

FIRE FALL

Day Thirteen: Prove We Follow the Truth

And (let it be known) that I have done all these things at Thy word... 1 Kings 18:36d

Christ taught us to use the Word to overcome the devil. Whenever the enemy comes near to us, we can quote the Scripture in rebuttal and command him to leave. Essentially, we can tell the devil, "God said it, and if you have a problem with it you need to take it up with Him." Satan may be the father of lies, but he knows enough of the truth to be forcibly bound by it. Can you fathom that? The very truth that sets us free binds our adversary!

Nevertheless, telling the world to "take it up with God" is not the best way to advance the Kingdom. Too many people have abused faith telling the church world, the secular world and society as a whole "if you have a problem with the Bible, take it up with God." How many wayward evangelists have told their followers, "what I'm telling you is directly from God," and refused any form of accountability on earth as a result? Jamestown may have been the extreme, yet the phrase "drinking the Kool-Aid" is now a universal term for brain washing.

This is why the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 4:20, "for the Kingdom of God is not in words, but in power." He was dealing with an individual in Corinth who believed to have superior truth and revelation. Because Paul was enduring so much hardship, the church at Corinth was beginning to believe the fallacies being promoted by this seemingly enlightened individual. Paul contended with (and for) the Corinthians, stating how God was demonstrating His power through Paul's ministry...not how compelling his words had been (1 Corinthians 2:1-5). Overall, Paul argued with the Corinthian elitists that the philosophy (wisdom) and the manifestation (signs) were both meaningless if used to promote the teachings of men. Wisdom and signs...philosophy and manifestation...can only be truly relevant when they are confirming the message of the cross of Christ (1 Corinthians 1:22-25).

In this age of agnostic darkness, we stand out as those who not only proclaim the truth, but follow it as well. Can you imagine what it will be like when God infuses our faith with His fire, not to demonstrate "we were right...they were wrong" but to create a greater platform for the message of the cross to be preached? We are not seeking a demonstration of God's presence to alienate anyone; we are seeking His manifestation so all may know that we simply follow His word...the truth that can set everyone free.

And so we pray:

Father...Thank You for the message of the cross! Thank You for sending Your Son as the living embodiment of Your word and truth! Thank You for providing demonstrating of Your power throughout the eons to confirm Your word!

Now, even as the early church prayed in Acts 4, we ask You to "grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

It is in His holy name we pray...AMEN