



“Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest.”

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Humble Thyself to Walk with God

Johnson Oatman, Jr. (1909)

If thou wouldst have the dear Savior from heaven
Walk by thy side from the morn till the even,
There is a rule that each day you must follow:
Humble thyself to walk with God.

Humble thyself and the Lord will draw near thee,
Humble thyself and His presence shall cheer thee;
He will not walk with the proud or the scornful,
Humble thyself to walk with God.

Just as the Lord, in the world's early ages,
Walked and communed with the prophets and sages,
He will come now if you meet the conditions:
Humble thyself to walk with God.

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Just as the stream finds a bed that is lowly,
So Jesus walks with the pure and the holy;
Cast out thy pride, and in heartfelt contrition
Humble thyself to walk with God.

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“Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” (Amos 3:3)

This verse located in Amos deals with the relationship between God and Israel (His people) that had deteriorated to this point according to His view! *“Hear the word of the LORD, ye children of Israel: for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land.”* (Hosea 4:1)

Yes, Israel claimed to be the children of God and went through their ceremonial practices but the LAND (lost humanity) was being ignored. They were enjoying all the protection and provisions but became a stranger to their Creator and His purpose of love for the world that caused Him to send His only begotten Son to prove His intent and desire: *“To sow the seed in the LAND where lost souls are headed towards the Lake of Fire to spend their eternity!!”*

There is truth, mercy, and knowledge in His house (church) today while many who claim His name may only serve Him for His benefits and provisions but the LAND is being ignored while some with their selfish lifestyle may no longer embrace the love that sent Jesus to His cross. *“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”* (John 3:16)

“And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.” (Genesis 5:24)

“And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, Son of man, say unto her, Thou art the land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey; they have devoured souls; they have taken the treasure and precious things; they have made her many widows in the midst thereof. Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed difference between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, to get dishonest gain. And her prophets have daubed them with untempered mortar, seeing vanity, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord GOD, when the LORD hath not spoken. The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery, and have vexed the poor and needy: yea, they have oppressed the stranger wrongfully.

And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.”

(Ezekiel 22:23-30)

“And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.” (Genesis 3:8)

God cannot find many to walk with because they are hidden in sin!

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity,

it profiteth me nothing.” (1 Corinthians 13:1-3)

“But when Jesus heard that, he said unto them, They that be whole need not a physician, but they that are sick.

But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.” (Matthew 9:12-13)

“Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.” (James 5:19-20)

Brothers and Sisters thank you for the path that you are treading in this life with the Spirit of Truth as your guide while becoming more like your Lord who gave His life for the “world” (John 3:16) and the Father who sent Him so many could become the children of the Highest. (Luke 6:35-36) There are so many today in need of an example of the true Love of God both outside and within the church walls. We are to separate ourselves from sin but not from sinners who are priceless souls Jesus prayed for on His cross: *“And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand, and the other on the left. Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots. And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God.”* (Luke 23:33-35)

The cross which chosen followers bear will always lead them into conflicts but also to a needed soul who in the eyes of many are not worthy because of their evident lifestyle. Yesterday, September 26, 2026, I parked my car and was walking towards a grocery store when a woman approached me requesting some money. She held out one hand with her palm full of quarters. I responded to her that I would but first to follow me back to my car so I could retrieve a Gospel of John. As she walked with me I told her about the Love of God for her soul. I retrieved IBA’s Gospel of John and gave her \$20 and to my surprise she headed towards the grocery store entrance. While shopping I viewed her gathering food items. When I went to leave she was waiting in line with a few items at the same checkout I was approaching. Being surprised she didn’t keep asking others for money but instead was buying food I took a \$100 bill and handed it to her. She left the checkout to return shopping.

*“I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to **support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.**”* (Acts 20:35)

Thank you for your concern for lost souls,

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