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EVANGELIZING THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER

Letters of Faith

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“See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ.”

Colossians 2:8

Dearly Beloved,

We are locked in a battle for reality!

I am impressed in the spirit that our enemy is successfully using a fairly simple and very common human bad habit we all seem to have in abundance to defeat us in this all-important battle for Judeo-Christian Civilization.

Let me briefly explain.

The enemy wants us (humans) to establish reality as whatever society (this world, of which Satan is the prince—though a defeated one) agrees upon through consent, compromise, and constant promotion.

The horrifying fact is that this is a wicked, corrupt, and sin-drenched world. Thus sin is the reality that Satan desires us to focus on and eventually to accept as the norm.

A very simplified definition of sin is anything that is opposite to the will or the way of God.

But God wants us to establish reality as what the Word of God says is Truth: that is, the principles and the standards of the Kingdom of God establishing the will or the way of God, that it would be here on earth as it is in Heaven.

This spiritual warfare is focused on the devil's plan for us true believers to be deceived into accepting the current world-view (his warped world-view) of Christianity and the Church as they are exhibited today for the most part; that is weak, divided, unholy in behavior, and concerned only with so-called “heavenly” thoughts while practicing “earthly” deeds.

But God's clearly proclaimed plan for us as His Church today is to be holy, united, powerful, and victorious: a flesh and blood, living re-presentation of Himself and of the Living Christ—God's own Son who is a man totally yielded to the indwelling Holy Spirit! **“...that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she should be holy and blameless.”** (Eph. 5:27)

One of the enemy's primary attack plans against the Church and the Saints is to have his powers and principalities administer Ungodly Strongholds that capture our minds to receive the work of the religious demons that delude, counterfeit, deceive, and ensnare our mindsets and our Godly traditional thinking patterns. And more directly pertinent today, to get our minds set on his (Satan's) successes in all the most important areas of society so that they become the constant focus of our attention instead of our focusing on God's plans and successes and our parts in them.

The enemy cannot prevent a soul from yielding to the Lordship of Jesus. But he does try (often quite successfully) to disrupt our pursuit of holiness and usefulness in God's Kingdom once we are saved by blocking out the Truth and leading us into captivity in his deceptive Strongholds, just as we are warned against in the lead scripture above.

Second Cor. 11:3 exemplifies the Stronghold's function: **“But I am afraid, lest as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds should be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.”**

The Stronghold leads the mind astray and captures it and imprisons it so that it is not free to function as God designed it to function. It is not free to receive the truth and discard the false. It is drawn to focus on the encroachments of the enemy instead of the advances of the Holy Spirit. As a result we often find ourselves involved in conversations about the awful things that are happening, or are reported to soon begin happening.

I believe that the Holy Spirit has led me to understand that God hears these concerned and complaining and prayer-less conversations as grumbling, murmuring, and mumbling just as He heard the people of Israel mumble, murmur, and grumble as He led them through the wilderness.

As Israel's murmuring and grumbling grew incessantly louder, God's Father-heart responded by adding fresh meat to their menu of Manna. But when their murmuring and grumbling continued to increase, God's anger at their ungratefulness grew to the bursting point:

“Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to all the congregation of the sons of Israel, ‘Come near before the Lord, for He has heard your grumbings.’” It came about as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the sons of Israel, that they looked toward the wilderness, and behold, the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, ‘I have heard the grumbings of the sons of Israel; speak to them, saying, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall be filled with bread; and you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”
(Ex. 16:9-12)

“Now the people became like those who complain of adversity [grumble] in the hearing of the Lord; and when the Lord heard it, His anger was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp.” (Num. 11:1)

“You shall eat, not one day, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days, but a whole month, until it comes out of your nostrils and becomes loathsome to you; because you have rejected the Lord who is among you and have wept before Him, saying, ‘Why did we ever leave Egypt?’” (Num. 11:19-20)

If I have heard correctly from the Holy Spirit that our “griping” (grumbling and mumbling) conversations about the multitude of serious problems domestically and worldwide is comparable to Israel's continuing to grumble against God and His leadership and provision in the wilderness, we are in imminent and grave danger of incurring His major displeasure.

I believe, therefore, that we must change our conversations from grumbling to prayers of faith.

We know from God's Word that He hears and answers prayers of multiple saints praying together in complete agreement with each other and with His Word: **“Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.”** (Matt. 18:19)

We also know that prayers of repentance and forgiveness and prayers releasing God's will here on earth are in accord with His will and His ways because Jesus taught us to pray those things (Matt. 6:9-13).

We are all very conscious of the need to eliminate the spirits of competitiveness and criticism amongst Church leadership and are beginning to believe that this is one of the keys to releasing restoration and revival in all of the members of His Body: **“Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, ‘Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come [that is revival!], for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night.’”** (Rev. 12:10)

Recent and repeated calls from the Holy Spirit for us Called Out Ones, the Ecclesia, to humble ourselves in fasting prayers will be heard and responded to by our loving Father God: **“...My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”**
(2 Chron. 7:14)

So ask yourself, Beloved, what would happen if two or three of you in your fellowship committed to meet in prayer grounded on these four scriptural foundation stones. Then ask the Holy Spirit what would happen if similar committed groups from two or three local churches gathered together even if just once a week.

I think “...**the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ...**” [a very acceptable description of revival] would come to those small groups and that manifestation of our God would draw saints hungry to experience God moving in grace and power into this flow of reawakening in the Church.

Then which of the two results of this wave of fresh zeal for God do you think would take place —

A. An unstoppable blessing would sweep throughout the whole Church of the risen Lord throughout the world and there would be a Bride prepared for Jesus’ return, or...

B. An exciting new prayer ministry would be planted and then multiplied around the world.

Your answer to this question says where your heart is toward the battle for reality. I pray it is in alignment with God’s plan for your church, your city, your country, and for the world! And I pray that God will hear your prayers and not your mumblings and grumblings.

Revival-hungry hugs,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Paul & Gretel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.