

## 1. Part 6 The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ekklesia – Who is the Real Enemy?

### a. Obedience is secondary to pleasing God

- i. Obedience is important – but you are less likely to disobey someone you are determined to please
  1. Your desire to please God will be a catalyst to your obedience.
  2. The moment you start taking your relationship with God for granted – your desire to please Him will diminish and will disobedience will be inevitable
  3. It was this tactic that the devil played upon to draw the woman and ultimately the man into treason
- ii. The devil charmed the woman creating a deceptive desire to please herself that would shift her sight from her assignment
  1. **Genesis 3:6 NKJV 6** So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.
  2. Her relationship with her husband blinded him from what was taking place and he also took of the fruit – possibly out of curiosity – possibly to please his wife
- iii. This is necessary as a backdrop to where we are now in this study.
  1. Man had been given dominion and a clear command – be fruitful – multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it

- a. Fruitfulness would manifest man's capacity
  - b. Multiplying and replenishing/filling would expand the boundaries of the dominion he had been given by Go
  - c. But subduing would make all opposition subject to the creator
- b. The very fact that God gave man a command to subdue, reveals that there was opposition to the plan of God from the onset
- i. That opposition had to be identified and made subject to the will of God
    - 1. This is why the importance of understanding deception is so critical – you will not attempt to subdue what you believe is an ally
    - 2. You will not try to subdue anything that appears to benefit you
    - 3. Nothing in the conversation of the serpent was threatening – it was cleverly designed to appear beneficial to the woman – thus you are less likely to try and subdue that which brings you benefit and pleasure
    - 4. This tactic is still alive and well today
  - ii. We are still under the mandate to be fruitful – to multiply and replenish and to subdue any opposition to the Father's authority.
    - 1. Simultaneously the devil is still diverting the attention of many to self-fulfillment and away from divine assignment
    - 2. Anything – regardless as to how good it looks and feels – that is outside of God's order – must be brought under subjection

- iii. Let's revisit the earth man was place into.
  1. Remember the earth was void and without form. God's presence began to establish order beginning with Light – the revealing of Himself
  2. The final phase of that was to create man in His image and likeness, but interestingly man was not simply dropped into any place in the earth
  3. God planted a garden – a territory that was filled with any and everything man needed to fulfill his assignment – from the beginning of his existence all man knew was fulness
  4. Notice that the command to be f/m/r/s was given and expected to operate in the Garden as man was told to dress and keep it
  5. The word keep means to guard it – let that sink in
- iv. The Garden was planted in the earth – it was not the totality of the earth. Outside of its borders was clear opposition and chaos. There was a command to expand outward – multiply and replenish – but there was also a desire to hinder that expansion
  1. Dominion given by God guaranteed complete rule over any area brought under subjection
  2. Remember the first thing Jesus said of His ekklesia – the gates of hades would not prevail – the ekklesia has dominion given to it through Jesus Christ

3. Before we realized our identity – the devil knew and set in motion a deception to take our eyes off of our mission and onto ourselves – the original fall made it somewhat easier – but his tactics were just as devastating
- c. Please listen carefully to what I am about to share – PRAY FOR SIGHT AND COMPREHENSION
- i. I realize that it is hard for many to hear – but the concept of ‘church’ is deceptive
    1. It causes the BoC to see itself completely different from what God intended
    2. As a result – you will resist confronting it because you personally identify with it
    3. This is not an attack on the people but rather the system that has contained and entrapped them
      - a. The fact is that most people – who sincerely love the Lord – do not believe they are in a system that God did not design or intend
      - b. Very few will say or see anything is out of order with the church. Some see it's long-term existence as validation of God's will
      - c. For many, the church system meet's the same criteria the woman experienced with the tree

