

The Yoke is on You

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*"For thou shalt worship no other god: for the Lord,
Whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God."
—Ex. 34:19*

The Bible commands Believers to be a distinct, separate people. "Peculiar" is even used deliberately and consistently to describe the glorious way YHWH desires us (**1Pet. 2:9**). In all but one of the times the word is used in the Bible, it is used to refer to the people of YHWH (**Ex. 19:5, Dt. 14:2, Dt. 26:18, Ps. 135:4, and Tit. 2:14**). We are His peculiar treasure and He loves us in a very special way. Part of that love involves wanting us all to Himself—just as a husband wants His wife to belong *uniquely* to him.

This is not because the Almighty is petty or small-minded, but rather because He knows (in all "humility") that nothing in the universe can compare with His love. He knows that if we allow anything else to come between us, we are getting the short end of the deal. Even the love between parent and child or between husband and wife at its most pure and glorious is but a pale reflection of the burning furnace of His love for us.

YHWH describes Himself as "jealous," a very politically incorrect term. For Him, though, this cannot be seen as a character defect. It simply means that He made us for Himself and redeemed us for Himself. He therefore wants us to separate ourselves from anything that detracts from His praise or glory. Again, this is for our own good. If we allow anything to eclipse the sunlight of YHWH's love, no matter how wonderful or noble it may seem in the earth plane, it will still cast a dark pall over our lives. This is what YHWH wants to help us avoid. This brings us to our key verse:

*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,-
2Cor. 6:14-17.*

Though this idea of "coming out" and being "separate" can apply to many areas, including churches, dating, etc.; in this tract we only have time to address ONE very dangerous issue: **The Christian and the Masonic Lodge.**

FORGOTTEN CHILDREN?

Countless thousands of “Christians” are Freemasons, many of them from supposedly “fundamentalist” or “Bible-based” churches. Some of these men know the Lodge is “off” in some areas, but claim that they are there to be a light to their unsaved brethren. Would that this were true. Sadly, it seldom—if ever—is the case.

Others are blithely ignorant of the profound sin of the Lodge and somehow remain secure in that ignorance. This is not wise, for ignorance is no excuse! God warns:

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”— Hosea 4:6.

To prove the adamantly un-Christian character of Masonry is beyond the scope of this leaflet. For FREE, ABUNDANT proof of that, check out other free downloadable materials on our website. We are, for the purposes of this article, going to assume that the Lodge is anti-Bible. What then of the man who professes Yah’shua (the Hebrew name for Jesus) and is a member of the Lodge? We are told *“Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity.” —2Tim. 2:19b.*

This “Christian Mason” may say that he is witnessing while in the Lodge. However, a quick study into the rules of Masonry reveals that such witnessing is forbidden in every “regular and well-governed Lodge.” The author is a former 32° Mason and knows this for a fact.

From the Bible's perspective, this idea is false as well. Who did more for the fallen of Sodom, Lot who mingled with them in fellowship; or Abraham who stayed apart in holy separation and interceded for them? Remember, Lot could not even get his own family to believe in the angels' message. His testimony was destroyed and his family was shattered by incest. Tragically, this is what happens to many “Christian Masons” as well. Remember what YHWH said in Hosea. If we move in willing ignorance, He will “forget” our children. Christian father, do you wish the Creator to forget YOUR children??

Think of it in this simple fashion. Has anyone among you ever CAUGHT A CASE OF GOOD HEALTH? No, I imagine not. You can hang around some very healthy person until the cows come home and you will not be any healthier. However, if you stay around sick people, unless your immune system is very strong, you will begin to get sick. Similarly, in the Torah (Five books of Moses), a high priest could be defiled by contact with an unclean thing (**Lev. 21:1**, etc.). Remember, we are the priesthood of believers in the New Testament (**1Pet. 2:5**). Thus, it is the same in Masonry. If you stay in the Lodge long enough, your spiritual walk will be weakened and you will sicken inside; and perhaps even die (**1Cor. 11:30**).

FELLOWSHIP DIVINE?

Some of you may protest that the above-cited verse refers to the Communion Table, not to the Masons. That is only partly correct! One chapter earlier, Believers are warned (in the context of communion—vs. 16): "Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils:" —1Cor. 10:21. In York and Scottish Rite Masonry, you literally drink from the cup of devils! (See note 1)

The Communion Table is not only a commemorative ritual, it is a time of sacred fellowship. This is because in the Bible times, eating with someone was a special kind of relationship. It implied hospitality and trust. Masonry certainly offers its members fellowship, but what is the SPIRITUAL nature of that fellowship?

