## Part two of 'Thoughts from the Crucible

Following on from the last part of my message, this is a fairly long final section but I wanted to get it out to you before Passover on Friday. Eat and digest as you are able!

Remember I spoke to you about Hezekiah's call to the people of God not to be stiffnecked like their fathers, but to yield and come and celebrate the Passover? Since then, the Lord has continued to deal at a deeper and deeper level with me, using His Refiner's Fire. Morning by morning, He awakens me with scriptures and areas I need to deal with in repentance and prayer. It has been a chastening but joy-filled time and in my brief contacts with other earnest seekers of His presence, I have found the same dealings.

I mentioned before that the Spirit of Judgment and Burning is dealing with fruit of our lips, and how, like Isaiah, we are people of unclean lips. Our lips are made unclean by the thoughts that are converted into audible sounds that others can hear, from the sounds in our minds and hearts. Do you know that there are only two in the audience hearing your thought life – you and God! That's a sobering thought and how merciful God is to keep it that way!

A little while ago, the Holy Spirit mentioned to me that I drive my car in the same way as I live my walk with him. He went on to point out how I behave when I come to a stop sign in the road. If there is no other traffic in the area, then I often do not bring my car to a dead halt, but rather just slow down and pause before crossing over! In other words, I am not obeying the stop sign!! Well, as He pointed that out, I was very convicted at that moment but then He said, "in the same way, when I tell you to stop doing something, you just slow down, pause, look to see if anyone else can see you and then carry right on doing it..." I was horrified but I knew it was true. He had been dealing with me in a certain area concerning my words and I was managing most of the time to keep them in check, but in reality, I was only stopping other people from hearing them. The thoughts were rampaging in my mind - the place where only God could be a witness and it hadn't troubled me that much that He was forced to hear such unedifying words, judgments, arguments and justifications. In the end, after many tears and admissions that it truly is as David says in psalm 51 'against You only have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight', The Spirit pointed out that it was a lack of the fear of the Lord that makes His people careless in their thought-life. Well, that brought me to a halt as I have never really considered myself lacking in the fear of the Lord. I mean I daily express my desire to serve and honour Him and bring Him

glory...well, mainly externally if I am brutally honest...all it takes is someone to irritate and offend me in some way and the conversation I have in my head with them is not too pretty!!

We ask the Lord for the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation, but do we ask Him for the Spirit of the fear of the Lord? That doesn't seem as attractive somehow....yet, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom! If we want to eat at Wisdom's table and drink of her spiritual wine, then one of the qualifications for a seat at the table is to walk in the fear of the Lord and to hate evil. I discovered I was very good at hating evil around me but not that meticulous about hating evil lurking in my thought-life! So this is where the Refiner's fire has been raging!

Can you imagine if your thought life was displayed on those electronic billboard at the side of the highway of life, that everyone who went past you could read your every thought?? IT IS THE MERCY OF GOD THAT SENDS THE REFINER'S FIRE TO CLEAN UP OUR THOUGHT LIFE. JUST AS A HUSBAND DAILY WASHES HIS BODY, THE BRIDEGROOM, JESUS IS WASHING THE BRIDE WITH THE WATER OF THE WORD (in her inner chamber, her thought life) AT THIS TIME. Do you know why it is so important? Because it is mostly the fear of man that causes us not to express our unclean and wicked and judgmental thoughts. We don't want people to think badly of us, we don't want to ruin our reputations of being good upright spiritual citizens. Fear of man and self-preservation make us stop our vehicle when another car is there at a 4 way stop. We don't want an accident or a fine but, if no-one is watching, how do we behave? Do we just pause and then carry on with the same ugly thoughts and the same unclean inner behaviour afterwards?

It's time to be honest with ourselves and call a spade a shovel because the refining process is ridding our hearts of deep roots which have borne fruit in our thoughts for many years. In the end, it's not about whether other people think we walk righteously and are spiritual; it's what God thinks of us that counts.

