*Friday, November 11, 2011*

**Vain Repetitions**

2 Peter 2:17-19 These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever. (18) For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error. (19) While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage. (KJV)

Just a word of warning Church; the people who are being mentioned in the above verses are those that are standing in pulpits today, claiming to be delivering a message of liberty and freedom; you know like worshipping our Lord in Spirit and in truth? Be forewarned that, this same message of warning is getting repeated throughout your Bibles so that you don’t end up like the many who didn’t take heed to the warnings throughout.

Psalms 108:12-13 Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. (13) Through God we shall do valiantly: for he it is that shall tread down our enemies. (KJV)

God does have people today, howbeit a small remnant left, that seek their help from above, and who are not looking to man to find solutions. Mankind can only give a temporal answer and a quick fix that will never last, while God will provide a solid foundation to build on so that in a time of trouble and storms you won’t be blown away.

Jeremiah 17:5-7 Thus saith the LORD; Cursed be the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the LORD. (6) For he shall be like the heath in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land and not inhabited. (7) Blessed is the man that trusteth in the LORD, and whose hope the LORD is. (KJV)

If you try to hold to man, in the end you will find that they will eventually let you down because they are human; you know, the infallible ones that sin and fall short? The arm of the Lord is never too short to save and deliver you in a time of trouble and need, and is always there when needed as well.

Psalms 127:1-2 Except the LORD build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. (2) It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so he giveth his beloved sleep. (KJV)

You know, you are the house of the Lord, and one that He expects to be standing, not blown over or burnt to a crisp. So what is all the fussing and pouting about, as verse two alludes to, that caused you not to sleep? Sounds like someone entered the realm of vanity, pursuing something that leads to a dead end instead of taking a hold of the life of God and having that in abundance.

Colossians 2:8-10 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. (9) For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. (10) And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: (KJV)

Simply put, if Christ is not involved in a situation then neither should you be, because in the end we are either with Him or against Him which as we see summed up this week is referred to as being vain and vanity. In conclusion, another word that rhymes with vanity is the word insanity, like people who keep doing carnal vain repetitions and then expect something Spiritual to result. Do know that you can go back and look up the words vain and vanity as well, and see how many other times these words come up throughout the Bible. These studies are intended to give you an overview and direction, so please continue in the faith. God bless Church and have a prosperous day in Christ Jesus our Lord.