

The Danger

of Being Against a Work of the Spirit

In Mark, Jesus responded to what some said about him.

They had said, "He has an unclean spirit (Mark 3:30)."

Jesus answered with a warning:

Mark 3:28 "Verily I say unto you, all sins shall be forgiven the sons of men, and blasphemies they shall blaspheme. 29 But he who blasphemes against the Holy Ghost will never have forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation."

You can be anti-Charismatic, anti-Pentecostal, or anti-Word Movement, anti-Prophetic Movement, as much as you please. However, be careful not to call these movements or their people of the devil. If these are truly a work of God and you say those who are of God are not of God, you come into danger of blaspheming the Holy Spirit!

Aren't You Extremely Tired of Hearing What God Isn't Doing?

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Aren't you extremely tired of hearing what God isn't doing? I know I am.

As a writer, I'm convinced of the absolute folly of talking all about *what isn't happening these days*. Any book would be stillborn, coming from an author bound and determined to write how nothing happened. His characters could be scintillating; the most amazing, fascinating people, but the plot would leave everything to be desired. One can't write very long about the vacuum of space or the emptiness of a glass.

Yet, these empty-handed evangelists find fault with our filling. Just because they haven't let God do this filling in their midst, they're convinced He's not doing it anywhere.

We don't rely on our experience, either; we rest on God's word. Our experiences proceed directly from our application of His word. We strive with all that is in us (at least I do) to have our lives (my life) line up with the Bible.

We hold the same Scriptures sacred, as they do. They say, they believe all that's in there, those same things we believe, that act upon us in power; yet, "God isn't doing those things any more." Well, we have "seen and tasted and handled" these things they say, "God isn't doing."

So we ask any reasonable individual to judge. Who is deceived here? and who is the poorer for it?

We're convinced supernatural-less Christianity soon becomes Spirit-less Christianity. Empty-handed evangelists bring little to the table, but pie when you die. It's like when I was young in the Lord. I had a zeal that pared my salvation down to the hounding pursuit to save others. When I thought that way, I couldn't see the wonderful relationship God had given. He had drawn me to Himself to have communion with Him and loving community with my brothers and sisters in Christ. Many seem to have no sense of this dynamic, Spirit-filled communion of saints. It's no wonder so many, robbed of close fellowship with God on earth, should put all their focus on rapturous flight to be with Him in heaven.

How do we live in a Spirit-less Christianity?

Christians query themselves, "What would Jesus do?" instead of seeking God, asking, "Jesus, what would you have me do?" This can only lead to a poor imitation of Christ. Asking, "What would Jesus do?" is a foray into deism*. It abandons us to a small, if not humanistic answer, instead of opening us to the limit-less vision God would impart. It blocks the Holy Spirit's from making us living, supernaturally mature, loving clones, acting as Jesus in all our situations.

How Evangelistic is Spirit-less Christianity?

As to effective evangelism, our Commander cannot send you and I, just as you are, just as I am. He must inspirit us. He needs to lovingly train fear out of us. You and I need His spiritual boldness implanted in us for us to preach His gospel His way. He wants us to declare the Gospel of His Kingdom come upon the earth. I ask you, "Will His message be trumpeted with signs of His power? Or will our "nitty gritty dirt band" kazoo it's way into men's hearts?" This work is so far beyond our doing on our own. We can only properly take it on in full cooperation with the Lord. Can you think of any other way men might do God's work?

Supernatural-less Christianity?

With all due disrespect, these Spirit-less, human viewpoints are more than just flawed. They can only be hurtful to the spread of the Kingdom of God.

* Deism believes God wound up the universe like a watch at creation, then stepped back to see what would happen. The deist's god is distant and not interested in intervening in man's affairs, unlike our Savior, Jesus Christ, the God who saves us.

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