

DISCERNMENT

Vol. 1, No. 1 ".... how is it that ye do not discern this time?" Luke 12:56

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FALSE PROPHETS

It is my desire to set out a simple letter that informs Christians as to issues that are very important and need to be addressed in the Church today. The guise that false teaching is using is very deceptive and Satan is indeed entering in as an "Angel of Light". Those who are involved in the deception appear to be "very spiritual". They often have such an "aura" about them that as you listen to them you can find yourself longing to have the "revelation" they have experienced. The strangest fact is that people sit in the meetings and don't actually hear what is being said, yet they are accepting the false doctrine. The Word of God has given us such strict warnings about what would happen in the Last Days. These things are clearly laid out in Scripture, yet churches are being split apart and families are disintegrating. We are hearing that if you are not part of the "Flow", the "Third Wave" or the "New Thing" you are going to be cast asunder.

It is very perturbing when you can not question a person who is involved. Immediately you are accused of "having a wrong spirit" or being "divisive". The Word of God gives clear direction in every area of life. There are no "cloudy areas" that only a "prophet" can interpret through "revelation".

The following is a scenario from a service where a "prophet" is operating. His voice hardly above a whisper the "prophet" intones, "witchcraft comin again . . . I feel pinpricks on me." (This "prophet" feels pinpricks in his hand when there is witchcraft present.) The "prophet" continues, "Any of you been trying to witness lately and have just been confused in the middle of it, raise your hand and let the wind blow on you you feel the wind? . . . Hallelujah, there is the flow . . . glory to God."

This "prophet" has GOLDEN SENSES which is to mean that all five senses are literally inspired by the Holy Spirit. He is able to tell what is happening in the spirit realm from these five senses. He can smell homosexuality, death and immorality. If he smells roses, honeysuckle and lilacs, he knows that the Lord is present. So he tells the people they are going to smell something like the best perfume. Then they must know that "Jesus is here! Don't look around, raise your hands and get with the praise because high praise has began and your senses will turn golden and you'll begin to smell Him." This "prophet" goes on to tell the congregation that this is the year that every one of them can train their nose to get golden and smell the incense.

When this "prophet" operates with his GOLDEN SENSES and lays hands on people, he feels what is in them – he literally walks into their bodies and feels their feelings, tastes their tastes, sees with their sight and hears what they're hearing. A comment on this is that I have had numerous people tell me that after this prophet lays hands on someone – that person changes radically and becomes a blind follower.

What is operating is sorcery which by definition is: "The use of supernatural power over others through the assistance of evil spirits." There are familiar spirits at work. The innocent souls sitting under this become mesmerized and projected into an altered state of consciousness. They do not realize their souls are at stake. The "prophet" can tell them things about their lives that no-one could ever know. He can tell them their innermost secrets. Is this the sign of a true prophet or is it divination and sorcery?

People flocking to witness the "latest" are impressed with how earnestly the people pray. The title of "Intercessor" gives a holy "glow" to an individual. However, these "prophets" are telling people as they enter into intercession this year they will have the power to forgive sin, yes remit it. They will have the power to proclaim liberty to those that are bound, to remove the bondage of sin, heal the broken in heart and to release angelic activity.

Sincere people are intrinsically involved in the errors they have come to believe are of God. God, in His Wisdom, gave us a simple rule book to follow – His Word. However, the false teachers are also using the Word of God as they establish "truth" as they see it. Their interpretations are for the most part, allegorical, based on the premise that the Bible is primarily a symbolic book. They twist the literal meaning of the Scriptures to mean what they believe or think God is saying. When this liberal method is applied, false doctrines emerge. This is born out by the many cults who claim to have Scripture for a basis, but then deliberately proceed to allegorize the Scriptures to arrive at "extra added revelations". Once the Scriptures are allegorized at the expense of the literal meaning, the "sky is the limit" as to bizarre interpretations. For so long Christians have been subjected to excessive allegorical preaching that it comes as no wonder why so many are "giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils." False prophets are usually "heavy duty" allegorical preachers. It is their method of making the Scriptures say what they want them to say in support of their deceptions.

