

A.W.'s JOB'S DAUGHTERS TESTIMONY

In our small town, we have Mason[ry] and Eastern Star, as just about any community seems to. When I was younger, we had Job's Daughters (J.D.). I think it was around my early teen years, I was asked if I wanted to join Job's Daughters. My Mom thought it would be a good thing for me, so I filled out an application and was accepted. I got in by being related to a Mason, though my immediate family was not involved in Masons or Eastern Star.

After initiation, being in J.D. seemed alright, as I knew the other girls pretty well, and we did fun things besides just the meetings. I was kind of intimidated by all the memory work, but met the challenge and did my best. I never could quite grasp why there was "secret work," but I respected it. It kind of struck me weird, when we were encouraged to talk to other girls to see if they'd like to join, and we were told we could tell them about anything except the secret work. It just always bothered me.

After joining, I went through all the different stations, ending with Honored Queen. After that, as a Past Honored Queen, I (and other P.H.Q.'s) would fill in where needed, as our Bethel was very small, and we had quite a few "gaps" to fill in. Not long after I reached P.H.Q. status, our Bethel went defunct, as girls in our community just weren't interested in joining. It just got too small.

I graduated from high school, went to college, got married and had kids. As I walked in my Christian walk, the Lord began to open my eyes to the lies and deceit of various things found in the world. One of them was the very UN-Christian background of the Masonic fraternity, and related organizations. After reading that, it didn't take much convincing that I needed to repent of and renounce my previous activities in Job's Daughters.

Since repenting, I now just have deep concern and sadness about those who are still involved in Job's Daughters. I have relatives involved in Masons and Eastern Star even now, and that makes me sad. The church where we used to go has members and deacons who are Masons. And I wonder why there's an "inhibited" spirit in that church? Perhaps satan has a foothold, partly due to Masonic involvement. I've also seen many funeral services with "Masonic" rituals, and it just leaves me sad. Sometimes I don't know that someone I knew was a Mason until I read their obituary. All I can think is, "Oh, no."

From research, I understand that when a man is initiated into the Masons, he basically denies Christ by declaring that he is in darkness and wishes to be led into light. If he claims to be a Christian, yet acknowledges that he is in darkness, that's an absolute conflict, and a denial of the power of God through Jesus. If he's not a Christian, he's still seeking the light in the wrong place. This is where I saw a connection that had to be broken in my own life, for as Chaplain in J.D., I remembered certain phrases in prayers that referred to "our Master Masons

who give us heritage." I DO NOT WANT TO BE CONNECTED WITH THIS LIE. Hence came my repentance and renouncing my involvement in Job's Daughters.

Looking back, there were many good things that seemed worthwhile. Of course the friendship and togetherness between us was good. It felt wonderful to "belong." The garments, ritual items, and the ritual itself all seemed interesting. We as humans seem to like having objects to look at, and like to have special garments or things to wear. Special meetings, initiations, etc. were "impressive." The Biblical references, stories and music made it all seem "Christian" and valid. The activities we took part in were fun. Though the ritual work and meetings could be nerve-wrecking at times, I could see how they benefitted us, giving us skills, respect and confidence. But is all this worth it?

In **2 Corinthians 6:14-18** we are admonished by Paul to **"not be yoked together with unbelievers or those who worship idols or are unrighteous."** Where we are, the Masons certainly uphold one another, including getting good jobs and good pay, etc. But we cannot take part, no matter what the material benefits seem to be. **Matthew 16:26 and Mark 8:36** both talk about how we DO NOT PROFIT by gaining the whole world, yet losing our soul. IT'S NOT WORTH IT!

At one time later on in life, I wondered why no one had ever approached me about being in Eastern Star, since I had been a member of Job's Daughters. I didn't realize until I did some research that a woman has to be directly related to a Mason to be in E.S. Now, after all this understanding, I'm GLAD I wasn't in E.S.

At this point, I want to lovingly encourage in the deepest way ANYONE who is in Masons, Eastern Star, DeMolay, Job's Daughters, or Rainbow Girls to research for yourself the un-Christian background of the Masonic fraternity. Especially search the Scriptures to find the truth of Jesus being the Way, the Truth and the Life. HE is the Light, not the Masons. Jesus the Messiah of God is the only way into the kingdom of heaven. The Masonic organizations will deny, derail, deceive and destroy your true Life in the Living God, through Jesus.

This verse is found in **2 Corinthians 6:17 & 18**.

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

The Almighty Heavenly Father will give you the strength to do what you think is not possible. He will help you come out from this. This is written in love and concern.

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