
SPIRITUAL MAPPING FOR EFFECTIVE SPIRITUAL WARFARE – Part 9

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9. The Wonderful Work of God's Wisdom

First, let us study wisdom. Strong's Exhaustive Concordance says that wisdom is: to be wise in mind, word or act, intelligent, skilful or artful, to have good sense. Webster's Dictionary defines wisdom as: the quality of being wise, the faculty of making the best use of knowledge, experience, understanding, etc., good judgment, sagacity [penetrating intelligence, quickness or acuteness of discernment].

Wisdom sounds like something that we all need!

For those that are not in Christ, they are under the influence of earthly wisdom. This wisdom is deceitful and oppressive. It affects the way they think in every arena of life. God's Word gives us a clear description of this wisdom.

"This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly (worldly, in earth, terrestrial), sensual (soulish, the part of the immaterial life held in common with animals, as contrasted to our spirit, which enables us to communicate with God), and devilish (demon-like, a supernatural spirit of a bad nature)." James 3:15

As we pray on behalf of our cities or neighbourhoods, we need to bind up earthly wisdom and loose God's wisdom. When we do this we provide an environment (at least for a period of time) for souls there to be out from under the unrighteous counsel of the world, the soul, and demons and be able to hear the message the Spirit of Wisdom is preaching.

Does this great wisdom have a message that she preaches? In studying the following passage from Proverbs we can see that she does.

"Wisdom crieth [through the idea of accosting a person, to call a person by name, preach, publish] without [outdoors, in fields, in the highways]: she uttereth [to give (with a great deal of latitude), bestow, grant, distribute appoint, command, require] her voice in the streets; She crieth in the chief place of concourse [any place that is in great commotion or tumult, where there is rage, war, clamor], in the openings of the gates; in the city she uttereth her words, saying, 'How long, ye simple ones [silly, seducible, foolish] , will ye love sim- plicity? and the scorers [to make mouth at, to scoff, mock (have in derision)], delight in their scorning, and fools [stupid, silly, foolish] hate knowledge? Turn [turn back, repent, be restored, convert, say nay] at my reproof [chastisement, correction, refutation, proof]: behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make known my words unto you.'" Proverbs 1:20-23

We can see from this Scripture that Wisdom preaches to all people the same message: repent and be restored to God. She goes boldly and aggressively (with the idea of accosting a person) to all places (open places, the streets, where there's riots, gates) where there are souls. She speaks to many classes of people, simple ones, fools, scorers and, of course, to the saints. In the book of James we see evidence of God's mercy as we read that He gives to all men and that He doesn't rail at or chide them as He gives out His gifts.

"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him." James 1:5

Let us rejoice as we read a description of this wonderful wisdom that the Father has given.

"But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy." James 3:17

To think that when we loose this wisdom into our cities, that the souls therein are going to be confronted (each one being called by their own name [Note from the word "crieth" from Proverbs 1:20]). They will be confronted with something that is perfect, something that speaks of reconciliation, something that is so good that it will be easy to yield to, and easy to comply with. It will have mercy with it and be willing to give good fruits. It won't refuse any.

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