

THE FIERY LION

I. DEALING WITH THINGS BROUGHT TO THE LIGHT

Luke 8:16 “No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lamp stand, that those who enter may see the light.

17 For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light.

- A. SHERRY ALIRE’S PROPHETIC WORD** (w/ Peter Wagner) - re-discovered recently from 11 years ago. It had an original fulfillment for us and has been demonstrated through the past 10 years to be an authentic Word of the Lord.

“...I was before the Throne and a huge fiery Lion came out of the extreme radiance in the middle of the Throne. ... He said that He was coming to get what belonged to Him and He gave me to understand that **He was coming in judgment within the church (not NWH in particular, but the church at large). **Everything that He didn't originate would be exposed and destroyed. Everything that is not like Him He will remove.** He said to specifically, "Tell John that I am walking among the church as a Lion and **everything that is not of Me I will judge and remove**". He gave me to understand that includes removing people from NWH and **anything else that was out of the soul of man rather than out of the Spirit.** He said again, "Tell John that this is Me!", not satan or anything else - a purifying out of His Jealousy for His purposes for NWH.”**

- 1. GOD WILL SAFEGUARD HIS OWN GLORY**
- 2. HE WANTS A PURE CHURCH** (His own way of dealing with things)
- 3. GOD ABSOLUTELY CARES ABOUT JUSTICE AND RIGHTING WRONGS - ALL JUSTICE IS IN THE CROSS! - TIMING**
- 4. HE DOESN'T WANT US TO BE MISDIRECTED TOWARD SIN BY THE UNSETTLING IT CAN BRING.** (Fear, Offense, Un-forgiveness)
- 5. OUR ADVERSARY IS AN ACCUSER AND WILL EXPLOIT ANGER, GRIEF, DISAPPOINTMENT AND DISILLUSIONMENT / UNBELIEF**

- B. THE RESPONSE FROM US THAT WILL RESULT IN LIFE/ HEALING**

1. RESTORATION (NOT JUDGEMENT) IS THE FIRST GOAL

- WHEN HIDDEN THINGS COME TO LIGHT IT IS ALWAYS WITH THE INTENTION OF RESTORATION FOR ALL AFFECTED

Gal. 6:1 Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

- THERE CAN BE NO RESTORATION BEFORE CONFESSION, REPENTANCE AND FORGIVENESS (FREEDOM - Deliverance)

2. WE SHOULD ALWAYS BE PRACTICING TRUTH FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED INJUSTICE - Walk in the Light- vulnerability

1John 1:5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

3. NO CONDEMNATION - The difference between FLESH AND SPIRIT The Law - The principle, power or force (like gravity is a law)

*Rom. 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. ² For **the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus** (The Blood/ His Resurrection, Forgiveness) has made me free from **the law of sin and death.** (Rules, Sin, Punishment) ³ For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

II. CULTIVATING AN ATMOSPHERE THAT HONORS GOD in a sinful world

Matt. 18:7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! (If your hand causes you to sin...)

A. THE PURE IN HEART SEE GOD - keep your heart free from offense!

Mt. 5:8 *Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God.*

- **ELIMINATE** from your life **WHAT IS NOT OF HIM**
- **THE ATMOSPHERE OF HEAVEN IS HOLY** (*wedding guest's clothes*)
- **HIS PRESENCE IS A CONSUMING FIRE** - There is always a necessary shaking, so that only what cannot be shaken will remain.

Heb. 12:28 *Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.* ²⁹ **For our God is a consuming fire.**

B. THE FEAR OF GOD IS THE BEGINNING OF THE WISDOM WE NEED TO FUNCTION AT HIGHER LEVELS

- **We must function in the Fear of the Lord** in order to see greater and greater manifestations of His glory in our midst.
- **You can't bring lower level behaviors into the higher levels** of Holy Spirit activity.
- **We must become the New Creations He has made us to be.**

2Cor. 5:11NLT *Because we understand our fearful responsibility to the Lord, we work hard to persuade others. God knows we are sincere, and I hope you know this, too.* ¹² *Are we commending ourselves to you again? No, we are giving you a reason to be proud of us, so you can answer those who brag about having a spectacular ministry rather than having a sincere heart.* ¹³ *If it seems we are crazy, it is to bring glory to God. And if we are in our right minds, it is for your benefit.* ¹⁴ *Either way, Christ's love controls us. Since we believe that Christ died for all, we also believe that we have all died to our old life.* ^{b 15} *He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.* **16 So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view.** *At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now!* ¹⁷ *This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. **The old life is gone; a new life has begun!***

C. WE HOLD A VALUE TO RELEASE LIFE TO OTHERS

1. **BE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT** (EPH 5:18) *Always being filled*
2. **CHOOSE TO SPEAK WORDS OF LIFE** (EPH 4:29) *No corrupt word*
3. **PROCESS PAIN AND ANGER QUICKLY - WE ARE NOT MADE TO HOLD JUDGEMENT** (*Vengeance is mine says the Lord*)

Deut. 32:35 *Vengeance is Mine, and recompense; Their foot shall slip in due time; For the day of their calamity is at hand, And the things to come hasten upon them.'*

Rom. 12:19 *Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.*

Heb. 10:30 *For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The LORD will judge His people."*

4. **REMEMBER THAT WE ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST** (JN 17:21)
5. **BELIEVE THAT RESTORATION IS POSSIBLE** (FAITH, HOPE LOVE)
6. **WALK IN THE LIGHT.** *Eventually everything will be made known*
7. **CHOOSE LOVE AS YOUR STARTING AND END POINT**

1 John 3:14 *We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death.*

III. THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

The difference between God's righteousness and our righteousness is the lavish grace, righteous judgement and endless love He brings to every situation.

HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS IS ALWAYS MOVING FORWARD. EVEN IN THE MIDST OF MORAL FAILURES, DECEPTION, TRAUMA AND LOSS.

WE MUST FIND A WAY TO MOVE FORWARD, TOO.