There is None Else!

Deuteronomy 4:34 -35, 39 "Or hath God assayed to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? (35) Unto thee it was shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him. (39) Know therefore this day, and consider it in thine heart, that the LORD he is God in heaven above, and upon the earth beneath: **there is none else**."

Isaiah 45:18 "For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else."

Isaiah 45:22 "Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else."

Isaiah 46:9 "Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me,"

Let me ask you a question, what has happened to America? What has happened to the world? Why has the inhabitants of the earth and the people of America turned to way that have forbidden God? Our own Nation the United States of America, the leader of the world, the example to the world, has reached the official point of not only forgetting God but forbidding God to exist.

Not only the world, but the United States of America has forgotten God and forbid God, the world has denounced God. But do not forget God and who He is. We just read scriptures that explains whom the Sovereign God, the creator of not only everything we see or do not see, but the creator of mankind. God's own creation has forgotten, forbidden, and even eliminated God from their lives. God's created beings have changed the truth of God into a lie to worship the created creature over the Blessed Creator. Even associations and organizations that boldly call themselves Churches, people that call themselves Christians, and Nations that call themselves Christian, deny the Sovereign God and His Son Jesus our Saviour. God once said of the Nation of Israel, the very nation that God chose out of all the Nations of the earth, and blessed beyond imagination, also who denied, and rejected the very Messiah Jesus the Christ. Please listen as the Apostle Paul wrote about his beloved nation Israel. Romans 10:1 - 4

"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved. For I bear them record that they have a zeal of God, but not according to knowledge. For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." God sent His very own Son in the form of sinful flesh but without sin to be a sacrifice for sin because the very creature that God created and blessed with dominion over the entire earth, the very creature that God has given so many blessings has sinned against Him and denied Him and had separated themselves from Him in rejection. Every people, every Nation that God has so graciously blessed by mercy and grace has betrayed their own Creator. Rejecting Him as Sovereign, rejecting Him as Creator, rejecting Him as King, rejecting Him as Saviour, just rejecting Him period. But this is no surprise because God said they would. Romans 1:22 - 27 "Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet."

Now let's look more at our Sovereign God...

Jeremiah 6:18 - 19 "Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. Hear, O earth: behold, I will bring evil upon this people, even the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not hearkened unto my words, nor to my law, but rejected it."

Jeremiah 9:13 - 16 "And the LORD saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein; (14) But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them: (15) Therefore thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. (16) I will scatter them also among the heathen, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them."

Let us all understand, God does not bless those that do not bless and honor Him. God does not bless Nations that forget, and forbid Him, and God does not bless a Nation and a people who rejected and crucified His beloved Son. God has promised horrible things to these people, and God never defaults of His promises. God's words are eternal, He never defaults, nor does He ever fail to deliver His promises. People wonder why so many bad things happens, read God's word, hear God's warnings, it will cause you to fall on your face and cry "Oh God, please help us". But instead, the world blames God, denies the power is His, and in their own imaginations created a god that "would never do such a thing", a god that "is to loving to do these things", but rather "loves everyone on the earth regardless" and is "begging all people to be saved". This is not the True God!

But to those deniers of God's true identity let us look into history to see exactly what God does to people that reject and deny Him, that is His sovereignty, His power, His authority, and that have forbid and forgotten Him.

Genesis 6:1 - 3, 5 - 8, 11 - 13, 17 "And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,(2) That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.(3) And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.(5) And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And it repented the LORD that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth me that I have made them. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD. (11) The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. (17) And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die."

God is not a man, He does not lie, He does not break promises, He does not change, His word is an eternal truth, and a promise to those that read and understand it. <u>His word is also a warning and promise to those who reject Him</u>. They never think of God as One who should not be feared!

2 Thessalonians 1:6 - 9 "Seeing it is a righteous thing with God to recompense tribulation to them that trouble you; And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;"

As Christians, as the most blessed of God created creatures, as the very souls that God has blessed with mercy, grace, and salvation from our fallen state, as the blessed that God sent His very own Son to die on that tree by wicked hands, it our responsibility to rightly know, understand, obey, our God and Master. We are so blessed that at our greatest time of need, at our greatest fears in the world, all we need is to fear our Sovereign God, Master, and Father. He has promised to never leave us nor forsake us. But we must obey and walk in His Word.

Psalms 34:8 - 9 "O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him."

Psalms 111:9 - 10 "He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: a good understanding have all they that do his commandments: his praise endureth for ever."

Proverbs 1:5 - 7 "A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction."

In Psalms 111:9 the Lord said, "holy and reverend is his name." The name Holy in reference to God means He is pure, the name Reverend means - One to be feared, John Gill said – "Holy and reverend is his name; the name of God is "holy"; it is his nature, and appears in all his works; and in which he is glorious, and so is reverend; he is to be feared and reverenced by all his creatures, and among his saints, as he is by the angels in heaven."