I have become painfully aware of how little the fear of God was governing my behaviour and how much self-preservation and the fear of man was in play. We need to call out for a great outpouring of the Spirit of the fear of the Lord in our secret hearts. That is in our secret thought life, where only the Bride and the Bridegroom are present, that the lamp of the fear of the Lord would be lighting up our candlelit dinner with our beloved Bridegroom, as He tells us our faults and helps us clean up for the wedding.

Remember Jeremiah 6 and the good old paths that we are instructed to enquire about? ... and the people's refusal to walk in the ways God indicated? Look at what God says as a result of their refusal to cooperate:

Jer 6:16 Thus says the Lord: Stand by the roads and look; and ask for the eternal paths, where the good, old way is; then walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk in it! [*Matt. 11:29.*] Jer 6:17 Also I set watchmen over you, saying, Hear and obey the sound of the trumpet! But they said, We will not listen or obey. Jer 6:18 Therefore hear, O [*Gentile*] nations, and know, O congregation [*of believing ones*], what [*great things I will do*] to them. **Jer 6:19** Hear, O earth: behold, I am bringing evil upon this people, <u>the fruit of their thoughts</u> (their schemes and devices) because they have not listened and obeyed My words, and as for My law, they have rejected it.

Note He appoints them evil according to the fruit of their thoughts, not their actions!! Oh dear, no wonder His kindness has sent the fire to rage in our inner chambers - He doesn't want us to be destroyed with the wicked! This is why the refiner's fire is burning furiously and revealing the dross in your thoughts, shining the spotlight on hidden pockets of anger or bitterness or pride..When the day comes that burns like an oven (Mal 4) then it will be easy to discern between the righteous and the wicked because those who are wicked will experience evil and be destroyed...but remember it is not the ones with righteous actions or wicked actions, but rather wicked or righteous thoughts!

Isa 55:6 Seek, inquire for, and require the Lord while He may be found [*claiming Him by necessity and by right*]; call upon Him while He is near. Isa 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way and <u>the unrighteous man his thoughts</u>; and let him return to the Lord, and He will have love, pity, and mercy for him, and to our God, for He will multiply to him His abundant pardon. Isa 65:2 I have spread out My hands all the day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, <u>after their own thoughts</u>--

When the Bridegroom washes us, as those stone vessels being filled to the brim with water, He is cleaning up our thoughts, the inside of the vessel. It is on the **forehead** that the seal of God is put, protecting those who are truly his before destruction breaks out in Revelation 7, signifying a trying and approving of the inner thought-life:

**Rev 7:3** Saying, Harm neither the earth nor the sea nor the trees, until we have sealed the bond servants of our God upon their foreheads.

It is on forehead that the mark is put before the destroyers released in Ezekiel 9:

**Eze 9:4** And the Lord said to him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men who sigh and groan over all the abominations that are committed in the midst of it. Eze 9:5 And to the others He said in my hearing, Follow [*the man with the ink bottle*] through the city and smite; let not your eye spare, neither have any pity. Eze 9:6 Slay outright the elderly, the young man and the virgin, the infant and the women; but do not touch or go near anyone on whom is the mark. **Begin at My sanctuary**. So they began with the old men who were in front of the temple]

Note that He instructs them to begin at the sanctuary. JUDGMENT BEGINS WITH THE HOUSEHOLD OF GOD. God says, "BEGIN AT MY SANCTUARY". But because of His mercy, He sends a visitation of the Refiner's Fire and Fuller's soap (Malachi 3). Let us cooperate with this loving preparation. The word for 'mark' here is 'tav' which is the sign of the cross. Is the cross working in your thought life? Is your mind sealed with the mark of the cross, the sign of the finished work of Christ? Tav is also the final letter of the Hebrew alphabet! Let the work of the cross come to completion in you.

