

Hello! This is Dorothy -

I want to rejoice with you as I realize that we are in an awesome position to be able to open the Word of God. As we open the Word of God, we need to open our hearts to hear what He is saying to us, and to say, *Yes, Lord, apply that truth to me. I want to take that as if it was written just for me.*

So often we take things as if we are listening to some message as given in a secular book and we do not realize that every Word of God is meant to bring the conviction and it brings the encouragement. By this, we are able to see one another through the Word of God and love one another in a different way. We do not feel jealous about the person who might be able to do things that we can't do for the Lord. We realize that any work that is being done in any Christian that is going to last for all eternity has to be the Lord! And so, we realize we are on a common battlefield. We need to encourage and love one another, and to understand that the calling of one is not necessarily the calling of another. Each person knows what it is to have the temptations and trials that come from the enemy, but, at the same time, to see that the Lord is doing a work in that life. We need to see one another as a delicate flower unto the Lord and not to start plucking at some of those petals and to find that gossip and talk causes harm one unto the other.

We are in a very dark hour in a sense, because the Church is in a hour rather like it was when John the Baptist was here on earth. There was the waiting and the hope. Here we

are, coming to the age where we have seen the Lord work amongst the Gentiles and many have been brought unto Him, but the dark hour shows that we of the Church need to live very triumphantly. In the difficult days that face nations at this time, we need to be conscious that the Lord is entrusting us to point people to Himself and also to His Word. You see, John the Baptist was like a porter at the door. We read in **John chapter 1** -

9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.
That is speaking of the Lord Jesus.

10 He was in the world . . . And then we go on to say of this Word that John the Baptist spoke.

15 John bare witness of him, and cried, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is preferred before me; for he was before me. John the Baptist, witness of Christ.

Can I ask what's holding your lips? Is it your pride? Is it your job? Is it that somehow or other you feel you've nothing to say, because you're not in close communion with the Lord? What is hindering you sharing the amazing fact that you can be saved by the precious sacrifice of the Lord Jesus?

John the Baptist was raised in a home where, no doubt, he was shown that the end of all sacrifices, according to the law of Moses, was coming to the end. **The desire of all nations shall come - is aat hand. (Haggai 2:7).** The death of Jesus was that sacrifice which would put away the sin of the world, for when Jesus cried out from the Cross, he shouted, **It is finished - it's all paid for!** That's when God, by His miraculous working, caused that the amazingly thick veil in the temple itself, in the Holy of holies, . . .

was rent in twain. (Matthew 27:51). It was not rent by angry people from below; it was rent indeed from Heaven as a declaration: a new way had been opened. From the top on down, that heavy, heavy, heavy, thick veil was rent in twain, and the access was given that we could come before a holy God, because of our Lord Jesus.

That is the witness that we have; that is the hope that we have. We are down here on earth that we might be able to declare to people: the Lord took upon Himself the iniquity of us all. He was **stricken and smitten of God, and afflicted.** And His soul was the offering for sin that you and I should be cleansed and made whole in Him.

I want you at this moment to see that God is calling you not to do your thing, as you think you have a right to do for God, but to fall into place and say, *Lord, I want my life to be the vessel for Your plan to be worked out through me. Not my way, but Your plan, Lord. Not where I'd like to go, but where you have called me to be and to do, as I draw heavily upon you.* Will you this day tell the Lord you are available to Him?

In Jesus' precious Name.

And do, please, send for that little book, *Food for Faith.* It will help you to see how the Word of God can be very, very living in your life. God bless you. We love you. Bye-bye.