*Thursday, June 9, 2011*

**A Strong Weakness**

John 3:30-33 He must increase, but I must decrease. (31) He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all. (32) And what he hath seen and heard, that he testifieth; and no man receiveth his testimony. (33) He that hath received his testimony hath set to his seal that God is true. (KJV)

When one stops and thinks about this fact that we see illustrated above, we see that the author and finisher of our faith came down to show us the only way home. He came to strengthen His people from within so that they would never be without. Yet with all that our Lord provided for His people so that they could be strong in Him, in the end how few are willing to receive the testimony from above as being true.

Exodus 20:3-5 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. (4) Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: (5) Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; (KJV)

Ever wonder why God would be jealous? With all that He has provided for His people, all He asks of us is to let go of anything or anyone that would get in the way and steal what is rightfully there for the taking. Oh but how many today still settle for something far inferior to what our Lord intended for them, and then wonder why they are weak and feeble in the faith.

Deuteronomy 4:23-24 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the LORD thy God hath forbidden thee. (24) For the LORD thy God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God. (KJV)

Fire can be used for good, like heating our house or cooking meals with. However, that same fire can be used to destroy if not used properly. Oh how our Lord desires to have a relationship with His people, if they would only let Him. Oh and how many things and priorities we put before the Lord, then wonder why we are not strong in the faith.

Zechariah 1:12-14 Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? (13) And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me with good words and comfortable words. (14) So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. (KJV)

A God of love continues reaching out to mankind asking them to let go and become weak to their own ways and thoughts so that someone else who thinks so much higher and above their ways can take over. As a parent you ache to see the decisions your children make when you know what is best for them. How much better off and stronger would His church be if they would just let go and allow Him to have His way in their lives.

2 Corinthians 11:1-3 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in my folly: and indeed bear with me. (2) For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ. (3) But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. (KJV)

Actually, the sad truth for many is that the plan of salvation is simple, and if they miss out on the wedding feast and can’t get in, it is because they believed more in a lie than the simple truth being brought forth in love. You have been personally invited to the wedding feast, and the Lord has given you simple instructions on how to get there. Don’t be late.