

THE WAY OF THE TRUTH

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“But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies ... and many will follow their sensuality, and because of them the way of the truth will be maligned ...” 2 Peter 2:1-2

Last month I wrote about the soon coming Day of the Lord and this month I want to follow up on the timing of “that Day” as it’s often spoken of in the Scriptures. That “*Day*” has been postponed by the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. The apostle Peter tells us why in his epistles, most notably in 2 Peter.

Under direction of the Lord I must return to a common theme this month that the Spirit of the Lord through Peter addresses to help those who have become ensnared by false teaching and false prophets today. This is the “theme” the Lord has most impressed upon us since 1997 when we moved to Montana under His direction and shut ourselves up with Him during these years as He poured forth revelation concerning this *false* church-like system of religion. Many of these almost daily visions and revelations from my journals are included in the just released new book available now, *Revelations from God, a Prophet’s Journal*.

God, the Holy Spirit’s main function in the earth today is that of being an XO – executive officer to the Church and to carry out the directions of the Head of the Church, the Lord Jesus Christ. His primary function is to “guide us into all truth.” Unfortunately, most Christians never develop their spirits enough to have the *Eye of the Eagle* and be able to discern spiritual things. This severely limits the ability of the Spirit to give revelation and spiritual knowledge to the Body of Christ.

The Lord gave me a *night vision* or prophetic dream again last night (November 25, 2007) regarding the Church and the false church erected by Satan which is just a religion – devoid of anointing and power; it is characterized by a lack of The Truth, i.e., the Scriptures and is not being “led by the Holy Spirit but being led by religious spirits” (quoted from the Lord who spoke this to me in October, 1991).

Peter deals with this in 2 Peter, most notably in chapters 2 & 3; I would recommend that you read and meditate on these chapters right now several times and allow Him to speak to you. I think you will see some clear parallels with the false church and why we have been telling people for 5 years now, “Come out of her, my people” (*cf.* Revelation 18:1-24) because this *false* religious system is being judged.

For the past two days I've had some anointed worship music on my heart that was birthed by the Holy Spirit through a prophet back in 1988 at the birth of the Prophetic Move. I've been thinking about this anointed music because all the songs have a common theme – *WAR!* Then I thought about the vision the Lord gave me back in 1988 that I included in *Mysterious Secrets* and is also included in *Revelations from God* because of its prophetic significance. It is the *Vision of the Battlefield* given to me in October, 1989. It revealed the way Jesus saw His Church yet I realize now that the vision applies to today more so than back then, especially the small Band-aids I saw applied to large, gaping wounds.

Now you need to realize several things that I've said for years: (1) Just because we have a better covenant based on better promises doesn't mean that we're any *better* or *wiser* than Israel of the Old Testament. If we learn the truth by reading and meditating in the Word then we will have wisdom but unless we cultivate our relationship with the Spirit we will not have *true understanding* of the Scriptures (see *Hebrews, the Book of Better Things* for the equation the Lord gave me for this in 1997), (2) there are *always* many more false prophets, teachers, pastors, evangelists and apostles than there are the *real* ones; it was true in the Old Testament and it's true in the New Testament so it's also true today, (3) if you study Church history, in particular after the first century A.D., you will learn that the #1 sign in the early church of a false prophet or teacher was a preoccupation with money!

Now notice some scriptures from 2 Peter 2 & 3 and I think you will easily be able to make the connection with so much false teaching today:

2:1 – they “will secretly introduce destructive heresies”; what is the purpose of a “destructive heresy?” To take people away from the truth! We've seen this for years through our ministry in Africa and I wrote about it in *Mysterious Secrets*. There we see a lot of magic being introduced into churches to lead people away from Jesus and into the occult. Here in the USA it's a different breed of cat.

2:2 – “And many [not just a few] will follow their [the false teacher's] sensuality, and because of them the way of truth will be maligned”

2:3 – “and in their greed they will exploit you with false words” Many have left the true Church today because they were exploited instead of realizing that it was not God but Satan who caused this to happen so that they would turn away from the Lord.

2:4-15 – these verses emphasize the judgment that awaits those who indulge in this “sensuality” and “deception.” You see, it's a type of magic, do this, do that and you'll be “free” follow the “way of Balaam” (v.15) while “forsaking the right way.”

