

Doing God's Will Towards The Tragedy of Today's Church Part 1

"16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. 17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. 18 And it came to pass the third day after that I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also: and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. 19 And this woman's child died in the night; because she overlaid it. 20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thine handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. 21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead: but when I had considered it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, which I did bear. 22 And the other woman said, Nay; but the living is my son, and the dead is thy son. And this said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king. 23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. 24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king. 25 And the king said, Divide the living child in two, and give half to the one, and half to the other. 26 Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her bowels yearned upon her son, and she said, O my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, Let it be neither mine nor thine, but divide it. 27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof. 28 And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment." (1 Kings 3:16-28 KJV)

The passage that we just read is a well known Scripture passage that many remember. It describes the wisdom that God gave to Solomon to deal with the issue of those two women and how he found out who was the mother of the boy. We really need the wisdom of God to deal with certain issues that come across our service and ministry unto God.

However, if we go down to verse 28, it describes the response of the people towards the wise judgment of King Solomon in that particular issue between the two women. The people marveled what King Solomon did, and the writer of *1 Kings* goes on to write as led by the Holy Spirit: *"and they feared the king."* What he meant is that the people started to fear King Solomon after they heard what he did.

At this stage before we go further into the message, I would like to ask you the following questions and I would like you to answer it before you go further in the message.

- Did those people, who feared King Solomon, feared the Lord?
- Did King Solomon, whom the people feared, feared the Lord?

Please, mark your answer with either one of these answers:

- Yes.
- No.
- I don't know.

From what we read in *1 Kings 3:16-28*, we can further conclude the following statements:

I. The two women were harlots: "16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him." (1 Kings 3:16 KJV) They were harlots in the Kingdom of God and no one bothered about it and considered it a sin to deal with. The people were insensitive to this sin.

II. The two women were living in one house and delivered their sons in the same house: "17 And the one woman said, O my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house." (1 Kings 3:17 KJV) Nobody asked, "To whom does this house belong and how come these two prostitutes are living there?" Most likely, this house was prepared to receive such cases, a place where those who were conceiving without marriage, harlots, or through adultery can deliver their children. It looks like something acceptable and agreed upon to cover the outcome of such sins.

III. There is no mentioning about who are the fathers of the children: "23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, Nay; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. 24 And the king said, Bring me a sword. And they brought a sword before the king." (1 Kings 3:23-24 KJV) When King Solomon heard their stories, he should ask first to bring the fathers of the children so he can deal with the sin of adultery, but instead he asked to bring a sword. King Solomon worked out to find who the mother is, but he did not ask them to bring the fathers of the children. Most likely also it was not at all in his mind to judge the sin of prostitution. Prostitution was probably something acceptable. It could be that if King Solomon was going to dig, many people were going to be disturbed and offended, and he would be hated by many because he would be disturbing the entire system of compromises for tolerating prostitution.

The setup of harlots existing in God's Kingdom was probably acceptable to the king, his officials, the judging body of the priests and Levites and to the rest of the families of the people of God. This is called insensitivity to sin and tolerance to it when society will start to adapt itself to accommodate such particular sins.

IV. King Solomon knew that this is sin: He wrote even against adultery. So his silence meant there was something that made him afraid and unwilling to face such a sin.

V. The case probably passed under other judges and the judging body of the priests and Levites before it reached King Solomon: Moses had instituted the system of judges in Israel as we can read, *"21 Moreover thou shalt provide out of all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them, to be rulers of thousands, and rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens: 22 And let them judge the people at all seasons: and it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee." (Exodus 18:21-22 KJV)* So the case passed through other judges; being a difficult case, it was filtered and eventually passed on to King Solomon for judgment, but not one of the judges was willing to deal with the sin of prostitution. For them adultery was acceptable and most probably they felt easy about it.

VI. The two harlots were probably not aware that what they were doing is sin: “16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him.” (1 Kings 3:16 KJV) When the society accepts sin, then sinners will not be aware that they are sinning.

VII. In comparing various Bible translations, you will find some versions like “The Bible in Basic English” does not mention that the women were harlots: As if being a harlot is normal!!!

VIII. The future of the child was not considered. King Solomon worked out to find the mother of the child, but he did not think about the future of this child who will be raised up around the sin of prostitution. The child will most likely do as his parents did because the root of prostitution was not cut and managed.

