

## A MORAL CONFLICT

As said in the first chapter, the cosmic war we fight, with His government upon our shoulders as His Kings and Priests, is educational. That truly sounds mundane and unimportant. But His Kingdom is a Kingdom of Righteousness. A righteousness imputed, but also a righteousness that possesses the land.

What is the basis for our rule and by what authority do we rule? How is the Kingdom rule established? Throughout all of what has been written, the ruling motive is the glory of God. The ruling mandate, which is the Kingdom mandate with a ruling opposition, a kingdom which is made of the principalities, powers, wickedness in the air and all the rulers of darkness. A ruling authority, which is God. All authority and power is given unto Him on the earth with the command: Go ye therefore and preach this gospel of the Kingdom to all the world and I have given you power over all the powers of the enemy. And ye shall receive power when the Holy Ghost comes upon you. We all know that we have authority on the basis of the victory that Jesus obtained on the cross. And so the basis of our rule can only be on the same premise...the cross. There can never be power except that we are in the right position in God. And what is this position? The position where what the cross in reality is, which death, burial, resurrection, ascension and reign. It has to be our experience and not just something we verbally agree to. The cross is central to our Kingdom mandate, because it was on that hill, called Golgotha, where the two wisdoms met. Where absolute malignity was met with meekness. Where hatred and murder was met with love and forgiveness. The cross is the foremost consideration to our Kingdom mandate. Only through the cross do we have a basis for rule, as well as the authority to rule. To not live from this reality is to lose the legal ground upon which we receive this power and authority in God. The jurisdiction of the cross of Christ has to function in His Body in conjunction with our mandate and is not just an individual matter that happened 2000 years ago, from which we obtained our salvation. Rather the cross remains central in all our categories.

How can we expect to overcome the things of the air, unless we have fought the things of the ground. On horizontal level. That is to say seeking the Kingdom of God first in our lives. Has the territory been won in the ground of your heart and all subject to Him? Unless He is Lord of all, is He then Lord at all in your heart? This does not mean we ignore the things happening in the political and social arena, but we have to know that the buck stops at your own heart first. Authority is not just a matter of delegation, but a matter of delegation given to those who deals with the privilege of it, with authenticity and responsibly.

Jesus said that we shall receive power when the Holy Ghost comes upon us, but there is a very important prerequisite when it comes to the anointing.

### **Exodus 30: 30 - 32**

**30** And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and consecrate them, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office.

**31** And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be an holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations.

**32** Upon man's flesh shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any other like it, after the composition of it: it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you.

It is the anointing of the Holy Spirit that this holy oil represents, the glory of God, that which is required for us in these last days to fulfill our Kingdom mandate, which is to rule and reign. The only place where the flesh is brought to death is not in baptismal water, but at the cross. Because it is the only place where the flesh can be overcome, the enemy has every intention to draw us away from the cross. Should we not deal with the flesh, the oil cannot be poured on us, no matter how wonderful you feel. Only then can we rule and reign when we have established His Kingdom in us first, where He as our High Priest and King may rule in our temples. All from the basis of the cross. We uphold the cross as we possess the land, standing on the ground of the victory obtained for us.

The Kingdom of God has at its foundation morality. That which is good. Not good in the context that we understand it, but just as God is love and holy, God is also good. Goodness did not start in Him, because He Himself is goodness. He is moral. There is no shadow of turning in Him. He is not a man that He should lie. God is altogether good. All His virtues are upheld in His goodness and flows from His goodness. And this is also the reason why our conflict with the enemy is on this basis as well. Even though we war in heavenly places, it is in fact, established on earth. The moral foundation is the basis of all of creation. The conflict between the two Kingdoms is a moral conflict between two wisdoms that are opposed on moral grounds. What we have on Calvary, the earth, was a defeat on morals, two very contradictory and opposing morals.

The morals or another word, the wisdom, of the kingdom of darkness is predicated on control, manipulation, anger, force, fear, witchcraft, murder and hate. Whereas the morals of the Kingdom of God is based on all that is good, which is meekness, humility, peace, forgiveness, and those who love their lives not unto death. And it is at the cross where the Wisdom of God triumphed over the Wisdom of the enemy. A mortal victory was won on the cross of which we are an extension. The same basis that He obtained His victory, is the same basis that we will get obtain ours and possess the land. Even if it means we lay our lives down. The only way we can rule and reign is when the enemy comes in his wisdom, whether by force, control and fear, is by the morals of God, the wisdom of God. Therefore the cross is the basis of our power, our authority and our victory.