God is Reverent, it's not just His name but His very Being and His Nature. God is to be awed of, and respected deeply in fear by all His creation, especially Christians and churches. A believer or a church that has no deep respect for God's word and the commandment, the rebuke of it, has no respect or Reverence of God. If we have no respect of reverence of God, if we fail in believing and obeying the truth of His word, we fall into the hands of an eagerly waiting Satan.

Matthew 6:24 "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Paul wrote to young preacher Timothy in **2 Timothy 2:24 – 26** "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

Christians, Churches, and mainly Pastors must never forget that Satan is our adversary seeking whom he may devour. Meaning that Satan is our "arch enemy" trying to devour God's Pastors, churches, and Christians in general. The Devil accuses men before God, he wants us all to fall into his power of thinking so that "we" separate ourselves from God's word of truth, so that we fail God and obey him (Satan), so that he can accuse us before God with much joy. Paul had great concern as he wrote the church at Corinth, a church of many problems these words:

2 Corinthians 11:3 - 4 "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him."

We must resist Satan, and the powers of this worlds fallen sinners, not allowing their demonization of the True God, or His Word of Truth. We must continue to fear and obey God's word, walking in it, walking in His Spirit of Truth. Resisting the world that he (Satan) controls at his evil thinking that is opposite to our Gracious God. We are the warriors that God has blessed with much grace, revealing His blessed word to us, making us strong, so that we can weather the storms of Satan and say, "get hence Satan" as our Saviour did during His temptation. Matthew 4:10 "Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."

Now let us get to our message titled "Fear none else"

- A. Our God is the True God.
 - 1. That is "He is absolute, and He is always in control.
 - a. **Isaiah 46:10** "Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure:"
 - b. The word "declaring" is very important, most people miss this, how do I know they do?

 Because they do not believe it. The word means, to front, to manifest, or to expose.

- c. What is God "declaring"? "the end from the beginning," Of what? Of everything. **Acts**15:18 "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world." Before the world was created God was Omniscient or God eternally knew everything.
- d. We must remember, God does not change, "with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" James 1:17b
 - **aa.** The word variableness means "transmutation" which means there is no action of changing or His state of being changed.
 - **bb.** The words "shadow of turning means "shadowing-over of mutability" Most believe this means "no changes in this lower world can cast a shadow on the unchanging Fount of light" Vines dictionary has this thought, "The meaning of the passage will then be, 'God is alike **incapable of change** and **incapable of being changed by the action of others**"
- e. Because God is "eternal", In the beginning was God, in the beginning was the Word, in the beginning was the Spirit, in the beginning was nothing else.
- 2. What about Satan? Satan is a fallen angel. God created Satan for the sole purpose to bring evil. While he was once an angel, a powerful angel, he was a disobedient angel. Isaiah 14:12 15 "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! (13) For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (14) I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (15) Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."
 - **aa.** Some say this is not Satan because he was called "son of the morning" The name "Lucifer" means a bright star, the morning star alluding to the star Venus, which is the morning star, which ushers in the light of the morning, and shows that day. They say this keeps this angel from being Satan, but I disagree.
 - **bb.** We all know that "Lucifer" was good at one time because he was an angel, but he fell, why did he fall, "I will exalt my throne above the stars of God" V. 13 and in V. 14 we see these words, "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High." **cc.** God said in V. 15 "Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit." What God created Lucifer's status to be in the beginning, God also created him to fall and become Satan. **Isaiah 45:7** "I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the

- LORD do all these things." God may have created Lucifer to be upright, holy, and wonderful, but God also created him to fall. Just as He did Adam and Eve, these events did not just happen outside of God's ordained will.
- 3. Satan became the enemy of all righteousness. He became the distributor of sin, not only in dragging many angels with him, but causing Adam and Eve to sin. **1 John 3:8** "He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil." Lucifer or Satan or the devil was the first sinner.
- 4. Satan's workers are called "Tares" in the parable of "The Weeds" the Lord said this,
 Matthew 13:25 "But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat,
 and went his way."
 - **aa.** The Tares are the evil servants serving Satan and unrighteousness, whether fallen angels or people on earth called "Christians and churches" but they sow evil and lies. **Matthew 13:38 39** "The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one; (39) The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels."
 - **bb.** "while **men slept"** Good men in the churches, men of great truth, ministers of sound doctrine, and churches that are truly of Christ; they Slept! What would happen to the sheep if the Shepherd (Jesus) slept? Then what would happen to the flock if the under-shepherd were sleeping? **1 Peter 5:8** "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:" sober means clear minded and watchful. The word Vigilant means to stay awake.
 - **cc.** Satan thus sows false doctrine of darkness, in the very place where the truth is preached, while the men of the churches and Pastors sleep.
- 5. The will of Satan they will always do, they are faithful servants. **John 8:44** "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it."
- 6. Satan and his servants may look like angels of light, but they are enemies of God and truth. They may appear to be Christians, but they are children of Satan. They may appear as the Lord's churches, but they are dens of liars and lies. And what is sad is, they live in darkness and don't even know they are being used of Satan.

