

Prophecy: It's Time to Dismantle the Fence of Offense

Recently, I have been experiencing more opportunities to be offended than I have in any previous time. Others I have talked with say they are experiencing the same thing.

I learned years ago that offense blocks the anointing, so I was shocked to see how often I am tempted to take the bait. As I sought the Lord, He reminded me of a word I wrote five years ago on offense. He told me to revisit it.

The Lord had been speaking to me about tactics the enemy uses to keep us from our promises; He had highlighted offense. At that time, I had noticed I wasn't hearing Him clearly. It had gotten to the point where I wasn't even trying to spend time to hear.

I was *doing* ministry, and God was answering my prayers for others, but *personally* my hearing was blocked. I was concerned and sought Him. He woke me the next morning at 2 a.m. and said, "*You can't hear if your heart is hardened.*" That puzzled me. I didn't think *my* heart was hard; He must have been telling me this cute little phrase for someone else.

I was reminded of His emphasis on offense, and I searched the Scriptures.

"And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell. And if thy right hand offend thee, cut it off, and cast it from thee: for it is profitable for thee that one of thy members should perish, and not that thy whole body should be cast into hell" (Matt. 5:29-30, KJV).

Those are strong words; whatever offends, get rid of it. The apostle Paul even goes so far as to say that if eating meat would cause a vegetarian to stumble, he'd forgo the meat (1 Cor. 8:13, my paraphrase). Why is it so important? Isn't offense just a little indignation? That isn't so bad compared to other sins, right?

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