- i. **Genesis 3:6 NKJV 6** So when **[the people see]** that the tree **[not God]** was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, **[the tree – worship the creation rather than the creator]** and a tree desirable to make one wise **[she began to see the tree as the source of her capacity]**, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.
  - ii. The woman was not a bad person – being deceive does not suggest a person is bad – it simply shows good people with corrupted thinking
4. Once your sight shifts from God – it will look to other means or sources for satisfaction
- d. In order to subdue – we must be clear on who the enemy is

## 2. Part 7 The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ekklesia – Destroying The Works

- a. In our last session, learned that if you do not see something as a threat – you will not attempt to subdue it
  - i. This fact is what the devil uses to deceive
  - ii. **2Corinthians 11:13-14 KJV 13** **[scripture alerts us to the reality that there are]** false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of

Christ. 14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

iii. Secondly I want to reinforce the fact that a person who is deceived is not necessarily a bad person

1. Deception means their view of something has been corrupted
2. As believers – we must not allow anyone or anything to define things outside of God's definition
3. What may appear good to us – may be an abomination to God

b. Plain and simple – our enemy is the devil

i. But we must also realize that anything he produces is a demonic work that must be subdued

1. At times we are so focused on the devil that we overlook his works
2. Demonic works have the net result of destroying a believer

ii. Many times demonic works are non-threatening. Within them is just enough spirituality to make them appear godly

1. I have heard people say things like

a. “it was God who blessed me to win the lottery”

b. This woman or man is who God had for me all along – that is why I divorced my first husband or wife

- c. In the midst of doing something wrong 'God knows my heart'
- iii. Demonic works will cause people to twist scripture in order to justify a sin. It's use of scripture gives the false idea that God Himself supports the wrong.
  1. Remember when Jesus was being tempted in the wilderness that He used the WoG to rebuke the devil
  2. But also remember that the devil used scripture to try and tempt Jesus
  3. **Matthew 4:5-6 NKJV 5** Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"
  4. Peter alerts us to the fact that the devil will uses God's word to try and deceive us
  5. **2Peter 3:16 NKJV 16** as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, **as they do also the rest of the Scriptures.**
- iv. The reason I am spending so much time on this is that I want you to understand the root of many of our problems – that is deception
  1. The works of the devil must be identified for what they are – and we must realize that Jesus came to destroy his works
  2. The works of the devil set the stage for deception which leads to sin

3. 1John 3:7-8 NKJV 7 Little children, let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. 8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

v. Works reflect the efforts and intent of the worker

1. Works require time and effort to construct – from the foundation to the finished product – piece by piece it is put together to form a finished product
  - a. Within that work can be errors and illegal processes that those who see the finished work may not realize exist
  - b. An unsuspecting person may use the product for years only to discover that it is the source of their problems
2. You can hardly watch television today without seeing an alert to the public that some product was found to be defective – or the source of cancer – or that has caused deaths – but moreso that the company that produced the product was aware of the dangers and hid it in order to make money
3. Those who used the product did so believing that it was good for food – pleasant to the eyes – and desirable to make one wise
  - a. These are the things advertisers use to get us to purchase their product

- b. Purchasers enjoyed the product not realizing that it contained elements that were detrimental to them

### **3. The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ekklesia What Do We Subdue?**

- a. We have been studying how the ekklesia the Lord said He would build in the first century will look in the 21<sup>st</sup>
  - i. To do this, we have been looking at the ekklesia – from the standpoint of its original intent – secondly its expression as every word of God must have a place of manifestation in the earth
    - 1. There must be a continual kingdom coming on earth as it is in heaven
  - ii. The third aspect is the boots on the ground – that is how do we activate now in the 21<sup>st</sup> century the divine intent from the beginning.
    - 1. What Jesus said at Caesarea Philippi was not something new – but rather the declaration of how what God had intended from the beginning was about to be released into the earth
    - 2. It would be released through His ekklesia – not what we have been taught to believe – the church
    - 3. I must say clearly that church and ekklesia are not the same – even though that is what we have been taught
    - 4. The English word Church is translated from the Greek word kurikon which is not the same as ekklesia

