

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

THERE WAS A PENALTY THAT HAD TO BE ENACTED WHENEVER A JEW BROKE THE LAW OF THE FIRST COVENANT. I DO NOT BELIEVE THAT WE CAN BREAK THE LAW OF THE NEW COVENANT WITHOUT PAYING A PENALTY TOO. THE FIRST PENALTY IS BROKEN FELLOWSHIP. THIS MEANS THE WITHDRAWING OF THE SPIRIT, NOT FROM OUR BODIES, BUT FROM FELLOWSHIP; THE CLOSING OF THE BIBLE AS A COMFORTER, STRENGTH-GIVER, AND GUIDE. NEXT, THE PENALTY MAY BE THE BREAKING OF OUR HEALTH. SATAN TAKES ADVANTAGE OF US, PUTTING DISEASES ON OUR BODIES, FILLING US WITH DOUBTS AND FEARS. THE MOMENT THAT FELLOWSHIP IS BROKEN, FEAR AND DOUBT TAKES POSSESSION OF US. 1 JOHN 4:7-8: "BELOVED, LET US LOVE ONE ANOTHER, FOR LOVE IS OF GOD; AND EVERY ONE THAT LOVETH IS BEGOTTEN OF GOD, AND KNOWETH GOD. HE THAT LOVETH NOT KNOWETH NOT GOD; FOR GOD IS LOVE."

WE ARE PARTAKERS OF HIS LOVE NATURE, ETERNAL LIFE. READ 1 COR. 11:26-32 CAREFULLY. IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT. IT IS A PART OF THE STORY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. "WHEREFORE, WHOSOEVER SHALL EAT THE BREAD AND DRINK THE CUP OF THE LORD UNWORTHILY, SHALL BE GUILTY OF THE BODY AND THE BLOOD OF THE LORD." THERE IS ONLY LAW TO GOVERN THE CHURCH. THEN THERE IS ONLY ONE SIN. WE MAY CALL IT BY A THOUSAND DIFFERENT NAMES, BUT THERE IS ONLY ONE SIN, AND THAT IS STEPPING OUT OF LOVE, ACTING OUT OF LOVE; AND WHEN WE DO THIS, IT BRINGS THESE JUDGMENTS UPON US. "FOR THIS CAUSE MANY AMONG YOU ARE WEAK AND SICKLY, AND A FEW ASLEEP." THERE IS MORE SICKNESS IN THE CHURCH TODAY THAT IS CAUSED BY BREAKING THE LOVE LAW, THAN PERHAPS ALL THE OTHER REASONS COMBINED.

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