Something to take note of is this: WHEN GARMENTS WERE DESIGNED FOR THE PRIESTS IN THE WILDERNESS, THE HOLY PLATE OR CROWN WAS NOT DESIGNED FOR THE MOUTH BUT THE FOREHEAD!! IN OTHER WORDS, IF THE THOUGHT LIFE IS TAKEN CARE OF AND PURIFIED, THE MOUTH AUTOMATICALLY RELEASES CLEAN WATER!

**Exo 28:36** And you shall make a plate of pure gold and engrave on it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLY TO THE LORD. [*Exod. 39:30.*] Exo 28:37 You shall fasten it on the front of the turban with a blue cord.

THE HOLY CROWN WAS THE LAST THING PUT ON BEFORE ANOINTING FOR SERVICE TOOK PLACE.

**Exo 29:6** And you shall put the turban or miter upon his head and put the holy crown upon the turban. Exo 29:7 Then take the anointing oil and pour it on his head and anoint him.

THERE IS A PRIESTHOOD BEING PREPARED IN THIS DAY FOR RELEASE AND YOU MAY HAVE YOUR GARMENTS ON ALREADY, BUT THE HOLY CROWN WHICH IS ENGRAVED, MUST BE APPLIED TO THE BLUE TURBAN, (SIGNIFYING THE REVELATION YOU POSSESS).NO HOLY CROWN, NO ANOINTING. It doesn't matter how much you have seen in the spirit. If you are not a clean vessel, you are disqualified from honourable service. This is why Paul urges those who desire to be vessels of honour to purge themselves.

The word for 'CROWN' IN Exodus 29 is 'nezer' which means 'something set apart, dedication (of a priest or Nazirite); consecration, crown, hair, separation'. IT IS IN YOUR THOUGHT LIFE THAT YOU ARE ULTIMATELY CONSECRATED TO THE LORD BEFORE THE ANOINTING IS POURED FORTH UPON YOU AND IT IS A PRIESTHOOD THAT STANDS FOR THE GENERATIONS TO COME, AARON AND HIS SONS were appointed this office:

Exo 29:9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and put the bonnets on them: and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.

THE WORD FOR CONSECRATE MEANS :'TO FILL THE OPEN HAND'.IF WE WANT OUR OPEN HAND FILLED WITH THE POWER AND PROVISION OF HEAVEN AS HIS PRIESTS, THEN OUR MINDS NEED TO BE FULLY CONSECRATED AND ENGRAVED AS HOLY TO THE LORD. SO DON'T JUST PAUSE WHEN GOD SAYS STOP. BECOME MINUTELY INTENSELY AWARE OF THE STILL SMALL VOICE OF THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH. EVERY ACTION HE CONVICTS YOU OF ORIGINATES WITH A THOUGHT. ARREST THE THOUGHT AND TAKE IT CAPTIVE. MAKE IT BOW ITS KNEE BEFORE THE LIVING GOD IN A MIND THAT IS WHOLLY CONSECRATED TO THE LORD.

<u>If your mind is holy, mouth will be life-giving.</u> One's mind must be a wier which sieves out and takes captive every unclean thought and vain imagination, thus only allowing pure water from the fountain of the water of life within to flow!

GUARD YOUR HEART FOR FROM IT FLOW THE ISSUES OF LIFE:

Pro 4:23 Keep and guard your heart with all vigilance and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.

The wilderness and Jordan river acted as a wier which sieved out all those with wicked unbelieving hearts, so they could not cross over to promised land.

TODAY, the 18<sup>th</sup> of April is the anniversary of the day when the people of God crossed the Jordan River into the Promised Land after 3 days of preparation. THE PRIESTS

WITH THEIR GARMENTS AND THEIR CROWNS THAT SAID 'HOLINESS TO THE LORD' HELD BACK THAT JORDAN RIVER, SO ALL COULD CROSS OVER. ONLY THE PRIESTS HAD THOSE CROWNS BUT THE REST OF THE PEOPLE COULD CROSS OVER BECAUSE THE PRIESTS HAD GONE THROUGH THE COSECRATION PROCESS AND WERE FIT TO CARRY THE ARK OF HIS PRESENCE!

