*Friday, March 28, 2014*

**Enlightened**

James 4:4-5 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, the spirit that dwells in us lusts to envy? (KJV)

This week we have pointed out a few areas where the enemy has infiltrated the Church and the Church, in essence, has committed spiritual adultery. Many today are influenced by the media and what they portray as reality instead of seeing things from our Lord’s spiritual perspective.

I John 4:5-6 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of God: he that knows God hears us; he that is not of God hears not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. (KJV)

You will find that as you get closer to the Lord it will bring you away from what man perceives and settles for as truth. You will see that many sound just like the world in their way of thinking even though they profess to know God.

Nehemiah 13:23-26 In those days also saw I Jews that had married wives of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab: 24 And their children spoke half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people. 25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, you shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves. 26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? Yet among many nations was there no king like him, who was beloved of his God and God made him, king over all Israel: nevertheless even he did outlandish women cause to sin. (KJV)

We see how the downfall of the Jews was intermingling with those of the world and what it took to remedy the situation. The same situation applies today and is nothing new; not much has changed because many who claim to be Christians also speak the same language as those of the world.

Luke 6:26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For so did their fathers to the false prophets. (KJV)

What you will find if you decide to take a stand with the Lord is that you will no longer jive with the world. It is at that point that you have to decide who you are going to please and not waver or cheat on our Lord.

2 Corinthians 6:14-18 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? Or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, 18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. (KJV)

Who and what has the most influence on you today?

Dearly loved we pray that you might let the Spirit influence you more than the world and its ways today; so come out from among the world and be separated unto the Lord where there is life and life more abundantly. God bless and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.