

OPEN MY EYES, MY EARS, MY HEART!

In 1Corinthians 2:9-10 the Apostle Paul wrote these words:

- *“But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him ... But God hath revealed them unto us by His Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God ...”*

For now, more than a year, the world has been immersed in a particular kind of reality that should cause us, who inhabit this precious globe, to wonder what is really going on? Though the year 2020 was not the first time the world experienced a pandemic that swept the earth and removed multitudes of human beings, this past year has been a worldwide exhibition of specific contagions that continues to mutate and grow out of our human control.

What do you see when you look out into our world these days? Think about it. The viral infection that is consuming us didn't start last year. Humanity has been plagued with the kind pathological behavior, that has been infecting the world, since what caused Adam and Eve to be expelled from the Garden of Eden. What we are experiencing is more than the biological menace of COVID-19. To it we must add the infectivity of greed, lust, and hate if we are going to see the pestilence that is truly before us. And yes we must see the effects of immorality as it continues to touch humanity in a variety of ways, that seem to be germinating into one overwhelming affliction.

Over the years, human beings have polluted the air, water, and land, so we breathe, drink, and eat toxicity and find ourselves physically sick. People have cultivated the reality of hate, in dreadfulness, and we find ourselves mentally and emotionally sick. People have excessively embraced immoral behavior, have refused putting their faith in the God of all creation and we find ourselves living in world influenced by the sin-sick and corrupted. History is filled with virulent diseases, but (I contend) we are yet to see what the metamorphosis of human life is about to be.

In the above text, the author encourages believers to look beyond the surface of things, to listen more intently, and to become spiritually centered. What we are plagued with, as we consider the combination of physical, mental, and spiritual maladies bound together as one infectious cell, is deeper than what we may be able to see with our physical eyes, hear with our physical ears, or understand with our human/mental capacities.

As we are faced with the variants of what is making the world sick, the Apostle Paul reminds us that the Holy Spirit is key, in times like these. If things are going to get better, then believers, we must open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to the Holy Spirit, who is able to show us the deep things of God. For truth is, if we keep trying to heal our mortal selves, all over the world, we will just keep getting sicker and sicker. Physically. Mentally. Spiritually.

However there is a cure out there for everything that ails us. YEA! out there beyond our mortal comprehension. God has it waiting for us, yes, prepared for all those who love Him. The Apostle Paul writes the Holy Spirit has already searched out the deep things of God, all we (Believers) have to do is to allow for the Holy Spirit to reveal those things to us. So as we go forward let us (Believers) pray that the Holy Spirit will:

Open our eyes to see ... Open our ears to hear ... Open our hearts to receive
The deep things of God.

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