

God Really Does Negative Things

[Transcript of a downloaded teaching recorded on 12-5-2017]

It is really very strange, Christians cannot accept the fact that maybe God Almighty brings destruction or any form of negativity, and yet they are some of the most negative people on the planet. You would think that if their view of God is positive, that they'd be the most positive people around. It's truly a contradiction. We have become so indoctrinated with the 'bleeding heart' syndrome of society – or we may actually be the cause of it – that we can't accept anything negative. Anything negative, according to our theology comes from the Devil. We can even quote the scriptures to back it up – “All good things come from the Father of Lights”¹, etc, etc, etc. This is why we are unable to cope with the Lord's dealings with us as individuals and as nations. He sends us his prophets who may speak discipline and correction, but the Church sees it as doom and gloom, and rejects it.

Actually, I think we've heard this before. It happened exactly that way in the Old Testament. The Lord sent his prophets to the kings, telling them there was destruction ahead, and they said, “Oh, get out of here. Get me a prophet who will speak good, prosperity, greatness and victory. I don't want to hear this rubbish about destruction”. And yet today, the Lord is shaking the nations in preparation for his return – and for his next phase towards that – in preparation for his judgement against them. He is also shaking the Church, preparing for his judgement against the Church.

As the prophets speak about his coming judgement, about the Church's waywardness, Christians block their ears and say, “No, no, no, no. Go away. We don't want to hear this. This is not from God. We reject it. Our God is a good God”. Sadly, spiritual history is repeating itself.

We must change our attitude towards the revelations and the messages we get. Our wonderful heavenly Father has informed us in a message that he gave to the children of Israel: he said, “Before I do anything, I let my prophets know”. And of course, the prophets' duty was to let the nation know or the king know, or whoever the notification was for. And our King today is releasing messages to us. He is warning us about what's ahead. He's warning us about discipline. He's warning us about what he's doing to turn us, like the bridle of a horse, to his way. But we continue to rebel.

Truly, the vision and message he gave to me some years ago that **defiance** is holding him back is becoming all too clear. I thought originally that it was my defiance. But as I allowed the word to settle in my spirit, it became obvious that it was the defiance of others. And as I continued to meditate on it, it became clear that it's the defiance of the Church.

This is pretty obvious, logically, because non-believers – that is, those who are outside of Father's family – are defiant all the time because they have rejected him. Some, like the Jewish leaders who crucified Jesus of Nazareth, shake their fists at God and say “Get lost. We'll have nothing to do with you”. That's one form of defiance. The other form of defiance that believers have is that they 'do their own thing', which is defiance by default. Defiance means to 'defy'. So they are defying Almighty God by: not connecting with Him; not following him; and not assenting to his authority and majesty. The issue for us as the ekklesia, is that the Church is defiant, they are 'doing their own thing'.

The prophetic word that we received at CCOP² in May 2017 really amplifies this. Father and his Vice-Regent, our King, both want an intimate relationship with us individually. It's a personal thing. We are sons. We have come into Father's family, into His inner circle, and he wants us to love him and work with him, complying with what he asks and what he states. But we don't want that. We have said to ourselves “Our forefathers did church this way and we will do it this way. To hell with the prophets. They speak with a forked tongue”. But wait a minute, that's similar to what the Jewish leaders said to John the Baptist. “How dare you”, they said to him. “We have Abraham as our father”. In other words, “We are **IT!** We're God's chosen people, Abraham's covenant and blessing is ours. Who do you think you are?”

The Holy Spirit spoke through John the Baptist and said, “Really? You fools! God can raise up sons for

1 – James 1:17

2 – Canberra Company of Prophets (See messages here: www.CanberraForerunners.org/?page_id=3136#CCOP)

himself from the stones that are in this river here". Yes, defiance. Defiance is rearing its head not only in the way the Church does church, but in their attitude towards the message that our King is giving through his prophets and also through our lack of appreciation of the fact that he does bring destruction.

I think we have a short memory. We've read the Old Testament and been taught the Old Testament, and there we've read about the destruction of Jerusalem by the Assyrians and by the Babylonians and the destruction of the temple and the Jewish people being taken into exile because of their evil. God brought destruction on them. He used the Assyrians and he used the Babylonians to bring destruction to them, the same way he brought destruction to Pharaoh in Egypt. This was because when those in authority stand against him, he has to bring destruction. That is, he has to bring judgement, but he does it in the form of destruction. But it didn't happen instantaneously. He spent time warning and warning, warning. Pharaoh, as we know, was warned by Moses over and over and over again. Jeremiah spent 20 to 30 years warning the kings of Judah of what was coming. Egypt and Israel rejected the messages from God, and they reaped what they sowed.

