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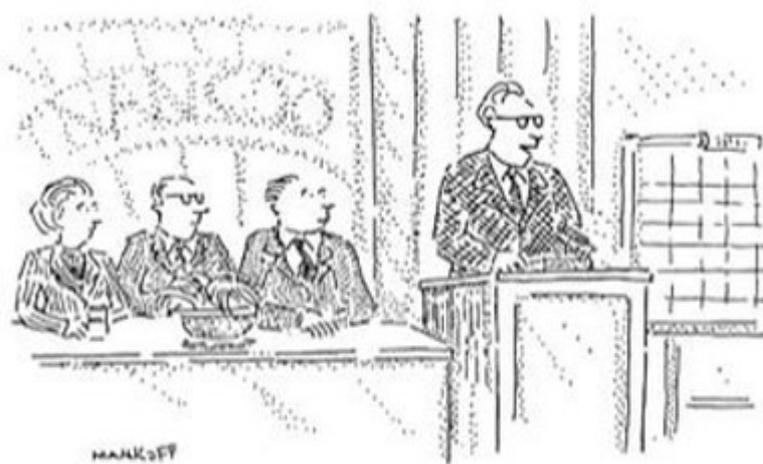
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## Contending With the Logos: The Task Before Us

Have you heard this message from too many preachers? *"while the end of the world scenario will be rife with unimaginable horrors we believe that the pre-end period will be filled with unprecedented opportunities for profit."* I have an alternative....

I got that message from a recent cartoon that grabbed my attention...



*"And so, while the end-of-the-world scenario will be rife with unimaginable horrors, we believe that the pre-end period will be filled with unprecedented opportunities for profit."*

There is this bifurcation in the message of the evangelical charismatic leadership around the world. And it is confusing the people in the church.

Message 1 : It is the end times

This is the terminal generation, the Great Tribulation is almost here, there are blood signs on the moon, Israel is under attack, China and Russia are a world crisis, globalism is going to lead to the Antichrist, vaccinations are going to lead to the "mark of the Beast", One World Government is around the corner, pandemics, hurricanes, earthquakes, climate change etc etc.

Message 2 : This is the greatest time in history for the Church

The biggest outpouring of the Holy Spirit coming, angels are here, signs and wonders, billion soul harvest, prosperity and blessing for you and your family, seed faith and miracle prosperity, possess the 7 mountains of influence, Make America Great Again,

apostolic and prophetic power and authority, new prophets are rising, your hour of destiny has arrived etc etc

Here is how the problem came about. Up until the early 1980's the big message of the church was "end times". "This generation" saw Israel return, Jerusalem repossessed by Israel, EU 10 nations, world communism etc.

The things drastically changed over the next 30 years. The biggest economic boom on the back of a technology explosion, collapse of communism and rising world health, education, nutrition, personal freedoms, poverty reduction, wealth explosion, gospel explosion....world wide.

So what is going on? The end of the world or the best time in human history by all metrics? If you are in a pulpit ministry and you want to resonate with your people and you want to give them a message on the "signs of the times" what do you say? The end of the world is upon us or this is the greatest time in the history of the world and here is your strategy for these times? If you are a leader in the church and you say "The Lord told me...." Or if you are a prophet in the church and you are saying "Thus sayeth the Lord...." People in the pews really do want to know.....

### **It comes down to this: What is God doing in heaven and on earth?**

I am going to help you understand this dilemma and how to navigate this critical question. And to do that I am going to introduce you to the 2 "word of God". In this 2 "word of God" concept I am going to introduce you to:

- 1) The Rhyma word of God
- 2) The Logos word of God.

The Rhyma of God is the spoken inspired special revelation of God as found in the scriptures. It's purpose is to reveal the nature and character of God and your relationship to God. Paul describes it as the "the law of the spirit of life in Christ." (Rom. 8:2). It is the responsibility of the 5-fold ministry of the church to teach you what the laws of the Spirit of life in Christ are and how you must live in that realm.

The Logos word of God is as follows: "In the beginning was the Word (Logos) and the Word was with God and the Word was God." (John 1:1) All things were made by the Logos of God. This world and this universe were spoken into existence by the Logos of God. While in this created body in this created world you need to learn "the law of the Logos of life in this body in this universe".

These are two realms that operate on different principles.

In the Rhyma realm of the spirit all things are yours and you receive freely from God all things through the grace of Christ paid for by His atoning death on the cross. You cannot work for what you receive from God.

In the Logos realm of this created world if you don't work you do not eat. If you do not give, you will not receive. If you do not sow you will not reap. if you do not cooperate with others you will not get things done.

Now let me give you a special insight about how the Logos realm operates. It is found in Proverbs 8....this is "I Wisdom" speaking. In fact this is Jesus Christ speaking as the Logos of God, the Wisdom of God.....