Many false prophets are roaming the countryside seeking innocent souls on which to peddle their "New Revelations". Using the Scriptural method of discernment, (the literal interpretation) let us discern together some of the proclamations of the false prophets.

False prophets are proclaiming that the old leadership is coming to an end – the new young leadership is being raised up to reign over an end-time Church. This Church is supposed to be the one that will bring forth the Bride. The "prophets" are to get the Church on the right foundation. They are to teach those who would make up the foundation of the end-time Church.

A foundation is truly being laid. This foundation is based on "New Revelation". Obviously, to their minds, the Church has been a failure. They believe it is the end-time Church that is being set up that will do the job properly.

Let us now look at the Scriptures. What do they say about foundations?

"For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which IS Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 3:11.

"And ARE built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, [of Scripture] Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone." Ephesians 2:20.

Each time I read through the transcripts we have painstakingly typed, listening to hours upon hours of tedious tapes, I shake my head in disbelief. "The best of every blood line has been saved to this generation. This is the ELECT generation. This generation is going to see the beginning of a World-wide NEW ORDER. The expression of Christianity is going to be changed in a generation. This is the beginning of a NEW ORDER across the earth."

Is this from Scripture? Most certainly not! Nowhere in Scripture do we read that, "The best of every blood-line has been saved to this generation." This quote is the language of the Manifest Sons of God or the Rosicrucian's. On the contrary, Scripture teaches that all blood-washed saints from the time of Calvary are THE ELECT.

"ELECT according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ . . . " I Peter 1:2.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers. But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:" I Peter 1:18, 19.

God's CHOSEN GENERATION began at Calvary and was made endless and no other shall ever surpass it. In God's CHOSEN GENERATION there is no good, better and BEST blood line because the precious blood in Emmanuel's veins was all that was needed to sanctify His generation "to show forth the praises of Him." Because of the precious blood line of the Father in Christ, the Holy Spirit saith to the Church:

"But ye ARE a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into marvelous light: Which in time past were not a people, but ARE NOW the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy." I Peter 2:9, 10.

According to the Scriptures "The New Order" expected to come through a special BREED OF PEOPLE is doomed to suffer destruction at the literal Second Advent of

Jesus Christ. It was the literal presence of Jesus Christ that redeemed all the believers at the CROSS and in like manner it will again take the LITERAL presence of Jesus Christ to sit in judgment of the nations and usher in GOD'S ORDER ordained to remain an EVERLASTING KINGDOM.

"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying: Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him." Jude 14, 15.

"...the government shall be upon his [Christ's] shoulders... of the increase of his [Christ's] government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever." Isaiah 9:6, 7.

"But the judgment shall sit, and they shall take away his [anti-Christ's] dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him [Jesus Christ]. Daniel 7:26, 27.

We hear many speaking about the five-fold ministry coming into fulfillment in the end-time Church. From this, the office of the prophet is being set up. Leaders from all over the country are now seeking "New Revelation" as the foundation for out future, instead of the Word of God which makes us spotless and brings us to maturity.

"Now ye ARE clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." John 15:3.

"That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing: but that it should be holy and without blemish." Ephesians 2:26, 27.

But, the new "prophets" have made provision for a ministry after the five-fold ministry. That is the Ministry of Perfection - The Melchizedek Priesthood. The children of this generation will move into this. They will actually come into the DIVINE NATURE of Jesus Christ. This is why the ARMY has been called together, "To raise up the generation to possess the promises of God."

This is just a small insight into the seriousness of the false teaching that is being disseminated in Christian circles. My prayer is that you will become equipped with the armor of God to withstand the fiery darts that the enemy of our souls is attacking us with under the guise of "New Revelation" and "deeper truths".

In Christ.

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