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The Pull of The World

Matthew 11:12

And from the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

There are three common views about the meaning of this verse.

(1) Jesus may have been referring to a vast movement toward God, the momentum of which began with John's preaching.

(2) He may have been reflecting the Jewish activists expectation that God's kingdom would come through a violent overthrow of Rome.

(3) Or He may have meant that entering God's kingdom takes courage, unwavering faith, determination, and endurance because of the growing opposition level as Jesus' followers.

The kingdom of heaven is where the people of God will be according to ***Matthew 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.***

So this indicates, the violence is not over-throwing heaven, but the violence is pulling those that are trying to get to heaven by using the lust of the eyes (physical desire), lust of the flesh (personal desire) and the pride of life (self interest).

Pull of the world is not an overnight drawing, but it is a continuous drawing and influence through the media, computer, television, movie theaters, restaurants, retail stores, and grocery stores. If we have an unsaved

family member that listens to secular music, and we're around them, if we're not careful, we will find ourselves humming, singing and even moving our body to what we're listening to. As Christians, we have to be on guard at all times, because Satan doesn't care who he uses to get you into the world's system of living. Even when listening to other professing Christians, we have to be watchful because they will lead you into conversations you will later ask yourself, how in the world did I get myself into that conversation?

The world is looking and seeking for vessels that will yield themselves. You and I aren't exempt from the pull. Just as God needs people He can use, Satan also needs people he can use. The difference is, godly people know when God is using them, whereas many are being used by Satan and have no clue they are being used by Satan to influence or hurt others.

Jesus informed the disciples they were in the world, but they were not of the world. His word hasn't changed, it goes for the present day disciples. As Christians we suppose to act different, look different, think different, converse different from that of the unbeliever. The world has a way of making things look and sound as though it's ok, but when we begin to compare scripture with some of the things we're looking and participating in, the word of God is against it. Satan has a way to distract our focus. Whether it's through computers, smartphones, tablets, or television,

It's keeping us too busy to pray or take the time to study God's word. If we spelled out busy, it would be "Being Busy Under Satan's Yoke".

Computers are efficient, and can get a message to someone in seconds rather than 2-3 days via mail. Web-cams allow you to talk with people in other cities, states and countries, but if we're not careful we will spend more time talking, texting, Face-booking; and spending less time seeking the things that would please God. We can spend hours on the computer, and struggle with 15 or 30 minutes reading the word of God or prayer.

Smartphones have taken the conversation with families at the dinner table. In restaurants if you look around, you will find more couples sitting at the table with one or both texting or looking at their phone rather than holding a conversation. Without communication, you can't have a relationship rather its between husband and wife, parents and children, friends and family as well as neighbors.

In church people are texting and checking their messages while the Pastor is preaching and teaching. We are in the world, but we cannot allow the world to pull us in its net.

Many television programs have no morals or respect for the family, they mock the instructions of the word of God. He says don't, they said do it. We have to monitor what we watch because if we don't, it will be in our spirit, and what's in our spirit and in our

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heart will begin to manifest in our character and conversation.

Satan has influenced some churches. In order to draw people to the church, they have to come up with gimmicks and allow the world's system to come into the church. If it's of the world, it's not of God. If it's a gimmick, it's not of God. Preach the word, live according to the word, and the power of God will move in the church and that is what's going to draw people.

It has gotten so, different prophets and pastors are being advertised they're coming to a certain church. Jesus never advertised what city He was going to, the people heard about Him through word of mouth because wherever He went, the power of God was there.

The power of God is not moving in the church as it used to because the church has allowed too much of the world to filtrate the church. Choirs are in singing contests just as the world. While looking at them snapping their fingers and body movement, it's like looking at the unbeliever. The world has a pull on the people of God, and it's taking them by force with influence.

