Day of Atonement...

and a short note of heartbreaking embarrassment for my professing American brethren.

Today being the seventh day of the tenth month of YHWH's true calendar where I am again finding myself with very few who are willing to interrupt their scheduled material lives to atone for their sins and the sins of this nation, I feel compelled to share my waking thoughts about this day for those on the fence who are fearful of stepping out in such faith. For a good many years now, I have had difficulty finding genuinely appropriate numbers of professing believers who would join with us in the ways that the Father's word commands we do "for ever throughout [our] generations".

I am going to share some comments from Matthew Henry here in a moment, where he also notes that very same passage that I often feel so connected with, which is the sentiment I can so readily associate with in Ezekiel 9:4 which refers to them that "sigh and cry for the abominations in the midst thereof", where I would also add the very passage that my eyes fell upon on my very first observed Day of Atonement some years back now that inspired me to start the Solemn Assemblies branch of this ministry:

"I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden." —Zephaniah 3:18

My point being that this day should be a most seriously observed day for those acclaimed believers who are (at the same time) crying at the top of their lungs that they are losing their freedoms and possessions, but alas, pride still outweighs their hearts and their lusts for material gain seem to be wrestling for first place with the other reason they have to avoid this day which seems to be that they are ashamed of their Father in heaven (and such "peculiar" commands that they fear keeping for fear of being mocked by those of their chosen world.

Here is the Father's instruction for the Day of Atonement in Scripture:

"Also on the tenth *day* of this seventh month *there shall be* a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto YHWH. (28) And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it *is* a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before YHWH your Elohim. (29) For whatsoever soul *it be* that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people. (30) And whatsoever soul *it be* that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people. (31) Ye shall do no manner of work: *it shall be* a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. (32) It *shall be* unto you a sabbath of rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the ninth *day* of the month at even, from even unto even, shall ye celebrate your sabbath." —Leviticus 23:27-32

A short excerpt from what Matthew Henry wrote on this roughly 400 years ago...

"... 1. They must on this day rest from all manner of work, and not only from servile works as on other annual festivals; it must be as strict a rest as that of the weekly sabbath, <u>Lev 23:28</u>, <u>Lev 23:30</u>, <u>Lev 23:31</u>. The reason is: *For it is a day of atonement*. Note, The humbling of our souls for sin, and the making of our peace with God, is work that requires the whole man, and the closest application of mind imaginable, and all little enough. He that would do the work of a day of atonement in its day, as it should be done, had need lay aside the thoughts of every thing else. On that day God *spoke peace unto his people, and unto his saints;* and therefore they must lay aside all their worldly business, that they might the more clearly and the more reverently hear that voice of joy and

gladness. Fasting days should be days of rest. 2. They must afflict their souls, and this upon pain of being cut off by the hand of God, Lev 23:27, Lev 23:29, Lev 23:32. They must mortify the body, and deny the appetites of it, in token of their sorrow for the sins they had committed, and the mortifying of their indwelling corruptions. Every soul must be afflicted, because every soul was polluted, and guilty before God; while none have fulfilled the law of innocency none are exempt from the law of repentance, besides that every man must sigh and cry for the abominations of the land. 3. The entire day must be observed: From even to even you shall afflict your souls (Lev 23:32), that is, "You shall begin your fast, and the expressions of your humiliation, in the *ninth day of the month at* even." They were to leave off all their worldly labour, and compose themselves to the work of the day approaching, some time before sun-set on the ninth day, and not to take any food (except children and sick people) till after sun-set on the tenth day. Note, The eves of solemn days ought to be employed in solemn preparation. When work for God and our souls is to be done, we should not straiten ourselves in time for the doing of it; for how can we spend our time better? Of this sabbath the rule here given is to be understood: From even unto even shall you celebrate your sabbath. ..."

But the Bible also tells us that the excuses and fears of the lukewarm church will abound in massive numbers in these days, where the wrath of the Father is then yes, truly justified, and yes, His angers are then expected upon such people who refuse to take the time to respect Him in such times of their own demise.

As all prophecies are being fulfilled before their eyes, these uncommitted believers still refuse to turn away from their sinful, compromising ways, continuing in their false Catholic and Protestant churches under Rome and the global beast religious system, using their sorcery (crossing their fingers) that the gods of chance will somehow save them since their fear of peer pressure ridicule or persecution is clearly outweighing the evidences they are seeing of YHWH's growing wrath that is falling down all around them.

In such times, the oppressed should be pleading at the doors of the most serious in lines a mile long, searching for the most accurate of truth regarding what to do to make amends to this Holy God in such times, but what do we see instead? We see increasing numbers of people who are doing everything <u>but</u> bowing down in humility to the One who can save them, let alone seeking any deeper research towards understand such a road to nurturing a remorseful spirit and disposition. For this I am in tears as I write this, as thousands that I love and care about seem to be among today's massive numbers of what can now only be seen as the world-obsessed walking dead. I quickly then ask that the reader understand that I hate to have to say it that way, but for those of us who are truly facing these realities, perhaps it is time that we also face the fact that those who are not being chosen as the wheat, are then already literally being classified as the chaff as they yet ignorantly stand, decreed to be sent to the fire where their ability to escape death may already be long gone—the walking dead.

The times being as unbelievably explosive and fearful as they are, there can only be one real reason for the lack of individual remorse of so many millions of professing believers, and that is that these lukewarm that we love may have already been judged and found wanting, already condemned, just as Noah had to so painfully see in His day when the door was shut on *his* loved ones.

It only begs us that we pray all the harder on this day, that somehow, some way, we can atone for their sins as Moses had done at Mount Sinai, and perhaps yet see them afflicting themselves along side us on this same day next year. May YHWH extend His mercies yet one more time for them as we pray for their souls that their hearts might turn to Him.

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