

## **Jesus has deep sorrow and concern for His Body. Why?**

It seems a hunger for personal power has hit the Body of Jesus in recent years like never before. Titles and positions are claimed as though they can be chosen at random. It is indeed as though the senior titles, "apostle" and "prophet", are all of a sudden over-exploited and as if these illustrious apostolic positions can be acquired by just about anyone obsessed with a desire to not only make an impression as an "important" leader but who especially want to be labelled as "just a cut above" the rest of us!

Should we, however, look closely at the meaning of "prophet", we would soon discover that a prophet, i.e. a truly anointed one, has always been called "from the mother's womb" and it is then not an office that can be claimed at random. Also, a prophet or prophetess standing in God's counsel - the true calling and mission of a truly anointed prophet of God - will not boast in such anointing as it indeed comes with a heavy price - also much responsibility - and it is therefore the most daunting of the whole array of callings.

Fact is, prophets are called to act as God's watchmen and women and what they will then bring forth is for this very reason not something fabricated by themselves - as is the case with a false prophet or prophetess - for God's Spirit places messages on their tongues and there is then never any question of self-glory and self-enhancement.

It is then indeed a fallacy to claim the office of prophet and prophetess at random and those who are bent on serving God in Spirit and in Truth, will therefore never exchange the truth for this type of false perspective that has in recent years hit the Body of Jesus full force.

A false spirit has impacted the Body of Jesus and where these popular prophets and prophetesses are obviously bent on pleasing people, i.e. speaking after the heart of those they so lightly bring messages to, it should be clear to those servants of God who are still fearing God and who are then desirous to bide by the Word of God, that we are at this point in time faced with a demonic onslaught against true worship as never before.

Let us therefore be on our guard against the type of prophet and prophetess who is not acting in accordance with God's Word, but who are self-appointed. Many will be deceived just as many were deceived by false teachers in the past, i.e. after the apostles of Jesus had left the scene (1 Jn 4; 1 & 2 Tim. 4).

Should we then bide in Jesus, honouring His Word, we will not fall prey to false prophets and their elaborate titles for a true prophet of God will, regardless of fierce rejection, always choose to obey God, whereas a false prophet will naturally opt for the Gnostic type of messages, i.e. always bringing good and positive messages. This type of apostasy is a trend that has impacted on the Body of Jesus since the apostate "Toronto Blessing" had manifested in the nineties.

Therefore, let those who want to make the Bride be on their alert to rather opt for Scriptural Truth than vainglory! How silly to believe that one can claim the title of "Prophet So-and-So" or "Prophetess This-and-That" as though such a one has been called from the womb (the true sign of a truly anointed prophet of God).

Fact is, a true prophet and prophetess of God will be known by his/her fruit - i.e. absolute obedience to God Most High and therefore not being subservient to people's whims and wishes although the true and real prophet and prophetess of God will also bring hope, comforting the upright at heart whereas a false prophet and prophetess are always bent on speaking after the heart and mind of those receiving messages from them.

There is nothing that speaks of real, authentic life in Christ than helping a lost soul to repent. And therefore a truly anointed prophet and prophetess will focus on sound moral conduct and values (pointing out sinful ways) and therefore not only "speaking life and not death" over people. "Life" is always living the way God's way!

A false spirit has of late come to our attention, namely that the uncovering of sinful conduct is wrong and such

false approach to gospel Truth must therefore be addressed. Be on your guard then for smooth talkers who are loading their messages with so-called "words of encouragement", and clearly to make a living from the Cross of Calvary! These are the culprits whom Paul refers to in his epistles as "peddlers" of the Word and who are enriching themselves (money-wise) in stead of working for the Lord the proper, Biblical way!

A truly called prophet and prophetess of God's anointing will always follow them - the sign that God is with them - and it will subsequently not be necessary for them to broadcast far and wide who they think they are and just to influence and to impress the naïve and the gullible!

But the test will come when satan will confront these upstart, pseudo-prophets and prophetesses, for the big question remains: Will they have the true endowment of the Spirit of God when faced with real challenges and which challenges the ordinary guys on the ground won't be able to handle? Think of Elijah and the false, popular prophets of Ahab and Jezebel!

Let's therefore rather let God place a title on our shoulders than choosing too big boots for ourselves! And let us also rather wait in humility of heart for God to call us to step forward in His time in stead of us eagerly grabbing something that does not at all suit us. We may just be claiming an illustrious tag without having the ability to wear it God's way! (Unless of course we are happy to align ourselves with the Evil One who is always bent on spreading lies and undermining God's will for His flock!)

Take time to be holy and consider the following well : An insane spirit has indeed hit the Body of Jesus! Let us therefore be quick to repent and before irreparable damage is done all the more stronger to the Body of our precious Lord Jesus. Besides, He died in agony to equip us with the Spirit of Truth known as the precious "Gifts" of the Holy Spirit! (1 Cor. 12; Acts 2.33). Let us be true watchmen and women for our Lord, full knowing that He will reward those who have fully obeyed Him at His return. And let us not apostatize the Gospel that was bought with such a dear price (the precious blood of the Lamb of God).

On the title "Apostle" : It should be clear from the Book of Revelations that there are only twelve chosen Apostles. According to the apostle Paul the sign of an apostle is first and foremost that he had seen Jesus - Jesus chose His twelve apostles and Paul was the late-born apostle who replaced Matthatias - the former was preemptively chosen by the apostles after Judas' suicide and clearly through the casting of lots - in stead of waiting upon God to fill the vacant position His way.

