

*Hello! This is Dorothy -*

It is a joy today to reflect on the fact that God is wanting to bring babies into the world and to have them cared for and loved. Many years ago, when that was my privilege to be in nursing in England, it was the most normal thing that you made preparation for the baby. You wouldn't, on a cold winter's night, expose it to the elements and think, "It will survive" or "These people look fairly nice and, after all, they will do something to help this child." No. God looks for where to place babies. Sometimes the indication there are not too many spiritual babies in the church where we attend is evident in the fact that God will not entrust these newborn lives to a state that is already in apostacy!

*Apostacy* is a word we do not necessarily like to dwell on too much . But one of the most amazing books in the Bible is that little **Book of Jude**. It only has one chapter and yet, there it is: the book about apostacy, every kind of apostacy. What is more, it is the book that prepares you before you read **Revelation**, which is the last book of the Bible, about when God will pour out His judgment as He describes the state of the world down through the ages. Something can be done about our heart right now, before that hour comes. If we are involved in anything that speaks of apostacy, we are

involved not only in our lives, but in the lives that Jesus wants to entrust to us, that they might receive that which is the true Word from the living God.

The Holy Spirit reveals that there will be, in the last days, **false teachers**. They are even described further in **2 Peter 2: 1** that they . . . **shall bring in damnable heresies** . . . “Oh, they sound awful,” you say. “I would pick them out, as they look as if they are going to have fire coming out of their heads! They would have something that makes them say all over their garment: I belong to Satan!” Oh, no. They come in with smiles and nice words; they are very gracious; they are very polite; they compliment you on your appearance. You feel rather good being near them, because you feel rather important. But Scriptures tell us these people come with . . . **damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them** . . .

How easy it is to have a form of Christianity that has the lingo. We come with all the nice little stories, but all the time we are denying the fact that it is by the Blood of Jesus Christ alone and His sacrifice that I can be purchased, that I can come before a holy God.

We are surrounded by this. Somehow we feel comfortable, because, after all, we feel rather busy for God.

Would you please stop and realize this is a warning from the Spirit of God saying that we are responsible? This religious type, destitute

without the Spirit, are described further in **2 Peter 3:3** -

**3** **Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts.** Totally caught up with their own little programs. They are described in **2 Peter 2** -

**17** **These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.**

This is a very serious word to our hearts. We don't know how long we have before we go into the presence of God. When we go into the presence of God, we don't want to go ashamed. We don't want to go because although we have been purchased by Him, we have denied Him. We have not been in His Word in communion with Him.

In these days, He is wanting to bring a harvest in for Himself. Time is short. But He cannot bring that harvest through you and me, perhaps through where we worship where we call our church, unless He can see it is a fit place that He can bring in those who He can entrust to be brought up in the Word, taught in the nurture of the Spirit, and encouraged that they are standing in an awesome position before a holy God - here as just pilgrims passing through and that it's Christ and Christ only that must count in the daily routine.

That **Book of Jude**, which I referred to, speaks about -

**16** . . . **murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts;** . . . As I mention those words, the next phrase comes - . . .

**and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.**

In other words, they love the applause; they love the position; they are willing to deny what Christ has already taught them in order to be number one on the platform. Dangerous position. Are you in that position?

Will you today say, *Christ only — only Christ shall have all power in this life, and all glory of what He does through us?*

*In His precious Name, we pray. Amen.*