

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

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### **CHURCH 'CIVIL' WAR (Part 3). 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017**

#### **Recap of previous lessons**

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

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

**The enemy's army:** Satan as commander, with demons and deceived Christians.

**The enemy's strategy:** use 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.

**The Lord's army:** Jesus as commander and a few Christians (a small number were fully dressed in their armor, some did not have any at all, most inadequately trained, many wounded).

#### **Application to our lives:**

- 1) We should be fully dressed in the armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18), and we should get adequate training.
- 2) The armor of God is Word-centered.
  - a) Belt = Word of Truth (2 Corinthians 6:7)
  - b) Breastplate = Word of Righteousness (Hebrews 5:13)
  - c) Shoes = Word of the Gospel (Acts 15:7)
  - d) Shield = Word of Faith (Romans 10:8)
  - e) Helmet = Word of Salvation (Acts 13:26)
  - f) Sword = Word of God (Ephesians 6:17)

The Word of God is 'everything'. Therefore, we should take the Word of God very seriously.

NB: Ledges on the mountain (the Kingdom of God, see Daniel 2:35, 44-45) became narrower and more difficult to stand on the higher you went. That means, we can fall from any level of spiritual growth. The solution is to use the sword (the word) to anchor ourselves.

### **CHURCH 'CIVIL' WAR (Part 3): LEVELS OF GROWTH IN THE KINGDOM**

Levels (of spiritual growth) on the mountain (in the Kingdom of God):

- 1) Lower levels: Salvation, Sanctification, Prayer, and Faith
- 2) Higher levels: Deeper truths such as:
  - a) Unity of the Brethren; the enemy arrows cannot reach. Ephesians 4:13
  - b) Galatians Two Twenty; above the altitude the vultures could stand, wide, trusted with the powers of the age to come, unlimited arrows. Galatians 2:20
  - c) Patience
  - d) The Father's Unconditional Love( The Garden of Eden)
    - Those who make it to this level know the Father's love

- Jesus: "The greatest weapon you have been given is the Father's love. As long as you walk in My Father's love, you will never fail. The fruit of this tree (of life) is the Father's love, which is manifested in Me. This love, which is in Me, must be your daily bread"
- Joyner: With every bite, I loved everything and everyone more. Then my enemies started coming to mind, and I loved them too
- Jesus: "This is now your daily bread. It will never be withheld from you. You may eat as much and as often as you like. There is no end to my love"

**John 17:22,23**

And the glory which You gave Me I have given to them, that they may be one just as We are one: 23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

**Romans 8:15-17**

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ,...

**Romans 8:35-39**

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 As it is written: "For you sake we are killed all day long; we are counted as sheep for the slaughter." 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Ephesians 3:14-19**

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, <sup>16</sup> that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, <sup>17</sup> that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, <sup>18</sup> may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height – <sup>19</sup> to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.