## **Howards Corner**

## Only by the Spirit

It is not by our wisdom or great understanding that we read the word of God and operate in the kingdom of God but is by the spirit of the Lord. So, with what we think and have learned from men and seminaries are not what we need to proceed with the work of the kingdom of God for by His spirit we are led to do His work for the world does not understand the message we deliver unless it is delivered by the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:4 My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, 5 so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power. 10 no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. 14 The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 15 The person with the Spirit makes judgments about all things, but such a person is not subject to merely human judgments, 16 for,

"Who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?"

## But we have the mind of Christ.

So, it is the same message I have been writing to you about. I have told you that you must be born again for if you are not born again then you do not have the Holy Spirit residing in you and therefore do not understand the things of God but are operating in your own understanding and if you are operating in your own spirit then you do not have the truth abiding in you and do not have the power of the spirit of God.

That is the message the Lord gave us about the end time church. It will have the form of godliness but will not operate in the spirit and power of God. It is the church of today that operates in the power of their beliefs in traditions and ritual and in their ceremonies and their denominational beliefs and things carried on for maybe centuries but is it the power of the spirit of God? They are in effect just operating in churchism which has no power and will soon be destroyed for those things that

are built on wood hay and stubble will be put through the fire and destroyed but maybe some will survive but their works will be destroyed. So, it is with many of the modern churches—they have built their churches on wood hay and stubble with no real truth and no power to accomplish the work of God.

Do we think that wood hay and stubble will build the kingdom of God? Do we think that all those fine buildings and statues and rituals and ceremonies are any different than wood hay and stubble? If they are not the true words of God, then they are wood hay and stubble. Do you not yet understand that many works that you call Christianity are built on human words and understanding which have been carried down through the church system which has been led astray by Satan. Do you think he has been idle? Do you not know that he has planted his disciples in your midst?

They look so nice and kind but have no truth in them and they may go to foreign lands and feed the hungry and clothe the naked but if they do not tell them the one and only true word of salvation by the grace of God and surrender themselves to him then they are still in their sins and the results of sin is eternal lostness and sin produces its own results which is a depraved mind and therefore the produce of their lives leaves them in poverty of body mind and spirit. So, they will continue to produce poverty because their spirit lives are in poverty and only the spirit of Christ has the power to deliver true righteousness that sets the sin sick soul free both in eternal life and enables us to have blessings in this world.

I do not say that we will have riches in this world but if you live in righteousness then the life around you will produce what you need to live and those who live in poverty must begin to receive the blessings of the Lord by living in righteousness and the knowledge of the Lord and the fear of Him and the desire to live as He wants you to live.

Have you not read that God will give Israel a great blessing in their promised land and will give them abundant crops and supernaturally provide for them so it must be understood that God will provide what he has promised but that is by faith for Israel will come to the point of believing Him and what He says so that we can have those great blessings. There is only one truth, and it is the word of God and is fulfilled with the coming of the real word in the flesh

So, it is with sadness that I must warn you to not trust wood hay and stubble but to rely instead on the power of the Holy Spirit, but I fear that many have never known the Holy Spirit in their hearts but have trusted in words from church doctrines that are false and have led us to a false path and that is not the eternal path of the difficult way—That is the narrow path that leads us to the eternal kingdom of God and it is not the easy path for the Lord has said that—they hated me and they will hate you also. Do not expect a smooth path. Do not just expect to come to the dead church and put your name on a membership roll. Eventually, you must take a stand and oppose these dead churches. It will not be easy for you to be considered a fanatical or a weird person and they will reject you because you do not fit in with the crowd.

Many will instead cling to something they believe, which they consider to be solid, which is a church organization that they have known for their lifetime. But have never understood what the word from the beginning has taught. I warn you not to trust in tradition and organized Churchism which is in form only but have denied the spirit of God.

But you do not see this because you are operating in human knowledge and wisdom and do not see with the spiritual eyes you should have by now.

Do you have the *mind of Christ?* 

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