FEAR NOT LITTLE FLOCK

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Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. (Luke 12:32)

In this day and age, when it seems that "everything goes," you may feel that you are standing alone for the righteousness of God. Don't despair "little flock;" for although it may seem the number is growing smaller, God has others who "have not bowed" to the "god of this world." They have not given over to popular public opinion, but are living their life according to the word of God. Broad is the gate that leads to destruction, and unfortunately, there will be many that will choose that way. On "Broadway" a person can do anything their flesh desires – fearing no accountability – but declaring freedom to do as they wish. Covering their sins under the flag of "diversity" and "freedom of choice," they justify the depravities of life, and bring themselves one step closer to being afflicted with a "reprobate mind." Nothing seems to shame them, and when there is protest against their actions, claims of bigotry and suppressing freedom resound through the news media.

But thank God the narrow gate is opened as well! There will be fewer numbers to travel "Straight Street," but those that choose to follow this route will reach their destination to the city of "New Jerusalem!" Don't turn unless God says, "Turn;" don't stop unless God says, "Stop." Let the Holy Ghost serve as your personal GPS. And when He doesn't say anything at all – keep straight! God is a rewarder to those who diligently seek Him! So seek the Lord while He may be found; knock and it shall be opened to you; ask, and it shall be given you! There are times when the world will say, "You are so narrow-minded!" Tell them, "Thank you!" You're on the right track!

"Fear not little flock!! There may be some dark days ahead, where good manners have gone the way of modesty, and have been replaced with profanity-laced language under the guise of "keeping it real," and lascivious behavior. There are people who choose to live by the slogan, "What's done in Vegas stays in Vegas!" But one day, those things "done in Vegas," will be made known. "For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:14). Don't be dismayed! God will bring you through every roadblock set up by the enemy to stop you from reaching your destination. The more you stand for the truth, the more you may find yourself in the minority. But fear not little flock; it is your Father's pleasure, and desire, that you will have the kingdom!

And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. (Revelation 21:27)