

## Contend For The Faith: Pray For Religious People Stuck In Their Doctrines

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At times you pray for individuals and it's difficult for you to preach to that person, but you pray that God will put someone in their life they will hear. The Lord never prayed for revivals; He prayed for workers. We need folks out in the fields. The harvest is ripe and the laborers are few. We can't twist God's arm to get people born again. He wants them born again. He needs people that are going to talk to them. Paul prayed that the eyes of understanding would be opened. When you don't know what to pray you can always pray in the Spirit.

*Song: Come unto me and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Hear me and be blessed. For I am meek and lowly. My yoke is easy and my burden light.*

A message I heard - You're yoked and you're not pulling your load. I feel like I'm pulling the load but if I'm in step with the Lord I'll let Him pull His load too.

I'm going to get more into the word soul soon. It's really important. The Lord has opened my eyes to the idea that the anti-Christ could never do what he'll do if there isn't a falling away from the truth. The more I dig into it and think about it, it's awesome. Stick to the word. People have been deceived by different religious things that aren't scriptural. Soul is one of the major ones. The dead are dead and know nothing. If the Protestants had stuck to that they could have never accepted Mary.

Paul talked about the order of the fellowship. Let there be two or three prophesies, two or three tongues of interpretation, and if anybody has word of wisdom, speak; then go on with the teaching. He desired that he might impart some spiritual gift. When there are things that are on more than one individual's heart, on one subject; the Spirit says that's what you need to talk about. So last week we talked about the dead are dead because it came up with a few different people.

I'd like to continue with "Contend For the Faith Once Delivered to the Saints."

Luke 5:5 (KJV) <sup>5</sup> And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.

The point is "at thy word," because you said so, and that's where our faith should be, because He said so then do it. Then they caught a so many fish it was tearing up the net. If the Lord said it then you can take it the bank. He spoke and they obeyed.

Luke 11:2 (KJV) <sup>2</sup> And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Luke 11:5-10 (KJV) <sup>5</sup> And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say unto him, Friend, lend me three loaves; <sup>6</sup> For a friend of mine in his journey is come to me, and I have nothing to set before him? <sup>7</sup> And he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee. <sup>8</sup> I say unto you,

Though he will not rise and give him, because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will rise and give him as many as he needeth.<sup>9</sup> And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.<sup>10</sup> For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Importunity means insistence. He's your friend so you keep pestering until you get what you want. In faith keep knocking.

John 6:37-38 (KJV)<sup>37</sup> All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.<sup>38</sup> For I (the Word of God, Word made flesh) came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

If you couple that with thy will be done; He healed everyone that came to Him. There was only one place He said He couldn't do very many mighty works and it was because of their unbelief. Jesus asked three times let this cup pass but nevertheless thy will be done. His will is being done in heaven. He came down to do His will, to set the captives free.

John 16:23-24 (KJV)<sup>23</sup> And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give *it* you.<sup>24</sup> Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

We ask and expect our joy to be full. That sounds like contending for the faith matching up with what we have available to us. He says, if you ask anything in My name I will do it. One of the reasons for going over this is to meditate; think on these things.

Those living in the time of tribulation, the three and half years, and who know their God, their Creator; they will do exploits. We can know things intellectually and it still doesn't ring in. We can know this and that, but then there's a time it gets down in your heart and, oh yeah, this is what it's about. There's a dawning. You have to know God personally, not intellectually. Know Him in relationship and walk with Him knowing what He is and what He is to you. He said those are the folks who are going to make others wise and do exploits. He's expecting you to make others wise and do exploits.

In Daniel and Thessalonians it says the man of sin will be revealed because there's been a falling away from truth. If the churches had stuck to the truth he could never ascend to the position he's in. The last two popes especially could not have ascended to where they are.

Daniel 7:25 (KJV)<sup>25</sup> And he shall speak *great* words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.

