An Urgent Letter :

To the Church of Jesus Christ in South Africa

(This Part, Part 9, concludes this **Urgent Letter to the RSA Church**, follows Part 8, posted last week.)

9. "Return to me and I will return to you"

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 (in broad brush strokes) plus a bit sometimes, as I have been led. Broad brush strokes are not only 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….and keep short confession accounts with God.

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

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

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.

9. "Return to me and I will return to you"

God speaks to His backslidden people and calls and invites His people in faithful love, grace and mercy to return to Him---repentance is essential and is a big part of turning back to God---with a massive Divine promise attached : "….**and I will return to you".** There had been a separation from God by the people who claimed Him as LORD God Almighty. Idolatry in all its forms led to apostacy. They had forsaken their first Love and run after idols and false "gods" and were smug in their self-appraised spirituality.

Despite this, God in His immeasurable grace, utter trustworthiness and rampant faithfulness longed for a love relationship with His apostacised people, and humbling Himself, called them back to Him, promising that if they returned to Him (repented and retraced their steps back to Him from where they left Him, and started again with Him) He would return to them (receive them, and accept them again, starting over with them). There is the image of mutual returning to each other, but we must not take this too far. **WE RETURN to God**. Like the Father of the prodigal son, He runs to receive us….but that is metaphorical expression for His longing for us, His willingness to receive us again, and His joy at our return. And yet, there is the image of the Father running to receive prodigal us. **WARNING** : let this not be taken too far to engender entitlement as so many seem to have towards God, as it is very, very dangerous. We are sought after and received by Father by grace, upon our repentence and commitment to Him, and Him alone. Cf **Eph 2 : 1—10.**

<u>Zechariah 1 : 3 and Malachi 3 : 6, 7,</u> where God calls wayward people to turn back from disobedience and restore their relationship with Him

Zecharia 1 :3

"A Call to Return to the Lord

1 In the eighth month of the second year of Darius, the word of the Lord came to the prophet Zechariah son of Berekiah, the son of Iddo:

[2] "The Lord was very angry with your ancestors. [= Fathers. NOT like African "ancestors" who are "human" spirits { actually demons keeping them in bondage}. This use here means predecessors/fathers, people who had lived before us and given us heritage (good or bad).] [3] **Therefore tell the people: This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'Return to me,' declares the Lord Almighty, 'and I will return to you,' says the Lord Almighty.** [4] Do not be like your ancestors, to whom the earlier prophets proclaimed: This is what the Lord Almighty says: 'Turn from your evil ways and your evil practices.' But they would not listen or pay attention to me, declares the Lord. [5] Where are your ancestors now? And the prophets, do they live forever? [6] But **did not my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, overtake your ancestors?**

"Then they repented and said, 'The Lord Almighty has done to us what our ways and practices deserve, just as he determined to do.'"

"*return* to Me and I will *return* to you" : "return" in the Hebrew (**Strongs 7725)** has the following meanings, all relevant : "turn back" [retreat from where you currently are to where you should be]; "return to the starting point" [rekindle your faith and obedience]; "come back (to Me)" [you have wandered away], **"and I will return to you"** means God will receive them back as His people and start again with them, i.e. that He will do as He is calling them to do.

Malachi 3 : 7 :

"Ever since the time of your ancestors [= fathers] **you have turned away / from my decrees / and have not kept them**. **Return to me, and I will return to you**," says the Lord Almighty.

"you have turned away" (**Strongs 5493**) : "departed" [left Me and gone elsewhere]; "turned aside/away from Me"; "withdrawn" [from where you were with Me];

"from My statutes" (**Strongs 2706**) : "commandments/decrees"= My revealed preceptual Self revelation of My nature and Character that you are to follow, appropriate and express in and through your lives;

"and have not kept them (**Strongs 8104**) [My statutes] : "have not guarded them"; "have not heeded them"; i.e. have ignored them;

"Return to me, and I will return to you"; as for **Zecharia 1 : 3** above.

How many times must God call us back to Him before we hear and obey Him ?

How many times will we be brash, stupid, defiant against God : when He says we are apostacised, we ARE APOSTACISED ! God is all knowing, in case you did not know, and His Word cuts to the quick **Hebrews 4 : 12, 13.** Nothing, nothing at all, is hidden from Him, so when God says we are apostacised and graciously, tenderly, mercifully calls us back to HIM, for our great good, only a really stupid fool will stand and argue with God, trying to justify his life before God out of arrogant pride and dumb-headed fearlessness of God.

How do we know the RSA Church has seriously compromised its faith in Christ / apostacised ?

