

*Good brother Alfonso,*

O how my heart yearns for you in the bowels of our Lord Jesus Christ, my dear brother, and all the true saints of God in your midst too! Consequentially... O how my heart grieves for what I have heard of the situation that is developing down there in Lima right now! May the Lord put down all rebellion, division, strife, heresy, pride, and anything else that is contrary to the sound doctrine of the glorious Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, that makes men holy and brings perfect unity in the truth of the Scriptures and the Holy Spirit of God to those that are “clothed with humility” and obey Him in truth (see 1 Peter 5:5)! As the Apostles did for instance, as evidenced by the Holy Ghost being with them: *“And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him”* (Acts 5:32). May the Lord so mightily work in your midst, brother, that His Spirit may pick-up His strivings again, to the praise and the glory of our blessed King of Zion. May no one exalt his gate and love strife betwixt (between) brethren, but may the truth of God and the unity of His Spirit prevail: *“He loveth transgression that loveth strife: and he that exalteth his gate seeketh destruction”* (Proverbs 17:19).

Please consider a couple of verses, in light of this situation, regarding unity versus division, before I continue, brother. I will not expound much, but in light of the following Scriptures, I will say that if there is divisions working in your midst – and/ or strife, variance, brawling, contentiousness – it is because somebody (or multiple people) is proud before God brother, for, *“only by pride cometh contention”*. Here are the Scriptures:

*“Only by pride cometh contention: but with the well advised is wisdom.”* (Proverbs 13:10)

*“Cast out the scorner, and contention shall go out; yea, strife and reproach shall cease.”* (Pro 22:10)

*“He that is of a proud heart stirreth up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the LORD shall be made fat.”* (Proverbs 28:25)

*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!... for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.”* (Psalm 133:1 & 3b)

*“For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?”* (1 Corinthians 3:3)

*“If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”* (1 John 1:6-7)

Brother, I do not want to write a long message, but I want to put a few things before you, which are scriptural principals and legitimate warnings I believe you should hear and have in your mind at this time, lest the Lord Jesus Christ and His blood be trampled under the foot of men, as has happened throughout so much of the known world, because they have not understood these very principals (amidst other reasons)! May Satan not take advantage upon us in such ways, my friend. O brother, I feel compelled by the mighty presence of God, to share these few things with you, and to let you know that I will be praying that righteous judgment may go forth this week, the truth of Scripture, sound reason, and that no flesh would glory before the presence of our great King (1 Cor. 1:29)! Indeed, I pray that the Lord may thunder against

all the workings of the powers of Satan and all flesh, that He might have preeminence in the church which He purchased with His own blood!

*“Blessed are they that keep judgment, and he that doeth righteousness at all times.”*

(Psalm 106:3)

*“For the righteous LORD loveth righteousness; his countenance doth behold the upright.”* (Psalm 11:7)

Brother, though I am not with you all in person right now, yet I am with you in heart and have fasted and prayed for you men of late; yea, I have been praying night and day, and rejoicing in the mighty workings of the Holy Spirit of God in Lima (many of which I have heard), Who has been turning many to righteousness in your midst and valiantly marching forth to war despite all the powers of hell! Praise Him! O may His Spirit not be hindered until all the elect are swept into the Kingdom of God throughout the whole Latin American world!

Good brother Alfonso, I would have you to know that I have been in some spiritual battles in my day, over the past years since my salvation, and the things that I am about to say are some of the principals that God has taught me therein - in similar situations to the one that you are in right now. Please consider them therefore as from a brother who has no desire in life but to see His Kingdom come and His will be done in earth as it is in heaven, though it be in the shedding of my blood! I cannot say that I did not expect the Devil to do something like this, in order to contest such an evident work of the living Lord Jesus Christ in your midst (I expect much more, as I am sure you do too), but now it has happened and it must be faced by the mighty power of God and the irrefutable rule of truth which God has given us, His written Word and the principals God has given therein. I bless the Lord, brother, that He is able to put down all flesh and keep working in your midst in power, if He is given complete ruler-ship over this situation, by the grace of God. Yea, my God has His way in the whirlwind, as is written in the book of Habakkuk. May it be so.