There have been two hundred sixty-two popes. All have been a type of anti-christ. Each anti-christ has fulfilled different parts of prophesy. The time of the world has already been changed. They changed from the Hebrew calendar to the Roman calendar under one of the popes. When it says he thinks to change the time (season), that's already been done. It may sound like it's speaking of one man but it's the succession of *vicars* of Christ, which means *instead* of Christ.

Two popes back, they said there was a Jewish cardinal. I would not be surprised if the next pope is Jewish unless the current pope finishes it. Most people say the anti-Christ and the false prophet are two different people. The *instead of Christ* is a false prophet.

My tendency for leaning this way is that when they build the places for the Jews, Christians, and Muslims, he'll (the anti-christ) put a stop to the sacrifices again and he will call down fire from heaven. It says, he serves a 'god of forces,' even though he talks about Mary; he's into his own form of witchcraft.

Daniel 11:38 (KJV) <sup>38</sup> But in his estate shall he honour the God of forces: and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honour with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and pleasant things.

So the pope will call down fire from heaven and this will convince many Jews this is the messiah; that's how bad the deception is going to get. Others won't buy into it. Then there will be people who don't care saying if it brings about peace in the world so be it; those who disagree, kill them; they're a hindrance to world peace.

That will be the attitude against the two witnesses. They will be screaming get out of this deal; this is not of the Lord, there is no trinity. It will be hard for the Trinitarians who have been teaching for years Father, Son, and the Holy Ghost. The Lord told me some time ago when that time comes it will be about the original trinity.

Billy Graham's take on it is pretty much like the background I grew up with, implying that there are three people up there; the Father with the Son sitting next to Him. They have never really explained where the Holy Ghost is and when the time comes it will be too late for the pastors to go back and straighten out the mess.

The two witnesses are going to say it cannot be Mary, it's demonic; telling the Jews to back out of the agreement. They will be saying get out of this agreement with the world powers, it's going to kill you. So a lot of Jews will say we don't care, as long as it brings about peace. This is the work of the Anti-Christ; lying signs and wonders. There is no trinity. The dead are dead and know nothing. Mary's love and hatred, her capacity to think, is all perished.

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6 (KJV) <sup>5</sup> For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. <sup>6</sup> Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any *thing* that is done under the sun.

Some teach the one hundred forty-four thousand are celibate. It's not celibate in that sense, but in the sense they're never been involved in corrupt religion. That's why they are considered virgins.

Before World War 3 breaks out the United States will be hit by a satellite weapon from China and the great war will break out at that time. They will nullify the United States as a world power. You can see what the spirits are doing now between China, the United States, and Russia. They are building islands in the sea where they shouldn't and militarizing them.

Watch the *Master Plan of the Dragon*.

The United States is getting close to making it against the law, and Canada has already, to pass out literature like I do. It's on the books that this is not allowed. The UN wants to take over the internet. They want to keep anyone from proselytizing and preaching to get born again. The scripture the Lord brought to my mind not too long ago is work while it's yet day because when the night comes nobody can work. There's a lot to be done.

John 9:4 (KJV) <sup>4</sup>I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

Two thirds of the Jews will die and only those with their eyes opened will run.

Romans 10:14-17 (KJV) <sup>14</sup>How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? <sup>15</sup>And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things! <sup>16</sup>But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report? <sup>17</sup>So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God (Elohim). <sup>18</sup>But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. <sup>19</sup>But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by *them that are* no people, *and* by a foolish nation I will anger you. <sup>20</sup>But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me. <sup>21</sup>But to Israel he saith, All day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people.

You have a lot of people out there preaching and they're not sent. They can make it sound good up to a point and tell nice stories. If you're going to enter into covenant you're not going to accept a Jesus that looks like the one you see in pictures. Their faith is in a lie and a lot of money is made on it.

Verse nineteen is about provoking the Jews to jealousy. This church world has nothing for our Jewish brothers, or the non-believing Jews, to be jealous over because this church world is a mess. The jealousy really comes in because we have the same benefits (or are supposed to have) they had but without the law. The Jews had to follow all the law, which they couldn't, and the priests added to the laws. They did all these things that they might have the benefits of being redeemed from the curse of the law. It also talks in Hosea about how He'll call a people who are not His people.