- 7. All of this is by the predetermined will of God.
- 8. Our greatest battle is God's glory of victory in Jesus His Son. While Satan may be the greatest hindrance to the "work of salvation" Jesus Christ is the greatest victory of God's work.
- 9. This work has been put into the hands of God's true servants, churches, and their Pastors. God's servants must stay true to God's word, **2 Timothy 2:24 26** "And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."
 - **aa.** As Pastors, ministers, and Christians, our job is to stand on truth, but with patience and in meekness. We must understand, we cannot change people who oppose truth.
 - **bb.** We must in loving ways "instruct those in error and those lost" arguments and debate of God's word accomplishes nothing. Because a leopard cannot change their spots, nor can an Ethiopian change their skin color.
 - **cc.** Only "if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will." V. 25b 26 Only the power of revelation, the power of manifestation, by God's Spirit can make this happen.
 - **dd.** We must never lose sight of the fact that by Satan's power are they blinded from the truth. Only God will give repentance to such contradictors and blasphemers of his Gospel; we cannot.
- 10. Satan does have so much power, that the lost cannot come to Christ without God's power.
 Jude 1:8 9 "Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities. (9) Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee." Because only the Lord has that power, all we can do is argue and debate never changing a single souls mind.
 - **aa.** Those who exercise God's authority in teaching the truth must first be under the authority, <u>accountability to God</u>. But the <u>false teachers reject divine authority</u> and set themselves up as their own authority.

- **bb.** God called these false teachers "filthy dreamers" V. 8 This means they live in a world of lies and false doctrine dreaming that it is truth. But God said of them, they "speak evil of dignities." They speak evil of truth, they are against the truth about God, they not only hate the True God of Sovereignty they deny His power in salvation replacing God with themselves.
- **cc.** They hate and demonize the Truth of God in salvation so much. They hate God for His truth on social things like homosexuality, abortion, sin, etc. because they hate the True God and us who follow Him.
- 11. But we can overcome Satan's power.
 - aa. but only by God's power. James 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." We must resist, we must draw nigh to God, and if we do, he will flee us, why, because he has lost and will seek another soul.
 - aa. How do we resist the devil, God tells us in detail. **Ephesians 6:10 13** "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. (11) Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. (12) For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. (13) Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."
 - **bb.** With faith (given by God), with truth (God's Truth), wearing righteousness (walking in the Spirt), walking in the gospel of peace (walking with peaceable tempers, and humility), having the helmet of salvation (having the power of Christ), with the sword of the Spirit, (which is the word of God), and prayer (for the power of the Holy Spirit) only in these things is victory over Satan possible.
- B. God's children have a hedge about them.
 - 1. **Job 1:9 10** "Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? (10) Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land."
 - **a.** What is a "hedge"? It is a fence or a barrier. God defines it in, **Hosea 2:6** "Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths."

- **b.** God protects His children, while we cannot see the hedge God is our hedge.
- c. This is why Satan needed God's permission to bring these terrible things on him, and to take almost all he had. **Job 1:12** "And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD." The person of Job was not to be touched. He was only allowed to harm or take his belongings, including his family.
- **d.** The hedge of God around Job guaranteed Satan could not physically harm Job.
- 2. Our hedge is also God's protective hand, if not Satan would destroy us all. This is called perseverance in the Five Points of Sovereign Grace.
 - a. This means we are kept safe and secure by God <u>and not ourselves</u>. Satan nor anyone else can touch a Christian if God does not allow it.
 - b. **1 Peter 1:5** "Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time."
 - c. **Jude 1:1** "Jude, the servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ, and called:" Preserved means to watch, to guard, by keeping the eye upon them, or to keep someone safe.
 - d. **1 Thessalonians 5:23** "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."
- 3. No matter what happens in life, no matter what Satan or even God brings our way, god will never fail us. There is none like Him, not is their any as powerful as He is. 2 Corinthians 12:9 10 "And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. (10) Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong."
- C. Our Heavenly Father is breathtaking, it is amazing what He has done for us.
 - 1. This very same God we have spent so much time talking about, this Creator of all things, this all powerful, most loving, and caring God, loves and keeps us.
 - a. 1 John 3:1 2 "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. (2) Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we

- shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is."
- **b. Psalms 36:7 9** "How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; and thou shalt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life: in thy light shall we see light."
- D. He sent His Own Son as a Sin-Bearer.
 - Jesus Christ bore the sins of the believers on the cross, Even being God's own Son. 1 Peter
 3:18 "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:"
 - 2. **1 Peter 2:24** "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed."
 - 3. This is what this wonderful God has done for us, He has blessed us so much simply because He loves us.
 - a. **1 John 4:19** "We love him, because he first loved us." We knew nothing of God's love and were at enmity with God in the fleshly state, but He still loved us.
 - b. He caused us to love Him, He cause us to see Jesus, He caused us to believe on Jesus, He made us His children. He controls our life in Jesus Christ in everything we do.
 - c. **Titus 3:3 6** "For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another. (4) But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared, (5) Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; (6) Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;"
 - d. Oh, what beautiful love God has For us, because He elected too.