

TIME FOR TRUTH

Our world today is filled with division, distortion, disease, debt, despair, darkness and death. The cause for all of this is deception and lies which are promoted by demons and despots. The source of all this trouble began with the father of lies, otherwise known as the devil or Satan. He was cast out of God's throne of glory and light because his heart was full of darkness, pride and rebellion.

He came to earth and spread his lies which led to bondage and all of the above maladies. The history of mankind is filled with deep cavities of truth decay where spiritual darkness, social morass and injustice predominate.

Thankfully, God did not leave mankind to sort this out for themselves. He sent truth tellers who were prophets, leaders or witnesses who brought messages from the heart of God which were meant to bring people out of bondage and into freedom if they heeded God's warnings and commandments. However, these proclaimers of truth were not always welcomed and accepted.

Others were tortured and refused to be released, so that they might gain a better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, while still others were chained and put in prison. They were stoned, they were sawed in two, they were put to death by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated - the world was not worthy of them. - Hebrews 11:35-38 NIV

No one is more hated than he who speaks the truth. - Plato

God had been silent in speaking to his people for 400 years. It was then that John the Baptist and Jesus arrived on the scene with light and truth. Both were hated for exposing the lies and practices that enslaved the people. Jesus was despised by the religious leaders of his day because he not only spoke truth, but he also claimed to be the truth.

'I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.' - John 14:6

He 'came from the Father, full of grace and truth.' - John 1:14

Back in the early 1970's my parents began their life as snow birds to Florida for six months every year. The first time I went to visit them, I had my first encounter with cockroaches. Late one evening I turned on the kitchen light only to see several of them scurry away to hidden areas. (I rarely see them now as we have learned to spray the house inside and out a couple of times a year with pest control.) However, each year we always stay alert for signs of an insect even more insidious.....termites. They can quietly and secretly destroy the foundational and structural supports of a house. It seems like every 7 years or so we have to have our place in Florida tented to kill off those hidden wood lovers that can literally eat you out of house and home.

Something similar has been taking place in our world as spiritual, social and political cockroaches and termites seek to undermine the foundations of our country and others around the world. For over 100 years, enemies of God and our country have been gradually eroding the foundations of the 7 major areas of society.

For look! The wicked bend their bow, they make ready their bow on a string, that they may shoot secretly at the upright in heart. If the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?
- Psalm 11:2-3 NKJV

Truth brings Light, Liberty and Life

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God. - John 3:19-21 NIV

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life. - Jesus
- John 8:12 NIV

If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. - John 8:32

You are going to have the light just a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, before the darkness overtakes you. The man who walks in the darkness does not know where he is going. Put your trust in the light while you have it, so that you may become sons of light. - John 12:35-36 NIV

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit is there is freedom / liberty. - 2 Corinthians 3:17

LIES Blind you, Bind you, Burden you, Bury you

*The path of the righteous is like the first gleam of dawn, shining
ever brighter till the first light of day. But the way of the wicked
is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.*
- Proverbs 4:18-19 NIV

The thief (satan) comes to steal, kill and destroy. I (Jesus) have come to bring superabundant life. - John 10:10

At the beginning of 2020 and 2021 the Lord gave me the same scripture for the year to come. The reference to darkness alludes to the idea of ignorance and walking in blindness. How many of us have stubbed our toe on a piece of furniture as we walked in darkness at night in our home? Those who walk in spiritual blindness stumble, fall and lead others to the same dead end.

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come.

- Isaiah 60:1-5 NIV

During the plagues in Egypt, God's people remained in the light while the Egyptians were in absolute darkness that could be felt and in which they could not see anything! God makes a **distinction** between his people and those in the world. - Exodus 10:21-23

Later, after Moses was on the mountain in the presence of the Lord for 40 days, the glory of the Lord could be seen on him when he came down to the people. Over 30 years ago in London, I went to revisit a Hindu man I had met once. When he opened his door and saw me, he remarked:

'I see a glow on your face and a light in your eyes!'

What is the glory of God? It is the holy presence, goodness or beauty of the Lord displayed or manifested in various ways. It may appear as light or be felt as a weighty presence or as an overwhelming supernatural love, peace or joy etc.

Several years ago as I meditated on that Isaiah 60 passage, I noticed something unusual. It says that the **glory rises upon** you. One would expect it to say the glory descends upon you from above. Instead, it reveals that the glory of the Lord within us rises up and overflows so that it can be seen by the world. An example of this is given in the story of Stephen, who faced persecution and was later stoned to death. He was full of God's grace and power and as he spoke before the religious court of the Jewish Sanhedrin, they saw that his face was like the face of an angel. Later as he was about to be stoned, he looked up towards heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. The apostle Peter writes these words several years later:

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

1 Peter 4:12-14 NIV

Note: The suffering of Christians mentioned in the Bible is usually due to hardships or persecution because of their witness for the cause of Jesus and the advancement of his kingdom.