IX. No one was grieving in hearing about the ongoing sins of prostitution inside the Kingdom of God: Millions of Israelites heard about it and thousands of priests and Levites heard about it but no one grieved for the sin of prostitution.

After Heaven, there are three faculties on earth accountable before God about sin:

A. The government and the rest of the secular offices: In this event of 1 Kings 3:16-28, it is represented by King Solomon and his officials. Today the governments of the countries are mostly controlled by non believers and they will unlikely be bothered with the sin that the Word of God is concerned about.

B. The church: In this event of 1 Kings 3:16-28, it is represented by the thousands of Levites and the priestly body that was responsible to teach the people and discipline them to deal with sin and to live in holiness. Today, they are the pastors, the church officers, and the rest of the workers in the body of Christ..

C. The family: In this event of 1 Kings 3:16-28, it is represented by the families of all the people of God who heard about what had happened and thus all of them feared the king, but they did not fear God and dealt with the sin of prostitution inside their society.

This story was recorded in the Bible to make us wake up and see if similar things are taking place in the midst of us today. The people at the time of Solomon had forgotten what God had instituted in His Word, “29 Do not prostitute thy daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.” (Leviticus 19:29 KJV) * If immoralities will be allowed, then the whole land will be full of wickedness; immoralities will promote all kinds of wickedness. * This instruction was given to the parents and they were supposed to be responsible enough to keep their daughters and sons pure till the age of marriage. * Those who know that their children are involved with people of the other gender and do nothing about it to stop them, are promoting prostitution, and they will be the contributors to wickedness in the future in the form of stealing, corruption, injustice, abuse, taking advantage, fights, murders, wars, divisions, etc.

Further they had forgotten that God’s Word says: “17 There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel, nor a sodomite of the sons of Israel.” (Deuteronomy 23:17 KJV) Here the Word of God had put the sin of adultery to take place before the sin of homosexuality. When adultery is allowed, then homosexuality will follow.

These three faculties, government, church and family, are the authorities of God on earth. People who fear God will obey spontaneously His Word and His commands and do what is needful so that Scriptures will not be broken. Those people will obey God even if there is no one over them because they fear God.

* People who fear God will spontaneously obey even if there is no authority over them, as mentioned earlier. But people who do not fear God will not obey His Word and His instructions. They will fear people, and they will hide from authorities so their sins will not be discovered. * God allowed and gave authority to those three faculties that we mentioned to deal with those who sin, and who do not fear God. * The Lord would expect that these three authorities who are valid even today would deal with sin and execute judgment on those who transgress and disobey what God had instituted.

* Those who do not fear God will do all what they can to hide from being discovered by the authorities of the government, the church, and the family. * Therefore, if the government will fail to restrain evil doers and deal with wicked people, then riot and crimes and moral deterioration will spread across the land. * In that case each and every family should do its best to protect its members from being infected and affected by sin.

If I will be living at the time of King Solomon and heard of what he did, I will be in panic; the king let prostitutes and blessed their lifestyle; it meant that he gave permission for the spark of wickedness to spread throughout the land! Then, with what Solomon did I need to understand that I need to govern my family, my children and my church members more securely, and in a more responsible way to protect them.

Those who do not fear God will continue to hide their sins till their sins will be acceptable in the society they live in, and people would agree with the wrong of what they are doing.

* Families who do not know God will not know how they will combat sin as much as those families who know God and His Word. * But when the people who know God fail to implement His Word in their lives and in the lives of their families and children, then the authority that remains in the society is the authority of the church. God would finally count on His church to proclaim His Word and to deal with sin properly.

Therefore this is what we can say: The last defense in front of the work of devil on earth is the Church of God. But when the Church of God fails to do its responsibility on earth and combat sin, then the work of devil will reign, and God’s judgment and His wrath will be at the door.

The church today is not dealing with certain sins because it became acceptable sins. Now the following phenomenon is acceptable and Godly: The phenomena of dating and courting, and we know that many of the children of believers’ families who are born again practice that and the church is promoting it; at the least, by keeping silent about it. Even some parents support it for their children. Surely with such allowance of dating and courting, they will be exposed to lust, and as Jesus said, “28 But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.” (Matthew 5:28 KJV) This lust also will make them fall into the sin of fornication and will have sex without or prior to marriage, to the extent that some families are teaching their children who are not married to use contraceptives.