2nd Corinthians 6:17

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

There has to be a separation from clean and unclean, godliness and ungodliness, righteousness and unrighteousness. That's when we can be strengthened in the Lord and have the power to strengthen others. We have to have a made-up mind we will not allow the world to pull us in. We have to have enough of God in us that when we see a brother or sister going in the

wrong way, we can pull them back into the kingdom through prayer and fasting for them as well as confronting them with loving and kindness.

We can't allow Satan or his followers to take people and bind them with chains and fetters of sin. We can't stay in the church building while people are dying in their sins. We can't be afraid of Satan or his followers, we can't be jelly-back Christians. The boldness we had in the world must be the same boldness with godliness to fight spiritually against ungodliness in us and in others professing to be Christians,

We must stop fighting people, but fight the spirit that have them bound and is being manifested by using them. ***Ephesians 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.***

Every manifestation of a spirit, there is a root cause, and we need the Spirit of God to give us the knowledge of what spirit we're dealing with. We need to know what door has been opened and how to close it.

Whatever we're communicating to ourselves is what we will believe and act out. God said we're warriors, if we weren't He wouldn't have instructed us to put on the whole armor of God: having our lions girt about with truth, having on the breastplate of righteousness. Feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Shield of faith, helmet of salvation and the Sword of the Spirit which is the word of God. We must also be filled with the Holy Spirit in order to get the armor and to keep the armor on.

We must know who we are in God, and sometimes we may have to convince ourselves who we are by repeating God's word to ourselves.

As a soldier, we must always be on the look-out for the enemy, we must be sensitive to the Spirit of God, and we must be sensitive to Satan's spirit as well. We can't speak what the world is saying, but we must speak what God has said about us.

Watching television, listening to the news, reading the newspaper will make you fearful. Listening about death, poverty, economic problems, sickness, and diseases will make you become fearful. Fear doesn't come from God, but from Satan. We must say to ourselves what the Bible is saying: ***Philippians 4:13 - I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me.*** I can obey the word of God. I can love my brethren, I can be obedient to my biological and spiritual parents. I can forgive. I can pray for those that mistreated me. We need to memorize scripture to assist us with our spiritual growth and to use the power of God against the power of darkness.

Acts 1:8 - But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.

Luke 10:19 Behold, I give unto you power to tread (trample) on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Matthew 16:19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

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In order for the scriptures to manifest, the one using them, must be living according to the word of God.

If you have a weakness whether it's talking too much or eating too much, indulging in physical gratification with someone other than your spouse, repent, pray and commit yourself to the Lord.

Psalms 37:5

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him, and he shall bring it to pass.

There are somethings we have gotten ourselves in and can't nobody deliver us, but God. The lust of the eyes, lust of the flesh, and the pride of life has gotten many in trouble spiritually, physically, mentally, emotionally, financially and in relationships. If we be truthful to our self and truthful with God and desire to be delivered from feebleness of mind and actions, God will deliver. Sometimes it's not so much we need deliverance from others, but needing deliverance from ourselves. Our thinking, wanting, and needing.

Don't wait for someone to go to God on your behalf, you begin to bow you heart and knees in prayer, you confess to God, you repent to God, you ask God for deliverance; and when you seek Him with your whole heart, you will find Him and deliverance. There is nothing too hard for God when you place your trust in him. You maybe going through a sickness or something in your family, give the matter to God and find His peace in the situation. God will give you peace in the midst of your storm.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. When God is orchestrating what's going on in your life

no matter how long it's been or how bad it may seem to be, God will give you His peace.

As a soldier of Christ, we cannot allow our emotions or will get in the way of the work God has for us. We can't be concerned about whether people like us or not. If you're doing what God has called you to do, just as Jesus wasn't liked by many people neither will you. Friends and family will some times walk away from you because of your commitment to God. Know that whatever you go through and the length you go through as long as you submit your will to God, you will come out with the victory!

1st Peter 5:10

But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that you have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish (confirm) strengthen, settle you.

As Christians, we can't allow the world to influence our thinking or behavior. We must rely on the word of God and allow it to manifest in us and on our behalf.

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