Hosea 2:23 (KJV) <sup>23</sup>And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to *them which were* not my people, Thou *art* my people; and they shall say, *Thou art* my God.

Galatians 3:12-14 (KJV) <sup>12</sup>And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them. <sup>13</sup>Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a tree: <sup>14</sup>That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

The Gentiles are counted as Abraham's children by faith. We as Gentiles didn't have to keep the law. That's the point of jealousy. Other than that there is no point of the Jews being jealous about anything as far as the church world today. The jealousy is because it's by faith and you don't have to keep the laws and do this and do that. The law is good because it tells you what sin is. But they couldn't keep it all. So we come in like Abraham did. Jesus' people rejected Him. There were some that received Him but for the most part they rejected Him.

There's a replacement theology that is wrong and of the devil. We don't replace them. We are grafted in to what they had. We are the wild olive branch grafted in to what they had with salvation: rescue; safety; physically; morally; saving health.

Romans 11:17 (KJV) <sup>17</sup> And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

The only thing they had to do was to get baptized in the name of Yahshua, the Father who is Salvation and that put them back into covenant relationship. One Jewish writer says it's keeping the Jewish Sabbath that keeps them in relationship but it doesn't at all. One of the problems with that is you have to totally obey the law and you must keep it on the time schedule of Israel. You would have to start at 12 o'clock on Friday in order to keep the Lord's Sabbath. Keeping the Sabbath doesn't get them anywhere.

The names of Hosea's children tell that He is going to call a people that are no people. There comes a time when He turns back to Israel. When He turns it back it's going to be in horrendous, terrible times.

Isaiah 49:6 (KJV) <sup>6</sup> And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

This is prophesying back then that we, the Gentiles, would be grafted in. Our circumcision is of the heart. The circumcised and uncircumcised are combined into one body; tree. The Lord warns- you've been grafted in be careful you don't get cut off.

Galatians 3:1-11 (KJV) <sup>1</sup> O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? <sup>2</sup> This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

You can't be born again by doing the law. You can't be endued with power by following the law. You get it by the hearing of faith.

<sup>3</sup> Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?

There were those that were going back to the law/works.

<sup>4</sup> Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if *it be* yet in vain. <sup>5</sup> He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, *doeth he it* by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

It's by the hearing of faith. There were specific works of the law for healing a leper. There were other general things done, primarily the lamb sacrifice, that took away all the curse of sin. That's why they put the blood on their door post, just before they left, and went through the door. Later, Jesus said I am the door. The death stroke never touched them and their bodies were healthy during their long journey until they sinned by unbelief and didn't go in and possess the land. So they marched until all the old folks were dead and then they took the young ones over. Faith says go out and heal the sick, cast out demons, and raise the dead. Freely you have received, freely give.

<sup>6</sup> Even as Abraham believed God (the Creator), and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

No works. No law. No baptism. He says repent and come.

<sup>7</sup> Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham. <sup>8</sup> And the scripture, foreseeing that God (the Creator) would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, *saying*, In thee shall all nations be blessed. <sup>9</sup> So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham. <sup>10</sup> For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them. <sup>11</sup> But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

So the blessings of Abraham are mine, mine, mine. Jesus is my sacrifice who puts me in the position to receive all the blessings of Abraham.

*Song: Mine, mine, mine. Jesus is mine. Jesus is mine all the time. Oh yes he's mine, mine, mine. Jesus is mine. Jesus is mine all the time.*

We are trying to contend for the faith so we can get every dab of our benefits. He says if you have faith as a mustard seed you can say to this mountain get out of my way.

Satan has such a hold on church folks not just the world. The church people are so diluted. Some of them you even can't get through to. The pastors have such a hold on them. Ask the Lord to do a work for them. Have someone drop a seed and another fertilize and open their eyes. Jesus says the blind are leading the blind when He talked about the preachers of the day. Intercede for the Lord's people. Pray for religious people stuck in their "doctrines" that they may get their eyes and hearts opened.