

A Form of Godliness

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“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, Proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, Fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, Lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of Godliness, but denying the power: from such turn away.”

■ 2 Timothy 3:1-5

I think there's little doubt left in anybody's mind that we are living in the Last Days. The above verses of Scripture certainly are one proof. We've never lived in a time in our nation when there was more selfishness, unthankfulness, unholiness, love of pleasure, children being disobedient to their parents and perhaps most of all – there has never been a time in the history of America when there was a lack of “natural affection.”

One of the things we've learned from the Holy Spirit is that even if the spiritual gift of Discerning of Spirits (cf. 1 Cor. 12) does not operate in your life or either of the other two revelation gifts you can still recognize demon involvement in a situation simply by what is *normal*.

The phrase used in these scriptures, “without natural affection,” although it does apply to homosexuality because homosexuality is not *natural* affection means much more. If you've studied the history of civilization you know that one of the *signs* of the last days of a nation is a rise in homosexuality. It was true for Greece, Rome and is true for the USA. But really this is nothing new that would necessarily be a sign that the entire world was in the “Last Days.”

What is different, however, in “natural affection” today in the world and especially in America which points to much demon possession is seen in the news every day – a mother drowning her children or throwing them off a bridge; a father shooting his entire family, etc. It’s not *natural* or *normal* for a mother to lock her children in the trunk of her car and drive it into a lake. It’s not normal for a man to kill his children. Statistically speaking there is an epidemic of this kind of thing today in America – children being sodomized, murdered, kidnapped and tortured, etc. Whenever you find a large increase in this type thing it’s an indication of strong demon activity.

When we first moved to Montana and began working among Native Americans on the seven reservations there I obtained statistical data on every single reservation and reserve (Canada’s name) on the North American continent. The percentage of alcoholism, suicide, unemployment, incest, etc., among the Natives is horrendous and statistically skewed way above normal. This indicates the severity of demonic attack among the people.

Where is the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ is all of this? Sadly, most churches are in the middle of the *apostasy* prophesied by Paul in 2 Thessalonians 2:1-4. If you study this you will discover that the apostasy or “falling away” as it’s termed in the KJV must occur before the Antichrist is revealed. Unfortunately, most churches are so apostate now that they no longer resemble a church but rather the world and most of the characteristics Paul outlined in 2 Timothy 3 such as “lovers of self, unthankful, unholy,” etc., apply to those claiming to be Christians.

I remember vividly back in the mid ‘80s when my pastor gave me a copy of David Wilkerson’s new book – *Set the Trumpet to Thy Mouth* – where he revealed in a chapter what God had showed him – the sodomites are in the house of the Lord! I prophesied at our church in Montana several years ago that there was soon coming a day when well-known pastors and other ministers would stand in the pulpit and announce that there was “nothing wrong with homosexuality.”

Make no mistake! All of this is a well-known, satanic plan to weaken the true Church and pollute the worship and preaching of the true word in churches. Remember, most pastors do not realize the importance of true worship nor do they recognize the seriousness of having a person on the worship team who is a homosexual, adulterer or fornicator. Sin pollutes the worship and God will not accept it. This is one reason it's very difficult to find many churches in America today where there is any anointing on the worship. There are other reasons, of course, for this lack of anointing such as the type music being used: we walked out of a large Pentecostal church in Post Falls, Idaho, years ago because they had a Rapper leading "praise and worship" and he was playing rap music. Needless to say, it was not anointed.

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It's interesting to note Paul's choice of words in Second Timothy. It should be quite clear to us that he not only *saw* – remember, Paul was not only an apostle but also a prophet – this apostasy but also the different *forms* of godliness. What is a form of something? It's something that looks like the real thing, i.e., a counterfeit. There is *true* worship and then there's a *form* of worship. There is a *true* word of God and a *true* Gospel and there are false gospels and the preaching of a hybrid word that is a mixture of the Word and the doctrines of men and/or demons.

There is *true* prayer and there is a *form* of prayer. There is a *true* anointing by the Spirit and there is both a false anointing – remember, Jesus said that "false christs" would arise. That doesn't mean they would claim to be Jesus, although there are some of these as well, but remember that the word, christ, is Greek for "anointed one." So what Jesus was saying is that there would be "falsely anointed ones." In addition to false anointing in churches we also see another *form* of anointing that most of us would call "hype." It's a soulish thing and not spiritual as is the true anointing from the Holy Spirit.

Now notice what the Spirit through Paul also says regarding this "form of godliness" – they *had* or were *holding to a form of godliness* but they "deny

the power thereof.” When was the last time you went to a church and saw the power of God in manifestation? The *true Gospel* throughout the book of Acts was always accompanied by signs, wonders, and miracles – in other words *power!* What happened when Philip went down to Samaria and “preached Christ unto them?” (Acts 8) What happened to the cripple at the Gate Beautiful when Peter and John ministered to him? What happened throughout the ministry of Paul on his missionary journeys? There was great power and the cities were *stirred*. Where is this today? Well, if there’s no power in your church then, based on the way I read the New Testament, it’s probably a good indication that they’re not preaching the *true Gospel*. Wouldn’t you agree?

We are finalizing the publication of some new books. One of these will be out in paperback in about 6 weeks. It’s titled, *Revelations from God – A Prophet’s Journal, Vol. I* and deals with visions and revelations from the Lord recorded in the first 9 journals Brother Timmons has kept since he went on the mission field to Africa in 1988. Most of these visions and revelations have to do with the apostate condition of the church and God’s heart to see the *true Church* manifest His Power and Glory to the world.

One of these revelations, given on March 19, 1998, in Helena, Montana, has to do with this lack of power in churches today. It’s based on I Corinthians 1:17:

“When we attempt to preach the Cross with words of human wisdom – because they are not anointed – the Cross of Christ is emptied of its power. This is why the devil seeks to influence those not anointed to become pastors, etc. Their preaching will not be with any power. They will be spiritual *eunuchs* incapable of producing *true* spiritual seed.”

Another from the book we’ll share because it’s applicable to this teaching article was a vision given to Brother Timmons in Helena, Montana, on March 21, 1998:

Vision of the Ruins
Helena, Montana

March 21, 1998

“I awoke at 2:50 A.M. and my spirit was meditating on the Glory departing from the church like Israel before (I Samuel 4). The “ever increasing glory” Paul spoke of in 2 Corinthians 3:18 comes from our being transformed into the likeness of Christ and not the image of the world.

“I saw in the spirit a large ruin site and there were 2 black women ahead of me and to their left about 10 feet away were 3 more. The two had hymn/worship books and the women to their left said, “If you expect this to be a church you have to come here and worship.”

The Church is in ruins because of a lack of true worship, preaching of the true word and a *demonstration* of power. What are we going to do about it?