The Word of God : **2 Timothy 3 : 16, 17 and Hebrews 4 : 12, 13, Galatians 6 : 7, 8 and 1 and 2 Kings, and Leviticus 26 and Haggai, and Malachi and 2 Chronicles 7 : 14….and many more Scripture references.** ALL testify against us. IF we would but look at the decayed, destroyed physical, economic and moral state of our country and at the violent deceitful and incompetent leaders that govern us, we would see it; but laziness, apathy, pride and arrogance has the RSA Church captive…..

The **Prophet Ezekiel** gives us a checklist of a dying faith society (/church) that sadly describes the modern South African Church (**Ezekiel 22**) and also echoes **Leviticus 26 : 14—39 and 1 and 2 Kings** near exactly :

- Violent crime and senseless killings fill the land, and fear everywhere.
- People are obsessed with false spiritualities, occult practices, and witchcraft.
- God is profaned (to profane means to treat something sacred i.e. God, with great disrespect) and despised
- Sexual immorality of every kind of perversion is rife
- The poor and vulnerable are taken advantage of by greedy corporations, politicians and fake "pastors/apostles/bishops" after money and riches and power

Ezekiel points out **three groups** that failed Israel and nation:

1. **The Prophets:** Who use God's name just to make money and get worldly power **(Ezekiel 22:25),** while lying and prophesying "Peace ! Peace ! when

there is no peace", **Jeremiah 6 : 13—19, Ezekiel 22 : 28;** and they whitewash/downplay sin, lying that sin is not SO bad….

2. **The Priests:** They had the responsibility to live out the full counsel of God, and to teach the people accurately the full counsel of God. Today this is the role of pastors-teachers in particular. "They do violence to My Law", (what a terrifying indictment !!!) refusing/neglecting or being ignorant of the truth about sin (**Ezekiel 22:26**), preaching false "gospels" of cheap grace and easy, comfortable lives.
3. **The Princes/Officials:** Those in any form of power in business and / or governance, including in the RSA Church, who act like greedy wolves, stealing money and destroying the country for personal gain (**Ezekiel 22:27**).

STUDY **Ezekiel 22, 23**. And take note, carefully what God has to say about those who commit spiritual adultery against Him.

Two sisters are illustrative, metaphorically, of the RSA Church :

Oholah can be equated to the Dutch Reformed Church especially (**23:5ff**) and the rest of the RSA Church under the National Party. (The Dutch Reformed Church (NGK) in South Africa is experiencing significant declining membership and severe internal friction over theological disputes, including the ordination of LGBTQ+ clergy and the recognition of same-sex unions. It is disintegrating, just as it allowed itself to disintegrate the lives of millions by allowing itself to be used to support apartheid. See the prophet **Obadiah** !!! Take warning….)

Oholibah---who saw what happened to her sister Oholah---- is representative of the rest of the RSA Church denominations and independent churches in RSA, (prior to and particularly post 1994), who very quickly forgot how God answered prayer for peace when the Inkhatha Freedom Party (Zulu) was on the verge of a massive attack to wrest power for itself and plunge the country into bloody civil war; and who did not learn the lesson of consecration to Christ and ran also after the things of this sinful world instead of taking advantage of the great peace and good will that prevailed just after the 1994 elections to energetically get the Gospel out to so many who had been closed off to it up to then, and thus consequently is being even more abused by her vile, godless lovers in the world for this refusal/failure : (**Ezekiel 23: 11--21**). See from **Ezekiel 23 : 22** onwards what God has to say to her, **Oholibah**, the metaphor holding for the rest of RSA church, especially since 1994. (**Verses 22, 28—35 :** take careful note what is said here. "Those you turned away from in disgust…" I see here a definite reference in our context to the black races, how they were seen and demeaned. ALL sectors of the RSA Church turned away from each

other in disgust because of racial prejudices and anger. In particular the white church sector of the RSA Church could most definitely done much, much, more to aid, assist and comfort our "non-white" brethren during and since apartheid, but apart from a small handful, we ignore the plight of the township churches….after all they voted for anc….

Let us carefully note, ALL CHRISTIANS, of all demographic churches making up one body of Christ in RSA, have also sinned against God through and since apartheid by not forgiving each other as we ought, nor seeking forgiveness as we ought, and we all need to repent before God; forgive and repent to each other as a family makes right with itself for sins committed against each other, in the very Presence and sight of God our Father.

And this will call for action from the ground up to denominational leadership : however this kind of family accountability is sadly absent. Pride. Ongoing racial offences taken. Laziness. Thinking time erases sin… IT DOES NOT !!! Confession and true repentance is the only way to cover sin under the blood of Jesus.

Beware, RSA Church : **YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW !!** Failure to forgive invites God's refusal to forgive us and He hands the unforgiving over to the torturors **(Matthew 6 : 14, 15;** see also **Matthew 18 : 21—35 paying particular attention to vss 33-35;** see also **2 Corinthians 12 : 7)**…..forgiveness brings Gods blessing. See **Psalm 133**. Hence here is one reason the RSA Church suffers such apathy, comfort and idolatry : refusing to seek instead the hard work of spiritual honesty. This flows to what follows.

