

Praise the Lord!

It is lovely. This is Dorothy speaking to you and it is lovely to be talking to you again. You are on our hearts, you are in our prayers, and we are just rejoicing together in the work of the Spirit of God and what He is doing in you. Allow Him to do all those things which are for the absolute glory of His Name, for our time down here is extremely short and we just want our days to be days that He can do what He will in and through us. You know, it is all going to be over very, very soon - whether we are young or whether we consider ourselves old.

It does not really matter what people think of us. The most important thing is that we walk with the love and obedience to the Lord in our hearts. We might come across a little bit different, but does that matter in this hour of complacency? Oh, that it might be that people are raised up to speak clearly from the Word of God, right where they are, amongst their own precious friends of the things of the living God.

I want us to turn today to **Mark's Gospel and chapter 6**. I want us to turn to some verses, which are to do with a man called Herod. This guy keeps turning up in these Scriptures in the Gospels, but this time, he was reading of something that was getting to his conscience.

King Herod heard about the Lord Jesus and the amazing things that the Lord was doing. As the Lord went forth, Herod saw at that time amazing happenings, which were surely showing He was God the Son.

He was the Son of God in the midst. For we read here -

14 And king Herod heard of him; (for his name was spread abroad) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do shew forth themselves in him. John had already been in trouble and he had been put in prison and he had been beheaded. Now, his name was being associated wrongly by Herod, for Herod thought, “This is a ghost!”

I want to talk to you for a moment about this. There is an alarming rate of those things which speak of spiritism spreading, not only amongst those who we know would associate with witches and darkness, but amongst those who think of a little story here and some book, as: nothing wrong - they are just fairy tales! I want us to be extremely careful that we are not responsible for having anything to do with young children or older people in taking in what is coming from the enemy of souls, Satan himself, in deluding and deceiving, as there is going to be an increase and spread of this evil in these days.

Even at that time, Herod heard about a man, who he knew was dead, but he thought he wasn't not dead; he thought his ghost had come back! And people talk lightly about other lives, other bodies. When a person goes into the grave, he is dead. He does not come back haunting other people. He does not come visiting you, as if some relative is wishing to having a special entrance into your bedroom and speak to you at night.

I remember, years ago, that when we were ministering in Durban, there was a wonderful meeting. Afterwards, two ladies were talking and I just had such heaviness and darkness around them as they said that every night they talked with their husbands. I found that these husbands had died several years before, but these ladies

were dabbling in satanic spirits. They would not face the fact from Scripture that these were satanic spirits and they would not forsake that which was evil and that which would pull them fuller and fuller into satanic hold.

So I am warning you in this very serious hour, make clear to your own precious family that the things of Satan do not belong to those things which we take in as children of God! Remember that we need the covering of the precious Blood. Do not fall into the trap of Herod, who heard of things that were happening and began to think it was somebody who was coming back and haunting his guilty conscience, because Herod had been responsible for the death of John the Baptist.

How had this happened? We go on and we read -

16 (Herod) said, It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead. His conscience could be telling him things, which, in turn opened him to the satanic intrusion, which could beset you or me without realizing it.

I am emphasizing this today, because we are in a frightening age that we are not people of the Word, only standing on what is in the Word. I want to emphasize that you must, for your own spiritual well being, get into the Word or you'll be deceived by the master deceiver of souls, Satan, God's arch-enemy.

As you get into the Word, there's a little book written especially for you called *Food for Faith*. You can have a free copy of this as you write in today. Please understand the Word of God will let you know that which is from the Lord Himself, from God's Holy Spirit, and have nothing more to do with the works of darkness. I want you to forsake these things now.

In Jesus precious Name. Amen.