1) The first principle that I want to share is this. I entreat you to remember the following Scripture and the primary principle that is taught therein. It has been on my heart and it is a serious warning, brother. Here it is:

*“It is not good to accept the person of the wicked, to overthrow the righteous in judgment.”* (Proverbs 18:5)

I plead with you not to let this happen at any cost! If you accept someone and their tainted judgment, that is in a backslidden estate, and not right in the sight of God, you are sure to reject those that are right with God! O the terror of rejecting true Christians and consequentially the burden of the Spirit of God, which He has given to them! Luke 10:16 says, *“He that heareth you heareth me; and he that despiseth you despiseth me; and he that despiseth me despiseth him that sent me.”* O brother, this is a serious warning in Scripture. How fearfully it has been manifest to your church and our church in the recent past! May we not make the same mistake, no not any of us! Did not Paul Washer reject you men in great part because he accepted the testimony and falsified witness of apostates and their slanderous ways? Those that have a beam in their own eyes, are not able to see others clearly and their witness must be checked! Please read Titus chapter 1. Whole households can be subverted, yea whole churches and even a whole nation! Thus, Verse 13 says, *“This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith.”*

Peter has to be rebuked by the Lord in Matthew 16, for subverting the burden of God; Peter again had to be rebuked by Paul in Galatians 2, when he again resisted the Lord and his burden, et cetera. Brother, this is why apostates have slandered your church and ours wrongly, because they have a beam lodged in their own eye, due to glorying in their shame, minding earthly things, their god being their belly, covetous ways, et cetera (see Phil 3). They are not spiritually and heavenly minded, which is life and peace. They often think that they are doing right, but they are deceiving and being deceived brother, and the Spirit of God is not with them (see Matthew 7:1-6 & Gal.6:1). A number of other Scriptures must be considered in light of this point and I will move on. I wish I could be more extensive, but there is not time...

*“He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the just, even they both are abomination to the LORD.”* (Proverbs 17:15)

*“These things also belong to the wise. It is not good to have respect of persons in judgment. He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him: But to them that rebuke him shall be delight, and a good blessing shall come upon them.”*

(Proverbs 24:23-25)

*“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth? They zealously affect you, but not well; yea, they would exclude you, that ye might affect them.”*

(Galatians 4:16-17)

*“Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth? This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you. A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. I have confidence in you through the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troubleth you shall bear his judgment, whosoever he be. And I, brethren, if I yet preach circumcision, why do I yet suffer persecution? then is the offence of the cross ceased. I would they were even cut off which trouble you.”*

(Galatians 5:7-12)

2) Second, brother, I entreat you to make sure that no one is straining at gnats and swallowing camels. Preethi sinned on Saturday, but she has repented. It was a mistake, but justice has been done and the sin has been manifested, acknowledged, and repented of. It would be a far worse sin if there are some that are not willing to accept such like repentance, but try to overemphasize this mote, while there is a beam in their own eye. O how grievous it would be if this error that she made, which was accidental is blown out of proportion (she is not even an elder, but a woman that came out of the covering of her husband). Did not Paul Washer blow certain things in your church out of proportion that were happening? He accused you men of “cult-like” practices regarding child training, for instance. He had no mercy, but was looking to find fault. He forsook charity and was thinking evil of you all. Scripture says, *“The soul of the wicked desireth evil: his neighbour findeth no favour in his eyes.”* (Proverbs 21:10) Brother, how grievous would it be to slight all the mighty workings of the Spirit of God, and exalt this comparative gnat, which has been repented of! I pray that it will not be so, and I pray that none in your midst will or have fulfilled the following Scriptures: *“For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off: That make a man an offender for a word, and lay a snare for him*

*that reproveth in the gate, and turn aside the just for a thing of nought.” (Isaiah 29:20-21) “And as he said these things unto them, the scribes and the Pharisees began to urge him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things: Laying wait for him, and seeking to catch something out of his mouth, that they might accuse him.” (Luke 11:53-54)*

3) Lastly, brother Alfonso, please do not lightly esteem the mighty workings of the Spirit of God in your midst. I understand that you have been accused of receiving us and the doctrines we have shown you in the Scripture to hastily. Is that so, have I heard right? If it is, I must tell you that I do not believe it is generally true. Have Jake and Sean not been down there for a month? You all have had dozens of hours worth of meetings already: amidst yourselves and with them. You yourself have fasted and prayed for three days and nights on one occasion, seeking the truth of Scripture concerning Present Progressive Salvation. The fruit in the church has been what? A hatred for sin abounding, many being turned to righteousness, some that were hard-hearted and long-time impenitents, the presence of God has been nearer than before, a burden for souls has increased, a love for the Lord Jesus Christ, a fear of God, and consciousness of eternity, et cetera! It seems to me that the same Spirit that was working in Acts 2:42-47 is at work. That is dreadful and glorious. It is to be cherished and protected at all costs! If it is not appreciated, it will be lost. Bless God for His mighty workings in your midst. What carefulness, what clearing of yourselves, what fear, what indignation, what zeal, what revenge, what vehement desire, in all these things many of you in Lima, Peru, have shown yourselves clear in this matter before God. Bless Him. Who can withstand the mighty strivings of God, my brother? Who can speak against it? Does not His witness supersede the witness of men, and should not those that would accuse you that you have hastened with your feet and sinned consider how the Spirit of God has been pleased to work in such power. Perhaps, it is a concern and not an accusation... may it be put down for righteousness sake. Have you ever seen the Spirit of God work like this brother, most men have not because it has not happened much in our generation? Brother, you should ask yourself in light of your predicament, “who is the Spirit of God with?” As it is written, “...*And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth*” (1 John 5:6). Paul Washer is not “truth”, not Joel Osteen either, et cetera... no, the Spirit is truth, and who is He affirming by the mighty power of God? Whose side is the Holy Ghost on, that is the question? Please consider these Scriptures confirming that God has been working in your midst, and that must not be taken lightly:

*“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” (Act 2:42-47)*

*“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death. For behold this selfsame thing, that ye sorrowed after a godly sort, what carefulness it wrought in you, yea, what clearing of yourselves, yea, what indignation, yea, what fear, yea, what vehement desire, yea, what zeal, yea, what revenge! In all things ye have approved yourselves to be clear in this matter.”(2Corinthians 7:10-11)*

Finally, please consider the workings of God in this historical example (it is a blog I wrote), and please consider the Scriptures attached to it. I entreat you, dear brother, to ask yourself if this is not the same Spirit that has been unleashed in your midst of late? It is, brother... O that the Lord would keep working as

He has, and O that no man would hinder Him! Souls are on the line and eternity is hasting upon us, brother, there is not time for hesitation. I love you in our dear Lord Jesus Christ and will be praying:

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How do you know if the professed spirit at work in you, your church, or a stated preacher of God is the “Holy Spirit of Jesus Christ” as opposed to an “unclean spirit of Satan masquerading as an angel of light?”

The following excerpt was written by the dear man of God and celebrated American Theologian, Jonathan Edwards. It is from a document written in defense of the “First Great Awakening” as a true biblical work of the One True God in contradistinction to a delusion of Satan (which many professors of religion declared it to be, even those who had formerly prayed for biblical revival...until it came to pass, at which time they began to pray against it!). The “First Great Awakening” was a notorious revival of biblical religion in the 1740's across the English-speaking world that was mightily spoken against.

I desire to use it as a defense and general measuring rod of the workings of God's Spirit again in our day, lest the following fearsome warning of King David fall upon the professing Christians of our generation: “Because they regard not the works of the LORD, nor the operation of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up.” (Psalm 28:5)

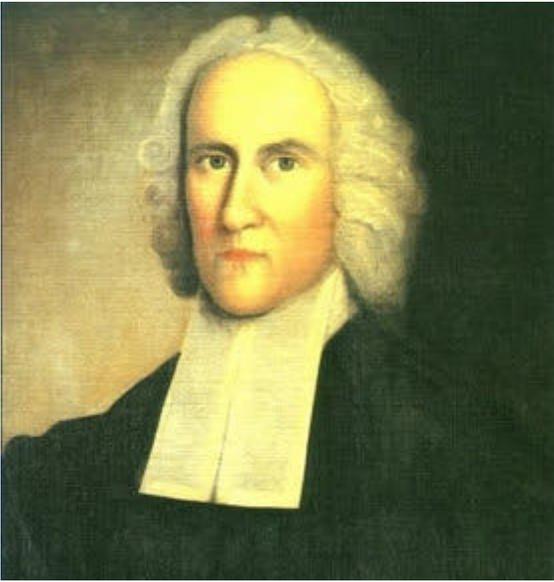
Please consider if these are the fruits of the spirit that have been driving/working in you or not, reader. Whether you be an Open Air Preacher, Theologian, Seminarian, Evangelist, Pastor, Laymen, Heathen, Governor, Human Being, or whosoever you may be. As you consider in fear and trembling, please REMEMBER that as many Churches, Denominations, Individuals, etc., “as are led by the Spirit of God [and not another], they [alone] are the sons of God.” (Romans 8:14) - ALL OTHERS WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD! May the Lord have mercy.

Jonathan Edwards:

“As to this work, there are many things concerning it that are notorious (commonly reported and known), and which, unless the apostle John was out (in an error) in his rules\*, are sufficient to determine it to be in general the work of God. The Spirit that is at work, takes off persons’ minds from the vanities of the world, and engages them in a deep concern about eternal happiness, and puts them upon earnestly seeking their salvation, and convinces them of the dreadfulfulness of sin, and of their own guilty and miserable state as they are by nature. It awakens men’s consciences, and makes them sensible of the dreadfulfulness of God’s anger, and causes in them a great desire and earnest care and endeavour to obtain his favour. It puts them upon a more diligent improvement of the means of grace which God has appointed; accompanied with a greater regard to the Word of God, a desire of hearing and reading it, and of being more conversant with it than they used to be. And it is notoriously manifest, that the Spirit that is at work, in general, operates as a Spirit of truth, making persons more sensible of what is really true in those things that concern their eternal salvation: as, that they must die, and that life is very short and uncertain; that there is a great sin-hating god, to whom they are accountable, and who will fix them in an eternal state in another world; and that they stand in great need of a saviour. It makes persons more sensible of the value of Jesus who was crucified, and their need of him; and that it puts them upon earnestly seeking an interest in him.” (Jonathan Edwards- Marks of a Work of the Spirit of God, section III)