The prophet Elijah (**1 Kings 17 ff**) was given by God to proclaim prophetically a drought (of rain and dew and thus bring in a famine) for "the next few years" to Ahab. This was for Ahab's, Jezebel's and the people's sin against God. A great drought and famine breaks out and the people are suffering badly. The people want rain. Their focus is on getting rain and food. **Their greatest perceived need** is worldy/ earthly.

God's focus is different. Its getting His people back again, getting them away from idolatry and apostacy : getting them to repent and return to Him.

1 Kings 18 : 16--18, Elijah tells Ahab exactly why Israel is under such intense drought and famine.

Then comes the Mount Carmel event. Several telling things happen there.

Verse 21 is chilling for me. It, in its own way, shouts the RSA Churches disdain for God and exposes our sense of entitlement and self sufficiency in our smug arrogant estimation of our spiritual prowess and standing :

"[21] Elijah went before the people and said, "How long will you waver between two opinions? **If the Lord is God, follow him; but if Ba'al is God, follow him."**

"But the people said nothing."

Like Ba'al, the world beckons with cunning fingers and deceptive words that promise fulfilment and self promotion and materialistic prosperity, and political solutions, and many of professed faith in Christ prostitute themselves to the world, from pulpit to pew, but, like Ba'al, delivers ultimately, chains of bondage that lead to destruction, and death---- only breakable by God. **1 John 2 : 15--17**

The people gathered at Mount Carmel expecting Elijah to bring the rain they so badly wanted, being utterly CLUELESS as to why they were in this parlous state they were in. One can see that by their answer in **verse 21**.

We know what happens---if you do not go and read it. The people repent at the mighty show of power By God at the prayer of Elijah, and they turn on the prophets of Ba'al and prophetesses of Asherah, and slay them all. Repentance.

Thereafter Elijah prays for rain and God grants it. His people had returned to Him. They thought they needed rain. They needed to return to God, the God of all provision, of rain and crops and bounty and life and protection---see **Leviticus 26 : 1—13**; **14—39; 40—45. "Return to Me, and I will return to you…"**

The above is a reflection of this present age of Church in RSA, from the ancient past, recorded in Scripture for us who live today.

Now look carefully at what **Jesus, the Risen LORD**, has to say to various Churches in **Revelation 2 and 3**, which represent churches in all their varied reflections down the ages of their relationship with God in Christ. Every one can be found in today's life, and every one has been represented over the millenia in the different generations they lived. So is every one currently represented in RSA.

Jesus sure pulled no punches and did not offer candy floss apologetic wink-wink nudges in case He annoyed the godless and Churchianity world. He was

authoritatively loving and caring as one expects Him to be, and as totally straight in truth as always. And so He speaks to the RSA Church, today : no punches pulled for that benefits no-one.
Do not miss His straight and Divinely authoritative truth-revealing comments to the churches below.

(BTW there is some confusion re what the Lampstand is in the midst of the churches. I know the different arguments. My honest understanding is Jesus refers to the removal of His Active Presence from their midst : ICHABOD…the Spirit of God will be departed---and how many RSA Churches are not already empty of the active Presence of Holy Spirit, and do not even know it despite having external, carnal trappings of ""successful religiosity"" …)

Rev 2 : 4, 5 : "Yet [despite this] I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love [for Me] you had at first. [Church life and worship had degenerated into a "churchianity" and His commands, *inter alia*, to reach the lost and make disciples of them, teaching them to obey all Christ has commanded us to obey, were being ignored; but the people prided themselves on their faith---which should lead to obedience--- and that refusal to love the LORD is not love for Jesus, but spiritual treason.] **Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and *do the things you did at first*. If you do not repent, I [JESUS] will come to you and *remove your lampstand from its place."***

Rev 2 : 12—16 "[12] "To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. [See **Hebrews 4 : 12, 13]** **[13] I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.**

[14] Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. [15] Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans. [16] *Repent therefore*! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them [those who hold e.g. to anti Israel attitudes and behaviour and those who hold to other false/heretical teachings--- think *i.a.* the "health wealth and prosperity" cult] ***with the sword of my mouth*."**
(see Ephesians 6 : 17 and Hebrews 4 : 12, 13)

Rev 2 : 18—23 : "[18] "To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. [19] I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

[20] Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate [allow] that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality [inter alia, today, the homosexual alphabet people and those allowing practicing, homosexuals in ministry] **and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. [21] I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. [22] So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. [23] *I will strike her children dead.* Then all the churches will know that I am He who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds." [You still think Jesus messes around with idolatrous, unrepented-of sin. Any sin …. ???]**

Rev 3 : 1—6 : 1. "To the angel[a] of the church in Sardis write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven spirits[b] of God and the seven stars. I know your deeds; you have a reputation of being alive, but you are dead. [2] Wake up! Strengthen what remains and is about to die, for I have found your deeds unfinished in the sight of my God. [3] Remember, therefore, what you have received and heard; hold it fast, and repent. But if you do not wake up, I will come like a thief, and you will not know at what time I will come to you. [in judgement]." [RSA Church there have been a number of people calling upon you to "WAKE UP !!!", but it seems as if sinful slumber suits you better. You shall reap…..exactly as you sow.]

