HEAR WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING TO THE CHURCH

Part One

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The Lord through the angel Gabriel told Daniel to close up the knowledge he had been made privy to and assured him that in the end days this knowledge would be reopened and released. He also said there would be a people that would run to and fro across the earth with this information, or in other words, make the truth available earth wide.

Daniel 12:4

4 "But you, Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book until the time of the end; many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase."

Most theologians will agree, this is the end times. This should tell us Daniel's concealed knowledge is being revealed today, yet when something new is being taught, especially if it necessitates change, people are prone to scoff and mock the newly revealed message and criticize those who teach it. Be very careful if you are one that has reacted in this manner.

I Peter 4:14 warns

14 If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit

of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part (those that criticize) He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.

Let us read Matthew 12:31 remembering it is the Spirit of Christ that releases Truth to God's revealers.

Matthew 12:31

31 And so I tell you, <u>every sin and blasphemy</u> will be <u>forgiven men</u>, <u>but</u> the <u>blasphemy against the Spirit</u> will <u>not</u> be <u>forgiven</u>.

Do not speak against God's messengers. Consider this, God says "your ways are not My ways, nor are your thoughts My thoughts." Now, if God is releasing the closed message He gave to Daniel, how would it be something you already know? Or, as God begins to keep His promises to restore His people in the end times as described in I Corinthians 15:51-54, will what the Spirit says to the church not be something different than what we have previously heard? Then there is the contents of the scroll of revelation with the seven seals that is being released along with the message of correction and direction being blasted from the trumpets. This is knowledge, new to man, but a part of God's plan from the beginning. In fact, all truth was available to Adam and Eve, but they made the wrong choice.

Let's face it, the world and our living conditions have evolved from the evil knowledge man chose and has been operating in since the garden. Eve sought truth from the Tree of Good and Evil. So, to improve our conditions, we must be taught better ways and introduced to new thoughts, God's thoughts, thoughts from the Tree of Life, thoughts from the mind of Christ.

Ephesians 4:13 gives us a clue as to why the church as a whole is ignorant of Truth although large in number, and why it is powerless, full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Ephesians 4:13 explains we will remain ineffective:

13 <u>till</u> we all come to <u>the unity of the faith</u> and of <u>the knowledge of the Son</u> <u>of God</u>, to a <u>perfect man</u>, to the <u>measure of the stature</u> of the <u>fullness of</u> <u>Christ</u>;

The church has no real grasp on what all actually was accomplished on the cross, so how can they fully know the Son, or begin to understand the immensity of what all He accomplished through His victory. They have even less insight on the plan that God has for the restoration of His people and this earth, so how can there be unity of faith? Leadership for the most part has worried how to raise money for mammoth churches and draw large crowds of people to establish their own little kingdom, giving very little thought to the

establishment of God's Kingdom or even what it is God desires for His people to be taught. They do things to benefit themselves and have the audacity to ask God to bless their endeavors and His sheep to financially back them. God tells us to bring our tithes and offerings to the storehouse "where His name is". His name is not on these institutions the world calls their church.

Jesus spoke on these same problems 2,000 years ago. His message is applicable to church leaders today that are not looking for the fresh manna that is being released to feed God's sheep. We are moving as the body of Christ, into the 8th day, a different age. Are they even aware? Do they know a new era is beginning? Many unfortunately are like those Jesus addressed in Luke 11:52.

Luke 11:52

52 "<u>Woe to you lawyers!</u> For <u>you</u> have <u>taken away</u> the <u>key of knowledge</u>.

<u>You did not enter in yourselves</u>, and <u>those</u> who <u>were entering</u> in <u>you</u>

<u>hindered</u>."

At the time Jesus spoke those words, He was taking the church from Judaism to Christianity. The majority of leaders however, did not understand Him or even really know who He was or why He was here. They didn't "know" the Son. They could only comprehend Him through their intellect derived from

the Tree of Good and Evil. His ways were not their ways, nor His message something they could relate to. Jesus spoke to those of His day in this manner in John 10: 26-27.

John 10: 26-27

26 But **you do not believe**, because you are **not of My sheep**, as <u>I said</u> to you.

27 My sheep hear My voice (He is Truth, He is the Word), and I know them, and they follow Me.

He is the same today, yesterday and forever. He still turns His back on those that refuse knowledge as He releases it. Since He is the Truth and the Way, those that refuse Him will never move forward into the new day and through their physical attitudes, they will keep others from hearing and responding to Him as well.

Now here is what happens to those they mislead.

II Thessalonians 2:9-12

9 The <u>coming</u> of the <u>lawless</u> one (the body of Satan or the Antichrist) is <u>according to the working of Satan</u>, with all <u>power</u>, <u>signs</u>, and <u>lying wonders</u>, 10 and <u>with all unrighteous deception</u> among <u>those who perish</u> (here is why

they perish or die), because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And <u>for this reason God</u> will <u>send them</u> strong <u>delusion</u>, that <u>they should</u> <u>believe the lie</u>, (the same lie Eve bought, "you can be like God" and "you will not die." Go ahead and make your own decisions.)

12 <u>that they all may be condemned</u> (or damned) who did <u>not believe the</u>

<u>truth</u> but had <u>pleasure in unrighteousness</u> (or the ways of the world derived from knowledge of Satan).

You see, just as the body of Christ is being raised to restore God's people and this planet, so the body of Satan is being raised to resist Christ. It is called Antichrist.

Again, Jesus is Truth, the Word, Life, the Way into the age of the glorious church, the church triumphant. We must understand Him, gain knowledge concerning what He has done, what He is doing and what He will yet do. We must not only know about Him, but learn to allow Him to walk through us as His body, to be successful. Every child of God has a part in His plan to restore His Kingdom and we as individuals are responsible to fulfill that part.

Colossians 1:27

27 To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this

mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

He meant for His people to be raised, trained, and equipped to form a body, His body.

Ephesians 4:11-13 tells us:

11 And He (Jesus) <u>Himself gave some to be apostles</u>, some <u>prophets</u>, some <u>evangelists</u>, and some <u>pastors</u> and <u>teachers</u>,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

13 <u>till we all come to the unity of the faith</u> and of <u>the knowledge of the</u>

<u>Son of God</u>, to a <u>perfect man</u>, to the <u>measure of the stature</u> of the <u>fullness</u>

<u>of Christ</u>;

The mature will be a different people than those operating through manna released for past ages to the old church. They will not think like the race of people born from Adam and raised on man's intellect whose ways are not those of the Lord's, but gleaned from the Tree of Good and Evil. You see, whatever knowledge is released from the Lord for a certain age, those born again through that knowledge, become children of that age, or for that time.

In closing, let us ask ourselves, are we walking in present truth with the body

of Christ, or are we content with lies and traditions of man to become a part of the body of Satan? He will judge us by our fruit. Be careful which tree you choose your knowledge from. Remember the first commandment God gave men.

Genesis 2:17

17 but of <u>the tree</u> of <u>the knowledge</u> of <u>good and evil</u> you shall <u>not eat</u>, for <u>in</u> the day that you eat of it you shall <u>surely die</u>."

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