*Tuesday, January 7, 2014*

**Consider Your Ways**

Haggai 1:5-7 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts; consider your ways. 6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes. 7 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; consider your ways. (KJV)

Our Lord is specific throughout the Word that anything outside of ‘One’ is too many. So consider the way you are heading today and ask yourself honestly, am I headed in the only way, truth, and life that will get me home?

Proverbs 14:11-12 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown: but the tabernacle of the upright shall flourish. 12 There is a way which seemed right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. (KJV)

Many today begin in the Spirit, and then think they can perfect their walk by the flesh. They try to mix and match the things of God with the things of the world thinking they have the perfect formula. Instead they end up with the perfect storm that is drowning many in destruction and perdition. What began as one direction above ended up going in many other directions; and what may have looked and sounded so good to the outward man, inwardly was a total abomination to the Spirit. The Lord is very specific about what happens to double minded, unstable people; they can expect to receive nothing from Him.

Mark 4:18-19 And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, 19 And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. (KJV)

When you choke someone long enough eventually it leads to death; just like a branch without water will wither and fall away, ready to be burned. The Word of God is able to do above and beyond what we could ever ask or think, but only when you stay the course. If you are out and about chasing a mirage of the enemy it will only lead to a dead end.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickens; the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (KJV)

Our Lord came so that we would have life and have it in abundance. The life He brought to mankind was a spiritual one, because the carnal man was heading the wrong way right into a death trap. The more you consider how useless your ways are, the more you will experience a better way that will get results and last for eternity. Are you ready to let go and try something different?

Philippians 4:6-8 Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. (KJV)

Are you chasing a blessing, or in a place of contentment where you let them overtake you? To be careful means to be anxious, which is not the place that we should be in or pursuing after. Instead we should cast our care upon Him. So today stop and take some time and consider your ways until you have the peace of God assuring you that you are in agreement with the one Lord, by one faith.

God bless dearly loved, and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.