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Imparting The Elijah Anointing

Apostolic Advice

“Apostolic Readiness”

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“Preparation” is a word that keeps coming up in my spirit these days as part of the burden resulting from apostolic anointing. In 2 Timothy 3:1, Paul makes it clear that God’s people should be prepared for the worst case scenarios in the “last days” before the final Latter Rain Harvest and Bodily Return of Jesus Christ (James 5:7-8). The remainder of the chapter gives instructions for enduring the perilous times ahead that result from the absence of “godly character” in Society.

Vs.10-12 – Follow the apostolic example of handling difficulty.

Vs.14-15 – Apply all the wisdom acquired from youth onward.

Vs.16-17 – The Man of God is “ready” according to a comprehensive grasp of the Scriptures.

Paul again speaks of “readiness” in 2 Cor. 10:3-5 where he is teaching us to be “ready to exact obedience in our thought life” as the main arena of battle with the “god of this world”. Our imagination can run wild under the influence of “seducing spirits and doctrines of demons”, an illustration of this is found in the people of Noah’s day “whose every imagination was evil” resulting in their destruction. God said we would have more of the same with the “days of Noah” returning in the last days. God’s people must stay “full of the Word” (Col.3:16-17) and “full of the Spirit” (Eph.5:17-19) to live in total victory during difficult days. The question I am faced with as an apostolic leader in the Church is, “Am I preparing people to live thru the worst”, or “am I giving them false expectations” of a life without danger here in the USA. The trend to “soften the message” and not “scare people off” with “too much God” will result in many people falling away when it becomes very difficult to be “openly Christian” in our world. One former pastor chaffed at a sermon containing “too much scripture”, saying “people want to hear more stories”. This philosophy doesn’t agree with Paul’s instructions to Timothy about the Word of God in relation to “perilous times” in the scripture we have looked at. Acts 19:20 gives us the key to overcoming the demonic strongholds of witchcraft, sorcery and idolatry in Ephesus, “And so grew mightily the Word of God and prevailed”. We need “more Word” in our messages, and not less. I am always happy with a restaurant that gives me more food than I can eat, we just get a “to go” box and take it for later. The same can happen with the Bread of Life, folks can get the tape to “finish eating later” if they couldn’t take it all in during the service. One fellow said, “You can’t make a strong Christian by giving them sermonettes for christianettes”.

I am a firm believer in “spiritual awakening” and “transformation of society” as a result, and continue to pray for the same. The reality of the situation is that we have to deal with the effects of the “salt having lost it’s savor” in our society at the present time regardless. We will get “thru” it into victory again, but that is my point, people will have to “go thru to get to the other side” eventually. Just how “perilous” times will get for us remains to be seen, but by all indications

coming from the decisions of our new Government, we could be headed for a more difficult society that is anti-Christian for some time to come. Jesus taught a parable on “readiness” in Luke 6:46-49 where he contrasted “two lives”, one prepared for a storm, and the other not prepared. One remained safe during the storm and the other was destroyed. We must get people “deep in the Word” so that they can survive it all while advancing the Kingdom of God on Earth.

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