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Greetings Brethren,

Thank you, thank you and thank you! To say the Feast of Tabernacles was wonderful, would be an understatement. Even though we were small in attendance at Chattanooga, the enthusiasm, the joy and unity were very tangible there and online. Everyday someone would remark how we missed our brethren, who were not in physical attendance with us and that includes Mr. Phillip Lambu in Zimbabwe.

With God's help, I'm busy recording a series of videos relating to the Sabbath day. Of course, there is no *new revelation!* It was Mr. Armstrong who received the true revelation of this Holy Day, so all I am doing is, stating the obvious, as well as reminding the scattered brethren, that it is God, who revealed the one doctrine, that proves who the True God of Creation is – the seventh day Sabbath.

I want to share the principle Scripture I used in this series, about the Sabbath, Isaiah 1:13 *“Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; the new moons and Sabbaths, the calling of assemblies, I cannot away with; it is iniquity, even the solemn meeting.”*

The reason for using this specific verse, is because it speaks to God's concern about how we all worship Him.

First, let us go to Isaiah 1:12, because before telling the Church in verse 13, that their tithes and offerings are useless, just as useless as a bloodless offering, that their prayers are an abomination and the Sabbath and Holy days which they observe are evil, He says in verse 12... *“When ye come to appear before me, **who** hath required this at your hand, to tread my courts?”* Why would He ask ***who** hath required this at your hand*”?

Brethren what is taking place in the worship services, of the scattered groups today, is HYPOCRISY! And God names it as evil! Why this damnation? Because they claim to appear before God in the same manner, in which they always did, especially when the last apostle was alive. However, it is a big sham. Therefore, verse 13 reveals God's disgust, at what is considered as worship of Him.

Because of their hypocrisy, Isaiah continues God's message in verses 14-15, *“Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are a trouble unto me; I am weary to bear them. 15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you:*

yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood". By God saying, *"your hands are full of blood"*, is proof of their guilt. But guilt of what?

The work that is set before us, is a battle against *gross* liberalism, in the scattered Churches of God. This liberalism, has kept the Body of Christ scattered and trapped, within these groups and being deceived by their leaders.

In 1981 Worldwide News, Mr. Armstrong wrote, **"How subtly Satan used MAKEUP to start the Church off the track"**. With a subtitle, **"How Satan began injecting liberalism into God's" Church**". In that article (It is on our website) Mr. Armstrong asked, ***"Do you think that same wily Satan could not deceive people in God's Church today? Of all the people on earth, WE are the very ones he wants most to deceive. He has the rest of the world deceived already . And remember a deceived person does not know he is deceived - else he would not BE deceived!"***

This deception has affected the worship services of these groups, many woman wear make-up to their services, many wear pantsuits or skirts that are far too short. The living Church of God led by an Evangelist, Roderick Meredith, allows some of their services to be held in a Masonic Lodge, Church of God a Worldwide Association, allows some of their services to take place in a Protestant Church. But the real, but subtle liberalism, is the watering down and rejections of God's Truth.

In **Isa 1:16**, *"Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; 17 Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow"*.

This talks to us as well, because our services have to be conducted in a manner that pleases God. None of our ladies wear make-up and we do not meet in a Synagogue of Satan, our conversation on the Sabbath is mostly Biblical, because we are free to talk and discuss Scripture, we are free to encourage and inspire one another. However, we must be careful when applying what Paul wrote, *"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)* 24 *And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works"* (Hebrews 10:23). Or... *"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ"* (Galatians 6:1-2).

These Scripture could lead us into thinking, we are free to teach. Be careful brethren, that must not happen, only the ministry have that responsibility, to teach. *"And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: 13 Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ* (Ephesians 4:11). The reason, because God placed them in that position, so that *"... we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about*

with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive”.

We must not be guilty of bloodless offerings to God, remember it is the blood of Christ's sacrifice that covers our sins upon repentance. Our prayers must ascend to God's Throne as sweet smelling incense and our Father wants us to tread His courts with respect toward Him and His Government.

We have an awesome task set before us brethren, look at the way Satan has swayed this world, through a vain and liberal attitude, there is NO justice in the land. Likewise, the same devil is holding the scattered groups captive, by the same tools of vanity and liberalism

Mr Armstrong also wrote in that November 1981 Worldwide News... *“Brethren, let's get one thing straight at this point. Jesus Christ chose and has been using a HUMAN instrument to lead you. Will you blame Jesus Christ for that? HE is infallible. HE makes no mistakes. But WHO among you could He choose as His instrument to lead you who is already supernaturally divine and unable to make mistakes”?* He took me with my single-track mind, and used me in *STARTING* this Philadelphia era of God's Church. He has used me, in spite of a few mistakes, in *BRINGING ALL YOU INTO HIS BODY, THE CHURCH*. He revealed *HIS TRUTH* to me and through me to you! And now He is using me as His instrument in *CORRECTING* a mistake, and *LEADING YOU BACK ON THE TRACK!* Thousands of you have written me you are behind me 100 percent. *ARE YOU?”*

My brethren, let the fabulous unified Spirit of the Feast of Tabernacles, continue to guide and lead us, as one body, to accomplish the task set before ALL of us. Thank you for your faithfulness, to Our Father and our loving Savior, Jesus Christ.

In Christ's service,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael H. Venish". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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