

A LEARNING CURVE FOR TRADITIONAL CHRISTIANS

- (i) Many faithful and conscientious Christian pastors and leaders do not perceive the HUGE Spiritual Warfare in which the whole human race is involved (Eph. 6:12, Rev. 12:7-12?).
- (ii) Therefore their **discerning of spirits** is not developed. This usually increases when, after early successes with healing prayers, a spiritual mountain blocks victory.
- (iii) They do not understand the TOTAL VICTORY of the Blood Sacrifice of the Son of God – for us (Col. 2:13-15, 1 John 3:8b).
- (iv) Therefore they don't understand their authority from Christ Jesus (Luke 10:19).
- (v) So they don't use their AUTHORITY, according to the scriptures (Luke 10:17, Matt. 10:1, 7-8, 2 Cor. 10:3-4).
- (vi) Therefore they don't have faith to move mountains – to command them to **MOVE, in Jesus Name** (Acts 16:18), or **BIND** and **LOOSE** as necessary – (Matt. 12:29, Mark 7:35, John 11:44, 1 John 3:8 (lit.), Luke 13:12, 16).
- (vii) They unintentionally disobey the Great Commission and do not seek to heal the sick, cast out demons etc., wimping out on the use of "If it be thy will". If it is not His will why have we been **COMMANDED** to minister a full salvation to spirit, soul and body (preaching, delivering and healing – Matt. 8:16, 10:1, Luke 9:1, 42, Eph. 6:12)?
- (viii) Of course the sovereignty of God overrules everything we do, but that is no excuse for failing to press to get victories, trying to **OBEY**.
- (ix) Is there a verse in the New Testament that indicates some were not healed because they were oppressed by God, and not the devil, so it was not God's will? - to add to Acts 10:38?
- (x) **Job** is an example of even the righteous being afflicted by who? The devil!

The bottom line – go for the victory – believe for it and use whatever spiritual weapons the Lord has provided – for seekers and believers (Jas. 5:15). At ^{at}le^{ast} we are seeking to be obedient in this important area, and if the sovereignty of God overrules – so be it – Amen – but most of the time we'll be on a huge learning curve involving *authority, discernment and teaching life-style changes made possible by chains being broken and bonds removed* (John 8:11, Mark 2:5).

CONCLUSION

There have been plenty of mistakes by Christians in Renewal but there is no bigger error than throwing out the Baby with the dirty bath water.