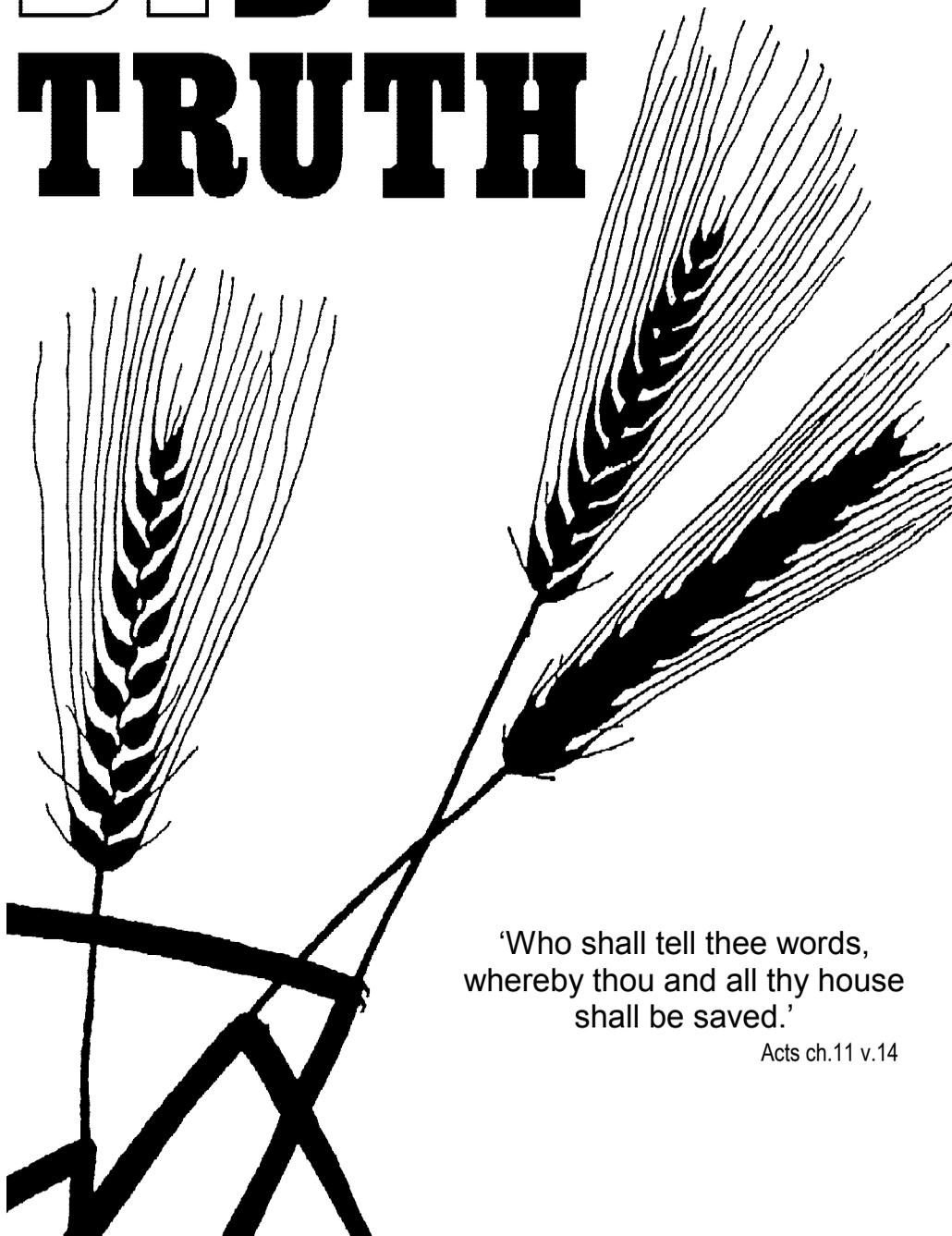


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'Who shall tell thee words,
whereby thou and all thy house
shall be saved.'

Acts ch.11 v.14

DO NOT DESPAIR

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Read Isaiah ch.54 v.17 & 2 Corinthians ch.4 vv 7-12

In one of my previous articles I expressed the view that the Western Nations have to be brought to their knees. We have to be brought to the point where the only way out is UP. A number of people have asked me over the years, 'what do you think is the solution to the problems of the world?' My short answer is 'Divine Intervention'.

It has been said that 'our ends are God's beginnings'. These thoughts not only apply to the individual but also to the nation. The Apostle Paul mentioned in the above verses that we are mere mortals, like clay bottles that are used around the house sometimes for the most humbling of uses. Of ourselves we are nothing, even though we are wonderfully made as we are told,

'I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made:
marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well'.

