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## “Attacking Morality in America”

With the election of a new president in America, there comes a fresh, deliberate attack on the morals of America. All liberal groups have grouped to launch an attack on the moral fiber of our country as never seen before. Christianity is being portrayed as a thing of the past and not in touch with the times. Atheism has made the cover of Time magazine as the new face of America and Godly principles are now mocked and laughed at. Miss California was ridiculed and threatened to have her crown removed for not agreeing with same sex marriage. There's a push in California for three party marriage. While all this is happening, only to name a few, the president quietly applauds the moves as man's right to free choice. There is a place where Christians must unite in common beliefs, setting aside theological differences, and make our voices known concerning the dictates of the Word of God. There are black and white, right and wrong commands in the Bible that must be followed. If ever there was a time to pray for our country, it is now. Let's use our voices and our prayer life to make a difference.

Pastor George Ferrington

## SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

**SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 31<sup>ST</sup>, BESS GRAHAM, OUR MISSIONARY SISTER, WILL PRESENT A MESSAGE ON HER RECENT MISSIONARY TRIP TO CHINA AND THE EASTERN COUNTRIES. THIS WILL BEGIN AFTER SUNDAY SCHOOL, AT 11:00. ALL ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME, SEE AND HEAR ALL THAT GOD IS DOING THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF OUR OWN SISTER, BESS GRAHAM.**

## “DEAR CHURCH”

Praise the Lord for His mercy endures forever. Truly goodness and mercy shall follow me all of the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. His Word does not return unto Him void but it accomplishes what He sends it to do. His Word is living and sharper than a two-edged sword. Wow! He proved this to your missionary on this trip, over and over again.

This was an awesome trip but also very difficult. We had a full schedule for these four months. Many days we had three services a day plus traveling to many different destinations. We walked in the Word, “**I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me.**” He gave us the strength to fulfill the ministry He opened the door for us to do. We were in many different countries; Malaysia, Borneo, Singapore, Sarawak, China, and Vietnam. God used us in each one to draw people unto Himself.

The Word in Romans 8:28, **“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose,”** was proved to me once again. In China, Ms. Mary forgot her purse in the cab. When she realized it, he was gone. We tried to find the cab, went to the police but were told it would not be returned. It had everything in it—money, camera, credit cards, and passport. She could not leave China without a passport and the closest American Embassy was a thirteen hour bus ride from where we were. Neither one of us speak Chinese and our interpreter had to leave for Malaysia on the scheduled time the next morning. We knew we would need a miracle to get out of China. That night, my mind began to wonder on what a situation we were in, and fear tried to come upon me. I called my mother and told her to pray for us and call everyone to let them know the circumstances and start a prayer chain. I felt a cloak of peace come upon me as she began to pray and it never left. We do have the power to say “peace, be still” in the midst of the storm and it must subside if you believe! We are the temple of the Holy Spirit, the same power that raised Christ from the dead dwells in each of us, but do we really know that.

I saw our precious Lord perform many miracles to get Ms. Mary and myself out of China. The morning after our interpreter left, a lady from the first church where we preached in China came to pick us up and take us to the church. The only problem was, no one in the church could speak any English, just a minor affliction. Ha! Ha! You know truly, nothing catches our Father unaware. He sent an angel for us that day. A young woman named Chloris just happened to be at that church this day for the first time. She was actually supposed to be in another city for work but her schedule was changed and she ended up in Fuzhou. Praise the Lord, she could speak fluent English. She got us a reservation in a hotel in Guangzhou, airline tickets from Guangzhou to Kuala Lumpur, and wrote notes for me in Chinese and English so I would know which one to give the taxi driver. How great is our God! He met our every need step by step. The church took us to lunch then back to the church so Ms. Mary could rest because our bus did not leave until 7 PM.

When we returned to the church, Chloris stayed with us so she could interpret. Several people stayed for ministry. I shared what the Lord put on my heart. There was a young man listening and I could sense that he had been hurt. I asked Chloris to ask him what had hurt him so. When she asked, he began to cry. He was a young pastor who had been hurt by the people in his church. He had started the church and the people had been influenced by a cult group in China called the Eastern Lightening, which turned them away from God and asked him to leave. He was deeply hurt. God used me to minister His healing love to this young man that afternoon. He left with a smile on his face and a heart full of the love of God which is able to heal even the deepest wounds. God used the situation for good!

The church paid for our bus tickets, took us for dinner, and then took us to the bus and put us on it, speaking to the driver on our behalf. Every need was met. I had notes to give the taxi to take us to all of our destinations. We had many miracles. Everyone told us we would not get a passport for 5 to 10 days at the soonest and could be three weeks and then had to get an exit visa which would be at least 5 days but more likely a lot longer. We got the passport in 3 hours and 15 minutes and then went to get the exit visa. We got it in less than 24 hours. Ms. Mary and I got out of China in time to get to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, repack and catch our flight to Vietnam. God shined His Light to make the path bright for us to follow. He showed me that truly nothing is too difficult for Him. All we need to do is trust Him and follow His Light. His Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Everything we need to walk in victory is in His Word; all we need to do is step out and walk in it trusting HIM!

