

## **Mixture the scourge of Christianity**

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**Gen 48:20 (AV)** "And he blessed them that day, saying, in thee shall Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh."

**Hosea 7:1, 8-11 (AV)** God reproves Israel for manifold sins.  
"When I would have healed Israel, then the iniquity of Ephraim was discovered, and the wickedness of Samaria: for they commit falsehood; and the thief cometh in, and the troop of robbers spoileth without. Ephraim has mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned. Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, grey hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not.  
(unconscious of the fact that time is running out) And the pride of Israel testifieth to his face: and they do not return to the LORD their God, nor seek him for all this. Ephraim also is like a silly dove without heart: they call to Egypt, they go to Assyria."

**Ephraim:** Doubly fruitful, second son of Joseph born to him in Egypt. Given preference over the first born. The second born becomes the firstborn. Blessed in the crossing of Jacob's hands. Here Ephraim is far from fruitful although he is the line of blessing since Jacob laid his hands on him.

**Psalms 78:9 (AV)** "The children of Ephraim, being armed, and carrying bows, turned back in the day of battle."

Just because you are being used today is no guarantee you will be used tomorrow. There are loads of Christian preachers on the scrap heap.

#### **4 things that are the reason for his failure**

Do the opposite and you'll succeed.

<b><u>Decline</u></b>	<b><u>Fruitfulness</u></b>
Mixture	Purity
Lopsided	Balanced
Dissipation	Divinely ordered priorities
Staleness	Freshness

These are things that those who serve the Lord must guard against; and for those who want to be used by God to be a blessing in their Agape circle. Ie. To their wives, families, and friends.

Mixture:

Diverse Seed Vs9. Don't just use a verse to hang your theory on, preach and research the pure word of God.

Deut 22:9. "Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with divers seeds: lest the fruit of thy seed, which thou hast sown, and the fruit of thy vineyard, be defiled.

God is against mixture. Lev 19:19.

It always produces these two things; confusion, and division.

It only takes one ounce of (leaven) yeast, to influence three lbs of flour.

Just a sniff of cyanide is enough to kill instantly.

Because 95% of what someone prophesies and prognosticates sounds scriptural people readily accept the poisoned 5%.

The original seed was the word of God. The vineyard is the Church, it has been, and is right now at this moment, being defiled with diverse seed. It has produced confusion, mistrust, division, pride, denominations, and the kingdoms of men.

Every time God moves man counters and divides.

Ministry of the word gives way to organisation, and what once was a move of the Spirit of God gives way to administrative smarts, and entertainment.

**Hybrids.** When you mix seeds you create a hybrid. It's sterile and lifeless. It may reproduce for a couple of generations but eventually it dies out. Within the seed is its own destruction. Every denomination stands mute testimony to this fact. A mule is sterile, its seed is lifeless, it cannot bring reproduce life. The ministry gives way to administration, the ministry of the word to expediency, we end up with form without the force. Result is lifeless churches full of retarded saints.

The lunatic fringe devoid of grey matter becomes the cutting edge.

I venture to say that another couple of years and people will be saying Toronto where? Rodney who?

I heard a preacher say he thought the renewal was 70% flesh (that's just another name for demonic influence); 20% manifest demonic activity, (at least that can be dealt with by casting the demons out); and 10% God.

It has been stressed that the ministries of Wesley, Jonathan Edwards, Finney, George Whitfield were accompanied by the same kind of manifestations as has been witnessed in the renewal, that may or may not be true. But they neglect to emphasize that they preached the word at great length, often for two hours or more calling their hearers to repent in the strongest terms. It was the primary focus of their ministry.

Acts 3:19-21. The order was repent (It's the first word of the gospel) be converted in order that your sins may be blotted out so that times of refreshing may come. Having said that, the only sure word of prophecy is found in the scriptures.

Unfortunately many Christians feel that if something is supernatural then it must come from God. John says try the spirits; test them, because Satan is fully capable of supernatural signs and wonders. In fact it's his most effective tool of deception.

