

## THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN SUFFERETH VIOLENCE

"The Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence (to force, to crowd oneself into)

and the violent (energetic) take it by force!" Matt. 11:12

This is an accurate description of people who are earnestly seeking to be saved! When people are really serious about seeking Jesus and Salvation, they will press in with everything they possess and not give up! They will keep knocking until Jesus answers the door!

Behold, I stand at the door and knock: If any man hear My voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me!" Revelations 3:20

Jesus will accept no less than for us to seek Him with our whole heart and surrender our life to Him and follow Him for the rest of our life!

In Revelations 3:15,16 this is what He said to the church in Laodocia about their lack of faith and their not pressing in to love and serve Him:

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold or hot: I would that thou were cold or hot!"

So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of My mouth!"

Those are powerful words of just what the Lord thinks about people who don't take seriously what is going to happen to them if they don't do what is necessary to receive Eternal Life!

It's not a simple thing where we just repent and be baptized and then live our lives the way we want.

Jesus said, "If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, daily, and follow Me." "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for My sake, the same shall save it!" For what is advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?" Mark 9:37 says "What shall a man give in exchange for his soul "

It's obvious from Jesus' words about what we are to do to be saved, and to continue to do the rest of our lives, and what will happen if we don't follow through! This is serious business and is only to be ignored at our peril of ending up in a place we really don't want to go!

Jesus also said, that "whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after Me, cannot be my disciple." And, "whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:27, 33

"And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after Me, is not worthy of Me." Matt 10:38

Jesus said, "If any man come to Me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:26 "He that loveth father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me." Matt. 10:37

That means we have to be willing to give up everything He asks us to give up, and follow Him wherever He leads us!

We have to love Him more than we love anybody or anything else! That's not hard when you fall in love with Him! If you don't love Him THAT much yet, just ask Him to help you to fall in love with Him more fully so that you are willing to give your all for Him; and He Will!

Jesus said, "The first of all commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is One Lord; And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment."

"And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these!" Matt. 12:29-31

Jesus said, "He that is not with Me, is against Me, and he that gathereth not with Me scattereth abroad. Matt. 22:37-40 "If ye love Me, keep My commandments" "He that hath My commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me, shall be loved of My Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him." John 14:15, 21

Jesus said, "If thou wilt enter into life, keep my commandments." Matt.

19:17 "Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you." John 15:14

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another: as I have loved you, that ye also love one another." By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." John 13:34, 35 "Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. (That means we try to love everyone, not just the ones that are easy to love) He that loveth not knoweth not God: for God IS LOVE! I John 4:7, 8

"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins!" I John 4:10

"But God commendeth (introduced) His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

What else the Bible says about love? "A new commandment I write unto you, which thing is true in him and in you: because the darkness is past, and the true Light now shineth. He that saith he is in the Light, and hateth his brother(or anyone) is in darkness even until now."

"He that loveth his brother (and everyone) abideth in the Light, and there is none occasion of stumbling in him. But he that hateth his brother (or anyone) is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes." We are to love one another because our sins are forgiven us too! I John 2:8-12

What are the other commandments? Jesus said, "Thou shalt do no murder, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Honour thy father and thy mother." Matt. 19:18, 19

I John 2:3-6 "And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments.

He that saith, and keepeth not His commandments, is a liar, and the Truth is not in him.

But whoso keepeth His Word, in him verily is the love of God perfected:(in us) hereby know we that we are in Him." "He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk even as He walked." Jesus is our example to follow!

Here the Bible has more to say that we are to do: "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but of the world." "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the Will of God abideth for ever!"

You are probably saying, I can't possibly do all this! But wonderful news! You can with Jesus' help, and all you need to do is ask for His help and guidance in doing the things described in His Word. You need to press in with all of your heart. You really need to want to obey Jesus and His Word!

He will give you the power to obey Him if you just ask Him!

You can ask Him for anything! Ask Him to give you the desire to follow Him for the rest of your life, and He will! You don't have to do anything alone. He is ever present to help you with anything you ask of Him! He loves you more than you can imagine! and He loves it when you come to Him in love and faith with all your needs and wants, trusting in Him!

Jesus said, "Ask and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full!" John 16:24

"For this God is our God for ever! He will be our Guide, even unto death!"

Ps. 48:14

"He that spared not His own Son but delivered Him up for us all, How shall He not freely with Him also give us all things!" Romans 8:32

"The Eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms!"

Deut. 33:27

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Ps. 46:1

"Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest! Take my yoke (to join) upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke (joining with you) is easy, and my burden is light."

Matt. 11:28-30

This means that we are to come to Him with all our burdens and give them up to Him and He will carry them for us! It's not hard for Him to carry them! We just have to be willing to give all our problems to Him and trust that He will take care of us! Oh, what joy when we do that! Than we are be in thankfulness and praise unto Him and just rest in His arms! Don't give up trusting in Him no matter what the circumstances are! Just hold onto Him and everything will work out for your good!

"The beloved (that's you) of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between His shoulders!"

Deut. 33:12

"Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of Thy wings will I rejoice!" Ps. 63:7

"For the Lord God is a sun and a shield: the Lord will give grace (graciousness, kindness) and glory (honour) : no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly." Ps. 84:11

"Be careful (anxious) for nothing: but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving! Let your requests be made known unto the Lord." Philippians 4:6

"Draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh unto you!" James 4:8

"Delight thyself in the Lord, and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart! Commit thy way unto Him, trust also in Him and He shall bring it to pass." Ps. 37:4, 5 Whatever you desire and are praying for shall come to pass if it's good for you.

"He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him: He will also hear their cry, and will cause thine ear to hear!" Ps. 145:19

"Call unto Me and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not!" Jeremiah 33:3

"But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace!"

Ps. 37:11

"Lord thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear!" Ps. 10:17

"Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows (promises to God) unto the Most High.

And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me!"

Ps. 50:14, 15

"Thou wilt show me the path of life: In Thy presence is fullness of joy; at Thy right hand are pleasures forevermore!" Ps 16:11

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to His purpose."

Romans 8:28

"If God be for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

"Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Christ that loved us!"

Romans 8:37 He loved us before we were born!

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid!"

John 14:27

HE LOVES YOU! HE LOVES YOU! OH, HOW HE LOVES YOU!

**This is  
The Word  
of God**



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