

PREACHING N°52: THE FIGHT OF THE MIND!

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Let's pray! Lord Jesus-Christ, we are happy to come to eat with Thou this morning. It is your grace that has placed us here! May this same grace direct our spiritual mind and may the revelation be granted to us from Thou! I pray particularly for each brother and each sister, they have come from everywhere this morning. And allow them to go back from here healed, delivered and blessed for it is said that he that receives a prophet in the name of a prophet, shall receive a reward. Amen!

Well, now let's take our Bibles in the book of Mat.4:1-11 [Ed: *Brother Philip reads Matth.4:1-11*], I would like to talk about the subject: *the fight of the mind*. The oldest battle of Satan against us takes place at the level of our mind. And it is a daily battle. And all the blessings and curses come behind that as verse 11 shows it: *"Then the devil leaves him, and behold, angels came and ministered to him."* The Bible says that it was before the founding of the world that Jesus-Christ had overcome. Faced with earthly things, He had overcome, faced with spiritual things, He had overcome. Faced with all the greatness of man, Jesus-Christ had overcome. And it is to be winners that we worthily bear the name *Christian*.

Well, the first point I would like to broach, it is the mind itself which has to be pure. If you imagine your neighbour's mind about you and you confess it or you take on some attitude related to that then you are defeated. If you say: *"oh Brother Philip, it is such a relative or person who is the cause of this in my life"*. If you say: *"oh Brother Philip, I saw him in a dream... or there is a prophet who said it to me in our church"*, then you are defeated in the fight of the mind because your fight should not be against him but against the evil spirit that inspired him, I'd say against the evil spirit that gave you that dream. And this pastor, prophet who can detect a sorcerer is a demon, a fetish priest. Any detector of sorcerer is a demon. Only fetish priests can show sorcerers. The day when I see a spirit of sorcery on a follower that God has given me, I will deliver this follower without anybody knowing it. You see? You failed to discern that this prophet was nothing other than Satan's weapon in the fight of the mind. Know that, as soon as you become suspicious or you change your behaviour towards somebody, you have lost the fight of the mind. As I'm talking to you, turning your eyes over the past, if there is a person you cannot receive in your heart as I do then you have lost the fight of the mind.

Recently, a pastor of an evangelical church told me that his mother was a witch and she had pursued him in a dream. Then I asked him what I should do the day when I met his mother. And he was embarrassed. You see? The curse of Ham is upon such a man. Let's read that... *"And Ham the father of Canaan saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren outside."* And if you had done it in the past, do not do it any more! They are all fetish priests. We are not called to show sorcerers as fetish priests do, but to deliver them.

You say *"oh! Brother Philip, I do not succeed in talking about the Message, I fear to be despised!"* Then, you have lost the fight of the mind. The Bible says that you are not... let's read Mat.10:32: *"Every one therefore who shall confess me before men, *I* also will confess him before my Father who is in the heavens."* When before the crowd, you haven't been able to do anything; you have lost the fight of the mind.

When a relative or your wife will expect revenge from you or seek to get you involved in some quarrels, you must discern the devil and be strong. Get out of there! When your mother or your wife will say: *"oh! A so-and-so has had me humiliated. Show him that I have got a daring son or husband!"*; do not do anything! Know that you have in front of you Satan's weapon in the fight of the mind. The supreme victory in the fight of the mind is at the moment of the trial or temptation. When Jesus overcame, the angels came to minister to him. When Stephen overcame the Heaven got open and he saw Jesus-Christ standing in glory. But on the other hand, it was in this battle that an angel came to strengthen Jesus in Luk.22:44... *"And being in conflict he prayed more intently. And his sweat became as great drops of blood, falling down upon the earth"*. What conflict is it? The fight of the mind.

At a certain time of your walk, when you will not feel the zeal and strength any more, and discouraging thoughts will haunt you, it is the fight of the mind! Do not say: *"Why do I suffer so much and [why] am I cut off so many things? And what's the evidence that in spite of that I will go to the Paradise?"* Brother or sister, the evidence that you will go to the Paradise, it's that you have believed in the Message of Noah! Do not get out of the Ark!

