



# A Word of the Lord

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Dear beloved's of the Lord,

When everyone was prophesying about 2008 being a year of new beginnings, God gave me a different word for this year. He spoke to my heart that this would be the year of "Upholding." He gave me Isaiah 41:10 **"Fear thou not, for I am with thee; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."**

This year many in the body of Christ have seen the beginning of what Paul wrote to

Timothy in his second letter. Listen to the warning this bond-servant of the Lord gave to his precious son in the Lord. 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy chapter 3 verse 1: *"And this know thou, that in the last days there shall come perilous times, for men shall be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, evil-speakers, to parents disobedient, unthankful, unkind, without natural affection, implacable, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, not lovers of those who are good, traitors, heady, lofty, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, having a form of piety, and its power having denied."*

The word perilous in the Greek means: hard to deal with and hard to bear! This is surely what many in the Body of Christ are experiencing right now. Situations are arising that they could never imagine or expect. I have seen many precious saints of God begin to wonder what is happening to them and why? With these very difficult circumstances in these precious ones lives, I hear a voice of the enemy trying to destroy the precious lives of these saints as well. It is the voice of the accuser of the brethren, Satan himself. This voice has one purpose to destroy the nature and character of God to these precious ones of the Lord.

This voice sounds like this: God does not love you. God does not care about you. He is leaving you to die. He has left you all alone. He also has been asking these questions: God knows what you can handle and He is not helping you is He? If God really loved you, why would He allow you to suffer like this? He could stop your hurting if He really cared about you, couldn't He.

This voice is getting louder and louder in many believers lives right now. Many can not figure out why all this "bad stuff" is happening to them. Many of the precious saints who are their friends are doing the "Job's friends" thing with them. They tell the brother or sister, they must be doing something wrong, or there is great sin in their life. These accusations try to turn the blame



from God to them, but in each case the voice of the accuser is being heard. Satan's voice says God is the problem and doesn't love you, or you have messed up so bad, God could never love you.

This is the deadliest attack that Satan has unleashed against even the very elect of God. The trials that are coming forth have been intense and hard to deal with or hard to bear as Paul wrote to Timothy. There is an all assault against the very nature and character of God who is pure 100% love! He can be nothing else and He can give nothing less to us.

The Lord tried to warn us at the beginning of the year that we would need to behold His **UPHOLDING HANDS** to make it through the year. Many believers have suffered heart break in their families, their finances, or worse. God's ministers have faced difficulties with people in their churches, ministries, financial lack, sickness and a whole bunch of "stuff" that has caused many to question their call or even worse to totally give up.

What is Satan's intention with this assault? It is to get a believer to leave their trust and faith in the Lord. He desires believers to turn away from God and shake their fist and curse Him and never trust God again. You would not think a strong believer in Christ would ever do it, but beloved, it is beginning to happen now. I have heard from many ministers and people in the Lord who just want to go home and be with the Lord. I watched our dearest friend desire that many years ago, and she did go home to be with him shortening her life greatly. She just could not take it anymore.

I remember the day she went home with the Lord. She looked at me and said, "Henry, I can not take anymore, do you understand me?" "Do you understand what I am telling you? I can't take not another day of living". This precious saint was suffering from cancer, but that was not what she could not bear. She could not bear the turmoil that was happening in her own family. It was just too much for her to deal with anymore.

It broke my our hearts to hear her speak like this, but that was just the beginning of the onslaught of these vicious lies Satan was to release upon the Body of Christ attacking the character and nature of God.

Recently, I have watched some demand God to do something in their situation and perhaps turn their back on Him if He did not. I know that they did not really mean that, but I could begin to sense the frustration and anger building in them because the pressure of the circumstances or cost of follow the Lord where He may lead.



I have, by the grace of God, helped some to turn from that way of thinking back to fully holding on their new born faith firmly to the end, but none of us are exempt when the trials and perilous times come.

Why would the Lord give me this word for this year to the Body of Christ? Beloved it is because His bride would need this word to endure all that may be coming her way. He knew we would need to see Him in a deeper and complete way than ever before to stand in faith in spite of all that would try to deter us. He knew we would need to learn, “that no weapon formed against us will prosper, and every tongue that would rise up in judgment would be condemned.” (Isa 54:7)

Beloved, we have to begin to learn that we must stand on more than just the emotions of knowing God that can fluctuate with our circumstances, to the place we can **BE STILL AND KNOW HE IS GOD!**

Back in the 1980's the Lord spoke to my heart these words, **“you will not be able to stand in the days to come unless you are rooted in the experience and knowledge of my greatest love for you. Only those who really and genuinely know that I love them will be able to stand in that which is to come.”**

Beloved, this word from the Lord is beginning to prove itself 20 years later. Many are shaking in these perilous times because Satan has **found a place** to accuse this one fact of God's character, “Does God really love you?” This is the same lie he tried in the Garden to Eve. He told her, “Did God really say?” That is the accusation Satan is bringing against too many of the precious lambs of God, “Did God really say He loved you?”

Beloved, **we can NEVER go down that road.** God's love for us has been established for ever. John 3:16 is more than a church slogan, it is the truth. 1<sup>st</sup> John chapter 3:1-3

**“Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called children of God; and *such* we are. For this cause the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is. And every one that hath this hope *set* on him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.”**

The amplified bible says this, **“see what an incredible quality of love that God has**

**bestowed upon us , that we should be called the children of God.”** That is the absolute truth, God does love you! Not only does He love you, He is ravishly in love with you. So much in love



that Jesus Christ desires to marry you. Does that sound like someone that is going to leave you or forsake you, or not going to be with you through all life brings?

Listen to the word of God in Isaiah chapter 41:10 and hear how much God loves you. Listen to the word in Romans chapter 8:38 AMP, **“there is nothing in all creation that can ever separate you from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus.”** These words are a testimony of God’s faithfulness through every crisis and storm. Let them sink richly in your heart beloved. We must overcome the enemy by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

**Now is not the time to question God’s character and love for us.** It is time to declare the **FAITHFULNESS OF GOD** to every power on heaven and earth as Steven did while He was being stoned to death. Jesus is ready **to stand up** for those who **will believe that His love is supreme and will overcome everything, always, no matter what comes against us!**

We all have gone through times of questioning about God’s wisdom or plan? We are not exempt, but we must come to the **only conclusion there is, God is I AM THAT I AM! He is love, and love never fails! He will not fail us! He will strengthen us! He will lift us up in His loving arms. He will help us and uphold us with His right hand of righteousness. It is a fact, not a question and the devil knows its truth and power in our lives.** This is why He is attacking God character and nature so severely. His plan is for you not to believe any more and give up and shake your fist at God.

We will overcome beloved if we will hold on to your new born faith that saved us all the way to the end. We will overcome if we allow the cross to do its work in our hearts in the midst of the storm. Remember what Jesus said at Gethsemane? “Father, if it be possible take this cup from me? But, nevertheless not my will but Your will be done.”

This is the only way of victory against this assault against God’s character and nature. Like Job in the midst of the storm we must be able to say, “Thou shalt slay me, yet I will yet trust you.” This is the deep work God is doing in all of us pressing on to know the Lord. These human obstacles will become like mole hills when we rightly relate to the Lord and what is outworking in our lives will be.

Beloved, let us encourage one another while it is yet **TODAY!**