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Chapter Two

Doctrine

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I believe that the Lord is having me write this book experientially, rather than just doctrinally, because many don't know what it is to be called of the Lord in this manner. In what I've written already, it is not possible to document every miracle and every event that the Lord has moved in and upon.

Isaiah 28:9 *Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breast.*

Ephesians: 4:14 *That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;*

In order to receive the Apostles and Prophets, your doctrine must be of God. It is wrong doctrine that has slain the ministries of Apostles among us. The only one who has profited from this is Satan. We must be able to recognize wrong doctrine and stop it.

As a member of the Body of Christ on the earth, you will constantly be faced with judgments to make about those around you who are called or not called of God and whether or not you should support them with your finances and prayer, or not.

What I've been describing to you in Chapter One is the Lord calling a man out of darkness and birthing him into His Kingdom, then teaching him, directing and calling him forth into the Harvest. Called and directed Sovereignly by the Will of God. Not by a system of man, but by God's system. Both of these systems are working in the earth right now. It amazes me how those who are so steeped in man's system and tradition, cannot recognize the New Testament coming to life in our times. Rather than receive it, they try to cover it, attack it, and protect their traditions.

Not all who are called of the Lord to the ministry will have the same story. The Lord is Sovereign and too diverse for that. But you can be sure that those who are called by the Most High God to serve Him in the work of the ministry will have a story to tell that will unmistakably

be experiences of God. God does speak and is well able to let His Will be known to those He calls.

In order for you to walk in the Will of God and in greater power and glory, you must discern constantly what is of God and what is of men and/or devils. I don't believe that any who love the Lord would intentionally entertain doctrines of men and devils. This is why we must understand how it works.

As we began to approach the Body of Christ, the Church, we began to run into all kinds of doctrine that in no way resembles the word of God or the Will of God. The kinds of religious doctrine that we ran into, in the midst of a people who call themselves Spirit filled, was staggering to me.

At the time of this writing we have been in ministry 10 years. During this time, we have been able to turn many to the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved who may have never even heard there was a Messiah. And we have done it in the middle of one of the Devil's Strongholds.

This book is about Apostles, which is called out of the Order and Will of God Himself. If we entertain doctrines of devils, we can't even receive the Order of God. In Matthew chapter 15 vs. 9 the Lord says, ***But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.*** In Matthew 16 vs. 6, ***Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.*** This is a definite warning to the Believers. We must heed the warnings of the Bible.

In the world today, we still have government regulated Christian Churches. Russia, for seventy years, did allow Christianity as long as it was performed under the Russian Orthodox Church, a church approved of and regulated by the government. In China, there is a government approved and regulated church. They chose the Catholic religion, regulated by them for this purpose. This gives them the appearance of being free and attempts to quench the attacks of their critics. In Vietnam today, it is the same; the State recognizes only one Christian religion and it, too, is Catholic and regulated by the State. These Churches are allowed to perform seemingly righteous rituals to make the people feel like they are practicing righteousness. But doctrines that might threaten the government such as the new birth, Baptism of the Holy Spirit, are strictly forbidden. We know about them and can see them operating today. Satan knows that if he can get the Church to change their doctrine, he can rob them of their God given Power, Authority and Glory. Mark Chapter 7 vs. 13, ***Making the word of God of none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered and many such like things do ye.***

To understand what happened to the Church of Jesus Christ, we must understand church history. We need to understand so that we can take it all back and to avoid the same mistakes. The Church was birthed on the Day of Pentecost, right in the middle of the Roman Empire. At first, the Romans looked upon Christianity as a Jewish problem. Therefore, it didn't require any regulation. But the Church of Jesus Christ continued to grow and it grew in the power of the Spirit of God. Soon it became a threat to the empire, threatening to exalt itself above the Caesar.

Laws were passed to put to death those who professed Jesus of Nazareth. We know that at that time, the Church was driven underground, even into the catacombs under Rome. When Christians were caught, they were told to renounce their faith in Jesus of Nazareth. When they would not, they were killed. Many times the method of execution was for sport in front of the citizens of the Roman Empire. This was intended to send a clear message to all. Some were put in arenas with wild animals. Some into arenas with Gladiators. Some were just put to a gruesome death. In spite of the extreme penalties, this sect called Christians continued to grow and multiply. After many years of this dangerous game of hide and seek, the Emperor Constantine decided to legalize Christianity, even make it the religion of the Empire, though he himself worshipped the sun.

The Christians now were legal and thought that Constantine was sent by God. The Roman Catholic Church was born. It was the first government regulated Church. It was this or nothing to the Christians of that time. They could not have known what was happening, this had never happened before. But we can see it all and must understand.

Priests were trained, the Word of God was published in a strange language that only the trained priest could read (Latin). The people had to rely on the priest for their doctrine and the priests were under the authority of the government. This plunged the whole world into what we now call the Dark Ages.