The first teachings of Jesus to his disciples give them foreknowledge of what they and all true disciples will face.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. - Matthew 5:10-12 NIV

Jesus is our model and mentor on how to speak the truth. He was full of grace and truth. Grace without truth is meaningless. Truth without grace is mean. Jesus was full of love and compassion towards sinners but also spoke prophetic truth. People don't care how much you know until they know much you care.

***Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt.
- Colossians 4:6***

Speak the truth in love - Ephesians 4:15

One can have the right message and words, but if it is spoken with hatred or in a condemning manner, it will lose its effectiveness. Social media comments on the Internet often turn vicious and ugly. Having said all of that, there is still a place to take a stand for righteousness. However, it is important to differentiate between persons and systems or movements. For example, we should not hate homosexuals but we can still be against homosexuality based on the Bible's clear warnings. In the last year there have been news reports about drag queens reading stories to little children in schools and public libraries that promote their sexual and trans gender agenda. If one speaks against such things one is labeled as *homophobic*, but I would counter that they may be *Christophobic*, afraid of Christ and his kingdom teachings about righteousness. Black lives do matter but the movement called Black Lives Matter was founded by Marxists who said their purpose was to destroy the nuclear family.

Jesus came not only to save us from our sins, but also to deliver us from the influence of the evil world systems.

Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light, for he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves. - Colossians 1:12-13 NIV

The Lord Jesus Christ gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of God our Father, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. - Galatians 1:4

E. Stanley Jones was a lifelong missionary to India and the world. He is my favorite devotional writer who was intellectual but also spiritual with a kingdom mentality. Here are some excerpts from his book, *Growing Spiritually* - 1953

I question whether there is anything that keeps a Christian from growing so much as the present evil world – the herd. For growing means departure from the herd, a lifting of your head above it. This the herd tries to prevent. Society demands conformity. If you fall beneath its standards, it will punish you; if you rise above its standards it will persecute you. It demands a dull, gray, average conformity. But the Christian is a departure upward. He gets out of step, for 'he hears a distant drummer'. He is no longer an echo, he is a voice. He is not a thing, he is a person. The herd dominance is broken.

How? Not by running away from it, for now he goes more deeply into it. Not by fighting it, for now a new compassion for the herd comes over him. Not by incasing himself against it, for he is now more sensitive to its needs. He gets rid of it by surrendering the herd to God. Just as a man can be self-centered, so he can be a herd-centered man. He is a captive. There is only one way out – the surrender of the herd to God. Then God is God, not the herd. You no longer belong to the herd; you belong to God. But belonging to God, now the herd belongs to you. Delivered from it, you are free to go back to it emancipated and free to serve it. – E. Stanley Jones

The herd surrounds us, but how much more does God surround us with His Presence, Protection, Power, Purity and Providence. Let us Praise Him!

We have not forgotten Daniel and his friends in Babylon. They kept their faith in God as they resisted conformity to its worldly ways. God honored that. Recently we mentioned Psalm 101:6. It reminds us to keep our eyes on the faithful in the land. Those afraid of the truth seek to suppress it, tell lies and slander the truth tellers.

Medical malpractice

True science is willing to examine all options. In health matters, it is often wise to get **second opinions** before submitting to various treatments. Doctors usually only prescribe what is in their medical tool chest. Our medical system is more about disease care than health care.

I describe it as ABCD.

A - Allopathic (disease oriented) rather than naturopathic (health and prevention oriented)

B - Burn (radiation)

C - Cut (surgery)

D - Drug (Americans use more drugs than any country and we pay a lot more too)

The whole approach to Covid is misguided. The paradigm is focused more on the germ theory from Pasteur rather than the internal environment and immune system promoted by Bechamp. Back in April 2020, we wrote about SUPER IMMUNITY. God has designed our bodies to have great immunity if we follow his natural laws of food and cleanliness. The vaccines are not as effective as they said nor long lasting (which proves they are not really vaccines). According to the Nuremberg code, no one should be subjected to an experimental drug etc without their permission) I refer you to doctors to who are not in bed with Big Pharma but are willing to share practical and inexpensive treatments that many have had amazing success with. By the way, Dr. Fauci has no experience treating Covid and seems oblivious to those who have done so successfully. Although he has an M.D. from Cornell, he acts as if it means Medical Deity. His fickle recommendations and forced shutdowns have caused unnecessary deaths related to loss of jobs, suicides and loss of access to health care for other diseases besides Covid.

All areas of society have been corrupted by power and greed.

Our best source of truth is the Holy Bible and Jesus of Nazareth, the only person that lived a perfect holy life on this earth.

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