Church, thank you so much for all of your prayers, your financial support, and your love for me and the call our Father has on my life. I want you to know I feel the prayers and love and it is a great strength. China really touched my heart. I saw people that risk their life to share the love of Christ. We were in the villages and discovered that if they have a building as a church it is legal but it is illegal for them to have church in their homes or any other place. The reason being, these people are very poor and the government knows they can not afford to have a church. The lady who took us to China has helped to start five churches in the villages. We were in a village where they have church in the back of a store, which is illegal. They could be arrested or killed for doing this. They have a building they can buy for a church and we are helping them to raise the money to buy the building and then it will need renovation. We will go and stay for 30 days to help with the renovation. Thank you again for your love. Be blessed abundantly above all you can ask or think.

Much love to you all, Your Missionary, Bess Graham

# **PUTTING THE WILL OF GOD ON DISPLAY**

## **“The Unveiling of Wisdom Concerning Revelation”**

The wisdom of God for Christians was ordained by God, and this is clearly seen in 1 Corinthians 2:7-9: **“But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, [even] the hidden [wisdom], which God ordained before the world unto our glory; V8, Which none of the princes of this world knew; for had they known [it], they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. V9, But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. And yet no one has ever gone up to heaven, but there is One Who has come down from heaven—the Son of Man [Himself], Who is (dwells, has His home) in heaven.”**

There is a revelation hidden in these above scriptures that requires the wisdom of God to understand and implement. For ages God kept a Sacred Secret, and He did not tell anyone or even give any hints about His secret until after the death of His Son, Jesus. The idea of the “Sacred Secret” starts in 1 Corinthians 2:9 AMP: **“But, on the contrary, as the Scripture says, What eye has not seen and ear has not heard and has not entered into the heart of man, [all that] God has prepared (made and keeps ready) for those who love Him [who hold Him in affectionate reverence promptly obeying Him and gratefully recognizing the benefits He has bestowed].”** In 1 Corinthians 2:10 we continue the thought and read: **“yet to us God has unveiled and revealed them by and through His Spirit, for the [Holy] Spirit searches diligently exploring and examining everything, even sounding the profound and bottomless things of God [the divine counsels and things hidden and beyond man’s scrutiny].”** In this verse we see how God reveals all revelation of Himself, it is through His Spirit.

There is another question we should answer and that is, what is the result to us who believe? We read in verse 12-13 some very special words: **“Now we have not received the spirit [that belongs to] the world, but the [Holy] Spirit who is from God, [given to us] that we might realize and comprehend and appreciate the gifts [of divine favor and blessing so freely and lavishly] bestowed on us by God. V13, And we are setting these truths forth in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the [Holy] Spirit, combining and interpreting spiritual truths with spiritual language [to those who possess the Holy Spirit].”** All that we have as Christians was given to us through God’s blessing coming from the “Sacred Secret.”

There is even more God given revelation concerning the “Sacred Secret.” We find as we examine the question, “Why did God keep His secret until after Jesus died?”, the answer is revealed by the wisdom of God. It is, what God has given us today is so crucial to His overall plan for mankind that if Satan and his demons had known about it, they would not have crucified Jesus. This is clearly shown in 1 Corinthians 2:7-8 KJV: **“But we speak this wisdom of God in a mystery [mysterion – Sacred Secret], even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: V8, Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”**

Where do we look in the Bible to learn more about the details of the revelation of the “Sacred Secret?” Not in the Old Testament, because it was written before Jesus was crucified. Nor in the Gospels, because almost all the events of the Gospels occurred before Jesus was crucified. We find these wonderful vital truths in the books of Acts through Jude, which are the writings to the Christian Church. This mysterious secret is still a mystery to many Christians today. Why? Because they fail to read and compare Scripture with Scripture, in order that the spiritual blessings He has given us become clearer. God loves us enough to do these things for us, and now it is our turn to love Him enough to read the Bible in Spirit and discover the hidden mysteries of what He has done. You may well ask, what mysteries are we looking for? We are looking for “secret things” that are unique to the Christian church, things that were not revealed in the Old Testament or in the Gospels before Jesus died.

What is the possibility of the man or woman who lives on this earth and in heaven at the same time: **V15, “But the spiritual man tries all things [he examines, investigates, inquires into,**

questions, and discerns all things], yet is himself to be put on trial and judged by no one [he can read the meaning of everything, but no one can properly discern or appraise or get an insight into him].” The spiritual man walks in heaven’s reality as seen in verse 16, “.....But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart.” (Isaiah 40:13) The truth is, most believers have not realized that they can demand *that the truth become an experience*. When we receive a revelation from God it should change our hearts before we are able to explain what we have learned. Let me give you an example of this truth: The Bible says we are “**seated at the right hand of the Father in Christ Jesus in heavenly places.**” Why was this written? This was written for us to experience, not so we have a point of theology, or so that our doctrinal statements are accurate and concise. Statements like this one are meant to be launching pads into encounters where we experience the very things that are written. Jesus is showing us what is possible to any born again person who has the revelation and is willing to go after the experience.

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