

# **The Word of Warning and Compassion- 06 Feb 2005**

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Now let us turn to the word of god at Ezekiel chapter 16. The lord pictures to Jerusalem in this word of warning. 1<sup>st</sup> verse says; again the word of the LORD came unto me. Now my dear friends, we are starting at a scripture which speaks of Jerusalem and is to be applied to a heart which is fickle and today as you can see our hearts tend to be cold and fickle, not steadfast. We often failed to do what we know is the right thing to be done, that is serious you know. We do not do it in the field of health, we do not show such neglect in our studies, at school or college where we go back and complete the incomplete exam or whatever, but in things which are eternal we employ a completely different standard. I don't know how we manage to explain that away because there is no way in which you can explain such an absurd attitude; you cannot! Eternity is as close to you as your next breath and if we understand what eternity means, well, we wouldn't be treating eternal things as lightly as we do. If the word of lord should come to us as individuals, as families or as a nation, the word of the lord came to me again, to those of you who have read the morning's newspaper, here was another commentary upon family life that practically a quarter of all married people must have a younger person and that is regarded as the norm in the nation. Well, my dear friends, when did the word of god get to be so completely lost upon this nation? The word of the LORD came to me again; and what would happen if the word of the LORD would come to the court, to the parliament, and to the nation at large? And while we wish the word of the lord come to others we must be honest and say let the word of the LORD come to me first because I claim to be a church member or a Christian or a believer you know you have a variety of words; mere words let me tell you. The word of the LORD came to me again. And let me take you straight to the 6<sup>th</sup> verse: And when I passed by thee, and saw you polluted in your own blood, I said unto you when thou wast in your blood, Live; What a god of love and compassion! Here is a figure of an unwanted child, a child born in questionable circumstances, left abandoned in its own blood and the lord comes by and sees the babe and says Live; I want you to live, not exist! You now my dear friends, when a person who says I have been at the cross, I have met the lord, he has touched me and he begins to live the life. Things must happen. We seem to take it all in a kind of very common place manner. But there is nothing in the scriptures when god does a thing or god speaks to a person or god touches a person it's never common place. It's a unique happening. Something glorious is the outcome of it. Now, you know, it's not to be wondered at; yes, think of that. When we are talking about god speaking to us or touching us, well, something ought to happen, something has to break and if it does not happen, well, whether it was a real encounter with god is highly questionable. You know today we have settled on just a kind of psycho analysis of

the whole thing and it is amazing how the media can just explain away almost everything. In other words, God is not wanted. He is a great inconvenience. His demands or his being is totally unnerving to us. We just can't stand him. If it just an occasional wave of the hat to him, that may be alright. But beyond that, NO; well, that cannot be god, that cannot be the Christ of Calvary that must be somebody else. Some figure head, some imposter, someone whom you have every right to reject. Now my dear friends I feel that most of the people with whom we move have very little to do at all with god and why is that? We are not bringing the reality of jesus and the necessity of the cross into daily living. How can that happen? Are we masters of every situation? We are not. We are failures in most situations. Total failures. Notwithstanding, we are so proud that we do not want god to mend us or to correct us. You know what I would say to jesus, I require chastening and I need chastening, Give me the chastening that I need, but let me be corrected, whatever the cost. Why pursue or raise down a blind alley and spend your whole life trying to extricate yourself form such a situation? No my dear friends, here god further goes on to indict Jerusalem and its people, 26<sup>th</sup> verse; Thou hast also committed fornications with the Egyptians your neighbors, great of flesh; and increased your whoredoms, to provoke me to anger.

30<sup>th</sup> verse: how weak is your heart saith the lord god, seeing thou doest all these things, the work of an imperious whorish woman;

32<sup>nd</sup> verse: But as a wife that committeth adultery, which taketh strangers instead of her husband, which taketh strangers instead of her husband! They give gifts to all Whore: but thou givest thy gifts to all your lovers, and hirest them, that they may come to you on every side for your whoredom.

Now, this is a terrible indictment; you know this comes from the grief of god's heart. He says, you know the church is supposed to be the spotless bride of Jesus and we are to meet him in the sky, we are to be raptured, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing. Now today, most preachers are muted, they are neutralized, they have become fearful victims themselves and they cannot deliver the message even if they should see it before them in black and white. Not even when a nation is perilously poised on the brink of destruction and judgment. Folks, that's a terrible state in which to be; for a person like me or anybody who purports to stand in the name of god. No it pings me to think that any preacher of the gospel should be accused or even said to have had numerous women. Oh how shocking! The word of the lord came to me again. What a god of love and compassion.