Rev 3 : 14—21 : [14] "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. [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 [you are useless, unfit for task, like the people who Elijah asked a critical question: see above]—**I am about to spit you out of my mouth.** [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*.** [RSA Church : EXACTLY THE OPPOSITE to what you say about yourself !!!---says the LORD JESUS CHRIST.][18] **I [Jesus] 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 [sinfulness, take note]; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.** [The refined gold; the spiritual sight; and white clothes indicate rewards in some form for obedience in loving, faithful, selfless, humility.]

[19] **Those *whom I love* I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest and repent.** [Hebrews 12 : 5—13---when you repent of the cause for discipline/flogging/calamities, you will reap a harvest of righteousness and holiness !! See also Galatians 6 : 7, 8].

[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.** [Notice this is Jesus standing outside THE CHURCH.....and knocking TO COME IN !!! Why is He outside the Church in the first place RSA Church ???!! See what He says re obedience equalling love for Him at John 14 : 15, 21, 23 (24).]

Conclusion

The Challenge to the RSA Church : God's Call to return to Him

God says in His indictment in **Ezekiel 22**, these haunting words:

"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before Me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it [i.e. in prayer], **but I found no one. So I will pour out My wrath on them and consume them in My fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign LORD.." — Ezekiel 22:30-31 and Obadiah** (see especially verse 15).

God is not looking for a new political coalition. He is not looking for an economic policy. God is looking at the South African Church right now—at your

high school, your university, your local church, your home, even your bedroom —searching for people who will stop playing games, and fight for this country on their knees through fasting, holy living, and radical prayer and radical obedience. **2 Chronicles 7:14; Daniel 9: 1—19; Galatians 6 : 7, 8**

If the RSA Church refuses to answer God's most gracious and merciful call, the Church---and country too---will face God's great displeasure under His temporal wrath at the idolatrous apostacy of His people : the RSA Church. It is a terrifying, bloody prospect…look what He did to Israel and Judah when they defiantly refused Him and His prophets; and as it is, blood runs freely in South Africa from abortion clinics to gratuitous violence and a high daily rate of murder, from townships to farms to upmarket suburbs, to carnage on our roads…..**Gal 6 : 7, 8 : you reap what you sow….**

The choice is entirely ours, RSA Church.

There are currently but a few, a small handful of truly consecrated believers, a thankfully growing handful of prayer warriors around the country who see this and realise that unless the RSA Church puts **2 Chronicles 7 : 14**, or at least the spirit thereof into regular, faithful, expectant prayer, we can be expectant of God's increasing measure of discipline becoming temporal judgment upon us, the RSA Church.

That South Africa still exists as a recognisable country and has not been flushed down into a pit latrine of a 3rd world country is testimony to God's amazing grace and mercy to His people, waiting for His people to hear Him, and respond to Him as He calls for. Sadly it is only a few who do. The rest, from pulpit to pew, turn a deaf ear to the call to forsake their fleshly comfort. But only a few is not satisfying to God. He is waiting for a much larger portion--- the greater portion of His people (**Joel 2: 12ff—27)** to truly wake up and begin to consistently call upon His name in contrite (crushed / broken) repentance : turning away from our wicked ways, back to God and His holiness.

What most South Africans are not aware of, hidden behind the walls of government departments of what was once an amazingly well administered and governed and maintained country---irrespective of the ills of the government policies at the time---now, from lowest government and municipal offices to the top offices in the country---the incompetence and utter confusion is like a lunatic asylum. The staggering degree of utter incompetence, ignorance, breaking / ignoring / making up/breaking own rules etc, corruption, theft, decay, confusion, laziness, ideological lunacy, defiance to lawful work

authority and systematic destruction, not to mention the scavenger depredations of the trade unions with their obstructionist and destructionist conduct---leaves one wondering out loud if all this is not deliberately intended.

Well, it is.

The destruction is indeed deliberately intended. It is not merely by political ignorance and incompetence. Scripture reveals this to us, and I have attempted to enlighten upon this through the different Parts of this Letter.