- iii. The use of the word church instead of ekklesia was a willful mistranslation of what was originally found in scripture.
  1. Understanding that should raise flags in our spirit
  2. But the reality is that until recently – this fact was not known to the masses – so we have functioned believing that church is the English translation of ekklesia – it is not
- iv. For those who question why the God would allow this error to exist for over four hundred years – I offer you the following
  1. First, God moves in an eternal plane – remember how time is mentioned in scripture
    - a. **2Peter 3:8 KJV 8** ... be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.
    - b. **Psalms 90:4 KJV 4** For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.
    - c. In other words, what has been nearly 1600 years for us is less than an equivalent two days in the sight of the Lord
  2. Second, God is not moved by events – He always moves according to His purpose
    - a. Of course you know Romans 8:28

- b. **Romans 8:28 NKJV 28** And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.
- c. There is a dimension of good – regardless of experiences – that we receive as we grasp our call within the framework of His purpose
3. The combination of God's time in relationship to ours – and the ability to calibrate our every experience into His purpose – creates the reality of a phrase that you may have not considered
- v. **Galatians 4:4 NKJV 4** But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
  1. In the fulness of time – or when everything was in place God sent forth His son
  2. This is a very interesting statement
    - a. Jesus was in the beginning with God – by Him all things exist – He was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world
    - b. From the treason of Adam – the purpose of the flood in Noah's season – through Abraham Isaac Jacob and a nation called out of bondage who failed over and over again – in all this God did not allow the Word to become flesh until the time appointed
    - c. **Matthew 1:17 NKJV 17 [note this time specific process]** So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen

- generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.
- d. In all that time – God was not moved to act out of circumstances
3. Even when Jesus came – He was a 9-month baby
- a. He was 30 years old before He began His ministry and it only lasted on earth about 3 ½ years
  - b. It was within this 3 ½ years that He would declared that upon the revelation of who He is – that He would build His ekklesia
  - c. This was a declaration made in time that reinforced a timeless purpose that first manifest when God said
  - d. **Genesis 1:26 NKJV 26** ... "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion ..."
  - e. Man was given the timeless command to be fruitful – to multiply and replenish – which brings us back to the matter we discussed with Fred Tobun over the last five sessions - to subdue as Kingdom Citizens with the dominion he had been given
- vi. All of this is critical to remember
- 1. The devil cannot take the dominion you have been given – but unless you are alert – he can deceive you into misappropriating it
  - 2. You will not subdue what you do not deem to be a threat

#### 4. Part 9 The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ekklesia – Identifying the Threat

- a. Trust God to align you with other believers that you can grow with
- b. We ended our last session by posing two questions based on the fact that you will not subdue what you do not deem to be a threat
  - i. What is it that is threatening us? And,
  - ii. What do we have that is under this threat?
    1. I will answer these questions from several angles – because we all have been so vested in the existence of the problem that it is hard to see it as such.
  - iii. First, remember that you and I were created to walk in dominion
    1. That dominion is expressed in how we manage the earth as vice-regents of the Lord
    2. **Genesis 1:26 NKJV 26** [note the perimeters of man's dominion] Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; **let them have dominion** over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."
    3. **Psalms 8:1-9 NKJV 1** ... O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth, Who have set Your glory above the heavens! 2 Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength,

Because of Your enemies, That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

4. **Matthew 21:16 NKJV 16** ... And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?"

