

The Pillar and Foundation of The Truth: Standing Strong in a World Full of Deception

Discover Your Spiritual Identity! The Revelation of the Names and Titles God Has Given His People

“But if I am delayed, you might know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth” (1 Tim. 3:15).

An expertly fashioned pillar represents qualities like uprightness, authority, strength, stability, dominion, greatness, excellence and permanence. Towering, ornately designed columns often symbolize that which is exalted, admirable, praiseworthy, awe-inspiring and superior.

These words describe the kind of believers that are especially needed now, during a time when our culture is increasingly being dominated by selfishness, immorality, violence, greed, dishonesty and blasphemy. Sacred things are lightly esteemed, even scorned and profaned in this era – including the sacredness of life itself. In such “perilous times,” heaven ordains choice men and women to courageously lay the foundation of truth once again and rear up a pillar-like standard to turn back the hearts of the wayward (2 Tim. 3:1).

It was such a time of crisis when God called Jeremiah. Though he insisted his youthfulness disqualified him, the Lord countered:

“For you shall go everywhere that I send you, and whatever I command you, you shall speak . . . Do not be dismayed at their faces . . . For indeed, I have made you this day a fortified city and an iron pillar . . . They will fight against you, but

they will not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the Lord, to deliver you" (Jer. 1:7-8, 17-19).

God made His earthly representative an "iron pillar" – a strong, unbending, unchanging voice of truth – and his testimony made an impact that has endured to this day. In this hour, when proponents of communism, socialism, pluralism, humanism and transgenderism are doing all they can to discredit, dishonor and disregard the truth, it is imperative that a new generation of prophets and prophetesses arise – not to tickle the ears of self-absorbed Christians, but to disarm the forces that would like to subject the entire human race to a dark and godless agenda. Children of God, we can push back, and we must!

Pillars of the Earth

Hannah, the mother of Samuel, revealed this calling on all of God's people in a powerful, heartwarming way – declaring that God:

"Raises up the poor out of the dust and lifts up the oppressed from the dunghill to make them sit with princes and inherit a throne of glory. For the pillars of the earth belong to the Lord, and He has set the world upon them" (1 Sam. 2:8).

First, this speaks of the transformation that comes to those who covenant with God:

– "He raises the poor from the dust" (elevating those who are "poor in spirit" from the "dust" of mortality – the bondage of a mere, temporal existence, Matt. 5:3).

– He "lifts the beggar from the dunghill" (delivering those who plead for mercy from the "dunghill" of carnality – the bondage of a sensual, base, egocentric lifestyle).

Once they are loosened, God positions the repentant "among princes" – adopting them into a royal lineage. They become

sons and daughters of the King of kings, destined to reign with Him forever. Those chosen for such a destiny become “pillars of the earth,” not only in the future kingdom of God, but right here, right now. The world rests upon them – for they often become key players, major influencers, in shaping society. They are God’s catalysts for change, His means of introducing kingdom values in a world quite opposed to them.

Explore this wonderful subject more deeply by listening to a former episode of Mike Shreve’s weekly podcast called “Discover Your Spiritual Identity” or the TV program posted on our YouTube channel that brings forth this same revelation. A suggested book about becoming a pillar of truth in this generation is *GOD and Cancel Culture: Standing Strong Before It’s Too Late* by Charisma founder Steve Strang.{eoa}

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