* Certainly out of these extra-marital relationships, children will be born without the father and the mother being married. Like what had happened at the time of King Solomon with these two prostitutes. * Even today prostitution of such kind is widespread in God's church and the church is not concerned and the families are not concerned to put guidelines and rules to prevent boys and girls to meet and get together. * Instead, the church became insensitive to fornication and embraced, accepted, and kept those who do it. * The church today is facilitating the marriage of women who got pregnant, but the same church does not take any measures to prevent boys and girls from meeting together.

* Now the further threat of fornication and children born from parents who are unmarried is that, if one or both parents decide to find another partner and marry and start a new family, not with the mother or the father of his or her child or children, this new family will be formed based on adultery and such marriages will be considered unlawful marriages. * Since there is child or children from the previous relationship, that would be considered a marriage in the sight of God even if it is not legalized with official papers. The child is the approval that the man and woman united and became one. * Therefore, the new family that will be started in marrying another partner will be considered a second marriage. That second marriage is unlawful before God, as the previous partner is still alive. Such marriages will bring the root of the sin of immorality to the next generation.

* With the advance of the media, internet, and technology, the boys and girls due to lack of limitation started to be exposed to the media. With such, worldliness penetrated more to the lives of men and woman, and to the lives of the young boys and girls. * Pornography started to reach them and push them further toward immorality. Masturbation becomes a prevalent sin among the youths and the unmarried. * The indecent dresses of the girls and the policy of non separating girls from boys added to the immoralities that the church is afflicted with today.

The church and the families who know about all that and are keeping silent about it, are showing that these things are acceptable and approved by them, like the case of the two prostitutes who stood justified with their sin of prostitution before King Solomon, and before the body of the priests and Levites, and before the whole people of God.

My dear and beloved: The purpose of this message is to destroy and throw away all the foundations of the evil one. * Do not be like Solomon who ignored the sin that he needed to address and deal with; he saw but he was not willing to deal with. * Do not be like the common people who cannot see sin and the bad effects of it. * God had given you eyes and insight, and He called you today to do your part in full.

* Don't be like Solomon who was keen to keep the external pomp and the people's admiration, but he did not have the fear of God that God requires. * Fear God and use your position in whatever office or place or a church that God had placed you in to initiate that awakening and cleansing from all the ongoing corruption, immoralities and the abominations that had penetrated God's churches. Let us pray.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins, who was buried and rose from the dead on the third day to give me eternal life. LORD thank you for the message from your Word that opened my eyes about the truth that

immoralities needed to put out from our midst. Lord thank you for all the rebukes, corrections and the admonishments that I received in this message.

Repent and renounce of all your sins. Renounce your compromises, condoning and cover up immoralities in the life of your family, and the church and the ministry under your care. Repent and renounce your lack of discipline to your children in pertain to the Media, dress and intermingling with other boys and girls. Renounce your following the opinions of the crowd and not the Word of God. Renounce your fear of man and repent of your lack of fear in God. Repent and renounce of your lust, and immoralities. Renounce the phenomena of dating, courting, boyfriend and girlfriend, masturbation, pornography, fornication, divorce and remarriage, live-in relationships, a single parent marries not the father or the mother of her or his child or children. Lord I repent and renounce the following sins

Lord I commit myself to stand firm and to take the action needed in the life of my family, in the church and in the society that I am living to combat the sin of immorality, in the form of dating, courting, boyfriend and girlfriend, masturbation, pornography, fornication, divorce and remarriage, live-in relationships, a single parent marries not the father or the mother of her or his child or children; and to cleanse all such from my atmosphere, from my family, my church and ministry and from the society around me. Lord I am going to separate myself from all those who do such and are not willing to repent.

Lord, thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented and had committed their lives to live in holiness, away from immoralities, and according to the teaching that we received in this message. Lord protect them, provide for them, so they will continue to serve you.

Lord we commit ourselves as a church to continue to fight the good fight against the widespread immoralities and to cleanse our families, members and workers from all of such wickedness. Lord touch the people that we are teaching and change their lives so they will be willing to follow the teaching that we received today in this message. We come against all the works of Satan in promoting immoralities and we bind the spirit of prostitution and we cast it out in the name of Jesus. Lord protect and bless all our workers who are standing firm against all such sin and reward them for their stand. Lord refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the Spiritual gifts that we need in our lives to go on and evangelize, and make disciples and train workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord take the message and spread it to reach to all the congregations and the members of the church in various places and let it bear fruit that you desire to see in the life of your church and your people. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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