

Pick up the Cross and Follow Me – 14 Nov 2004 -Joshua Daniel

Now if you turn to Jeremiah chapter 23 and verse 14 – I have seen also in the prophets of Jerusalem a horrible thing: They commit adultery, and walk in lies: They strengthen also the hands of evildoers, that none doth return from his wickedness.

Now, they walk in lies! Oh, how, lies, lies, hiding the truth. You know the Lord Jesus Christ said, for there is nothing hid which will not be revealed. Then, isn't it futile to try to hide? What are you hiding from? Whom are you hiding? You are hiding from the one from whom nothing can be hidden. When we have to work in a society or live in a society full of lies and hypocrisy. You know, you can't be looking all the time over your shoulder, which man is going to do me in or which fellow from which direction will the next threat come. That's no way to live. You can't run a race that way, by looking round and trying to see from where danger will come. You know, this business of security today has become the foremost thing in people's thinking. Is it safe? What does the weather man say? Is it going to be below zero? What should I wear? Is it going to be a rainy day? We begin of course with the weather and things get more and more serious. Is this flight going to arrive at its destination? Is there any terrorist on board? You can multiply your fears. One disgruntled school boy can bring an airport to a standstill. What rubbish is this? You know, hack into the system and then put an alarm there, this plane is going to be hijacked, and the whole system halts. What is this kind of world in which we are living? In the midst of this, what an opportunity for us to show that we are founded on the rock. It's a great opportunity. Great peace have they that love thy law and nothing shall offend them. I look at that latter part and say nothing shall offend. That means your peace should not be disturbed. You are unflappable. But we don't want to live that way, do we? We like to keep with the current and just go along as the world would have us go along. No, that's no way to live. Up and down and up and down and up and down. No my dear friends. So when we see a world walking in lies and deceit and unfairness and injustice everywhere. You know, today I believe we are at a time when we have to tell the world, that there is a judge over all the judges. I am beginning to see how the perverse are the judgments that come out from the judges of the world in many parts of the globe. And it's time to call attention, call them to attention. Don't forget there is a judge above you. And you are going to tremble on that day, when you stand before the judge of the whole earth. Lies, they walk in lies.

In Daniel, 4th chapter and the 37th verse, this is what you will see; Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise and extol and honor the King of heaven, all whose works are truth, and his ways judgment: and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

You know my dear friends; the prouder we get the farther we go from god. And today there is a thing called national pride, we don't like to acknowledge anything which is morally superior. They do not want anybody fighting for righteousness. When a million people are gassed or killed or butchered, they don't care. You know it's not convenient for me to do this, it's not convenient, it's somebody else's head ache. A Kind of nonchalance, a kind of indifference to spiritual warfare, this is spiritual warfare. Oh my dear people, we have to get our mind rationalized according to the word of God. Walking in pride! You know indifference is a mark of great pride. You know folks, today we scarcely see anything which is offered in our big cities apart from rock bands. These poor fellows who gather no moss, rolling and rolling as they go, rolling and rocking as they go. You know today some of the Christians getting on the band wagon. And saying, oh this is ok. Indifference, collusion are marks of

pride. When we don't have the courage to take a stand and if somebody takes a stand, all that we can do is knife at him or run him down. No no no. Here king Nebuchadnezzar learnt the lesson of his life. When he was driven amongst the beasts and ate grass; Mark you! and he lay down with the oxen and so on. However, he learnt his lesson and he said those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

You know I am not able to understand, what is being gained by tribe killing tribe, man against man and the kind of savagery that is released today when hands of little children are locked off. My dear friends that kind of indifference to the need is surely going to bring with it in its wake a flood of evil. The lack of love, the lack of a spiritual mission is going to make you a mission field. It's amazing, it's amazing. Nobody seems to be bothered or nettled by these things. Pride, pride makes you indifferent to the need of others, the sorrows of others.

Now the bible tells us in II Corinthians 5th chapter and the 7th verse that we walk by faith and not by sight. This is not an easy thing to do my dear friends. 7th verse; for we walk by faith, not by sight. Now peter began to walk by sight, as you can see and immediately he began to sink. Now, how do you walk? Do you walk by faith, this is what God says, I will never leave you not forsake you and he is never going to leave me and abandon me. Do we walk by faith? You know I have to constantly walk by faith because I see that God sets before me higher and higher goals. Currently, as we started preaching over the television, you know for which I am not really cutout. No, you need really lot of showmanship there. You must go to smiling school there, to make winning smiles that will hit. I'm not made for that. However, when we took it up, one of the first things we wanted to do was broadcast over a commercial channel. You know some of the activists, the fanatics; have been trying to stop this channel from reaching the people. So we are having to switch to some other channel which will have the courage to broadcast our message. And there is native hostility to the gospel. This doesn't belong to us. We have a great culture and ancient civilization, alright; you can be talking about all your ancient glories. What is that civilization that builds walls between man and man? Irrevocably separating them, by which you exploit and plunder the poor. You see my dear friends, people don't want to hear these things, and I proclaim these things over the television. The ruling classes have to know that they are pillaging and plundering the country. So my dear friends, walking by faith; often people remark about this but the glory belongs to the Lord but I say this, Well, I have lift up my hands to king of heaven. It is his work. And I tell him the bills belong to you. Surely you are able to deal with this small change. My dear people, we walk by faith when we follow the Lord Jesus we walk by faith and not by sight. So the bible tells us in II Corinthians 5th chapter and the 7th verse that, we walk by faith and not by sight.