The whole tenor of this **Urgent Letter to the RSA Church** has expounded this idea many times :

God is trying, through the enemy that is undisciplined, corrupt, incompetent and violent, ruled by evil spirits that He, God, has brought to rule over the country in an attempt to get His people, the RSA Church, to pay attention to HIM, return to Him, and to see the huge contradistinction between what once was (imperfect as it was, it was a <u>well administered and governed country</u>), and what is now, that stares us in the face and shreds car tyres in every suburb and on every road…except it appears (so it is said) in Umtata….

<u>Where are the rest of His people</u> who call on His Name, who make a great voice at "serving" God, "loving" God and being "SO filled" with the Holy Spirit? They are, for the most part indistinguishable from the pagans running this country, being either unsaved, or completely undisciplined and undiscipled, or badly backslidden in idolatrous self-absorption---i.e. apostate.

<u>Where are the pastors and church leaders</u> who are supposed to be leading the congregations entrusted to them to lead them into obedience to the will, ways and purposes of God, and through Godly and prophetic teaching interpret the times we are in so that the people may prepare themselves for great, contrite repentance unto God, and transformational revival ? Why has this not already happened across the length and breadth of the land ? 40 years apartheid ruled….32 years of spiritual discipline consequences experienced by the Church and the country, too, for the failures of the RSA Church---extending way back before apartheid.

God is calling the RSA Church back to Him in deep repentance and contrition for all sin. He has promised to hear us when we so humble ourselves before Him, and to forgive our sin, and to heal our land. **"Return to Me and I will return to you…"**

Study ! STUDY **Leviticus 26, all of it**. It was given to Moses at the tent of Meeting in the desert with, and as, part of the Law of God. It is not a "by the way" casual hint. It is a very deep and serious warning from Holy God regarding His refusal to accept continually being dishonoured by His people, in our case, today, the RSA Church.

Study ! STUDY **Galatians 6 : 7, 8, and Hebrews 12 : 5—13. Lev 26** is Old Testament and **Gal 6 and Hebr 12** New Testament. **All** speak to the normal state for those who truly follow and are careful to honour God through loving, faith-filled obedience. All speak exactly to the Divinely revealed principle of reaping and sowing….***you reap what you sow***.

Study ! STUDY **Hebrews 12 : 5--13**. The discipline of God over the RSA Church apostasy is out of His great love, grace and mercy, with the Divine purpose that those who are trained by His discipline i.e. do not fight against God, moan, grumble and mutter against Him, but submit to Him, thanking Him for His goodness at disciplining us for our good; praying for our enemies, such will produce a harvest of righteousness and develop more into the holiness we are already in Christ, which must develop in us through obedience. We MUST cease just looking at the surface of life !!

See **John 14: 15, 21, 23 (24).**

If we, the RSA Church, honour God, we have an expectation :

Leviticus 26 : 40—46 and 1--13 ; 2 Chronicles 7 : 14; Hebrews 12 : 10, 11; Galatians 6 : 7, 8, *inter alia*.

If we, the RSA Church, refuse God, we have an expectation :

Leviticus 26 : 14—39; Galatians 6 : 7, 8(a); and

Hebrews 10 : 26—31

"26 If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, 27 but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. 28 Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses.

29 **How much more severely do you think someone deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, who has treated as an unholy**

thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified them, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?

30 For *we know Him* who said, "It is Mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge *his people*." 31 It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

Isaiah 3 : 1—26

"Judgment on Jerusalem and Judah

3 See now, the Lord,
the Lord Almighty,
is about to take from Jerusalem and Judah
both supply and support:
all supplies of food and all supplies of water,
2 the hero and the warrior,
the judge and the prophet,
the diviner and the elder,
3 the captain of fifty and the man of rank,
the counselor, skilled craftsman and clever enchanter.

4 "I will make mere youths their officials;
children will rule over them."

5 People will oppress each other—
man against man, neighbor against neighbor.
The young will rise up against the old,
the nobody against the honored.

6 A man will seize one of his brothers
in his father's house, and say,
"You have a cloak, you be our leader;
take charge of this heap of ruins!" [Leaderless. Confusion.]
7 But in that day he will cry out,
"I have no remedy.
I have no food or clothing in my house;
do not make me the leader of the people."

8 Jerusalem staggers,
Judah is falling;
their words and deeds are against the Lord,

defying his glorious presence.
9 The look on their faces testifies against them;
they parade their sin like Sodom;
they do not hide it.
Woe to them!
They have brought disaster upon themselves.

10 Tell the righteous it will be well with them,
for they will enjoy the fruit of their deeds.
11 **Woe to the wicked!**
Disaster is upon them!
They will be paid back
for what their hands have done.

12 **Youths oppress my people,**
women rule over them.
My people, your guides lead you astray;
they turn you from the path.

