

The Coronavirus

Do You Know Your Rights?

PART 1

To clear my mind of all the “white noise” of all the Coronavirus talk, I went out one evening to do some spring yard cleaning. My answer to clearing my mind! While raking, a quote I had read recently from Christian attorney Jay Sekulow popped into my mind. Let me preface this by saying how I found the quote first. I had done a recent online search on the rights of churches being able to meet in face of the Coronavirus outbreak. In my search, an article came up from by Jay (go figure). He stated: *If you don't know your rights you have none.*



Of course, Jay was speaking of the First Amendment of our Constitution which prohibits the government from interfering with the Church's freedom of speech, as well as, its right to assemble or gather regardless of what is going on in our nation.

Needless to say, I was not astounded that so many churches closed their doors to “help the government” control the virus, but how quickly it was done was a little unsettling. After all, what else could we do, right? Hmm.

I am certainly not trying to put guilt and condemnation on anyone; we are all trying to navigate through this trying and testing time. I am as well. But at the same time, I believe in my heart that the Church not only has the answers and solutions within, but we ARE the answers and solutions through our LORD Jesus Christ.

So, we must be careful (full of care) and prayerful (full of prayer) when we are faced with that which we are being faced with right now; that we do not have a knee-jerk reaction responding out of fear. Fear is never okay. To many, shutting the church doors was right thing to do—and it may be. Who am I to say? It is probably wisdom. But there is still a gnawing in my spirit: Is it the “right” thing to do or the “only” thing to do?

I hope and pray that through the quick and quiet consent, the Church will not deeply regret giving up our rights so quickly and easily in the months and years just ahead. And I hope and pray that this quick and quiet consent is not revealing the more serious aspect of this situation- the dangerous overall *spiritual condition* of the Church.

In history past, the Church has been at the forefront of ministry in catastrophic events around the world bringing in and releasing the Presence of God; they've been on the front of the battlefield; they've been the hospitals; they've met the needs; kept hope at the forefront and so much more. We need to remember that we are supposed to be leaders on the earth and ever more so in this Hour. We are supposed to be in a position to advance not retreat. We are supposed to be visible. We are supposed to know that according to 2 Corinthians 4:4:

The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

We are supposed to see, to discern, to know what the world doesn't. We each one must discern what that looks like for us personally. So, neither can we cower in the face of this virus.

As I was raking up leaves, pruning and picking up the dead fallen tree limbs, I felt the LORD say, *"If you don't know your Biblical and spiritual rights you have none."*

Wow!

Thinking about this in the face of the Coronavirus, I have sensed a lot of anxiety and fear on the part of Christian Believers. But love-filled faith and courage with a spiritual outpouring of spiritual authority flowing through spiritual warfare is what God is asking from His people right now.

This made me think about what I had heard the LORD say earlier on Sunday. He said, "I have given My Church the power to stop this horrible virus any time they want to, but they've got to get out from cowering in the closet and pick up the faith, courage and authority I have given them and fight."

I felt from the LORD that He is not interested in what we simply say, so much as what we do. I'm not saying that our words are not powerful—they are; but if we don't back them up through action they fall to the ground.

I also know that there are a slew of prophets, teachers and pastors all seemingly in contradiction as to who the virus is coming from and what this virus is intended to do. For instance, is it coming from the devil or from God? Is it an attack or judgment? Is God good or is He a God of wrath?

My answer is as it has always been. YES!

To say that we are not in the Last Days and at the door of Christ's Return in an understatement at this time. In fact, while many believe we are in Revelation 6:7-8, the other side doesn't even want to talk about it. I can understand both sides.

So is God releasing judgment or is this an attack of satan? Yes.

But let me clarify. God's Word is clear that all sin carries within itself, judgment (see Romans 1). So judgment is continual on the earth because of sin, transgression, and iniquity. And, because of the grave sins, transgressions, and iniquities of not only America but the world (through the serving of spiritual dark satanic rulers and powers and their released idolatries, witchcrafts, murders and abortion, sexual immorality (of all kinds), rejecting God, in general), the enemy has a LEGAL right to attack and do what he will in order to alter all cultures and society. So even if this particular virus is End Times judgment (and I'm not disputing that it isn't), all God has to do is move His hand of protection and allow Romans 1 to operate.

Now, is God good? Unequivocally, yes! So, I need to remind every Christian Believer that according to 1 Thessalonians 5:9:

For God has not destined [or appointed] us [Believers] for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. (Emphasis added)

If you are a Believer, you are not appointed to wrath but rather you are appointed to Salvation and the fullness of it. This is an inherent right of the Believer!

I believe it is time for all of us to do some spring cleaning—to rake up the dead and burn it; to prune back that which is not producing and to pick up and clear away large dead limbs, removing that which we can stumble on or trip over or even do damage in many other ways.

I was listening online to the well-known prophet and intercessor, Cindy Jacobs, who was earlier in March at a large church in Texas hosting an intercessory prayer meeting to push back and deal with the Coronavirus. Leaders and intercessors, as well as, lay people who realized that they needed to fight came together to level a counterattack against the enemy. It was pre-recorded, but I found myself praying with them anyway. I can tell you there was some violent and forceful prayer going forth with and through repentance, prophetic decrees, words of knowledge and words of wisdom!

Why?

Did you know that this Coronavirus has been labeled a “WAR” by our federal government? So, in case you didn’t know, WE ARE AT WAR! War with who?

This Coronavirus is an attack of the enemy, but unfortunately, it is a LEGAL attack. When satan attacks, it can be legal or illegal. In other words, we can give him legal rights to attack us through sin. Therefore, any sin or iniquity (generational sin), personal, corporate, city-wide, state-wide, nationwide must be dealt with in order to annul the devil’s legal activity against us.

Are you willing to fight? Or is it just easier to desire a nationwide federal government shut down to clear the attack?

The Church must war against our enemy—satan. In fact, we are the only ones with the LEGAL RIGHT to do so. Satan is, especially right now in this crucial Hour, trying to control everything in the world and most of the Church is simply “letting him.” As the *Blood Bought Church*, it is up to us to stop him! Jesus is not going to come down and do it for us. Neither will Holy Spirit move without our involvement and obedience. We are the Body of Christ and we are to do what He has commanded us to do. So, as we war, we must be in partnership with Holy Spirit being led by Him!

Ephesians 6:10-18 specifically tells us:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. ¹³ Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶ in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil *one*. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints.

This is our right!

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