And remember, one day when the serpent sees this green book with you, he will say with wile and contempt as that is in the behaviour of any son of the devil: *"Oh, I know this book! Isn't it Kacou Philip? ..."*. Then, know that it is the fight of the mind. Do not get distracted!, That shall indeed come to pass to try you. When you say: *"I'm going to announce the Message!"* that's very good, but at the appointed time, Satan will engage in the fight of the mind against you. But you must not lose this fight of the mind, brethren.

And it was in this daily battle that John the Baptist sent some messengers to know whether Jesus were really the Messiah. And we will be confronted with this fight until the Lord comes. But let's consider John the Baptist again; how could he call his Message into question again and he that he had presented as the Messiah. John himself said in John 1:33: *"And I knew him not; but he who sent me to baptise with water, *he* said to me, Upon whom thou shalt see the*

Spirit descending and abiding on him, he it is who baptises with the Holy Spirit." Only seducers could ever defend and persist with zeal in what they were doing without being confronted with the fight of the mind. And I think that, in the midnight Cry Message, he that is the most confronted with the fight of the mind, it is me. What do I mean?

In 1993 if I were already in a church and had an idea of the Bible, I would say that the vision was an influence of the things I lived through. I would say that it was the spirit of divination of the church that I frequented who had done that. And I would lose the fight of the mind; for hundreds of Christians had some more greater. If from the Baptist church I had not believed in the Message of William Branham, I would have said that I was a strange fire because the Messenger of midnight shall absolutely pass by the evening time Message. As Joshua passed by Moses, Elisha passed by Elijah and Paul passed by Jesus through the Apostles. If I had known women, I had drunk and smoked I wouldn't have believed that I should have been the messenger of Mat.25:6. And if I had read or heard outside the Bible that we were at midnight and there would be a Messenger or if they were researches from me that had led to that, I would call what I am doing into question. If I had expressly sought a virgin wife because of this ministry I would lose the fight of the mind. Today, if my objective were the richness of the earth, I would not give up my activities and my already consistent earnings to come to preach. How many ox thighs can I eat? And would I exchange the paradise for ox thighs? And if my objective were to get richer, I would not tell the brethren who are managers of pub, cinema and similar things not to pay any tithe and offerings while keeping working until they could find something else to do. Brethren, do not worry, if you had to stop at once, I would have told you. If the vision of 1993 did not show that people would come from their own or if that vision had been contradicted by those Branhamists or Baptists on the basis of Bible, I would lose the fight of the mind. And it is in my sincerity in the fight of the mind that I have always received those who protest [against the Message] before the congregation, hearing them at the same time as you. If he happens to contradict the Message, I will be the first to repent. But, we have never been contradicted even on only one point. [Ed: *the congregation says, Amen*]. If the midnight Cry were not announced in the Old Testament and New Testament, I would believe that Mat.25:6 is a mere parable.

When the devil says to you: "*After all that's been done for you in that church, you want to quit it? You are not grateful!*" Do not say: "*Oh Brother Philip, I see that the Message is true but people were so kind with me in the church where I was, they supported me, they did such and such and such things for me...*". Brethren or sisters, don't let feelings come over you! And it is the devil that inspires that in you, God alone knows all the good things Pharaoh and his house did for Moses. [Ed: *the congregation says, Amen!*]

The fight of the mind will follow us everywhere on the earth. But I tell you that the simple fact that you believe this Message shows that you had a portion with Him before the founding of the world and you were in the number of the great crowd of the vision of April 24, 1993. You see? Those ones are indeed those who will believe this Message. That's Acts 13:48, you see? While we were scattered here and there, God revealed on April 24, 1993 that we would be gathered around a Message. Thus, if you believe this Message, no matter what the devil sends in the fight of the mind, you know what you have to do. Even if Timothy, the companion of Paul, was not healed from his frequent bellyaches he believed his time's words of the eternal life. What God requires from us, it is to stand firm until the end without murmuring. That's what Jews did not understand in the desert. In the fight of the mind, the devil made them believe that God was no longer with them and that they were going to perish in some suffering which were already too much for them. The fight of the mind! May God bless you!

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