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**In Between**

Mark 4:4-6 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: 6 But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. (KJV)

The enemy is described as being the fowl of the air as well as the prince of the power of it. The enemy has a large following and word of mouth spreads quickly, like a little leaven leavening the whole lump.

1 Peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. (KJV)

The enemy of our Lord is the great pretender; pretending to be something he is not. Our Lord is described as the Lion of Judah, the real King. The enemy has many loudmouth preachers out and about seeking some fresh meat to pounce on in the form of mans’ religious worldly doctrines that though they promise liberty, they are the servants of corruption.

1 John 4:3-5 And every spirit that confesses not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world hears them. (KJV)

The reality is, if it isn’t the doctrine of Christ, then it is some fowl smelling doctrine of the world that is incomplete and will not get you home. It is up to you to exercise your spiritual senses so that you can know the difference between what is of God and what is of the world. Religion is a doctrine that the enemy is planting in mankind, a lukewarm doctrine that hovers between heaven and earth, offering a little of each.

Nehemiah 13:23-25 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, ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters unto your sons, or for yourselves. (KJV)

Today we see the same principle happening within the Church, where God’s people are unable to speak a language that has any substance; you know a language which is in spirit and in truth? Too many fowl doctrines have gotten past their radars, and too much intermingling has taken place.

Nehemiah 13:26-27 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 him did outlandish women cause to sin. 27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to transgress against our God in marrying strange wives? (KJV)

Whether it was marrying strange wives in the Old Testament or becoming married to the things of this world today, it’s the same sin all over again, and it will have the same deadly results.