

Unpunished Corruption Breeds Violence.-Part 3

The book of Obadiah reminds us that those who cherish violence against others will be cut off from the land for ever. It is a solemn matter! It is written: "For violence against your brother Jacob, Shame shall cover you, And you shall be cut off forever." Obadiah 1:10. Instead of the Edomites standing with their brother's Israel during their time of need, they rejoiced and sided with the enemy.



Violence extends its tentacles in the area of inheritance. There is spirit of greed engulfed in it. Some people wants to possess everything at the expense of others. Have not you seen brothers fighting each other over land and houses or widows harassed over these issues? Prophet Micah rebuked those who promoted it. The Bible says: "And they covet fields, and take them by violence; and houses, and take them

away: so they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage." Mic 2:2

He pointed the accusing finger to the rich men. Impunity was their driving force. The Bible says, "For her rich men are full of violence, Her inhabitants have spoken lies, And their tongue is deceitful in their mouth." Mic 6:12

In the same day also will I punish all those that leap on the threshold, which fill their masters' houses with violence and deceit. Zep 1:9. The Law of God had been violated. "Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law." Zep 3:4

It is written: "For the LORD God of Israel says That He hates divorce, For it covers one's garment with violence," Says the LORD of hosts. "Therefore take heed to your spirit, That you do not deal treacherously." Mal 2:16

Godly violence is acceptable. It is actually the desire to do good. It is meant to promote righteousness in the land but not evil. Jesus said, " And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force." Mt 11:12



Faith in God overcomes violence. By faith, the heroes of faith: "Quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed valiant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." Heb. 11:34

Whoever fails to counsel an errant behaviour in people especially the children are doing a great disservice to their communities and nations. It is good to confront issues before things get out of hands. If we do not help our children, they will rise against us when they grow older.

Any correction meted to children must be based on God's Love. It is written: "Correct your son, and he will give you rest; Yes, he will give delight to your soul." Prov. 29:17

And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: "My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives." Heb.12:5-6

The statement: “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us,” tells it all. We have no excuse. Faith is available to all those who believe in the Triune God. **The more you hear the word of God the more faith develops in you.**

Faith is a Spiritual weapon that we should always be armed with. It is written: “Above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.” Eph. 6:16

Please read Hebrews Chapter 11 and explore the power of faith. Beginning from creation to now and the future, faith is the driving force. You and I cannot afford to disregard it. As a reminder, this is the antidote that God gave to Joshua.

Do you Want To Overcome? Walk In The Spirit By Faith! Corruption cannot flourish where faith reigns. Corruption winks at those who lack faith.

Join me in this Covenant Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, I come to you confessing that I am a sinner. I ask you to forgive all my sins and set me free. I turn my back against sin and the evil one and accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour now! Write my name in the Book of Life. Fill me with your Holy Spirit and Power to be a faithful witness of the Gospel of your Son Jesus. Thank you for saving me. In Jesus' holy name I pray and believe. Amen!



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