
SPIRITUAL MAPPING FOR EFFECTIVE SPIRITUAL WARFARE – Part 7

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7. The Work of Grace in Your City

In recognizing God's promise to bind and loose from heaven those things that we bind and loose from the earth, we must consider the responsibility that presents to us in our praying. What can we loose in our cities that will bring honour to the Name of the Lord and work to bring about an increase and profit for the Body of Christ?

Let us consider the work of Grace:

According to New Testament Greek, grace is favour done without expectation of return; the absolutely free expressing of the loving kindness of God to men, finding its only motive in the bounty and benevolence of the Giver; unearned and unmerited favour. Webster's Dictionary says, "grace is the free unmerited love and favour of God, divine influence acting in man to restrain him from sin."

In Titus we read: "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching (educating, disciplining, chastening and instructing) us that, denying (disavowing, rejecting and refusing) un- godliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly (wit sound mind, moderately and self-controlled), righteously, and godly, in this present world." Titus 2:11-12 [All the preceding definitions in parentheses come from Strong's Exhaustive Concordance.] As we, the righteous, in covenant with our God, loose grace to the souls in our cities, we are giving them that which will instruct them and enable them to say NO to ungodliness and worldly lust, to live soberly, uprightly and godly.

Romans 5:20 states that "...where sin abounded, grace did much more abound". I Peter 4:10 speaks of God's grace being manifold, meaning that His grace is diverse in its character. Despite the fact that sin is a work, we can be assured that grace is an even greater work. If the work of lust or greed or witchcraft is operating in the souls in our cities, we can still be encouraged because we know that God's great grace is diverse in its working character. The Lord assured Paul that in whatever hard place, "My grace is sufficient for thee.." (II Corinthians 12:9). Is not this grace still sufficient for the needs of today?

When the Lord sent His apostles out to the lost of the House of Israel, He told them that whatever he had so freely given them, they were in turn to give it out freely (Matthew 10:8). Have we not been given much grace from our God? Should we not be freely giving it to the lost? Remember, the more that come into salvation, the more the Lord is glorified. "For by grace are ye saved through faith.." (Ephesians 2:8) The Living Bible says: "And the more of you of you that are won to Christ, the more there are to thank Him for His great kindness, and the more the Lord is glorified." (II Corinthians 4:15)

Let us look at the work of grace in Zechariah 4:7: "Who art thou, O great mountain! before Zerubbabel thou shalt become a plain: and he shall bring forth the headstone thereof with shoutings, crying, Grace, grace unto it." The capstone speaks of the finishing of the work. As we press in during these last days, we can be confident that the grace of God is enough to prepare our cities to come into the Kingdom of God. I like the way Matthew Henry's Commentary speaks of the grace of God in this passage: "all the difficulties and oppositions that lie in the way shall be removed, even those that seem insuperable". The enemy of the Jews (or the people in our cities today) are proud and hard as great mountains; but, when God has work to do, the mountains dwindle into mole hills. Faith will remove mountains and make them plains. Christ is our Zerubbabel, nothing is too hard for His grace to accomplish.

Being reminded that the purpose for spiritual mapping and warfare is for the saving of souls, and the increase of the Body of Christ, let us move about our cities shouting, "Grace! grace!" to them.

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