5. Praise stills the avenger – not other believers

iv. **Vs 3** When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, 4 What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? 5 For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor. 6 **You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands;** You have put all things under his feet, 7 All sheep and oxen-Even the beasts of the field, 8 The birds of the air, And the fish of the sea That pass through the paths of the seas. 9 O LORD, our Lord, How excellent is Your name in all the earth!

c. What happened?

i. Your salvation is the greatest gift given to you by God

ii. When you came to the Lord Jesus Christ – you surrendered everything to Him

1. At that moment you were bound for heaven – I remember the night I accepted Jesus Christ – February 13, 1974
2. If you are like many – you began telling people about your new found life – and your focus was to maintain it

- iii. In time life began to chip away at your faith
  1. Things didn't seem to work out like it did in the beginning.
  2. How you felt when you first got saved began to wain and you harbored internal struggles that you kept suppressed
  3. This may not have been your experience – but I have spoken with and known many who will attest to this reality
  
- d. Why did I begin this session with this?
  - i. Church has been the vehicle through which many came to the Lord and sustained their faith
    1. Even if you accepted Christ at a revival (like I did), or a crusade, in your home or among friends you knew you had to join a local church
    2. For some – it was a place of solace to go and hear a weekly sermon – others committed themselves to church sponsored bible studies and became active in events and programs
    3. Christian life evolved within and revolved around your connection to your local church – no doubt you gained an emotional as well as a spiritual connection to your church
  - ii. The back cover of my book *Leaving Church Becoming Ekklesia* somewhat encapsulates church as we know it

1. Church – the central identifying word that encompasses the entire religious spectrum. It is the buildings we go to, the sectarian ideology we adhere to, it is the core of our spiritual identity.
  2. Church – the Body of Christ, the Bride of Christ, the called-out ones.
  3. Church – Evangelical, Pentecostal, Catholic, and Non-Denominational.
  4. Church – the guardian of doctrine, the ark for lost souls, the social bastion for the righteous.
  5. We have embraced and perpetuated a culture around this single word. A word never spoken by Jesus Christ. Church—a word that should have never existed for believers.
- iii. If you were to open your bible right now and look at Matthew 16:18 – I am quite sure you would read Jesus saying “...upon this rock I will build my church...”
1. Throughout the rest of your bibles New Testament – the word church would show up 115 times
  2. If you are one to look at the original words from the Greek – each time you see the English word church – you will find the Greek word ekklesia – thus leaving you to assume that ekklesia is the word that is translated as church
  3. And this is the core of what I have been saying over the last few sessions:
    - a. You will not subdue anything that you do not see as a threat

- iv. Like most people – you have a historical understanding of church
  - 1. You may have an emotional or spiritual connection to a local church
  - 2. You have a bible that speaks of church 115 times
  - 3. So any suggestion that there is something wrong seems to be out of place at best – and demonic at worst
  
- v. But the truth is that word church you read in your bible is a mistranslation of the Greek word ekklesia
  - 1. Mistakes happen and you could say that the mistranslation was an error with no real consequence – after all people have been and are being saved in the church
  - 2. But it should raise a red flag in your spirit when you discover that the mistranslation was intentional – it was not a mistake – it was done on purpose
  - 3. Why would someone want to purposely mistranslate a seemingly insignificant word like ekklesia?
    - a. For the record – the Greek word for church is kuriokos – which means 'of the lord'
    - b. And without knowing the history of those who mistranslated ekklesia as church – you could assume that the 'lord' referred to is Jesus Christ – however history makes that assumption suspect

- vi. Ekklesia simply means 'called out' – but what must be understood is that the ekklesia in the time of Jesus was clearly known as those who were called out to deal with civil matters in a territory
    - 1. In other words – ekklesia was a governing body that could legislate – confer or deny citizenship – establish policies and elect officials in behalf of the government it represented – thus anyone in Jesus day would have know that the ekklesia represented the Roman government
    - 2. When Jesus declared He would build His ekklesia – He made it clear that His ekklesia would represent the Kingdom of Heaven
    - 3. His ekklesia would be given the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven and have clear authority to bind and loose in its behalf
    - 4. The Lord's ekklesia has dominion as the gates of hades are completely powerless against it – and this brings us back to why this is important
  - vii. The devil knows that the moment you understand the authority you have – he will be defeated in the sphere you have been assigned
- e. This brings us back to the concept of church as we know it
- 1. I must emphatically state before I go further that what I am about to share is not against the people in the church – but rather the church system itself