Jesus said, *Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than this shall he do because I go unto my Father.* Then at another time He said, *I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh, when no man can work.* John Chapter 9 vs. 4. Could the Lord have been referring to the time of darkness that the Church was deceived into?

During this time of darkness, there were no miracles. Did they tell the people miracles went away because we changed your doctrine and made the word of God of none effect? Of course not, that would have brought utter rebellion and chaos. Or did they tell the people things like this: miracles went away with the Apostles. This is a lie from the very depths of the pit of Hell. With this one false saying, Satan robbed the Church of their belief in miracles, such as healing. It also proposed to the Church that there were no longer any Apostles given. Without the leadership and authority given to Apostles, the Body of Christ cannot be whole. I will discuss this further, later on. Satan planted these false doctrines to neutralize the Body of Christ so they could not oppose him.

Everything continued on till the time of the Reformation in the sixteenth century when Martin Luther protested against the established Church. He was a priest in the Catholic Church and the Lord brought just a little light to him. He read in the word how the Just shall live by faith and realized that they were not living by faith. This birthed the Protestant movement. This Protestant movement began to dispel some of the false doctrine, but not all. To this day, we are still struggling to dispel these false doctrines so a little more of the light of God can shine through to the world.

Every time Satan sells one of these false doctrines, he is, in effect, building a wall around those believers so that they cannot see the truth. Preaching and teaching of the truth builds faith that breaks in pieces that wall. That wall of lies that kept them from seeing the whole truth of the matter. Then suddenly, it all seems like new revelation. It is not new revelation, it was always in the Word of God. In the time we live in, we can see many such examples: someone receives healing then begins to preach to the people of God that God still heals. Through that teaching, the false doctrine that God doesn't heal today is dispelled by the preaching of the word concerning the matter. Those walls that held them captive are broken in pieces. People actually being born again and proclaiming it and explaining it through preaching, breaks through these religious doctrines causing many more to be born again. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. His word is forever settled in Heaven. We must understand this to embrace the full Gospel of Jesus Christ. We must understand and embrace the full will and intent of God.

Jesus Christ was victorious over death, Hell and the grave. Because of His victory, it is the will of God, for us to be birthed into the Kingdom of God by being born again. It is His Will that we receive the promise of the Father to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. It is His Will that we take this message to the uttermost parts of the world. Yes, it is His Will for His Children to partake of all the benefits of His Covenant.

At this point, I must pose these questions: How can we partake of all of His Covenant benefits promised to us, when we so often deny the Highest Calling on the Church? How can we be blessed of God slaying and persecuting the Apostles and Prophets of God? That High Calling is to take this Gospel to the uttermost ends of the earth. And the Apostles and Prophets play a great role in this Calling.

Can anyone read the word of God and believe that the Pharisees and Sadducees were in line for God's blessings? Of course not! He cursed them and then warned us to take heed, beware of their doctrines. Let's read what the Lord Jesus had to say about this in Luke Chapter 11 verse 47-51, *Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres. Therefore also said the wisdom of God; I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute: That the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation the world, may be required of this generation; From the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation. Woe unto you lawyers! for ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.*

In these scriptures, the Lord is saying that by slaying and persecuting the Apostles and Prophets, the blood of ALL the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation. This is very serious. You may have read this and thought this is only to the Pharisees. No, it is to all of this generation as well. The dispensation of time that is called the Regeneration is from the time of Jesus till the return of Jesus. And here we see a very serious warning to those who hinder others from entering into the Kingdom of God. If it were not possible that we could be as guilty and be cursed with the same curse as the Pharisees and Sadducees, why did the Lord warn us so carefully about the Leaven of the Pharisees?

The WOE that Jesus spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees can be to us, if we heed not the warnings of Jesus concerning the leaven of the Pharisees or their wrong doctrine. The Lord was very clear to those who slay and persecute the Apostles and Prophets, that the blood of all the prophets from the foundation of the world would be required of this generation. I believe that word Woe means woe to your life now and your eternal destiny. Can you begin to see how these wrong doctrines, that we have yet to put away from us, can hinder us from walking in all that the Lord has for us? Are you responsible for these doctrines? No, but are we responsible for seeking the Truth? Once we have received that truth, it is our responsibility to hold on to it and move in it.

How do you slay an Apostle or Prophet? Persecution, we know, is designed by Satan to hinder and stop the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Many have been physically slain in our Church history. But many more throughout that same history have been slain by the denial of their callings due to wrong doctrine introduced into the Church by Satan. They are not physically killed but their Authority, God given direction, ministry and benefits to the Body of Christ are Killed. I believe in God's eyes it is the same. By denying the calling, you cause them to be of none effect among you. Even as our Lord Jesus was denied by the people of His home in Nazareth. Why then would the Lord keep sending them in each generation? To be true to His Word and for the same judgments that the wisdom of God spoke of in Luke Chapter 11 vs. 49. They also play a very important role in the Order of God, designed by God.