2:18-19 – now I want you to pay close attention to these verses and you'll “get it” as our daughter Brandi says: “For speaking out arrogant words of vanity they [again, the false teachers, prophets, etc.] entice by fleshly desires, by sensuality, those who barely escape from the ones who live in error, promising them freedom {“Brother and sister, ‘sow a seed’ against that cancer; give us \$_____ [you can name the amount according to which “Christian” television program you are watching or which particular “church” you are attending] but notice the promise is always appealing to “fleshly desires” and “sensuality”}. The “promise of freedom” is especially heard when it comes to finances – “Sow a seed against your debts and financial attacks will *magically* disappear.” Now, I must admit that there is a “thin line” here because the Lord gave me a vision back in December, 1989, as I got up to preach at a church in Akure, Nigeria. I wasn't supposed to minister that night at a pastor's conference but the speaker did not show up so I was asked to

minister on tithing. As I stood behind the pulpit a vision unfolded where I saw Satan go before the Throne of God and he assumed his role as the “Accuser of the Brethren” and he pointed to a person I did not know and said to God, “This person is not a tither so I have a right to attack their finances.” So I learned from this the #1 area to look if you’re having financial trouble is in the area of giving: there are 3 types of giving listed in the New Testament – tithes (by definition 10%), offerings and alms. But your tithes and offerings are to the Lord and they belong to Him; therefore, we always teach people that they need to pray about where the Lord wants them to give *HIS* money. I don’t know about you but I wouldn’t be too pleased to learn that somebody gave my money away to somebody I didn’t authorize them to give it to. Normally, unfortunately, most ministries today incorrectly teach people that they have to give to *their* ministry in order to get the blessings of God. No, you pray about it and spend as much time in prayer as you would researching an investment you might make with your own money. Then the Lord won’t have to chastise you for supporting a *false* church or *ministry*.

2:20, 21 – Notice what they had escaped *from* – the world, sensuality (i.e., pertaining to the five senses) – and what they were being *lured* back into by the false teachers and they were becoming “entangled” again. Most Christians today who have followed “The Prosperity Gospel” have become obsessed with finances and material things and left the Great Commission Jesus commanded of His true Church. Now, notice the end of this verse which many have attributed to demonic possession, “the last state has become worse for them than the first.”

No, the Holy Spirit is speaking about the danger of apostasy here just like He warns in the book of Hebrews. A Christian who becomes “entangled again and are overcome” are worse than if they’ve never heard the truth (v.21). The Gospel, by definition, is a gospel of *prosperity* but as I’ve written before, true prosperity – the highest form of prosperity – is spiritual and not material. The Bible pattern is first the spiritual and then the material – *if* you seek the Kingdom of God first and His righteousness then “all the things will be added to you.” The “Prosperity Gospel” as it’s mostly preached today is all about the material and not the spiritual. If your *soul* is not prospering then you’re not prospering no matter how much money you have.

3:3-18 – Now Peter clarifies the timing on the Day of the Lord. The present earth and heavens are “being reserved for fire, kept for the day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.” Notice v. 9 re timing: “The Lord is not slow about His promise [what promise is he talking about? of returning for His people!], as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, [not unbelievers but these Christians to whom Peter was writing!] Why is the Lord being patient? Peter continues on in this verse “... not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.”

3:10-12 – he continues to speak about the Day of the Lord and the destruction by fire (see also Rev. 18) that awaits those Christians who do not live holy lives and refuse to repent. In verse 12 he tells them [and us] that we can “hasten” the coming of that Day. How? I’ve never heard anybody preach on this subject. We do it by repenting! He tells us right here in this chapter!

In the fall of 1999 while we were living in Elliston, Montana, the Spirit of the Lord came on me strongly one evening and He spoke, “Many thought they were safe and secure but they were cast into outer darkness.”

My brothers and sisters in Christ, I want to encourage you to seek the Lord today. Set aside several hours to speak with Him and tell Him you want to repent of any sins and worldly behavior in your own life. Tell Him you want to live a righteous, godly life of holiness and ask Him to forgive your sins. Praise the Lord! He will do it! And by doing this you can “hasten” the coming of the Day of the Lord.