IF YOU WILL YIELD TO THE LORD IN THIS FIERY REFINING AND CONSECRATION PROCESS AND ALLOW THE LORD TO ENGRAVE YOUR MIND AND YOUR HEART AND SEAL YOUR FOREHEAD AS A SET-APART VESSEL, THE PRESENCE OF GOD THAT YOU CARRY WILL CUT THROUGH A PATH FOR OTHERS TO REACH THE PROMISED LAND.

When Hezekiah called the people to yield and come to the Passover, there was something important that he pointed out. Notice the consequence was that God's anger would be turned away BUT ALSO there was an effect on their children:

2Ch 30:8 Now <u>be not stiff-necked</u>, as your fathers were, but yield yourselves to the <u>Lord and come to His sanctuary</u>, which He has sanctified forever, and serve the Lord your God, that His fierce anger may turn away from you. 2Ch 30:9 For if you return to the Lord, your brethren and <u>your children</u> shall find compassion with their captors and return to this land. For the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and He will not turn away His face from you <u>if you return to Him</u>.

Did you see that? Your conforming to God's standard of righteousness within has an effect on your children! THIS JOURNEY OF REPENTANCE THAT YOU ARE GOING THROUGH IS REALLY ABOUT REPAIRING THE BREACH BETWEEN YOU AND GOD AND THEN YOUR FAMILY AND GOD! ARE YOU CRYING OUT FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO FULLY SURRENDER TO THE LORD, TO BE DELIVERED FROM CAPTIVITY?? 2 CHRONICLES 30:9 SAYS THAT IF YOU WILL FULLY RETURN AND REPENT, YOUR CHILDREN WILL RETURN FROM THE LAND OF CAPTIVITY!! THAT'S POWERFUL!

UNDERSTAND THAT <u>YOU</u> ARE THE KEY, <u>YOUR</u> REPENTANCE IS THE KEY. EVERY SPIRITUAL GIANT WE DO NOT CONQUER, IS PASSED ON IN OUR DNA FOR OUR CHILDREN TO FIGHT. IF YOU SEE PERSISTING TRAITS IN YOUR CHILDREN THAT ARE UNGODLY EVEN THOUGH YOU RAISED THEM IN THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD, UNDERSTAND YOU ARE LOOKING AT THE SPLINTER PRESENT IN YOUR CHILDREN - BUT THE LOG FROM WHICH IT CAME IS IN YOUR OWN EYE. THE APPLE DOESNT FALL FAR FROM THE TREE AND OUR CHILDREN REALLY ARE A CHIP OFF THE OLD BLOCK!! STUBBORN SELF-WILL AND REBELLION IS STILL LIVING IN THE BASEMENTS OF OUR HEARTS IF WE WILL ONLY HUMBLE OURSELVES LOW ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO SEE WHAT'S DOWN THOSE STEPS... We have interceded with tears for the Lord to touch our children but our own lack of repentance has been the closed sluice gate holding back the blessing of God from flowing down the generations.

TODAY,18<sup>TH</sup> APRIL IS 10<sup>TH</sup> NISAN, IT IS ALSO THE DAY WHEN THE LAMB IS BROUGHT INTO THE HOUSE AND EXAMINED BEFORE PASSOVER. A LAMB FOR A HOUSE, THIS IS GOD'S REQUIREMENT AND IT ONLY TAKES ONE LAMB FOR A WHOLE HOUSEHOLD TO BE PROTECTED AND DELIVERED ... BUT WE MUST BE CAREFUL HOW WE INTERPRET THIS STATEMENT. ONLY A LAMB CONFORMED TO THE DEATH OF CHRIST IS ACCEPTABLE CURRENCY. THE BLOOD MUST BE APPLIED TO THE DOORPOSTS IN ORDER FOR THE ANGEL OF DEATH TO PASS OVER AND WE MUST CONSUME THE WHOLE LAMB, NOT JUST THE BITS WE LIKE... Are we willing to be so completely yielded to the Lamb of God that we become perfect in one with Him, our life completely hidden in Christ? This is what the time in the crucible of refining is about. Yielding and letting go of the dross that is revealed to us in the searchlight of the Holy Spirit as the Refiner's Fire brings it into plain view. During this season of teshuvah, the Lord made me aware of ancient pockets of anger I held towards someone who I seemingly loved on the surface. Anger and love are not bedfellows! And how can I claim to love God whom I have not seen with all my heat, if I do not unreservedly love my brother whom I can see?