So we think because of the blood of Jesus which covers our sin, we can do what we like as believers, because we're forgiven. Actually, that's called lawlessness. In the parable about the separation of the sheep and the goats, Jesus told of the people he would judge at the end of time. They said that they did everything that he wanted them to do – healing the sick, prophesying, etc, etc. But he said, "Get away, you workers of lawlessness". Most translations say 'iniquity' but the word 'lawlessness' is the correct one, and it actually means being a law to yourself. It doesn't mean failing to accurately keep the Torah. It means you are 'a law unto yourself', to use King James-speak.

So Jesus, the King, cast these people away. The underlying reason? He didn't know them. Why didn't he know them? Weren't they Christians? No, that's not the reason. He said, "I do not know you". And that word 'know' in the Greek is an intimate word like the knowing of a husband and wife of each other. So although they thought they were believers, that they were Christians on their way to Heaven, he said to them in this parable, "You did not have an intimate relationship with me. I don't know you intimately. You were not in my inner circle". Heavy words.

So we need to re-evaluate what we do and what our attitudes are. Remember, we are supposed to be Kingdom citizens – we're supposed to be sons. And, in the Kingdom, the King's word is **IT**. *Rex Lex*, as it says in Latin, 'the king is law'. Unfortunately, we've turned that around and say "*Lex Rex*", meaning 'the law is king'. We prefer to operate in legalism because legalism allows us to think we're on the right track. The King's word is law, and he has spoken through his prophets to the nations and to the Church, but they're not listening. They don't believe that he will do anything but good for his people. They don't believe that they could be in error. They don't believe that he could think anything other than praise for their churches and their organisations and what they do. Strange, I thought he was Almighty God, not us.

It's the King's attitude that matters, not ours. What does he think about us? That's what matters. What does he think about what we're doing? That's what matters. Religion is men doing what they think God wants, doing what they think will please him. In reality, it's the reverse. In the Kingdom, he tells us what he'd like us to do. He tells us what he'd like us to believe. He tells us everything. *Rex Lex*, remember?

This is why Jesus was our wonderful prototype, because he only came to do Father's will. He only did what he saw Father doing. He only spoke what he heard Father speak to him. The good works that he did were the ones that Father pointed out to him.³ And yet we, in our arrogance... Whoops, did I say "arrogance"? That reminds me of the Jewish leaders in Jesus' day. They were arrogant. Jesus said to them, "Woe to you, woe to you, woe to you". Why did he say that? Because he later sent the Roman armies to destroy Jerusalem and to ransack and destroy the temple. Jesus' "woe" to them was not just about their salvation, to use an evangelical term, it was about the fact of what was coming in their lifetime to destroy them. The Romans came and killed them: 1.1 million Jews killed; many more in the countryside; and many thousands taken away as slaves and Colosseum participants.

"Woe to you, blind leaders, blind rulers". So I say to you, "Woe to you, blind Church. You cannot see past your navel" (to use an Australian expression). You're so focused on yourselves and what you think things

3 – John 10:32, 37; 14:10

should be that you're missing the point. Jesus is King now, not in the Millennial Reign. He's the king now, and we are required by the Kingdom protocols in which we are citizens, to obey the King. Unfortunately, we are blasé about it because we think the Church is in charge at the moment until Jesus comes back. Blind fools. Jesus is King now. What do you think the purpose of the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple was? It was Jesus coming back in power and glory to end the Jewish people. He eliminated them from Jerusalem. The land spewed them out and they were cast into the nations of the world as a wandering people. The Old Covenant ceased at that time with the destruction of the temple and the Holy of Holies. The Holy of Holies, the Temple, is now inside genuine true believers where Holy Spirit resides.

Because we don't believe God does negative things, we cannot accept that he would bring judgement against the Jews, and yet He did it twice before. We see the 70AD event as just a piece of history, but that was the final straw. Third time unlucky. Third destruction: that's the end. Christians are now God's people. He brought destruction. He warned them. He warned them through his Son, through John the Baptist, and then through disciples, but they didn't listen.

Today, our King is sending messages to his Church but they're not listening because they are 'doing their own thing'. He's told us that he is shaking us, and shaking is the prelude to greater judgement. But in our defiance we ignore it, we reject it. We reject the prophets, just as Jesus said to the Jewish leaders that they'd continue to reject the prophets.

The Church needs to change its attitude, its way of thinking. Huge changes need to be made. It's all up to the Church – and by the Church, I mean the universal church system.

Laurence

14-5-2017

(www.CanberraForerunners.org)

COPYRIGHT

Quotes are the copyright of their authors.

This document is free to copy, republish and distribute, but only 'as is'. It is free to quote from at length.

All Canberra Forerunners' documents are licensed under

Creative Commons Attribution-NonCommercial-NoDerivs 3.0 Unported License