In this chapter I wanted to deal with doctrine to show you how important it is that we receive the whole counsel of God and to heed the warnings of the Bible. I will, in another Chapter, talk about Apostles and Prophets. The Lord has taught me much about this subject. I realize that many in this generation don't understand because of false doctrines in the past.

In the last eighteen years, the Lord has convinced me over and over again that in this dispensation of time, the time of Regeneration, the only time that the souls of men can be saved, there is given under heaven No Higher Priority to the Saints of the Most High God than to take this Gospel of the Kingdom of God into the uttermost parts of the earth. I believe that all the resources of Heaven and Earth are at the ready for those who will walk in the Order of God understanding the Priority of this AGE.

Let's consider God the Father's point of view. 1 Corinthians Chapter 10:26, ***For the earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof.*** John chapter 3:16, ***For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.*** Every man, woman and child on the face of the earth belongs to Him, they are His people now. If they are not saved, they will be cast out of His presence forever, they will perish.

But because Jesus has already come and paid the price for their redemption, they don't have to perish. Romans Chapter 10:13-15 ***For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent? As it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good things!***

If this seems so basic and offends you, please forgive me. But as Christians, these basics are also our priorities. I've seen too many examples of the Church moving away from this. We are to be lovers of the Truth, are we not?

As a missionary, I've been sent by God to a people who will not be able to hear unless we take this message into them. A missionary cannot do it alone, neither did God intend for them to. We are called the Body of Christ; we are to take care of each other and one part of the body cannot function alone. Yet, I have seen in my ten years of ministry, these doctrines you might call basic, pushed aside.

I've seen so many examples of Missionaries being treated with disdain. I've heard people talk about them with disdain. Many Pastors won't even meet with them because they know they have need of finances.

In the Kingdom of God upon the earth, many missionaries are the spearhead of God's work on the earth to take this Gospel of the Kingdom into all the earth. This is fulfilling the Highest Call of the Church. And the Church wants no part of it?? It is not just about missionaries. Any ministry designed by God to go directly to the lost finds it almost impossible to receive help. Even though this is where the priority of our resources of talent and money should be directed. Too many in the Church will not give to something that does not directly bless them. This is a perversion of God's Will and Intent. He wants to bless you so you can be a blessing. I have had many Pastors tell me there must be a win- win situation in order for them to help me with my work overseas. This means there must be something in it for them. As a matter of fact, I have found this to be the prevailing attitude. This presents a lose-lose situation. Do you ever wonder why we are not more blessed by the Lord?

I have never had these Pastors explain to me how a win-win situation with a missionary is supposed to work. So I won't try to explain it because it doesn't work, it is absurd. However, let's consider who loses. The Pastor loses, his congregation loses, the missionary loses, the lost souls the missionary is sent to loses and God loses. Definitely not a prosperity formula. This win-win situation with Pastors has become like a trend. This is one I hadn't heard before I went overseas eight years ago.

What it is really saying is they can't do anything unless there is something in it for them. That is exactly what it means. I have seen this manifest in so many ways around the Church. I wouldn't even call it Christian.

Let's take a foreign missionary called by God as an example. It is God's will to finance His work on the earth through His children, His people, His Saints. This way, they are partakers of the greatest work ever and of the greatest blessings.

This is what the Lord has to say about this; Luke 14: 12-14, ***When thou makest a dinner or supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, neither thy kinsmen, nor thy rich neighbors; lest they also bid thee again, and a recompense be made thee. But when thou makest a feast, call the poor, the maimed, the lame, and the blind: And thou shalt be blessed; for they cannot recompense thee; for thou shalt be recompensed at the resurrection of the just.***

When we take the Gospel message out into the highways and byways to the poor, we are inviting them to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb. Many cannot recompense us, such as the people of these villages that I am called to. But the Lord is clear that He will recompense.

If God's people will only give to those who bless them or entertain them, then in order for the missionary to receive the help he needs, the Missionary must stay before those who are already saved to be a blessing to them and by doing that, he is unable to be on his post doing what the Lord has called him to do and the ones he could have been reaching during this time will perish. Because of this perversion, we have more Christians preaching to Christians than any other ministry. I have even had people tell me they won't help because they can't relate to the Asian people. I have to ask: can you relate to the Lord Jesus and what He is doing in the earth?

Since my return to America this time, I have seen Churches where the congregation gives obediently to the leadership of that Church. They have been sitting under the prosperity message for many years but they are not prospering. The finances they give cannot get beyond the four walls of the Church for the Gospel's sake. Instead, many are fulfilling the Agenda of just one man. Could it be these so-called basics have been pushed aside for a better doctrine? Do you see the danger here? Could it be that the Lord will not send the increase because their direction is wrong? We must follow after God's direction and order. We are called to fulfill God's Agenda.