THE DOORPOSTS FRAME THE DOOR OF OUR HOUSE - OUR LIPS. THE BLOOD MUST CLEANSE OUR OWN LIPS AND SANCTIFY OUR OWN GATES...IT IS OUR LIPS AND OUR MOUTHS THAT NEED SETTING APART AS HOLY TO THE LORD -AND THIS CAN ONY BE DONE FULLY FROM BROKEN CONTRITE HEARTS BECAUSE OUR THOUGHT LIFE IS THE CHAMBER FROM WHICH THE WORDS THAT FLOW OVER OUR LIPS COME; IT IS BY THOSE WORDS THAT WE ARE EITHER MADE LIFEGIVING OR UNCLEAN.

We, as the Bride, are called to cast up a highway and prepare for the coming of the Lord in this day, under the influence of the same spirit that moved both Elijah and John the Baptist. The word 'CAST UP' means 'to *mound* up (especially a turnpike); reflexively to *oppose* (as by a dam); TO LIFT UP(as a song)'.

A DAM HOLDS WATER, AND DOESN'T ALLOW THE RIVER TO SPILL OVER IT'S THRESHOLD until it is full. You are A DAM WALL (Song of Songs 8 tells us the Bride declares she is a wall) AND IF YOU WILL OPEN THE SLUICE GATES OF YOUR MOUTH WITH A SOUND OF REPENTANCE FROM A CONTRITE HEART, BROKEN FOR SORROW WITH SIN, YOUHAVE THE POWER TO RELEASE AN INHERITANCE OF GODLINESS TO THE GENERATIONS THAT COME AFTER YOU. The concept of you holding a sluice gate within you is a powerful one. YOUR MIND BECOMING COMPLETELY CONSECRATED AS HOLY TO THE LORD IS THE LAST STEP BEFORE AN OUTPOURING FOR YOU AND YOUR SONS.TO CONSECRATE MEANS 'TO FILL AN OPEN HAND'. WHAT ARE YOU ASKING GOD FOR. WHAT IS YOUR EMPTY HAND RAISED TOWARD HEAVEN CRYING OUT FOR FOR YOUR CHILDREN? Your mouth can become a hydro-electric power station in the earth. BUT FIRST YOUR HARD SELFRIGHTEOUS HEART MUST BE PASSED THROUGH THE REFINER'S FIRE AND HIS VOICE MUST DIVIDE OR ENGRAVE THE FLAMES OF FIRE, HIS MESSENGERS (PSALM 29). Only when the WHOLE tithe is brought into the storehouse (which is Christ), do the windows of Heaven get opened to pour out a blessing. Don't you want to be a window or gate of Heaven in the earth?

YOUCAN TURN THE SHIP OF YOUR WHOLE FAMILY into a place of safety WITH THE RUDDER OF YOUR TONGUE MOVING IN REPENTANCE AND BRING THEM ALL INTO THE SAFE HARBOUR OF CHRIST. THE TURBINE OF YOUR TONGUE WILL GENERATE THE POWER OF HEAVEN IF YOU RELEASE THE WATER OF THE WORDS HEAVEN POURS OUT THROUGH YOU. This is the reason for the intense refining process God is putting you through. People around you seem completely unconvicted and unmoved and yet within you, the fire burns day and night! You have been chosen as a lamb for your house. On the 10<sup>th</sup> of Nisan, God instructed the Israelites to bring the lamb into the house to be inspected for 4 days to ascertain that it was without blemish. Then it became the vessel through which the whole family was protected from the angel of death. As you allow the Lamb of God to become flesh in you in these days, you are allowing your heart to be engraved and a crown that says 'Holy to the Lord' to be placed upon you.

