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## War on Freedom: Time to Roar!

"Open up our Schools!" is a letter to our educators and parents to express hope in reopening our schools. We will also be posting this on our Facebook page. Please help circulate this letter of hope if you are so lead.

Many Christians are afraid of offending people. They water down the Word of God and appease sin. They don't want to "push in" **against this culture** by addressing the wickedness there-in. Some Christians are fearful to say anything. Some believe the lie, "It won't do any good anyways." The only place they express their faith is in church in order to avoid conflict in the culture. According to Dutch Sheets and other Christian leaders, preaching a message Sunday morning in a church **is not** advancing the Kingdom of God, **unless** the message also enters into spiritual warfare directed at the culture. The message on Sunday is to penetrate our heart so we can penetrate the culture, not go along with it. Jesus has given us His **fire**, His **Sword** and His **zeal** to advance the Kingdom in our society, not just in Church on Sunday.

When the people of God have strayed from Him, and the culture is stumbling in sin, God empowers men and women with His Holy Spirit and His zeal, to stand up in boldness and challenge the people to get their heart right with God or suffer judgment. The challenge to the people is always the same: "**Choose this day whom you will follow.**"

There are only two choices of "whom" to follow; Jesus Christ or Satan...period. Everyone on this planet is on a journey that is called "life" and every journey has a destination. Once our life in this body stops, we will immediately be transferred into our final destination; the Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of Hell. Who are you following?

Israel had gone astray and God raised up Elijah:

**1 Kings 18:21** *And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word.*

The majority of people in America who consider themselves Christian, are faltering between two opinions; the Word of God and the words of this world. They are double-minded, many being luke-warm and are in danger. They want the security of salvation in Jesus, but want to live life according to what they think is correct, and not the Word of God.

Elijah was filled with boldness and the zeal of the Lord of Hosts. The **Bible prophesied** the same Spirit that was on Elijah, would be given before the first and second coming of Jesus. Right before the first coming of Jesus, this Spirit was on John the Baptist. Now the second coming of Jesus is imminent, and that spirit of boldness and zeal is upon the righteous men and women of God.

The Old Testament prophecy of Elijah coming:

**Mal 4:5-6** *Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet **Before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.** 6 And he will turn The hearts of the fathers to the children, And the hearts of the children to their fathers, Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."*

New Testament prophecy fulfilled:

**Matt 3:1-3** *In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 2 and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" 3 For this is he who was **spoken of by the prophet Isaiah**, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight.'"*

Jesus spoke about John the Baptist:

**Matt 11:10-15** *For this is he of whom it is written: "Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, Who will prepare Your way before You." 11 "Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but **he who is least in the kingdom of heaven** is greater than he. 12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force. 13 For all the*

*prophets and the law prophesied until John. 14 And if you are willing to receive it, **he is Elijah who is to come.** 15 He who has ears to hear, let him hear!*

Both John the Baptist and Elijah had **confrontational styles**, opposing the status quo. They were anything but religious. Most of their messages were not to people “in the church” they went out and “**pushed against the culture.**” Bold righteousness will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the children to the fathers.

John the Baptist roared with righteousness:

**Luke 3:7-9** *Then he said to the **multitudes** that came out to be baptized by him, "**Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?** 8 Therefore bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father.' For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones. 9 And even now the ax is laid to the root of the trees. Therefore every tree which does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."*

Jesus talking to **unbelievers** in **John 7:7** *The world cannot hate you (unbelievers), but it hates Me because I **testify of it that its works are evil.***

The people in this world love all of those who agree with them, but they hate Jesus and the Word of God.

**Jesus called people** in this world: Darkness, Adulterous Generation, Perverse Generation, Sinful Generation, Evil Generation, and sons of the wicked one. Most of the time when Jesus used these terms, He was addressing the culture as a whole, but there are times Jesus spoke with zeal directly to people.

**Matt 23:31-33** *"Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. 32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' guilt. 33 **Serpents, brood of vipers!** How can you escape the **condemnation of hell?***

Jesus is coming back as the Lion of the tribe of Judah

**Rev 5:5** *But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the **Lion of the tribe of Judah**, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals."*

**Rev 19:11-14** *Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and **in righteousness He judges and makes war.** 12 His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. 13 He was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God.*

We are in a war for our freedom in America, and we must stand strong in the spirit of Elijah, the spirit of boldness and the zeal of the Lord. We must not back down from the Word of God.

We have compassion and love people right where they are at and this is why we roar: for God's justice upon those who refuse to stop abusing other people and who shake their fist at God.