

Defiling the Land

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Even though the Church is not under the Law of the Old Covenant that doesn't mean we can't learn spiritual principles and principles of God from the Old Testament. One of these principles is a spiritual principle – defilement. The Old and New Testaments both speak about this principle but many in the Church have a difficult time understanding it because they aren't taught this fact – that certain things or acts such as sin can defile our bodies, our families, our land, etc. This fact is why God must judge a person or a nation and is one reason why America is under God's judgment.

God has been judging the Church for 25 years and as Christians we should be the first to repent of actions, speech and thoughts that defile our land. In addition, the Bible is plain that the righteous person is not only obligated to live a holy life but also to speak out against evil. This the Church has not done except for a few people and for that we are under judgment.

There are many things that can and do *pollute* our bodies and the land where we live. We're going to take a look and some of the many Scriptures that deal with this fact and what we can do about it. Some of the things that are spiritually polluting our land is the

same for other nations of the world that America is following down the road to destruction, e.g., blood/murder, abortion, same-sex marriage, sexual sins such as fornication. When a state or D.C. as just happened passes a law that same-sex marriage is okay then the land becomes defiled. In effect, they're ignoring God's word and the examples given in the Bible such as Sodom and Gomorrah where God judged that particular sin.

The Lord flagged me down on Ezekiel 36 yesterday regarding this problem. Most Christians are familiar with Ezekiel 37 – the vision of the valley of dry bones – as well as chapters 38&39 where it is prophesied that a coalition of forces headed by Russia, Persia (Iran), Turkey, Ethiopia (Cush, i.e., the upper Nile region) and others would come against Israel and it is certain that we are very, very close to the time of this prophecy being fulfilled. God will destroy these armies and there will be so many materials of war and fuel that Israel will burn these for fuel for 7 years! In addition, the Bible says in 39:12, “For seven months the house of Israel will be burying them in order to cleanse the land.”

But in chapter 36 God is speaking through His prophet to address why the nation of Israel/Judah was taken captive and we should apply this to our nations today: “Son of man, when the people of Israel were living in their own land **they defiled it** by their conduct and their actions ... so I poured out my wrath on them because they had shed blood in the land and because they had defiled it with their idols. I dispersed them among the nations, and they were scattered through the countries; I judged them according to their conduct and their actions. And wherever they went among the nations they profaned my holy name, for it was said of them, ‘These are the LORD’s people, and yet they had to leave his land.’ I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel profaned among the nations where they had gone.”

Not only are God's covenant people not supposed to "defile" the land or themselves but as representatives of God and His Holy Name upon the earth they are supposed to take action and *cleanse* the land when it becomes spiritually defiled. Why? Because we are the *only* ones who have spiritual authority over the land by virtue of our being the Body of Christ; Jesus gave us this authority before His ascension. We are to exercise that spiritual authority through the Name of Jesus to cleanse our land.

I used to speak more about this in churches back in the '90s because I found that very few Christians seemed to understand this principle which I've not only demonstrated myself but had churches demonstrate by using their spiritual authority to *pray* out adult video stores, Buddhist temples, Muslim mosques, abortion clinics and other things that defile the land.

Shortly after the first edition of *Mysterious Secrets* was published in June, 1991, I was ministering at a church in Arizona for the first time. When I opened the morning paper I saw a picture of a Buddhist temple that was being built in the community. The Spirit of the Lord rose up in me and said, "That defiles the land." But you see, because this is America and our nation was built upon the principle of freedom we don't recognize this spiritual fact – we tend to just follow the crowd and not contest whatever the devil wants to do here. But whenever *you* as a Christian allow this type thing to defile the land it's your fault because you just flat did not exercise your spiritual authority to drive it from the land.

In my home town of Austin, Texas, many years ago I demonstrated our spiritual authority to a number of churches and Christians by praying out an adult movie shop that opened near my home in Onion Creek. I told them it would happen and then they saw the results less than a year later. Every single time I drove by that adult bookshop I said, "I curse you in the Name of Jesus and I

command you to stop your operation in my community. I take authority over you in the Name of Jesus and command you to leave, etc.” I also prayed in tongues over the situation.

A similar thing happened in 1984 when we went into full time ministry that demonstrated sometimes we don't know how God will answer our prayers exercising this spiritual authority but that He will definitely do something. We had moved to San Marcos, Texas, south of Austin and bought a sporting goods store to support the work of the ministry. SWT college is in that town and it was recognized nationwide as being the “best party school in America.” There was a tremendous problem in the community of about 35,000 people (60,000 when college was in session) with alcoholism, DUI's, etc., and many lives and families were ruined. So we began to pray against the bars in the community. Now I've never felt led to do that in any other place I've lived but the fact is within two years the state of Texas raised the age on drinking to 21 from 18 and as a result almost every single bar in the community went out of business!

Now that may not still be true today for San Marcos because Christians have to stay vigilant in prayer but I'm giving these testimonies to show you that you have spiritual authority and if you'll use it you can drive out the abortion clinics, mosques, pornographic shops and other things that harm people and take them to hell.

One of the main things the Bible speaks about polluting or defiling the land is blood! Even if you're a covenant person like Saul was you can be guilty of this. King David observed a problem one time; a three year famine which had a spiritual cause rooted in blood which had defiled the land and placed it under a curse. David did something about it in his day. Now let me ask you a question: “Do you think David would have allowed all the cat and dog religions of

the nations during his time to come into Israel and build their own temples and places of worship?” Do you think he furnished a chaplain for his soldiers for every religion under the sun and atheists too? Well, we are spiritual Israel and just as Israel under David fought physical battles we must fight spiritual battles.

The shedding of blood is bad enough but today we have abortion on demand almost everywhere and this is the shedding of innocent blood.

Now I'm not against physical protests against abortion. I know for an absolute fact how God feels about abortion – He hates it and considers it the worst form of murder because it's instigated against the helpless. But if all the Christians who were involved in physical abortion protests would wage spiritual warfare against the abortion clinics in their home town I can guarantee you they would close up shop.

As Christians and God's representatives upon the earth it is incumbent upon us to engage in spiritual warfare against all forms of evil but we do not. Instead, the average Christian just talks about all the problems and never doing anything about it.

I want to encourage you today to spend some time praying about this and ask the Spirit what He would have you to do as an intercessor and spiritual warrior to stand against the sins in our land which are defiling it such as: murder, idolatry, sexual perversions of many different types, violence, pornography, false religion and many other things. Write me and let me know what the Lord says to you.

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