The worst of satan should invoke the best of God in us. Just like an olive that has to be crushed in order to get that oil out, so the enemy will come with various means in the time to come, to crush the very life out of us. Our families will be hunted and killed. Hunger and desperation will be an all-time high and in the midst of murder, pandemics, catastrophe and persecution, we are to uphold the cross and its victory. Who is sufficient for this unless we have allowed the cross to have its full way with us in destroying the flesh that is in enmity with the Spirit? When the enemy's worst bring God's best out in you, what more can be done. Truly only then we can say, "Death where is your sting?!" This is why Paul says that not death, nor life, nor angels or principalities, or hunger or death or height...nothing will be able to separate him from the love of God. There is no stronger force than love! Love triumphs over hatred, life over death.

God brought the fight to the enemy by destroying him on the basis of the position from which he operates of, which is morality, or in his case, the lack thereof. Because the enemy works through

the flesh and all that is vile that constitute the beast system and his nature. But Jesus, our meek and lowly Saviour, did not revile back when He was reviled. As a lamb to the slaughter He went to Calvary. There was no guile found in His mouth. Innocence slain. On the basis of morality the enemy has taken our own personal land, which God by the cross and our identification with His death and resurrection, have given us back the land. In the same way, in the time to come, we shall possess the land again, one soul at a time. And so the enemy will also not acknowledge us on any other basis than the cross. The cross robbed him of his power.

God's authority only operates on moral ground, the ground in keeping with His own nature. Because it is Christ in us that is greater than he that is in the world. This is why the enemy wants us to move away from the basis of the cross. This is why there is forever a debate over the law verses grace and the Kingdom suffers because of that. Principals does not terrify the enemy, it is the life of God, and the life will live its own principals.

The wisdom of this world is contrary to the wisdom of God. On the basis of this our victory is obtained. Where everybody has been binding and loosing and addressing principalities in the air, thinking that this is the grounds on which we will overcome, it is in fact on the basis of who Christ is in us, a moral conflict. This does not take away the times that we are to pray and do spiritual warfare, however, how much of that is done in the flesh, with lives that have not dealt with the moral ground of their own personal kingdom. The wisdom of God is truly foolishness to this world.

### **1 Corinthians 3: 18 - 20**

**18** Let no man deceive himself. If any man among you seemeth to be wise in this world, let him become a fool, that he may be wise.

**19** For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

**20** And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

### **1 Corinthians 1: 26 - 31**

**26** For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

**27** But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty;

**28** And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:

**29** That no flesh should glory in his presence.

**30** But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

**31** That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

Can we expect authenticity in a world of deception and appearances? The church is the ground and the pillar of truth. Because if we are not authentically living in the truth, why should the powers of the air take us seriously, when we do not take the issues of the Kingdom of God seriously?

### **Ephesians 1: 8 - 11**

**8** Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ;

**9** And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ:

**10** To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

**11** According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord:

### **James 3: 17**

**17** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy.

This wisdom is nothing other than that which was demonstrated by Jesus at the cross. The wisdom of the Lamb of God that suffers, not defending his interests, does not respond in kind and that prays for His enemy, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do". At the cross these two wisdoms met, the wisdom of God and the wisdom of the powers of darkness. Meekness upended and assaulted by violence and pure hatred. The very same violence that are presently persecuting Christians and will again come with great force and intent in the time to come. The wisdom of God is foolishness to those who profess to be wise. It does not make sense and in the process that which God prizes as sacred and valuable, which is meekness, is seen as vile and weakness. It is through the cross that the wisdom of God is made known to the principalities of the air and that they recognize that they are defeated, when you live in authenticity. When you do not respond in kind, but pray. When you serve those who persecute you and spitefully use you. Unless the church herself has been resisted and attacked individually and have demonstrated how man can live free from the powers, her resistance to the power of the air is futile. She must be able to say to the prince of this world, "satan has nothing in me." How can we call their bluff when standing face to face with them, they call our bluff?

The issue is not just atonement, reigning or ruling and eternity. The issue is the righteousness of God being restored on this earth, through the Church, so that through the Church the manifold wisdom of God is demonstrated to the principalities and powers to the glory of God! This is the Kingdom mandate of the Church, the glory of God on the earth through the demonstration of the victory of the cross. Our mandate to rule and reign in the Kingdom of God has the cross as its basis, the cross as the central focus and our preparation, and the cross as our victory. Therefore, in this time to come, nothing but the cross, the message, the application, the victory and judgment should be preached, with signs of wonders and in the authority given to those who have died and have been raised by the power of the Resurrection life of God.