za/media/letter-to-rsa-church.php.

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