13 The Lord takes his place in court;
he rises to judge the people.
14 The Lord enters into judgment
against the elders and leaders of his people:
"It is you who have ruined my vineyard;
the plunder from the poor is in your houses.
15 **What do you mean by crushing my people**
and grinding the faces of the poor?"
declares the Lord, the Lord Almighty.

16 The Lord says,
"The women of Zion are haughty,
walking along with outstretched necks,
flirting with their eyes,
strutting along with swaying hips,
with ornaments jingling on their ankles.
17 Therefore the Lord will bring sores on the heads of the women of Zion;
the Lord will make their scalps bald."

18 In that day the Lord will snatch away their finery: the bangles and headbands and crescent necklaces, 19 the earrings and bracelets and veils, 20 the headdresses and anklets and sashes, the perfume bottles and charms, 21 the

signet rings and nose rings, [22] the fine robes and the capes and cloaks, the purses [23] and mirrors, and the linen garments and tiaras and shawls.

[24] Instead of fragrance there will be a stench;
instead of a sash, a rope;
instead of well-dressed hair, baldness;
instead of fine clothing, sackcloth;
instead of beauty, branding.
[25] Your men will fall by the sword,
your warriors in battle.
[26] **The gates of Zion will lament and mourn;**
destitute, she will sit on the ground."

Joel 2 : 12—27

Rend Your Heart

[12] "Even now," declares the Lord,
"return to me with all your heart,
with fasting and weeping and mourning."

[13] **Rend your heart**
and not your garments.
Return to the Lord your God,
for he is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and abounding in love,
and he relents from sending calamity.
[14] Who knows? He may turn and relent
and leave behind a blessing—
grain offerings and drink offerings
for the Lord your God.

[15] Blow the trumpet in Zion,
declare a holy fast,
call a sacred assembly.
[16] Gather the people,
consecrate the assembly;
bring together the elders,
gather the children,
those nursing at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room
and the bride her chamber. [NO EXCEPTIONS !!! The need of the hour is very great !!!]
17 Let the **priests [pastors] who minister before the Lord,**
weep between the portico and the altar.
Let them say, "Spare <u>your people</u>, Lord.
<u>Do not make your inheritance an object of scorn,</u>
<u>a byword among the nations.</u>
<u>Why should they say among the peoples,</u>
<u>'Where is their God?'"</u>

[And when Gods people respond in contrition (crushed in heart for their sin against God, even as above)---no excuses, no exceptions---note this : God hears and relents from sending calamity.

(Yet how many despise this message and defiantly accuse God of falsely accusing them !!!)]

The Lord's Answer

18 Then the Lord was jealous for his land
and took pity on his people.

19 The Lord replied[a] to them:

"I am sending you grain, new wine and olive oil,
enough to satisfy you fully;
never again will I make you
an object of scorn to the nations.

20 "I will drive the northern horde far from you,
pushing it into a parched and barren land;
its eastern ranks will drown in the Dead Sea
and its western ranks in the Mediterranean Sea.
And its stench will go up;
its smell will rise."

Surely he has done great things!
21 Do not be afraid, land of Judah;
be glad and rejoice.
Surely the Lord has done great things!
22 Do not be afraid, you wild animals,

for the pastures in the wilderness are becoming green.
The trees are bearing their fruit;
the fig tree and the vine yield their riches.
23 Be glad, people of Zion,
rejoice in the Lord your God,
for he has given you the autumn rains
because he is faithful.
He sends you abundant showers,
both autumn and spring rains, as before.
24 The threshing floors will be filled with grain;
the vats will overflow with new wine and oil.

25 "I will repay you for the years the locusts have eaten—
the great locust and the young locust,
the other locusts and the locust swarm[b]—
my great army that I sent among you.
26 You will have plenty to eat, until you are full,
and you will praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has worked wonders for you;
never again will my people be shamed.
27 Then you will know that I am in Israel,
that I am the Lord your God,
and that there is no other;
never again will my people be shamed."

He who has an ear to hear, let him hear and glorify God in humility and repentance. If not, we only have a dreadful expectation of judgement and of fire that will consume even His people in temporal judgment. He did with Israel and Judah…..

But it need not be that way.

The LORD is, for now, still calling us back to Him. If we despise Him, and His gracious love and mercy towards us in Christ and ignore Him, then His temporal judgment will fall : destruction, and deep moral decay, blood in the streets. Ask Israel and Judah/Jerusalem.

In His immeasurable grace He calls, still calls us back to Himself for our great good and His great glory. If we answer His gracious, loving, compassionate call

to repentance we can expect Him to honour His own Word : to hear us from heaven, forgive our sin and heal our land (from personal/family spiritual healing to national/geographical).