2. Many of those I know who are in local 'churches' love the Lord and serve Him with all they know how – but the fact is that they are in a system that obscures by denominational redefinition God's original mandate to man
  3. I know many pastors of local churches and I have found them to be sincere in their love for God's people and their desire to win the lost – **but they oversee a system that cannot be substantiated by scripture** – the fact is that we have read into scripture our historical experiences
- ii. Dr. Kevin Connor wrote a very detailed study book called 'The Church In The New Testament'
1. For years I used this book as a reference in matters concerning the local church – it was my 'go to' resource for information from the ministry gifts (apostle, prophet...) as well as for elders and deacons
  2. He outlined various forms of 'church' government – and church by laws and the like
- iii. As I was studying more about ekklesia – I was drawn to this book once again – this time I found something that I never remember seeing before – possibly because I was usually focused on other topics that I missed this particular chapter all together
1. In reading through this chapter it was as if Dr. Connor had an afterthought of all he had written previously
  2. The title of this particular chapter is Challenge to Change the Traditional Church System

- a. In this chapter he articulates all the components of governing an ekklesia – although he used the word church
  - b. Plurality of elders – absence of titles – he even peripherally touched the absence of hierarchy
  - c. This led me to re-read his definition of the 'church' and I found in many aspects he defined the ekklesia
3. I am finding that many have a sense of the dominion they are to walk in – but find it difficult to realize it in a system that is more interested in its survival
- iv. What I am trying to do is paint a clear picture that exposes the line between ekklesia and the system church as we know it
1. You were not saved to be contained in a system that inhibits your ability to pursue your specific assignment
  2. Programs and events are no substitute for being called out for impact
  3. The proof of multiplying and replenishing is not having a mega-church filled with people who come week after week but rarely bring light to culture

## 5. Part 10 The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Ekklesia Wheat and Tares

- a. I want to paint a clear picture that exposes the line between ekklesia and the system of church as we know it
  - i. I speak to many people and have heard many teach on the subject of ekklesia and inevitably ekklesia is co-mingled with church in such a way that they still come across as somewhat synonymous
  - ii. One of the most recent messages I heard said that church and ekklesia were two sides of the same coin
    1. With church being the priesthood side and ekklesia being the kingly side
    2. Church has been so infused into our world that many find it difficult to face the reality that it is not what Jesus said or intended
  - iii. The concept of church was inserted by a nefarious king – King James – who wanted to protect the hierarchal order he had over the Church of England
    1. Church as a concept was not divinely inspired – nowhere do you read that King James prayed and sought the Lord for inserting church in lieu of ekklesia
      - a. For those who are not familiar with this history – you should know that there were other English translations of the bible prior to the King James version
      - b. The Wycliffe was the first, followed by the Bishops bible and the Geneva bible. In these, ekklesia was generally translated as assembly or congregation

2. King James did not like these translations as he felt they undermined the hierarchal order he had over the Church of England – of which he had appointed himself the head
  - a. He felt that he and all kings were gods and that it was wrong to question a king in any matter. He is quoted as saying:
  - b. "Monarchy is the greatest thing on earth. Kings are rightly called gods since just like God they have power of life and death over all their subjects in all things. They are accountable to God only ... so it is a crime for anyone to argue about what a king can do."
  - c. He wrote two other books that emphasized this point. The Divine Right of Kings and The True Law of Free Monarchies . Both show the absolute godlike authority he felt he, and all kings had
3. When he commissioned a group of 47 (some say 52) scholars to take on the task of creating his own translation – he gave them a list of 15 guidelines they were to follow – the third of which is the most critical to this discussion of church and ekklesia. It said:
  - a. The old ecclesiastical words to be kept; as the word church, not to be translated congregation, &c.
  - b. In other words – he specifically instructed the translators to translate ekklesia as church rather than congregation
  - c. Church was then and is now a mistranslation of ekklesia.