There is only one way to know the truth, and that is to know the word, because "Thy word is truth." It is forever settled in heaven.

We are told that in business you must always "Get it in writing."

2 Thess 2:9-11 (AV) "Even Him whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:"

Deut 22:10-11 (AV) "Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together."

The Ox speaks of 'brokenness.'

How do you know a broken man? He's mindful, reasonable, and approachable.

Matt 5:5. Meek. It's not weakness; it's strength under discipline.

We have to be broken in. Jesus could ride the Ass because it was tamed.

The Ass speaks of stubbornness, unbroken.

**Isaiah 1:3 (AV)** "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib". Stupid animals with little intelligence, but they use all they have, and we call them dumb.

If we are ignorant it's wilful. Rom 10:1-3. We need to develop our spiritual man.

We need to be careful whom we yoke ourselves with.

Ephraim joined Ishbosheth the son of King Saul in the first division of Israel while Judah followed David. 1Sam 2:8-11.

They joined the revolt against David under Absalom 2Sam 17:26.

They revolted with the ten tribes against David in the matter of jealousy over bringing him back after Absalom's death. 2 Sam 19 & 20.

They were leaders in the final revolt against the house of David in the second and last division of the Kingdom of Israel.

### **Lopsided      Unbalanced.**

Ephraim was a half-baked cake. Hosea 7:8.

**Song of Songs 1:6.** Every church has them. Making sandwiches for Jesus He never ordered.

**Eccl 12:11.** "I'm going to nail you down for a while."

Balance is critical. Don't become a prisoner to the expectation of others.

### **Luke 5:36-39. Dissipation. Strangers had devoured his strength.**

A stranger is one or something that is basically outside the family. Something alien to the will of God.

There are certain things that belong to the family. Let him that stole steal no more. We must get our priorities right, yet we don't live by the tree of knowledge of good and evil, but by divinely ordered priorities. Prayer?????

Matt 24:4, 5, 11, 24 (AV) "And Jesus answered and said unto them, take heed that no man deceives you. For many shall come 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 shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

**Deut 22: 11.** "Thou shalt not wear a garment of divers sorts, *as* of. Woollen and linen together." Clothing cloak of "zeal" garment of "praise" speaks of enduement of power. Linen is spoken of as "righteousness"

Wool, sweat, strength of soul, will and emotions to put it across.

We have the Double check. Law and the Prophets. Objective and subjective.

The Law is underscored by the prophets, and the prophets are subject to the Law. If they speak not according to this it's because there is no truth in them. In other words they are liars and not to be listened to or feared. In the New Testament we have the law of the spirit of life, Rom 8:2; and the anointing 1John 2:27.

**2 Chron 20:20 (AV)** "And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper."

God can prophetically give you something you never thought of, but usually it's out of prayer and the preparation of your heart before Him.

**Believe for establishment.** Believe God, believe His word and you wont be deceived. Believe His Prophets for prosperity. Examine what they say. Check it out. Don't swallow everything that they say. Grow up. Be discerning. Isaiah 2:1-4. Teach us His ways.

**Isaiah 29:11-14 (AV)** "And the vision of all is become unto you as the words of a book that is sealed, which *men* deliver to one that is learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I cannot; for it *is* sealed: And the book is delivered to him that is not learned, saying, Read this, I pray thee: and he saith, I am not learned.

Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men:

Therefore, behold, I will proceed to do a marvellous work among this people, *even* a marvellous work and a wonder: for the wisdom of their wise *men* shall perish, and the understanding of their prudent men shall be hid."

**Isaiah 50:4 (AV)** "The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned."

**1 Sam 8:7 (AV)** "And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them."

**Hosea 13:10-11 (AV)** "I will be thy king: where is any other that may save thee in all thy cities? And thy judges of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? I gave thee a king in mine anger, and took him away in my wrath."