RSA Church : let us humble ourselves before God, and pray and seek him, and Him alone, turning from our wicked ways that dishonour Him, for He is our Life, Christ is our Life. **Deut 30 : 19, 20 ; Colossians 3 : 1--4 (and 5—25).**

Some last important warnings and exhortations :

John 14 : 15—24 : Jesus is teaching His disciples. He promises Holy Spirit and at the same time teaches as set out below. There is one major implication and several other very, very important aspects to take careful note of.

If Holy Spirit is **not** present in you---major implication---**if you have not responded to Jesus** by repenting of your sin (turning away from self and your ideas, and rebellion against God, TO Jesus for salvation, trusting in Him alone therefore in and as an act of obedience, you will not, nor can love Him. The first work of God is to believe in the One Whom He sent and as a result, to do His works : **John 6 : 28, 29; John 13 : 15—17; John 15 : 16(a); John 17 : 18; John 20 : 21; Acts 1 : 8** *inter alia*) and that means to **commit yourself, up front** to a life of overt, wholehearted obedience to Him, actually getting on seeking from God from His Word and in prayer what He wants you to do, and DOING His will, OBEYING His commands, then, when you do honestly, not just with lip service or religiosity, you prove Holy Spirit is in you. You will prove you are born again. See **Colossians 1 : 13, 14** and **1 Peter 1 : 2** and the crystal clear implications. Think about your way of life under satans control; think about how different it is to be under control of God by His Spirit.

See **Romans 8 : 3—17**. Study through this VERY carefully and you will see that Paul is saying the same as Jesus in John 14, just in a different way. Do NOT play one against the other. BOTH expressions of spiritual obedience are the same thing, expressed differently. YOU giving living obedience to God.

John 14 : 15--24

15 **"*If* you love me, keep my commands."**

This is so plain and simple, yet it seems it is simply not believed. We think we can love the LORD WITHOUT obeying Him, because obedience is so inconveniencing, you know…... Your great and fancy words do not show your love for Him when your heart is far from Him in rebellious/neglectful

disobedience. It seems the more involved, intricate and implausible the interpretation of certain Scriptures are and how easy it makes life for us, therefore some doctrines get the greater credence, like the modern day doctrine of the pre-trib rapture. But here it stands :

***"If* you love me, keep my commands.**" If you love Me, DO WHAT I COMMAND [until I come again]. Not a comfortable doctrine is the doctrine of obedience for it flies in the face of our fleshly desires, laziness, comforts, wants, likes, pride and arrogance.

[16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another advocate** to help you
and be with you forever— 17 **the Spirit of truth**. The world cannot accept him,
because it neither sees him nor knows him. But **you know him, for he lives
with you and will be**[a] **in you.** 18 **I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to
you.** 19 Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me.
Because I live, you also will live. 20 **On that day you will realize that I am in my
Father, and you are in me, and I am in you**.]

21 **"Whoever has My commands and keeps them is the one who loves Me.**
The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and
show myself to them."

Notice the repetition and progression here, when the Divine conditions are met : If you have Jesus' commands (and He is **God** incarnated in the flesh/body of man), i.e. you hold to them, cherish them and obey them, you show THEREBY that you love the Lord Jesus Christ. No other way. (See also **Matthew 22 : 37—40**). When you hold God in Christ in extremely high esteem so as to obey His commands (irrespective whether they bring great hardship and danger) such a one **will be loved by the Father, and the Son, and Jesus will reveal Himself to such a one. NOT until** there is obedience, ongoing, consistent and deliberate; even if the person is only a new born believer, this applies to them too. Not perfect obedience, but as best you know how, seeking to please the LORD, trusting God to help you.

[22 Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, "But, Lord, why do you intend to show
yourself to us and not to the world?"]

23 Jesus replied, **"*Anyone* who loves Me *will obey* my teaching. My Father will
love them, and We will come to them and make Our home with them**.

Again repetition (for the 3rd time : Jesus is making a huge, critically important statement of spiritual truth) and a further progression with the self-same

conditions attached is noted : loving Jesus is reflected by and expressed by obeying Him in ALL His commands and will. ….'making Our home' with the willingly, trustingly obedient person is a consequence of that persons obedient faith, and brings forth a deep, intimate fellowship with God the Father and God the Son, as a spiritual principle and spiritual consequence. A deep mutual knowing of each other is the result.

[24] Anyone who does *not* love me <u>will not obey my teaching</u>.

This blunt fact states that such a person does not know God the Father, nor God the Son, nor God the Spirit and is not known by Them either…. = spiritually dead. Still dead in trespasses and sins. Not born again. Still under satans control and evil dominion. Not born from above. Still on the broad, wide and easy path to hell, IRRESPECTIVE of what they claim, or protest they believe. Callous, reckless, care-less, wilful, defiant, deliberate DIS-obedience shows a person for who and what they are : walking spiritually dead. Not born again.

