

March 30, 1994, Evening Sacrifice Boston

Diligence / Being Cut Off

Mark 11:25 — Whenever you stand about to pray and you see someone you have something against — you drop it and forgive them so we can be forgiven. Our Father won't forgive us if we are holding resentment against anyone because we are sinning.

Some will be put to forced labor. The hand of the diligent will rule, but the lazy will be put to forced labor. Pr 12:24. When will this be? What is this talking about? When will the diligent rule? We have to work with diligence now. How do you become diligent? You have to have vision. Whatever we do we must have vision. Vision comes from faith. You have to know what you're doing and what it's for. Faith comes by hearing. We hear our Father speaking to our hearts, like building our cafe's. Really it is our Master, through His Spirit which dwells in us that is building them. A son knows what the Father is doing. John 15:15 — Our Father has a purpose for what He's doing and He wants us to know what His will is so we can do it.

How many proverbs are devoted to speaking about foolishness? Foolishness is something that really hinders our Father's purpose. We have to cry out for discernment to judge this and come against it.

Being Cut Off

Our Master forgave under great opposition and Steven forgave while he was being stoned. If you have the Holy Spirit you will be horrified at the thought of being cut off. Those without the Holy Spirit can live rather comfortably in the world. Know this — If someone is sent away having committed a sin unto death and they can live comfortably outside the protection of peace, then there's no way they ever received the Holy Spirit. Mt 25:30 — Every moment is like an eternity when we're cut off. We have to pray and ask that there would be mercy if it is possible. When our Master was separated from our Father it killed Him. He died of grief and a broken heart. We should be just like Him. That is why someone with the Holy Spirit can't live long in the world. They can't live without hope. They are turned over to the world so their body can die. 1 Cor. 5:5. If they don't die it shows their condition.

If our Father is forgiving someone and we aren't then we are at odds with God. That will be a sin that will lead to death. If we aren't forgiving from the heart He can't forgive us. He'll turn us over to the torturers. In some cases there are extenuating circumstances — everything has to be judged rightly. We have to pray that He can forgive if possible, but also that we can forgive. If we withhold forgiveness from someone our Father is forgiving, then how will we be judged? How can He have a people on the earth unless we are like Him in every way?