

## Clash of the Kingdoms – Part 5 Spirit of Light or Darkness 20-6-10

In this message I want you to be really clear that both kingdoms are firstly spiritual kingdoms:

- A spirit is working
- Each spirit has very clear purposes
- We need to wise-up about what is happening because it's happening whether we know it or not.

### 1 Corinthians 2:8-10 (New King James Version)

<sup>6</sup> However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.

- Putting all our time and effort into the wisdom of this world is a bad investment – **IT IS COMING TO NOTHING**

<sup>7</sup> But we speak the wisdom of God in a **mystery**, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, <sup>8</sup> which NONE of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

- There is wisdom of God which is HIDDEN WISDOM
- It is a mystery to this world's rulers/leaders
- It can only be "*spiritually discerned*"

<sup>9</sup> But as it is written: "*Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.*"

<sup>10</sup> But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For **the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.**

- Mysterious, hidden things – Isaiah 64:4
- Now REVEALED THROUGH HIS SPIRIT
  - Deep things
  - All things
  - HIDDEN (Mysteries) that the world doesn't and cannot know.

**WORLD does not understand the mystery of iniquity or the mystery of righteousness (godliness)**

- **No idea** of what is going on in either kingdom
- **ASKS:** Why the sickness, the war, the crime, the injustice, the inhumanity?
  - **Inhumanity** – something that is not human behind it
- **ASKS:** Why is there only ONE WAY?

**TWO TRUTHS – Understanding LIGHT and DARKNESS**

- It takes light to reveal what is in the dark.
- Darkness cannot enter into light.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:7-8 (King James Version)

<sup>7</sup>For the **mystery of iniquity doth already work**: only he who now lets will let, until he be taken out of the way.

<sup>8</sup>And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

**We wonder why the world can't see it.**

- They can't see it because they are in the dark.
- It must be revealed by the Spirit of God – shines the light on things

**Proverbs 25:2** It is the **glory** of God to conceal a matter, but the **glory of kings** is to search out a matter.

- **Revelation 1:6**

and has made us **kings** and **priests** to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- **Revelation 5:10**

And have made us **kings** and **priests** to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

**How do we search out a matter?** – With the Spirit of God and His Word

- The Inspirer and Re-vealer of the Word of God

**Have you heard?**

- “I have read the Bible and it doesn't make sense to me”
- We hear of scholars who have read the Bible in detail and have never seen their need of a Saviour, although that is what the whole Bible is speaking about.

In **Matthew 15:14** Jesus called them “blind leaders of the blind”.

<sup>14</sup> Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”

- They *can't* see because they are blind

**Psalm 119:105** “Your word is a **lamp** to my feet and a **light** to my path.”

WORDS and SPIRIT – in both kingdoms

- WORDS INSPIRED BY SPIRITS
- WORDS USED BY SPIRITS (the sword of the spirit)

**The spirit of this world darkens and blinds minds.**

**There is no truth or light in him – therefore CAN'T reveal truthfully**

**2 Corinthians 3:14**

But their **minds** were **blinded**. For until this day the same **veil remains un-**

lifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the **veil is taken away** in Christ.

## **Unless we are in CHRIST and it is revealed by the HOLY SPIRIT**

- We *cannot* understand the OT.
- We *can't* see Jesus in it
- We *will* undoubtedly get a really wrong idea of who God is

*“The Old is in the New revealed; the New is in the Old concealed.”*

### **John 1:5**

The light **shines** in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it

- Continues the same today

### **2 Corinthians 4:4**

whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

The reason the devil blinds the minds - lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them

**Where there is darkness** – “every evil thing”; confusion; falling; stumbling; lost; blind; unbelief; fear; suspicion

**James 3:15-16** <sup>15</sup> This wisdom does not descend from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, demonic. <sup>16</sup> For where envy and self-seeking *exist*, confusion and every evil thing are there.

- **Ephesians 2:2** ...in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

**The Holy Spirit exactly opposite** to the spirit of darkness reveals the gospel and glory of Christ.

- He now works in the lives of the children of God

### *1 Corinthians 2*

<sup>1</sup> And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. <sup>2</sup> For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. <sup>3</sup> I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. <sup>4</sup> And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

*The place of the Holy Spirit in everything we do is enormous.*

Our preaching cannot be in “word only”

Many a time in sharing the Gospel or counselling it has been “the Holy Spirit” revealed word (Scripture; word of knowledge; word of wisdom etc) that has made the difference!

I cannot be just intellectual – otherwise the great theological brains would be the best evangelists.

Don’t get the “cart before the horse”. After the revelation comes into our heart, our mind can be renewed to think correctly

- I received a revelation of the “righteousness of God” in Christ Jesus and then as I searched the Scriptures my mind discovered it.
- I received the Holy Spirit and then saw Him everywhere in the Bible

**There is a POWER that WORKS IN US** – there is an authority with power given to us to be witnesses –

**Acts 1:8** But **you shall receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**Mark 16:20**

And they went out and preached everywhere, **the Lord working with them and confirming the word** through the accompanying signs. Amen.

**Acts 14:3**

Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in **the Lord, who was bearing witness** to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

**Hebrews 2:4** **God also bearing witness** both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to His own will?

**There is authority and power in both kingdoms**

- To the degree we submit to the authority of the ruler, the more authority we are able to wield.
- To the degree we believe the power is available.

**The authority and power in God’s kingdom is infinitely greater than in the kingdom of darkness 1 John 4:4**

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who **is** in you **is greater** than he who **is** in the world.

*"Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts."  
(Zechariah 4:6)*

### **2 Kings 5:15 (New International Version)**

<sup>15</sup> Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. Please accept now a gift from your servant."

### **Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant (Matthew 8:5-13)**

"...But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I also am a **man under authority**, having soldiers under me. And I say to this *one*, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does *it*."

<sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard *it*, He marvelled, and said to those who followed, "Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"