

Praise the Lord!

This is Dorothy speaking to you and it's lovely to be talking to you again. You are on our hearts and you are in our prayers. We are just rejoicing together in the work of the Spirit of God and what He is doing in you. Allow Him to do all those things, which are for the absolute glory of His Name. Our time down here is extremely short, and we just want our days to be days when He can do what He will in and through us. You know, it is all going to be over very, very soon, whether we are young or whether we consider ourselves old. Does it really matter what people think of us? The most important thing is that we walk with the love and obedience of the Lord in our hearts. We might come across a little bit different, but does that matter in this hour of complacency? Oh, that it might be that people are raised up to speak clearly from the Word of God, right where they are amongst their own precious friends, of the things of the living God.

I want us to turn today to **Mark's Gospel and chapter 6**. I want us turn to some verses which have to do with a man called Herod. This guy keeps turning up in these Scriptures in the Gospels. This time he is reading of something that was getting to his conscience. The king Herod heard about the Lord Jesus and the amazing things that the Lord was doing. The Lord was going forth, and as the Lord went forth, Herod saw amazing happenings, which were surely showing He was God the Son; He was the Son of God in the midst. We read here -

14 And king Herod heard of Him (for his name was spread abroad) and he said, That John the Baptist was risen from the dead, and therefore mighty works do

show forth themselves in him. John himself had been put in prison by Herod and had been beheaded, but now, his name was being associated wrongly by Herod who was thinking, “This is a ghost!”

I want to talk to you for a moment about this. There is an alarming rate of those things which speak of spiritism spreading not only those amongst those we know associate with witches and darkness, but also amongst those who think about a little story here or some book as nothing wrong. “They are just fairy tales,” they say. I want us to be extremely careful that we are not responsible for having anything to do with young children or older people in taking in what is coming from the enemy of souls, Satan himself, in delusion and deceit. There is going to be an increase and spread of this evil in these days. Even at that time where we are reading, Herod heard about a man who he knew was dead, but he thought he wasn’t dead, and he thought his ghost had come back. People talk lightly about other lives and other bodies. When a person is in the grave, he is dead and He doesn’t come back haunting other people. He doesn’t come visiting you as if some relative was wishing to have a special entrance into your bedroom and speak to you at night.

I remember years ago we were ministering in Durban and there had been a wonderful meeting. Afterward, there were two ladies who were talking and I just felt such heaviness and darkness around them. They said that every night they talked with their husbands and I found out that these husbands had died several years before! These ladies were dabbling in satanic spirits! They refused to face the fact from Scripture that these were satanic spirits and would not forsake that which was evil, which was pulling them further and further into a satanic hold. So I am warning you in this very

serious hour: make clear to your own precious family that the things of Satan do not belong to those things which we take in as children of God! Remember, we need the covering of the precious Blood.

Do not fall into the trap of Herod, who heard of things happening and he began to think it was somebody coming back and haunting his guilty conscience, because Herod had been responsible for the death of John the Baptist. How had this happened? We go on and we read that Herod said:

16 . . . It is John, whom I beheaded: he is risen from the dead. His conscience could be telling him things which, in turn, opened him to the satanic intrusion, which could beset you or me without our realizing it. I am emphasizing this today, because we are in a frightening age that we are not people of the Word, only standing what is in the Word. I want to emphasize that you must, for your own spiritual well being, get into the Word! Otherwise, you will be deceived by the master deceiver of souls, Satan, God's arch-enemy.

As you get into the Word, there is a little book written especially for you called, Food for Faith. You can have a free copy of this as you write in today. Please understand the Word of God will let you know that which is from the Lord Himself, from God's Holy Spirit, and have nothing more to do with the works of darkness. I want you to forsake these things now.

In Jesus' precious Name. Amen.

