*Monday, April 18, 2016*

**In Between**

Mark 4:3-5 Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: 4 And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. 5 And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: (KJV)

It’s interesting to see how the enemy is described as fowl, something that hovers between heaven and earth. Many Christians could be described as being fowl also; they profess to know God, but in lifestyle deny Him. The enemy brings a doctrine to mankind that is in between the truth and a lie; a bit of heaven mixed with a bit of the world, which is a formula for failure. Many settle for what the enemy brings rather than rising up and taking a seat with our Lord, and then staying put in the realm of the Spirit. These people we are describing can accurately be put into the carnal Christian column, they look and sound good, however, the reality is they are just like the world in so many ways.

Ephesians 2:1-3 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now works in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. (KJV)

The deeds of the flesh and the ways of the old man are things that need to be discarded, and not something you carry over into the realm of salvation. The enemy is the prince of the power of the air, hovering around like a buzzard looking for dead things to feed on. Instead of allowing yourself to be eaten alive you need to resist the devil, and send him fleeing. However, for many who don’t know the truth in love they spend too much time entertaining doctrines that are just too good to be true, those that appeal to the lower nature and are an abomination to the new man in Christ.

Ezekiel 13:1-3 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own hearts, Hear ye the word of the LORD; 3 Thus saith the Lord GOD; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! (KJV)

Those that are of this world are limited to things of this world and miss out on what our Lord is speaking to His people. Just because many are doing it, and they are quite popular with mankind, doesn’t mean our Lord is on board.