The twelve Apostles of Jesus also wrought mighty miracles speaking of reality and therefore not the same type of miracle all the time - working true miracles is another sign to us of a truly called apostle. (A miracle is something extraordinary that takes place before our eyes. i.e. at once, and it is therefore then not necessary to give any human assistance in order to bring it about. Healing, on the other hand, may take time to set in fully.

**DO I BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT? YES I DO!!!**

Because I am so bent on guarding against abuse of the Holy Spirit Gifts, some may perhaps be asking, "Do you believe in the POWER of God's Spirit anointing?" YES, a definite YES! But then it must be real. Now, I have come across a YouTube video of a young man, clearly anointed by God in India and I would therefore like to share with those interested his link. Many will not like it, finding it perhaps too extreme, but weren't those who gathered in the Upper Room accused of "being drunk"?

This type of anointing clearly speaks of POWER from on high and God is moving in India because those people need reality as they constantly come up against witchcraft, persecution for their faith, extreme poverty, and tremendous prejudice. Their pastors also are used to fasting and going fully out for Jesus. They don't only talk about Jesus but they LIVE Jesus the right and proper way!! And this is the only way God can break the power of superstition and unbelief, occultism and satanic control over people.

Yes, this evangelist does touch some of them, but he does not use force to push those whom he touches over.

They clearly fall under the POWER of God's Spirit and I am all for reality!!! I can feel in my spirit that this is from God and I am humble enough to acknowledge it. However, I am dead against simulation, something we have experienced in the West over and over again. Oh, may God help us to understand the manifestation of the Holy Spirit. This is what we need!

Go to the following link if you want to watch this Indian evangelist's precious anointing in a country that brims with occultism and idol worship

What the anointing of the Holy Spirit does, is to literally unshackle us and so that we can walk in freedom of spirit, doing God's will and being Jesus' disciples in word and in deed. Here we can see that nobody can control the active Power of God! This Power is from above and it is sent by God to transform us and to turn us inside out!

And this is the fine line between false and true, something natural man will not be able to discern. So if Jesus begins to move with the Power of His Spirit, He will move through His Spirit in strange ways, but we will sense its reality.

What I do want to add here, though, is that along with the manifestation of the reality of the Spirit comes teaching from the Word of God as this step is very necessary and so that the eyes of the blind can be enlightened from the Word too. Not teaching that will again place religious shackles and traditional bondage upon those who have now tasted the glory of God, but helping these followers of Jesus to also taste the Power and Reality of the Word!

We must therefore understand that "slaying in the Spirit" is all about demonic spirits leaving those who fall under the Power of God. And Jesus came for this very purpose to deliver those in bondage (Acts 10). So be careful how you approach this area for, as I have said previously, there is a very fine knife-edge line between true and false and where truth prevails, those who have experienced the anointing of God's Spirit, WILL BREAK WITH THEIR SINFUL LIFESTYLES, following Jesus in Spirit then and in Truth (Jn 4.24)

And this is where teaching by FAITHFUL, DEDICATED shepherds of the flock comes in, meaning the type of Christian teacher who sets an example of the real and true infilling with the Holy Spirit. Unfortunately we have experienced superficial evangelists in the West - there are indeed always the exception to the rule! - whose large evangelistic campaigns are, and have been in the past, clearly steeped in superficiality. Those who opt for financial gain from the Cross are indeed false shepherds we must discern among the flock of God for many posing as true shepherds of the flock of God, are in reality wolves fleecing the flock for their own sake and gain!

This rule of thumb then always applies: Jesus Christ came to save sinners (1 Tim. 1.15) and Jesus came to set man free from the power of satan (Acts 10) AND Jesus came to give us a NEW MINDSET (Rom. 12). The tree will then be known by its fruits, not only by the showers of blessings (watering through the Spirit of God) it had tasted!!! Let's therefore earnestly pray for the pastors who are tending the flock of God in India for many have begun in the Spirit yet have ended in the flesh.

Prayer: Help us Lord Jesus to remain standing, doing Your will even if it should cost our own lives! Let's rejoice with the Indian Christians for we can see that God is busy pouring out His Spirit Power upon the hungry at heart! And may God help them not to fall into the trap of the West : opting for fame and ego power, money and self-glory!

Concerning Evangelist's Singh's video: Watch it prayerfully and without prejudice and think of simultaneously of the Upper Room experience:

<http://youtu.be/qAG5da0eTP4>

Videos on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit will from time to time be published on this vlog. Abuse of the Gifts, also

misinterpretation thereof, will then be addressed.

The charismata is an area that calls for wisdom and understanding. Scriptural guidelines must therefore be adhered to if we want to experience the reality of Gospel Truth and should we strip the Body of Jesus of this reality, we may as well be satisfied with a dead gospel. It is the Spirit that makes alive!

But because of misapplication of the Gifts, also misdirection imposed by carnal leadership these past decades, we have to once again objectify the operation of the Gifts and so that we can once again regain a proper perspective thereof.

Many feel disillusioned with the Gifts, especially with prophecy and the speaking in tongues due to unbiblical practices that have been in sway, and sometimes applied to the extreme. It also seems as though the Pentecostals and the Charismatic preachers are focusing squarely on enlarging their borders which naturally would ensure their affluence, income gained from preaching the Word of God and naturally also entailing the crucified Jesus.

The fruits of the Spirit, calling for true Christian love and caring for one another as Jesus had set the example for us, are often also grossly neglected. Pastors need to return to the Lord the proper way and so that God can send us a new refreshing! Then the flock of God will follow their example!

So let us pray for a true Holy Spirit movement and so that the wrongs of the past, i.e. relating to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, can be rectified. Fact is, we need Jesus to be AMONG US!

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