It's Time to Take AUTHORITY!

The Word of God is sure and true. God is just and faithful. In the process of time, it has become evident that the problems in this world are a result of mankind's violation of the moral laws of God. It cannot be denied that the laws of God, when obeyed, would bring healing to this fallen world and cause much strife to cease. The time has come for the army of God to rise up and take a stand against wickedness. We are admonished to stand in the evil day. Not wrestling against flesh and blood, but "with all prayer and petition pray [with specific requests] at all times [on every occasion and in every season] in the Spirit, and with this in view, stay alert with all perseverance and petition [interceding in prayer] for all God's people" (Ephesians 6:18, AMP).

There are times when we must take action against the evil in our midst. Prayer must precede every action. We must walk according to the Spirit and not be led by our flesh. However, we also must have courage and possess holy boldness to speak out against the evil being done in our midst. We must, by word and action, take authority over the wickedness polluting our land. Consider the boldness of Phinehas when he took authority and stopped the plague that resulted from the Israelites joining themselves to Baal of Peor. One man was so brazen as to flaunt a Midianite woman in front of the whole congregation while they were unified, in the Tent of Meeting, repenting for joining in the sin of that nation. "When Phinehas the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw this, he left the congregation and took a spear in his hand" (Numbers 25:7). Phinehas went into the tent, drove a spear through them, and ended the plague.

We are not to use these measures in the Church Age, but we are to apply these principles, which were meant to be a foreshadowing and pattern of spiritual warfare. Jesus said, if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. But what about sin going on around us that is so easy for us to ignore? What about the murdering of the unborn, now made legal right up until birth? Most people don't like to talk about it. But should not this wickedness be exposed for what it is? Shouldn't the Sword of the Spirit be used in prayer, word, and deed by whatever means to cut off this wickedness from our land?

Baal is part of the unholy trinity of the Old Testament, which included the worship of Moloch and Ashtaroth. Their worship included child sacrifice for the purpose of fertility and prosperity. The spirits behind these idols didn't go anywhere when the New Testament was written. And Jesus didn't tell us to literally cut off our hands or pluck out our eyes, even though doing so would be better than spending eternity in hell. But He did let us know that we must be extreme, barring violence, to be that enforcing agent that keeps sin out of our midst.

God told Cain that he must take authority over sin, or it would take authority over him. We must apply this principle to every aspect of our lives. So let us "Do this, knowing that this is a critical time. It is already the hour for you to awaken from your sleep [of spiritual complacency]; for our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed [in Christ]" (Romans 13:11 AMP). Let's be those who rise up, take a stand, and take the Kingdom of God by force.

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