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Leroy, Don't Cry!

Leroy? I don't know his name, but as I drove past him and what I witnessed, Leroy was brought to my mind by the Holy Spirit as He set this letter into my mind and heart.

There was this man, on July 3, 1997, as we drove by some houses, standing outside next to his house, at about 2:20pm, with his back to the road, kind of leaning against the house. He was dressed in black slacks and a long sleeve white shirt. I do not feel that he was wearing a tie, just loosed neck. He was not bending over, but he was kind of slouched over from the shoulders up. You know, when you are trying to hide and you try to get as little as you can. As I was trying to do recently! I call it trying to get back into your once long forgotten fetal position, wanting to escape, hide, take something back, just to be left alone, I'll get over it myself or whatever it is at the moment. Or, as Lamentations 5:5 says, ***“Our necks are under persecution: we labour, and have no rest.”***

I felt as if Leroy, by my spirit, had been persecuted for something he had not done, so instead of getting even, getting back or lashing back at his persecutors, he just went outside to hide, crawl in something, or escape. Leroy was an elderly black man and this was his pain I was feeling.

It doesn't take very long for the Holy Spirit to lay a burden on you for someone else. I was blessed in the fact that He allowed me to see this pain this time. **PRAISE YOU JESUS.**

Leroy's persecution to put him in this position, was he trying to tell his children about the word of God, he was dressed for church on a Thursday, in mid-afternoon? Persecutions come in many styles, sizes, colors and degrees! ***And from your family and from all of the above! “When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. But he that received***

the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended.” Matthew 13:19-21. Can you find yourself in this style of persecution? Praying and trying to tell family the word of God????? Have you not root in yourself???

Leroy’s persecution, was it his church that was taking the persecution? Was someone in his church being fought hard, maybe persecuted as Stephen was, *“But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and ran upon him with one accord. And cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witness laid down his clothes at a young man’s feet, whose name was Saul. And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.”* Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60.

Did you notice that during Stephen’s stoning, his persecution, he didn’t try to get even or lash out or cast blame??? Maybe Leroy did or maybe he just had to get away? Why didn’t Leroy and Stephen, possibly not try to get revenge or lash back? Stephen as it said in v. 55 was full of the Holy Ghost, our Strength, our Comforter and our Deliverer. All Stephen would say is receive my spirit Lord, and lay not this sin upon them; what power, what control and what love for your fellow man!!! Leroy, don’t cry! *“And Saul was consenting unto his death. And at that time there was a great persecution against the church which was at ????,”* Acts of the Apostles 8:1.

I witnessed first hand, persecution against God’s people, recently by a minister of a church of a well known denomination in these parts, on a Sunday morning television telecast; persecution of the type which beguiles and leads them astray. This local, well known, well liked minister, by the

size of his church, and there are a lot of them like this minister who are blinded by the great deceiver, preaches man's religion, not God's words!!

This preacher on this particular telecast, stood from behind the pulpit, and told his congregation that there is sin everywhere, evil abounds all around them, which is so very true!!! He just didn't say how close! These men of God are not evil, purposely, but they are as was Saul, blinded to the truths of God by man's religions. It actually took Saul to be blinded physically three days for his blinders to fall off and scripture said they fell away as scales off his eyes and he was baptized and to be filled with the Holy Ghost. *“And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.”* Acts of the Apostles 9:18. The word of God said Saul was filled with the Holy Ghost, which is power from on high. Saul's scales fell off, he saw that what he was doing was evil and wrong and that his persecution of the church was misdirected by the leaders of the religious sects. And who did Saul become? He became Apostle Paul, writer of 14 books of the New Testament Bible. Over 50% of God's words for our directions and paths to follow, did Apostle Paul write by the unction and inspiration of the Holy Ghost, and not man!

As Saul was persecuting the church and at the same time he thought he was doing God's work, so are minister's today!!! Jesus tells us in Matthew 24:5,11,24, *“For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many. ... And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. ... For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”* These ministers are not intentionally preaching evil, they are as was Saul, blinded!

This minister told his congregation that sin was all around them, everywhere you look, watch or read it, sin is everywhere!!!! **THIS IS TRUE, SO VERY TRUE!!!** This minister told his congregation this; and this is what is deceiving the church, it's persecution, **he told them to just do nothing about it, let it be, do not bother it, it is here, it has always been here and it is always going to be here, so just leave it alone!!!** Do nothing, just go about your regular business and ignore it!!!! **GOD FORBID!!!!** **THIS IS THE CHURCH'S PERSECUTION!!!!!!!!!! BY SATAN!** And he

is getting by with it everywhere. God has given us and Jesus even spit it out to His seventy who returned with joy and said, “... *even the devils are subject unto us through Thy name. And He said unto them, I beheld Satan as lightning fall from heaven. Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*” Luke 10:17-19. Why is this minister telling his church to ignore it when God Himself tells us we have power, through the Holy Ghost, to stomp it out and power over all sin around us?????? Why is this minister not preaching all of God’s words? Why is he deceiving? He is blind to the Holy Ghost, he is being deceived himself from the truth. Persecution, to persecute, to molest, oppress, maltreat, pursue, beset; abuse, injure, hound, annoy, or trouble!

As Apostle Paul said, “*Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars hill, and said, ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, to the unknown God. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you. God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that He is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; neither is worshipped with men’s hands, as though He needed anything, seeing He giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; and hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after Him, and find Him, though He be not far from every one of us: for in Him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, for we are also His offering. Forasmuch then as we are the offering of God, we ought not to think that the Godhead is like unto gold, or silver, or stone graven by art and man’s device. And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: because He hath appointed a day, in the which He will judge the world in righteousness by that Man whom He hath ordained: whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead.*” Acts of the Apostles 17:22-31.

How many ministers, priests, rabbis or pastors today are preaching to **THE UNKNOWN GOD** by just *“Having a form of Godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away. ... Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.”* 2 Timothy 3:5,7. HOW MANY? HOW MANY?????

When this minister told his congregation to just ignore it, leave it alone and to go around it; this is what Satan wanted to hear him say!!!! Evil and sin have run rampant with no one, not many anyway, taking power and control over evil. Just think what and how it would be if ministers, being filled with and baptized with the Holy Ghost, preached the power and control over evil instead of just leaving it alone and the congregation obeyed????? Would things be different? Would Leroy be crying? How many free from bondage people would be happy in the Lord instead of bound under Satan????

God once winked at this ignorance but now **HE COMMANDS** all men, everywhere to repent; *“The crown is fallen from our head: woe unto us, that we have sinned! For this our heart is faint; for these things our eyes are dim. ... Thou, O Lord, remainest for ever; Thy throne from generation to generation. Wherefore dost Thou forsake us for ever, and forsake us so long time?”* Lamentations 5:16,17,19,20.

The repenting of sin and the request for restoration is what it is going to take for evil to cease, under the power of the Holy Ghost, not by man's doctrines and rituals. Because *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priests to Me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of God, I will also forget thy children.”* Hosea 4:6. It, sin, is only to be defeated by, you know it, *“... and not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts.”* Zechariah 4:6. Only by the Holy Spirit can we overcome, not by man!!! **THANK YOU JESUS, PRAISE YOU FATHER!!!!**

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