I've had Christians tell me that if God called me, then God would have to take care of me; it was none of their concern. They spoke these words as though the words were directly from God in great righteousness. Can we examine this saying? What they are saying to God is 'we have nothing to do with your business (System of God) and we can only finance those we have called (System of man)'.

The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church. It was always intended for Him to Call whom He wants and to give those He Called their direction. I can remember one time while in the mission field, telling God that something He was telling me was none of my business. He immediately came back with asking me, "How would you like me to say that about your business?" I trembled in fear because I knew I was one hundred percent dependent on the Lord, even for my next breath. How about you?

God does want us to prosper and be in health. But we have many examples of how He deals with wrong doctrine and it is not with prosperity. Wrong doctrine will not prosper us. God's prosperity is not limited to money. We also want to see Him move among us with great power, Authority and Glory. Amen?

One night as I was going to sleep in the village in Asia, the Lord showed me a vision of everything that hinders the Gospel. I would see the Gospel going forth and then I would see these hideous creatures in black flying to attack it immediately. Each creature had a name and I have seen them working in the Church many times. To me, it was a terrible and ugly sight.

This deserves mention in this book: The Word of God says that the love of money is the root of all evil. In almost every case where someone invented a doctrine (rationalized) that would keep them from giving to our work, you could trace it back to the love of money. 1 Timothy 6:10, **For**

the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows... Some have even presumed to redefine who I am as though they were the Lord. In this way (they rationalize), the needs of the ministry would go away and end of problem. Is this the way the Lord wants us to deal with His ministries?

When the Lord said you cannot serve Mammon and serve God and then said, go into all the earth, He put our love of money to the test. It takes money to go and fulfill this command. It always did. The greatest evil ever will be that they could not take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the Nations because they loved money. None of us want to be found guilty of that.

As a missionary to the Buddhists in one of the Devil's Strongholds (Indo-China), I have seen persecution. I know what it is like for the Devil to attack in order to stop you. We have had entire villages come against us. One of the new converts was kneed in the face. She had people hold knives to her, telling her not to speak about Jesus. We had many threats against us. I can remember staying up many nights on watch, praying that these threats would not be carried out. We have had one hundred Buddhist monks come into two temples that cover about twelve villages, then blaspheme Jehovah and Jesus for two weeks, over microphones, trying to turn all of these villages against us and to shut down this new Christian movement.

Hearing these monks blaspheming our Lord over loud speakers every day was hard for every one of the Christians to take. One was really taking it hard. For several days she would cry and pace. She was hurt and angry. About the fourth day, the Lord spoke to her. He asked her, if they were speaking against her name or His name. Then He let her know that He was able to defend Himself and that she should just relax. We did watch as the Lord dealt with those who opposed him.

These attacks we can clearly understand. They are not easy, but understandable. But when you are attacked by the Church with false doctrines, it is much harder to understand and it hurts much more. Those who could and should be able to help you are, instead, trying to stop you as though your work was a direct attack against them.

It is a doctrine of devils to change the understanding of the Word of God. Many are trying to promote taking the Gospel into our own Backyard, America first. We cannot change the Word of God. He is the Lord and He is working everywhere at once, wherever He has a man who will carry this Gospel and follow Him. Anything that suggests cutting off another part of the Kingdom of God is a doctrine of Devils. It is designed to cut the supply lines and prayer.

I know this is not a pleasant subject, but it is important for the Body of Christ to understand the devices of the enemy. All of these things and much more have made me want to quit on many occasions. The Lord would never let me quit and He would remind me of my vows to serve Him. I have been under a burden to write this book for almost five years. I didn't really want to, even though it is truly necessary for you to understand these things so that you can move-on in the Lord to greater heights.

God's people are the best in the World. I have been all over the world and Christians are the best. I do love the Body of Christ. These things written about here are for the edifying of the Body of Christ. If you can understand these writings on doctrine and purpose in your heart and mind not to entertain any false doctrine, your Christian walk will be more blessed than ever. Walls of doctrine that the devil has built in your life can be pulled down with the name of Jesus and the Blood of the Lamb. It is a great shame if we let anything keep us from our predestined role in this earth, working hand in hand with the Lord Jesus to build the temple of God. This is the temple that God desired to build.

In Mark Chapter 7:9, Jesus said. ***Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your traditions...*** Ask yourself this question. Is there any tradition that is contrary to the word of God, that you want to keep so bad, that you would give up the great and precious promises of the Lords Covenant to US for? Would you want to lose your own soul to protect it?

Daniel Chapter 7:18

But the saints of the most High shall take the Kingdom, and possess the Kingdom forever, even forever and ever. Amen.

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