Your faith is seen in, though and by your obedience. Obedience is a fruit of faith, exactly as faithfulness to Christ is a fruit of faith/faith expression of Holy Spirit indwelling you. If you do not bear the fruit of faith you are not His. Your faithfulness to Christ, as is your fruit of faith, is by obedience to Him. God knows we do not have perfection now, yet, but He does Divinely expect, demand and reward the fruit of our faith : obedience.

1 Peter 1 : 2 --- <u>we are saved</u> **"for obedience to Jesus Christ**". **1 Peter 2 : 21**. That's it. Period. And unless we are honestly seeking to give Him honour due to Him by and through our obedience ---expressing worshipful, obedient gratitude for all He has done for us --- not perfect obedience but real, honest self giving obedience, we are not His. Not His. Not His. Do not believe the candyfloss lies that are silkily weaved into your ears through a half "gospel" which ignores repentance and obedience, and happily allows you to determine what and how and if and when and where you will obey God. It is a deceptive lie of satan, spoken by, <u>at best</u>, ignorant people…..

Note the apostle Pauls warning :

2 Corinthians 11 : 2 ff (extracts) :

[2] I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. ……**[3] But I am afraid that <u>just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led</u>**

astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. [4] **For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted** [eg health, wealth and prosperity deception]**, you put up with it easily enough..."**

[14] "**And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.** [15] **It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve." ……**

Paul is here warning very explicitly that Christians can be, and are often, easily deceived by the desires of their flesh/carnal nature that is neglectful of the simple truth of God's Word : the Bible. This happens by workers of satan. They do not come and announce themselves as workers of satan, but they do his evil works and draw God's people away from Him by their deceptive lies. Look what Jesus said to satan using Peter to try and persuade Him not to go to the cross : **"Get behind Me satan !" (Matthew 16 : 23)**

May I be so bold as to sound like a fool, an insignificant, very imperfect fool : **"I am jealous for you, RSA Church, with a godly jealousy"** for the Lord's sake, His glory, His honour, and all of your and our good.

Be warned.

Be seriously, seriously warned of the consequences of dishonouring God and refusing His gracious call back to Himself, back to real, wholehearted obedience---no matter the cost. Life here and now, life eternal, are at stake.

I urge you to seriously consider what is called for as really necessary below :

It has become urgent to call true fellow Christians (of whatever true Christian background) together to pray (preferably) at least once a fortnight, on any decided night, ***together*** for revival of God's people and a HUGE spiritual awakening amongst the lost; and to schedule 2 to 3 other times each week, from your separate homes as arranged together in the group, to pray individually for the same prayer purpose.

Encourage those in your group to do likewise and to seek also call another group together, and to encourage those joining them to do likewise (each person is thus involved in two different groups for prayer, i.e. 2 nights a week/fortnight/month together and also praying from own homes as arranged

separately with the groups....soon our town, city, province, nation could be vibrantly raising up voice to our LORD in fervent prayers for revival on every night / day of the week.... “If My people who are called by My name….”

Pray for God to raise up men, women, boys and girls across your town/suburb/city/province/nation to pray for revival, for Him to visit us /visit them / visit our nation with a long lasting, incredible transformational revival of the entire born again RSA Church and a massively massive spiritual awakening amongst the lost, unto salvation in Jesus Christ. Ask the Father to call back the backsliders to become strong prayer warriors. Pray honestly, fervently for transformational revival in your congregation, suburb, town/city/province/nation, for when God “draws back the veil” and reveals His Presence in manifest glory, no leg can stand before Him, 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 purifying us from our sin(s), we stand up again revived and in exceeding rejoicing go forth to show our love for Him through prayer, obedience, love for the brethtren/the lost in selfless humble ministry unto Him, for HIS glory alone.

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 ? Can you imagine how God would be truly honoured and glorified ?

Send the link to the **Urgent Letter to the RSA Church**, including to this video above 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.

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 (a guide, and VERY helpful. Its Biblical and to the point for RSA. See also for some additional information and guidance **Ezra 8 : 21—23; Nehemiah 1 : 1—11(a), and Haggai 1: 1—2 : 19**)

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 and 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 have a burning desire to experience God like the Moravians did ?

You can.)

Perhaps discuss this entire Letter in its different parts in your cell group / Bible study / whatever church groups you are in over a few months. **Let GOD by His Spirit speak to you from His Word. Take up prayer as called for above.**

This **Urgent Letter to the RSA Church** is an earnest raw call to 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.

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.

Dear Brethren : let us be doers of the Word, for this is Life, not mere hearers only, for that is death.

This concludes the **Urgent Letter to the RSA Church**.

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