YOU TURN THE WHOLE SHIP BY THROWING SALT INTO THE SPRING OF YOUR OWN HEART.

Eph 5:13 <u>But when anything is exposed and reproved by the light, it is made visible and clear; and where everything is visible and clear there is light.</u> Eph 5:14 Therefore He says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you and give you light.

THE LIGHT THAT GOD IS SHINING IN YOUR HEART AND THOUGHTS RIGHT NOW IN THESE DAYS OF CONVICTION WILL SHOW YOU AREAS THAT HAVE REMAINED LONG UNDEALT WITH. LET THE LIGHT OF CHRIST TRANSFORM YOUR DNA TO THAT OF CHRIST. (SCIENTISTS HAVE SHOWN THAT REPENTANCE CAN ACTUALLY RESTORE AND HEAL DNA DAMAGE). You can move away from the DNA inheritance of your earthly family and become fully one with the DNA inheritance of Christ as you repent. Psalm 45 calls us to 'forget your people and your father's house for the king desires your beauty'.

TRUE HEARTFELT REPENTANCE FROM A CONTRITE HEART IS THE DOORWAY TO THE POWER OF GOD RELEASED FIRST IN YOU, THEN IN YOUR FAMILY AND THEN IN THE NATIONS. JERUSALEM, JUDEA, SAMARIA AND THE ENDS OF THE EARTH - THAT IS GOD'S ORDER.PASSOVER, THEN PENTECOST, THEN TABERNACLES.THE CROSS, THE OUTPOURING OF THE SPIRIT, SEPARATION FROM EGYPT AND THE PILLAR OF CLOUD AND FIRE IN THE WILDERNESS...

Why the intensity in the Lord's dealing in these days? It is reminiscent of the preparation before the people of God crossed the Jordan. There would be no going back because the waters of the Jordan would close behind them. I am sure many of you have seen in the news the coming digital hologram erection of the symbolic arches of "The Temple of Baal" in London on April 19th. April 19<sup>th</sup> also begins the 13 days of blood sacrifice to the Beast, ending May 1<sup>st</sup> on "Beltane." Once this arch or portal is erected visually, many people will walk through them, through curiosity and ignorance. However, what they are depicting is an alarming prophetic message and sign of the times we are in. The portals of hell are opening to unleash a season of demonic activity unlike anything this world has ever seen and in the spiritual realm, a gate will open that ushers people into the season of receiving the mark of the beast. They have no clue what they are actually unleashing upon their families by participating in this 'attraction' because the gate of the bottomless pit described in Rev 9 is being opened in these days. There will be much bloodshed in the coming days as demonically controlled people commit acts which provide blood sacrifices to the beast. It is imperative to do whatever it takes to find yourselves safely under the shadow of the Almighty for the season ahead.

Isaiah 4 speaks of a cleansing by fire that occurs by the Spirit of Judgment and Burning and afterwards, there shall be a canopy of glory and protection over dwelling places. How desperately we need this for our households.

Isa 4:4 After the Lord has washed away the [*moral*] filth of the daughters of Zion [*pride, vanity, haughtiness*] and has purged the bloodstains of Jerusalem from the midst of it by the spirit and blast of judgment and by the spirit and blast of burning and sifting. Isa 4:5 And the Lord will create over the whole site, <u>over every dwelling place of Mount Zion</u> and over her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day and the shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory shall be a canopy (a defense of divine love and protection). Isa 4:6 And there shall be a pavilion for shade in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge and a shelter from storm and from rain.

