

## The Beheading of John the Baptist

The charismatic move is over. The head or the anointing which flowed like rain from heaven is gone, dried up, beheaded. This anointing demanded nothing of the life of the recipient except that he jump into the flow of the rain. The reward was immediate as we all basked for a season under this anointing, superficially uniting all faiths.

I say superficially because the only real, eternal unity is with the Father, Christ's blood being the unifier. That means that we have to shed our spiritual blood — lose our family lineage — become a member of a new family called the "Body of Christ", all having the pure guiltless blood of Christ as a unifier. The world is tired of the half-baked gospels — the Jesus did it all, the "I will be raptured and the hell with you", the Jesus is coming soon, and all the rest of the B.S. being flung at the people out of the mouths of those who have not a clue as to the work of the cross in a person's life. God's redeeming fire is on the way. It is the time of the end of all things and we either yield to the fire of God (for He is a consuming fire) or be destroyed. Destruction of the old is rolling in like a tidal wave. We either lose our life and gain it or just "lose our life".

I would like to draw a comparison between the move of God that has just past and the one on the horizon. The charismatic move carried an in part message and has left the people in the grave, twice dead. In John 5:35, "He was a burning and a shining light: and ye were willing for a season to rejoice in his light." That season of rejoicing is over. People are becoming aware that there is more. And so the sun has set on the old anointing and we are about to be faced with a worldwide visitation of a brighter light which carries with it judgment, justice, righteousness and a plumbline which will demand drastic change. The question, "Who can stand in the day of His visitation??", is a very serious and wise question to ask.

Everyone in the last move did what seemed right in his own eyes. I thank God for the faithful servants who fed the people in the wilderness. However, I fear that like Moses they will not be able to stand the drastic change God is demanding from His people. Will He

leave the religious as He did two thousand years ago and go to the Gentile? Will history repeat itself?

Man does not live by bread alone but by food that comes directly from the Father. Or, should I say: Man cannot survive spiritually on the spiritual food from the tree of knowledge, which, by the way is the only food the world has to offer — the only food the charismatic move had to offer. It fed us in the wilderness but we need people who have gone into the promised land, the next age, and will lead by reality and not just by revelation. By the way, a leader is one who has already gone into the land (the Kingdom of God) and knows all the pitfalls, the snares, and leads the people. We have only heard from those who tell about the kingdom but have not entered it.

Let me quote as a springboard a scripture from Deuteronomy 12: "Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes. For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the Lord your God giveth you. But when ye go over Jordan, and dwell in the land which the Lord your God giveth you to inherit, and when he giveth you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye dwell in safety; Then there shall be a place which the Lord your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there." Until we cross Jordan and come into the rest we have no business calling ourselves God's people. The word Christian is a dead cliché'.

**UNLESS WE CROSS JORDAN WE CANNOT POSSESS THE LAND. UNLESS WE POSSESS THE LAND WE ARE AN ENTITY WITHOUT A BODY. THE SPIRIT WITHOUT A BODY IS DEAD; LIKE FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD.**

Now, let us look at this message. The Jordan is a type of the cross. At the cross we change our food from the tree of knowledge to the tree of life. No one called of God in the Bible went to college to learn about God. They spent their time outside all the activity on the back side of the desert dying out to all they learned, all their knowledge, all their life. After all desire to serve Him is removed, then you will rest. After seeing God face to face, doing what is right in His eyes instead of your own, then you are ready to inherit the land and rest from your labors. When you have left the world called the church age and become a citizen of the Kingdom of God in the resurrection, then you have finished the course. The womb is mother church, the resurrection is Father. John the Baptist was born of woman. The charismatic move was born of woman. Do not fool yourself into thinking the Church is that unborn fetus in the womb. It is just that — a half baked fetus that may or may not be aborted, or die in the womb as the children of Israel did when their bones bleached in the wilderness. Or, God willing, the fetus may hear His voice and be willing to become a new creation and come out of the womb into a whole new environment.

Now, is there any hope for those who began the race in 1967 and died when John the Baptist was beheaded? “Very little” is the answer. But there is hope if you can hear at all what this message is saying. Without the desire to love the Lord with a whole heart, the ability to humble oneself, the desire to change from Adam into Christ and the ability to hear this message, you, my dear friend, will not be willing to pay the price it takes to get into the Kingdom even though you have, like Moses, viewed it from afar off. After Isaiah met the Father’s light, God told him the people would hear but not

understand the message. Now Isaiah carried the charismatic message and people understood, but the Father’s light carries with it His Holiness, His righteousness, His exposure of our evil hearts — the light that opens up our Pandora’s box, i.e., cleanses us of our iniquity. Only in a tight knit community can the grave clothes be taken off by one another. Only in a tightly knit community can we admonish one another daily while it is yet called today. Only in a tightly knit community can we make the crooked places straight, help one another get rid of our own righteousness, for we cannot see ourselves when we are still self-centered.

Dare I close this message with this admonishment? There is spiritual and physical sickness among some of you because you are not discerning the “body of Christ”. Piecemakers (the first fruits) is the beginning of the birth of the body of Christ for this era — fresh, new and open epistles read of men with the glory shining from our bones. You can scoff at this — sit in the little world you have created, worshipping a God of your own imaginations, or you can say, “Lord, if this message is from you, please give me the ears to hear and the heart to lay down my life so as to know the power of the resurrection.”

There is a new stirring in the hearts of the people, much like the people in Europe knew they must leave the womb and go to the new land called America. God is saying, “Seek me and I will place you in a Christ centered community where you can be nurtured as Noah was nurtured in the ark and taken to a new land.”

God bless you all and if you all long for unity as do I, we will be hearing from you soon.



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