\*Rules - Five biblical tests Edwards drew from 1 John 4 to be tested against any work claiming to be of God at any time and place, which he had just finished detailing in the first two sections of this treatise, and

in which the above quotation is summarizing: RULES, WHICH HE EXPOUNDS UPON ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURES WHEREBY A BIBLICAL WORK OF THE TRUE SPIRIT AND POWER OF GOD CAN AND OUGHT TO BE DETERMINED.



Jonathan Edwards

Below are some pertinent verses WARRANTING and/or COMMANDING the duty of all Christians to examine/try/judge the spirits (in individuals, churches, denominations, etc.) that profess to be of Jesus Christ:

“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.”

(Matthew 7:15-20)

“Then Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees. And they reasoned among themselves, saying, It is because we have taken no bread. Which when Jesus perceived, he said unto them, O ye of little faith, why reason ye among yourselves, because ye have brought no bread? Do ye not yet understand, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? How is it that ye do not understand that I spake it not to you concerning bread, that ye should beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees? Then understood they how that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees.”

(Matthew 16:6-12)

“And he said unto them in his doctrine, Beware of the scribes, which love to go in long clothing, and love salutations in the marketplaces, And the chief seats in the synagogues, and the uppermost rooms at feasts: Which devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater damnation.”

(Mark 12:38-40)

“And Jesus answering them began to say, Take heed lest any man deceive you: For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.”

(Mark 13:5-6)

“And then if any man shall say to you, Lo, here is Christ; or, lo, he is there; believe him not: For false Christs and false prophets shall rise, and shall shew signs and wonders, to seduce, if it were possible, even the elect. But take ye heed: behold, I have foretold you all things.”

(Mark 13:21-23)

“Ye hypocrites, ye can discern the face of the sky and of the earth; but how is it that ye do not discern this time? Yea, and why even of yourselves judge ye not what is right?” (Luke 12:56-57)

“Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment.”

(John 7:24)

“These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so.”

(Acts 17:11)

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

(Romans 12:1-2)

“Let the prophets speak two or three, and let the other judge.”

(1 Corinthians 14:29)

“For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;) Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.”

(Ephesians 5:8-10)

“Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.”

(1 Thessalonians 5:21)

“Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.”

(1 John 4:1)

“I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars.”

(Revelation 2:2)

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In conclusion:

May God bless the meeting tomorrow and have His way, brother Alfonso. May reason prevail, and not flesh or strife. Scripture says, *“It is an honour for a man to cease from strife: but every fool will be meddling”* (Proverbs 20:3). Truly, may the wisdom from above be manifested and not the wisdom from below (*please see James 3:13-18*). May none do what Paul Washer did to you and us... namely, answer a matter before it is heard, which is a folly and a shame unto him (Pro.18:13). I will share a number of more Scriptures about this below. May you, brother Alfonso, and the others cleave to the things which you have been convinced of, and seen and heard in the written Word of God, and with the power of His Spirit bearing witness thereto. It is your obligation and reasonable service to your King... and may God grant eyes to others to see the truth of the Scriptures, as opposed to all heresy and doctrines of men. Indeed, I pray that all the saints that will be present in the upcoming meetings will find unity in the truth of the Word of God, no matter how much time it takes. He is able! I am ever available to talk, brother, and so is brother Jake. Let us know any way that we can be of service to you.

*Your brother-in-arms for the glory of Jesus Christ and the truth of Scripture,*  
Ryan Ringnald.

*“He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is folly and shame unto him.”*

(Proverbs 18:13)

*“He that is first in his own cause seemeth just; but his neighbour cometh and searcheth him.”*(Proverbs 18:17)

*“Go not forth hastily to strive, lest thou know not what to do in the end thereof, when thy neighbour hath put thee to shame. Debate thy cause with thy neighbour himself; and discover not a secret to another: Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thine infamy turn not away.”* (Proverbs 25:8-10)

*“And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him. Then came the officers to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why have ye not brought him? The officers answered, Never man spake like this man. Then answered them the Pharisees, Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him? But this people who knoweth not the law are cursed. Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth? They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and look: for out of Galilee ariseth no prophet. And every man went unto his own house.”*

(John 7:44-53)