Masonry's first degree is Entered Apprentice. After a newly initiated EA has taken his oath, the "Worshipful Master" (See note 2) of the Lodge says, "Remove the cable-tow [cord] from about our brother's neck, as he is now bound to our Fraternity by much stronger ties." What are those "ties?" They are bonds of fraternal fellowship. Like it or not, the new Mason is spiritually **linked to every other Mason on earth!** THERE is the problem.

Most Masons only see their Lodge as made up of friends and neighbors, or fellow church members. This is often true in small-town USA. However, remember that the only religious test for a Mason is that they believe in A Supreme Being. That deity certainly does not have to be the one true and living God of the Bible!

This means that as a Christian Mason, you are yoked with thousands of Hindu Masons, Buddhist Masons, Islamic Masons, and yes—even Masons who are witches or Satanists! It might surprise the average Mason to learn that virtually all premiere witches, warlocks, occultists and devil-worshippers of the last century were devout Freemasons! A partial list would include:

Arthur Edward Waite—Masonic scholar who wrote a book on how to make pacts with the devil!

Aleister Crowley—proclaimed as the "wickedest man in the world," and the most prominent black magician of the 20th century.

George Pickengill—master witch of rural England.

MacGregor Mathers—co-founder of the premiere occult society, the Golden Dawn.

Alex Sanders—recent "King of the Witches." (1926-1988)

C.W. Leadbetter—one of the founding members of the Theosophical Society, the first "New Age" group.

Manly P. Hall—one of our time's most prolific occult writers, and one of the most honored Masons.

Space prohibits a further list, but can you imagine being in "fraternal fellowship" with anyone in this bunch? Would you bring a warlock home to dinner with your wife and children? Spiritually speaking, that is just what you are doing if you are a Mason.

This is not just an historical issue, for as a former Mason (who was a witch high priest at the time of his "initiation, passing and raising") I personally knew of dozens of other Masons who were witches or occultists; and this was in the 1970's. If you are a Mason, you are "unequally yoked" with thousands of such occultists and unbelievers. You bring their spiritual influence into your home by your Lodge membership! Remember, "If you lie down with dogs, you get up with fleas!" (Rev.22:15)

FRIENDSHIP WITH THE WORLD

Yoking in the Bible refers to the ancient practice of plowing with oxen. Farmers would be careful to not put two oxen together who were significantly different in their strength or temperament. Otherwise, one ox would out-pull the other and the furrows would end up crooked. It would be like trying to push a grocery cart when one of the wheels was sticking or crooked.

But when the Christian Mason is pulling his "plow" through life, spiritually speaking, he is in an even worse situation. James warns us, (4:4) "...know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God." The unsaved Masonic brother is an "enemy of God" until he gets saved. That means he is pulling his "plow" in the opposite direction from the Christian Mason. Imagine having two oxen yoked together, with one going north and the other going south; each pulling with all their might! Would they get anywhere? Best case scenario, they would go in a circle!

The problem is that in struggles like this, the flesh usually wins over the spirit. As Jesus warned, "the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mt.26:41) In most of the Masons we have met who claim to be Christians, they have given up and are "plowing" the same direction as their unsaved brethren. They have often no zeal for God, no hearts burning with love for Jesus. They have grown spiritually cold and dense, and usually have the spiritual discernment of a box of rocks. Sure, they give money to crippled children and treat people with kindness; but they are also allowing their OWN children to be spiritually crippled! (Hos. 4:6)

This is because they have allowed the spiritual authority in their home to be yoked together with thousands of witches, occultists and other assorted pagans who are going to hell faster than a greased cruise missile. How can they stand with authority and pray against the devil for their families, when they are yoked with Satan? Remember, ignorance of this evil is no excuse. If someone drinks poison, thinking it was soda pop, it will still kill them!

My Christian brother, if you are a Mason, you need to break that yoke of Satan off your neck so you and your family can be set free! The only way to do that is to get on your knees right now and renounce your Lodge membership in the name of Yah'shua the Messiah and ask Him to forgive you for ever joining it. Then, you need to write a letter of demit to your local lodge, demanding that your name be taken off the membership rolls at once. It would be idea if you could briefly share your testimony with them of WHY you are taking this step. Contact us for a "sample" demit letter. You owe it to your Savior, and you owe it to your family!

Endnotes:

- 1.) See our book, Masonry, Beyond the Light, from With One Accord, for all necessary documentation.
- 2.) But Jesus forbade us to call anyone "Master" but Himself (**Mt. 23:10**)!

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