

Cursing the Darkness or Lighting a Candle

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It is easy to get sidetracked into thinking that we must gather up all the reports of evil and put them forth to 'expose evil doers' but when we spend all our time gathering darkness, we soon come to reflect that very darkness in our lives. Taking a good look at what our job is we realize that shedding light is far more effective than gathering darkness.

Look at Jesus; don't you think He could have filled the ears of His hearers with terrible tales of the wickedness of the Pharisees and Sadducees, the Herodians and all those wicked Roman leaders? Don't you think He could have cried aloud over the abuses of authority and crafty evil tricks in His day? It abounded all around Him. The office of the High Priest was secured by bribery and murder!

Notice the Pharisees who brought the woman 'taken' in adultery; He could have cried aloud their wickedness and totally destroyed their reputations on the spot. He didn't.

When the terrible crime was committed by Herod against the innocent pilgrims whom he slew in the temple courts, was talked about, all He said was 'Except you repent you shall all likewise perish'.

We wrestle not against flesh and blood; our job is to hold up the truth and let the Word of God be our weapon.

By beholding we become changed. If we hold up the works of darkness to the people and let them feast their eyes on these, darkness will be increased!

We have our message; "Fear God and give glory to His name, for the hour of His judgement is come. It is a heart searching message, a time to show the downtrodden Law of God and the Mercy of a Saviour that is still for a while longer interceding for sinners at the Mercy seat.

We must light a candle, not curse the darkness.

We are to expose the wickedness of the man of sin, the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy say so, but it also says how and it is by upholding the downtrodden law and the light of prophecy and gospel. We rebuke the darkness by holding up the light of truth.

This is what Jesus did, even when He rebuked the deeds of the Priests, it was only by holding up the truth and the contrast was made apparent.

He could have written or spoke volumes on the wicked deeds of these men, He never did, WHY? It is because the only way to fight darkness effectively is to hold up the light of God's Word, not the deeds of darkness, to the eyes of perishing souls.

It is helpful to listen to the Desire of Ages on tape or read it through; as well as the work of the remnant in the last days as described in Great Controversy. It does no good to pick a quote here and there, one you think supports your own beliefs, you need to be immersed in inspired readings until you discern and absorb the true Spirit of the work for these days.

We have a more sure Word of Prophecy; we have the Word of God which cannot be gainsaid. If I knew every deed of cruelty and darkness the tricky Js have ever done, what would it benefit me? Only smother me in fear and darkness. But if I look to Jesus, if I see the light of Prophecy, if I see His downtrodden Law held up in its beauty, my soul takes hope and my trembling hand reaches out to the light.

Holy Harmless and undefiled, that is what we are to be. It is the gentle sweetness of the saints that will get the world's attention!

Those that make it their business to collect up all the dark deeds of the wicked powers and feast on them and serve them up to others will perish in the darkness. No good comes from it, only fear and darkness comes from holding up darkness.

"The government under which Jesus lived was corrupt and oppressive; on every hand were crying abuses,--extortion, intolerance, and grinding cruelty. Yet the Saviour attempted no civil reforms. He attacked no national abuses, nor condemned the national enemies. He did not interfere with the authority or administration of those in power. He who was our example kept aloof from earthly governments. Not because He was indifferent to the woes of men, but because the remedy did not lie in merely human and external measures. To be efficient, the cure must reach men individually, and must regenerate the heart.

Not by the decisions of courts or councils or legislative assemblies, not by the patronage of worldly great men, is the kingdom of Christ established, but by the implanting of Christ's nature in humanity through the work of the Holy Spirit. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:12, 13. Here is the only power that can work the uplifting of mankind. And the human agency for the accomplishment of this work is the teaching and practicing of the word of God." D of A 509,510

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