Psalm 139 v.14

Thoughts on the above verses can also be applied to the Kingdom Message that Christ so frequently referred to in the Gospels. This Kingdom Message was the same message in the Old Testament. Israel was to be the people who were to carry forward this Message in the earth but they failed and it is for this reason that there is the New Covenant, an Unconditional Covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah.

'For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:'

Hebrews ch.8 v.8

The full meaning of the word 'salvation' does not just apply to the individual but also to the nation of Israel. It is from this viewpoint that the article is written. God has not spiritualised away the nation of Israel. Bishop J.C. Ryle was very clear that the churches generally accepted the false belief that the Church had replaced the nation of Israel. The Church and Israel are not interchangeable terms.

An aspect of the treasure that is mentioned in the above verses can be better understood by referring to Matthew's Gospel, where the Kingdom of Heaven is likened to some treasure that is hidden in the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.'

Matthew ch.13 v.44

'For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

Matthew ch.6. v.21

So if the treasure that is in your heart, is the Kingdom Message of Christ, your heart's desire and the Kingdom Message will be as one.

It is my opinion that this Kingdom, which Christ talked about is very much part of the present world. It is far from perfect. This is shown by the Parable of the Tares, where the tares are to be taken out by the angels, that is messengers, and burnt by 'fire'.

'He answered and said unto them, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man;

The field is the world; the good seed are the children of the kingdom; but the tares are the children of the wicked one;

The enemy that sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels.'

Matthew ch.13 vv 37-39

As individuals, whether we like it or not, we are part of this corrupted Kingdom. It is true that our heart's desire is to be separated from this world order, but unfortunately this wicked Age is not finished. As individuals we are as the vessels mentioned in the following.

'But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.'

2 Timothy ch.2 v.20

No matter what our makeup we all have a role to play even in this corrupted Kingdom that is yet to be remade by the Great Potter.

'Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.'

Isaiah ch.43 v.7

It is God's power that causes us to be in the world but not of it. We have no power within ourselves to escape this world order. There is coming a time when the power of God will be unmistakable, even for the most ardent sceptic. There will be no more 'doubting Thomas', even though he was, I believe, a realist. He just needed the evidence.

These words from 2 Corinthians especially apply to those who take a stand for Christ and thus find themselves separated from the crowd. But as Israel is the wife, who has chosen the death part of the Conditional Mosaic Covenant, the Western Nations are also reflected in these words. We are troubled on every side, perplexed (not knowing which way to turn), persecuted (pursued), and cast down.

'And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them.'

Deuteronomy ch.28 v.13

We have become the tail and not the head. These predicaments are due to our stiff necked attitude.

'Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou art a stiffnecked people.'

Deuteronomy ch.9 v.6

There is the belief that the world will be a better place if we achieve the evil ideals of the song Imagine by John Lennon. But God has other plans, for eventually Israel (His Wife) will be a blessing because the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will show that He is a Covenant keeping God. We eventually will be a greater blessing through Christ to all nations during the Millennium Age.

The Bible translation by Ferrar Fenton says that Paul was not overpowered, not despairing, not forsaken and certainly not exterminated. Even though the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic nations will dig themselves an even deeper hole from which they of themselves will not be able to escape, they will not be totally exterminated, for God will always have His remnant.

The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will allow Satan to play his game but as in the case of Job, Satan was not allowed to take his life, even though he was permitted to strip him of all his wealth.

‘And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.’

Job ch.2 v.6

So it is today, in those places where the vast majority of true Israel may be found. They are not aware of their heritage and inheritance. Satan through his human agents, or ‘ministers of righteousness’, is being allowed to dismantle them.

‘Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.’

2 Corinthians ch.11 v.15

The Bible is very clear about who are leading Israel astray.

‘Therefore the LORD will cut off from Israel head and tail, branch and rush, in one day. The ancient and honourable, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.’

Isaiah ch.9 vv 14-15

‘The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?’

Jeremiah ch.5 v.31

Whatever happens in the future, Satan will be stopped short of completely destroying true Israel.

‘And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.’

Matthew ch.24 v.22

But you know what, the deeper the people of Israel fall into decay, the greater the miracle for revival. The outcome of National revival will be such that Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of Israel and Saviour of the World, will be made manifest in our body.

We can have complete assurance in the promises of Isaiah where he prophesies,

‘No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD’.

Isaiah ch.54 v.17

So do not despair, because the Lord shall have the last laugh.

'He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision.'

Psalm 2 v.4

May that day come quickly.
