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Psalm 119:157, 160

“Many are my persecutors and my enemies; yet I do not decline from Your testimonies. Thy Word is truth from the beginning, and every one of Your righteous ordinances endures forever.” Psalm 119:157, 160

When the fire of persecution is turned up we can quickly rationalize numerous reasons as to why the compromise of our faith is preferable to our suffering. Never yield to that which offers a way of escape if you are suffering for Jesus’ sake! “Yes, all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.” (2 Timothy 3:12). The Master set His face as a flint to the will of God and to His own death and suffering – should not the disciple, if called upon, be expected to follow the same road? “The disciple is not above his teacher, nor the servant above his lord. It is enough for the disciple that he be like his teacher, and the servant like his lord. If they have called the Master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of His household.” (Matthew 10:24 – 25).

More likely than dying for your faith you will be presented with seemingly innocuous and “innocent” compromises that will ever so quietly eat away at your faith and integrity until one day you awaken living a powerless, joyless Christian existence where your very soul has been hollowed out and is now empty! Should God’s Word appear to fail, should your needs go unmet, should those close to you question your sanity, what will you do? Will you remain sure and steadfast upon the Word of God? Will you reaffirm the truth of God’s Word even when your body hurts, your money disappears, or your friends and family desert you?

Settle it now – the Lord’s ordinances – His Word is righteous and will endure forever!

“Blessed are you, when men shall hate you... for the Son of Man’s sake, rejoice in that day and leap for joy; for, behold, your reward is great in heaven. (Luke 6:22 – 26).

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