So, tomorrow, on 19<sup>th</sup>, there is the erection of the gateway to the temple in which people sacrificed their children to demon gods. THE CELEBRATION OF THE LIGHTING OF A FLAME THAT CALLS FORTH THE RETURN OF ANCIENT DEMONIC GODS is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day from this arch being set up, the 21<sup>st</sup> April. The Olympic Torch will be lit in Greece accompanied by the Sibyl's prayer calling for the return of Apollo to rule earth. (The "Games" began in Delphi to honor Apollo/Apollyon (**Revelation 9:11**). Each Olympic Games since April 6, 1896, has begun with the lighting of the "sacred flame" torch in Olympus, Greece, which is prayed over using the words of the Cumaean Sibyl, calling for the return and rule of earth by the chief gods, Apollo.) It's all in the Word and it is all here now before us!

So, from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> is 3 days, there are 3 days of darkness just like in Egypt - but it is spiritual darkness and only those with eyes to see can discern the dense darkness that is falling in the earth, and then the day after that in the evening, Passover, the Lord's ordained feast for His set-apart people, begins. On APRIL 22<sup>ND</sup>.SO PEOPLE OF GOD, HERE IN THESE DAYS, WE SEE MULTITUDES IN THE VALLEY of DECISION.

Exo 10:21 And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, **even darkness** which may be felt. Exo 10:22 And Moses stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days: Exo 10:23 They saw not one another, neither rose any from his place for three days: but all the children of Israel had light in their dwellings.

It is no coincidence that there were 3 days of preparation before crossing the Jordan and in this month there are 3 days that satan has ordained in preparation for the feast of sacrifice to the Beast. Two pathways and a choice before the peoples of the earth... are you asking for the good old paths and walking in them? Will you find yourselves in the category of those who 'had light in their dwellings? Only if you cry out to the Lord to search your heart and try your thoughts and find out if there is any wicked way in you; only if you ask Him to lead you in the way everlasting...

WE ARE IN TIMES WHEN THE FEAR OF THE LORD NEEDS TO BE IN FULL POSSESSION OF OUR HEARTS. I CANNOT EXPLAIN TO YOU THE SENSE OF URGENCY I HAVE CONCERNING THIS PASSOVER PERIOD AND BEING FULLY RIGHT BEFORE GOD IN THESE DAYS. It is time to really pray Psalm 139:23-24! If you take care of the giants within, He will take care of the giants without." Psa 139:23 Search me [*thoroughly*], O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! Psa 139:24 And see if there is any wicked or hurtful way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

The word 'Wicked' used here means 'an *idol* (as fashioned); also *pain* (bodily or mental)'. Wicked ways are connected to idols in our thoughts, our own opinions. Stubborness is as idolatry ie. making an idol of our own opinion. Deal with your idols, saints of God, deal with the opinions you express in your mind before the audience of ONE! Don't just pause at the 'STOP' signs.

There are 3 days of darkness appointed Egypt/the world and the people of god will have light in their dwellings. I believe this 19<sup>th-</sup>21st April marks the beginning of three days or years of darkness that can be felt for the world, represented by Egypt but for those who set themselves apart as holy to the lord in their inner chambers, where the eyes of man cannot see, will have light in their dwellings, in their homes, where their families are gathered. It only takes one lamb for a household. Noah was a righteous man and prepared an ark and his whole family were protected. Joseph was also a lamb for a house, who went through a long preparation as a vessel of God and his whole family were protected and fed in Goshen during the time of world famine. And most important of all, Jesus was the Lamb for the Household of God. If we fully come under His protection and daily apply the blood upon our house or family's lintels and feast upon Him, our household will benefit from our preparation and obedience to His exact instruction. The angel of death will pass over our households.

Today on this anniversary of that crossing of the Jordan, let us fully cross over -no more one foot in the world and one in the kingdom, even in our thoughts. Let us become those who in the spiritual realm wear holy crowns which say 'Holy to the Lord'.

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