

## LESSONS FROM RICK JOYNER'S BOOK "THE FINAL QUEST"

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### **CHURCH 'CIVIL' WAR (Part 2). 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2017**

#### **Recap of Part 1**

**God's Mission:** Sweep great numbers of people into the church.

**Satan's Mission:** Preempt God's Mission.

**The enemy's army:** Accuser of the Brethren as commander, demons as soldiers, riding on Christians who were recruited based on Self-centeredness.

**Weapons:** Mostly accusation, gossip, slander and faultfinding, condemnation, self-centeredness.

**Nourishment:** Food of condemnation and water of bitterness.

**The enemy's strategy:** cause division on every possible level of relationship (using Christians to war against each other) because, "a house divided cannot stand."

**Application to our lives:** 1) Pursue unity; in unity God commands a blessing, 2) Let love for God and people replace self-centeredness.

### **CHURCH 'CIVIL' WAR (Part 2)**

The Lord also has an army.

- Majority are women and children
- Greatly outnumbered (more Christians in the enemy's army!)
- Only a small number were fully dressed in their armor, some did not have any at all.
- Most who had all their armor still had very small shields which would not protect them.
- Most of the fully armed were not adequately trained to use the weapons.
- A large number wounded.

!Trailing mob of Christians! intoxicated with happiness – playing, singing, feasting and roaming from camp to camp. They did not believe in war. Carnal Christians who just pursue what excites their emotions. Sad!

#### **The armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18)**

- 1) **Word of Truth - 2 Corinthians 6:7, John 7:7**
- 2) **Word of Righteousness - Hebrews 5:13**
- 3) **Word of the Gospel – Acts 15:7**
- 4) **Word of Faith – Romans 10:8**
- 5) **Word of Salvation - Acts 13:26**
- 6) **Word of God – Ephesians 6:17**

**The armor is centered around the WORD. Eve was deceived when the WORD was twisted, 2 Corinthians 11:3. So we can only overcome by being strong in the WORD.**

Weapons: Swords named the Word of God and arrows for different biblical truths.

Wisdom directed them to fight from the mountain = **Daniel 2 and Hebrews 12:22** = The Kingdom of God. We fight from the "Kingdom perspective." We are in the world but not of the world. Our weapons are not carnal, but mighty in God.

Ledges on the mountain became narrower and more difficult to stand on the higher you went. That means, you can fall from any level. So, walk in humility the more you grow in the kingdom. However, it is advantageous to grow because the higher you climb, the larger the shields and swords grow, the further you shoot far enough to hit the main leaders of the evil horde who stay behind their army, and fewer of the enemy arrows can reach you.

“Unfortunately”, the more you achieve at the higher levels in hitting the enemy, the more the enemy attacks you!

**Rick Joyner: On using my sword to anchor myself, after resisting the temptation to leave it behind, the Lord said, “You have used the wisdom that will enable you to keep climbing. Many have fallen because they did not use their swords properly to anchor themselves.” Some fell all the way to the bottom and were picked up and carried off by the vultures.**

Lesson: NEVER think you have outgrown your sword (THE WORD), even the basics; otherwise, you are going to fall, if you have not fallen yet.