4. This may seem to be such a small matter – but don't be fooled. The ramifications of this mistranslation has had and continues to have far reaching consequences.
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- b. Allow me to switch gears and refer to a familiar parable taught by Jesus Christ that may give you more insight of the damage done but also the victory that is on the horizon
    - i. **Matthew 13:24-30 NKJV 24** Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field; 25 "but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat and went his way.
      1. First, we see this parable like all others reflect kingdom ideology – it begins with a man sowing seed in his field
      2. Later Jesus clarified this part of the parable
        - a. **Vs 37** He answered and said to them: "He who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. 38 "**The field is the world**, **the good seeds are the sons of the kingdom**, but the tares are the sons of the wicked one.
        - b. **Genesis 1:26 NKJV 26 [revisit this in Genesis]** Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

- c. **Genesis 2:8 NKJV 8** The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden, and there He put the man whom He had formed **[a good seed was planted]**.
- d. **Genesis 3:1 NKJV 1** Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"
- e. Jesus said that the tares were introduced while men slept
  - i. I don't know where the man was when this conversation between the woman and the serpent took place – but clearly he wasn't there in the beginning and when he showed up he did not resist the deception that had been perpetrated
- f. The simplicity and power of the Body of Christ was corrupted when Constantine made 'Christianity a state religion' in the 4<sup>th</sup> century
  - i. Believers no longer gathered from house to house but now would meet in dedicated buildings with professional religious leaders
  - ii. The perks of the religious system lulled many to sleep so that King James insertion of church to replace ekklesia slipped in 'while men slept' and for the most part many did not see a problem

- g. I am often intrigued by the fact that the enemy sowed the seed of the tares and went his way – a sign of confidence that the seed that was planted would produce the desired crop - deception
- ii. **Vs 26** "But when the grain had sprouted and produced a crop, then the tares also appeared. 27 "So the servants of the owner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?'"
  - 1. I would suggest that reformation of the 16<sup>th</sup> century was the beginning of the Sons of the Kingdom being awakened to their true identity
  - 2. Key doctrinal truths as well as critical operational structures are piece by piece being restored
  - 3. In the midst of this – tares are showing up [**describe the tares similarity to wheat**]
    - a. Faith was repurposed as a prosperity gospel
    - b. Spiritual and ministry gifts became personal ministries
    - c. Doctrines became divisive
    - d. And all this was encased in a system we assumed was normal – the church structure
  - 4. In spite of all this – people have been saved – delivered and set free from sin – but because of the system of church – the eternal purpose of God has been lacking

5. The intent of God and the church system have been in the same field but there comes a time for separation
- iii. **Vs 28** "He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Do you want us then to go and gather them up?' 29 "But he said, 'No, lest while you gather up the tares you also uproot the wheat with them.
    1. To abruptly dismantle the church system as we know it has the potential of damaging many innocent people
  - iv. **Vs 30** 'Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn."
    1. Demarcation begins at harvest
    2. In this season, God is raising up apostles and prophets who are beginning to draw the line between church and ekklesia
      - a. **Vs 41** "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness.
      - b. Two things will be addressed – offensive things – systems that attempt to restrain eternal intent – and those who practice lawlessness – those who perpetuate a form of religious anarchy
    3. The only way you will get God's results – is to do things God's way
  - c. I have been saying prophetically that this is the day of the saints

- i. All of the junk that has attached itself to the BoC is being exposed and judged for what it is
  1. For a season – it may not look pretty – religion fights to look good without actually being good.
  2. Iconic individuals who have self-promoted themselves into high positions will be falling – pray for them and those they influence
  3. Doctrines of devils will be exposed with clarity
  4. Denominational systems will collapse
- ii. This is not doom and gloom – it is the precursor to what Jesus declared would take place when the tares are burned in fire
- iii. **Vs 41** "The Son of Man will send out His angels, and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and those who practice lawlessness, 42 "and will cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth. 43 "Then the righteous will shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!