

Set Your Face and Prophecy Against Them

A radical misunderstanding of how godly love truly manifests has led to a passive, affirming and tolerant response to one of history's most diabolical assaults.

We have borrowed an unbiblical, humanistic definition of what love truly is. The mantra of the age is love is tolerant, love is affirming, love accepts unconditionally. This has painted a picture of a benevolent, passive God who so values mankind that he is willing to allow them to choose any path they desire and he will tolerate and affirm the accompanying behaviors, beliefs and mindsets.

Such a belief system elevates man to idol status and minimizes God to a mystical, happy force that has few standards or expectations. The most important thing is that people are happy, and, when they are, God is most satisfied.

This doctrine of demons has resulted in a fear to represent God as he truly is to a generation that's largely hedonistic. The prevailing thought is a humanistic one: We have to ensure only God's positive attributes are revealed while hiding or even disagreeing with His standards. This has deemed today's prophetic voices that adhere to that strategy as impotent at best and extremely dangerous at worst. The risk is that they veil God's holiness and the reality of eternity and, in turn, raise up disciples of a demonic counterfeit that wraps its arms around a rebellious people—all in the name of love.

It's Time to Wage War

The default position for all of us must be to reveal the true and immeasurable love of God to all. That goes without saying.

This however does not complete our job as end-time prophetic

messengers and warriors of Christ. We have to understand that very few will, in fact, turn to Jesus in a legitimate way. While we need to contend for salvation for all, we have to understand that most will reject that call.

There are many clear enemies of God, and our mission of advancing light into the darkness much match that reality. Our expectations and strategies must match the situation.

"You adulterers and adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4, MEV).

The following is from a Glenn Beck article titled, **The Past 10 Days Have Been A 'Slapping Of God's Face':**

"...you don't have to be a genius to figure out what the problems are in the country," Beck said on his radio program. "It's because our society, our people, us, have become lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to our parents, ungrateful, unholy, inhuman. We're slanderers," Beck continued. "We're haters of good. We're treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure much more than lovers of God. [We're] holding the form of religion, but denying the power of it."

The time is now to wage war against the spirit of the age. While we don't wrestle against flesh and blood, we do wrestle against evil spirits.

Flesh and blood humans who embrace those evil spirits will absolutely feel the force of the warfare. We can't allow that troubling reality stop us from opening our mouths and declaring truth.

We must be strong, and fight:

"Finally, my brothers, be strong in the Lord and in the power

of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil” (Eph. 6:10-11, MEV).

What are we doing to stand against the evil schemes in America today? It’s not enough to share the love of God to the lost through evangelism and other methods, as critical as that mandate is. There is more—much more. There is an invisible realm that is manifesting visibly in our nation. We must go to war as conquerors, as victors and as ambassadors of Christ.

“For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Eph. 6:12, MEV).

Several keys are revealed in the totality of the Ephesians 6 passage including taking up our shield of faith, wearing the helmet of salvation, and praying in the Spirit. The final method of battle is revealed in verse 19 where Paul is asking for prayer:

“Pray for me, that the power to speak may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may speak boldly as I ought to speak” (Eph. 6:19-20, MEV).

In addition to all of the spiritual armor Paul is wearing, his prayer at the end of his instructions reveals he must also take on boldness to speak! This is where the American church is failing embarrassingly today. Very little of the messages coming from it require any boldness at all to speak.

The true gospel message will very often provoke and disturb the majority who are opposed to truth. If the message wouldn’t cause problems for the enemies of God, and in turn for the messenger of God, why would boldness be necessary? There is a radical resistance to holiness and obedience to God in the land that is largely unmet by today’s Christian voices. We

must again pray for boldness to preach what will result in great persecution for the church.

As Paul was writing this letter to the Ephesians, he was being persecuted, currently imprisoned because of that very message. He didn't ask for the physical issues to be removed but rather that he would boldly confront the spirit of the age with the gospel. His plan was to continue preaching the very truth that was irritating the people of the region.

It's a contrary, offensive, demanding, in your face message, contrary to the sugary, passive message that many are calling the gospel today.

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