***Pro 8:22 The LORD possessed me in the beginning of his way, before his works of old.***

***Pro 8:23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was.***

***Pro 8:24 When there were no depths, I was brought forth; when there were no fountains abounding with water.***

***Pro 8:25 Before the mountains were settled, before the hills was I brought forth:***

***Pro 8:26 While as yet he had not made the earth, nor the fields, nor the highest part of the dust of the world.***

***Pro 8:27 When he prepared the heavens, I was there: when he set a compass upon the face of the depth:***

***Pro 8:28 When he established the clouds above: when he strengthened the fountains of the deep:***

***Pro 8:29 When he gave to the sea his decree, that the waters should not pass his commandment: when he appointed the foundations of the earth:***

***Pro 8:30 Then I was by him, as one brought up with him: and I was daily his delight, rejoicing always before him;***

Here is a very vital concept for you to understand:

The Logos of God is not just Jesus Christ but it is the Wisdom of God. God created this physical universe by Wisdom! This universe and all that is in it is a reflection of the Wisdom of God. It operates by Wisdom and it responds to Wisdom.

That means that if you do stupid things in this world your close walk with the Lord and your anointing of the Spirit is not going to keep you from the consequences of foolishness. And as scripture says that the rod is there to drive foolishness out of child so God has created a world made to operate on wisdom to be a rod of correction to drive foolishness out of us...to mature us, to take us out of childishness and adolescent narcissism and into maturity.

That is why when Jesus the Logos of God finished His creation He said in Genesis 1:31 "behold it was very good".

Now let me tell you where things go wrong in the ministry.

If you ever get the idea from a dynamic sermon on the power of God and the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the great outpouring of the Holy Spirit that you can use that power to lay hands on a stone and turn it into bread, then you are under serious deception. You could do that in heaven, but the Lord will not allow you to do that on earth. There are might things you can do in your spirit under the mighty law of the law of the spirit of life in Christ, but while you are in this world in this body you are under the discipline of the law of the Logos of God.

Which brings me to the problem we have in the church as to what do we preach about "end times" and what do we preach about what is next in this world.

Here is my "end times" Second coming of Jesus Christ theology. Every child of God will experience the Second Coming of Christ. Why? Because the first coming of Christ happened when we accepted Christ as saviour and now we have Christ in us the hope of glory. The second coming of Christ is when we die and the Lord comes to take us home.

Here is my "prosperity gospel". God has commanded all mankind to fulfill the Dominion Mandate of Genesis 1;26-28.....

***Gen 1:26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.***

***Gen 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.***

***Gen 1:28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.***

There are people prospering in this world because they are doing what the Lord said to do: Take dominion and be fruitful, that means be productive in your work, and multiply, meaning start families.

I acknowledge that there are a lot of evil people doing a lot of productive things and a lot of good people doing a lot of stupid things.

The task before us as a people of God is to ask of the Lord to teach us wisdom as to how to live in this world to make it productive and prosperous so that we can grow our families and possess the earth for His Kingdom.

The problem we face in the five-fold ministry is when we think that we can use the miraculous to intervene in the world to obtain prosperity. I love stories of the miraculous. I love hearing of miracle healings and miracle provision. I love to hear of divine guidance and angel interventions.

But there is far too much emphasis on how to achieve miracles in life if you do these 5 things or if you do this "seed faith" giving or how many other sermons and books on the miraculous.

What is desperately needed now is for every person in the Body of Christ who has been disciplined in the Rhyma Word of God and has the blessing and leading of the Holy Spirit in their lives to say:

- Lord on my farm, how do I farm with God's wisdom to get the best results
- Lord in my classroom what is the wisest and best way for me to teach children?
- In my profession, how can I grow in knowledge and understanding and wisdom to move my business to better productivity.
- How can I be a better employee in my firm?

We each need to discover what is the Logos law for my profession. How do I do things by God's wisdom in my world.

Our problem is that we have allowed the world system to define for us how this world works and what is the best way to achieve results. The result has been that sinners have set the agenda in business, in education, in politics and say...this is our world and this is how our world is going to be run.

In the meantime we have to go out and make a living in their world by their systems and their world and their system are not based on the wisdom of the Lord and so they don't last, they are destructive of people and the environment, they place profit before sustainability or human development.

We don't tackle these issues as a church because it is "the end times". This is not our world. The devil is taking over. I need to wait for the Millennium then we can have a perfect world. We have to get out of that thinking fast. And we have to get out of the "miracle" mindset that our prosperity and success is going to come from "miracles".

Our success in this world is going to come from learning knowledge, understanding and wisdom of the Logos law of God and applying that wisdom to our work, to our families, to our societies.

Jesus who made this world said "In this world you will have tribulation". This world is made perfect. You are supposed to have challenges. You are supposed to solve problems. You are supposed to work and add value. Because a world that was made by the wisdom of God is a world that will disciple us into maturity and into wise children of God.

The great task before us is this:

- we need to develop a very long term planning strategy as a church.
- we must have an "occupy till He comes" attitude.
- we must develop our own economies and systems based on God's priorities and God's way of doing things and thereby out produce and out think and out work the world system.

If we do not do this then we will be subjected to a world run by foolish people who build things that cannot last and that hurt and destroy.

Contending with the Logos of God is our next great task in the church...because the next great task of the church is to take dominion for Christ over all the works of His hands and make Him Lord over all.