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## 1

## THE REALITY OF HELL

When Jesus Christ took me into hell, I was in my spirit form, while my body remained on the earth. Jesus, however, was in human form. He looked about six feet four inches tall, and He was wearing a long white robe with a golden belt and sandals. His hair flowed to His shoulders, and He had a trimmed beard and mustache. He had beautiful blue eyes, and looking into those eyes was like looking into eternity. Everything about Him was so holy, pure, and precious. He was full of glory and of the fruit of the Spirit. (See Galatians 5:22–23.)

### THE DEPTHS OF AN ETERNITY WITHOUT GOD

I looked down at Jesus' feet and saw large nail holes, and real blood seemed to be flowing from them. He took my hand, and my hand felt warm, even though I was in the spirit form. Blood from the nail hole in Christ's hand filled my hand and dripped to the ground. I screamed and said, "Oh, Jesus, why is this happening to You?" I looked at Him and saw big tears coming down His face. He said, "Child, for all these souls I died and shed My blood, but it is too late for them. But in this book you are doing—and it will be made into a movie—people shall see and know and understand the depths of eternity and of being lost without Me. The world needs to know this truth of an eternity without God. People need to understand the suffering and the pain that thousands and thousands are going through, while they go about life upon the earth, even as I call them to repent. This is a warning to the world to repent and to come back to the Lord Jesus Christ."

Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

—Acts 3:19

### "IF I HAD ONLY KNOWN"

While Jesus and I were walking together in hell, it was a time of sorrow, of such sadness and grief, as I saw the millions of suffering souls. They looked like skeletons, and some of them were missing arms, legs, or other body parts. All of them had what looked like a dirty mist inside their ribcage—this was their eternal soul.

I looked around me as Jesus and I walked up a hillside. We were on a dusty, rocky, dirty road. Along the way, demons would run from Jesus, because He caused light to shine. They would scream, "What do we have to do with You?" And then they would run away.

We walked for a long time, and I smelled odors and saw flames in many areas. There were dark shadows in the mountains and caves. I heard souls screaming, "Let us out; let us out! Is there no

<sup>1.</sup> See Matthew 8:29: Mark 1:24: Luke 4:34.

more hope? There's no life down here, but yet I cannot die. Help me; help me!"

Around the top of the mountain, I saw high flames. Down below, in a valley full of dead men's bones, there was an army of thousands of skeletons, burning and screaming, "Let us die; let us die." As we walked past them, I could hear a multitude of voices crying such things as this: "Why didn't someone warn me? Why didn't someone tell me about this horrible place? I would have chosen the Lord and not lived such a wicked life, if I had only known." I looked at Christ as tears came down His face, and I had pity and great compassion for Jesus.

The ground was all smoky and black, and there was an evil-looking darkness everywhere. But Jesus caused a light to shine, and the darkness went away for a while. He sat down on a big rock that overlooked a valley of high flames, and I sat by Him, very scared. We were far up on a mountainside, and I was so tired from hearing all those cries of regret, all that grief and sorrow.

As we sat, I looked over into the valley. About half a mile down, there was a greenish-yellow mist hanging over some fires. Christ was crying. I kept looking at His feet and wanting to wipe the blood away. I thought, Thousands and thousands are here, and more are coming. What can I do, Lord? What can I do? He put His arm around me and pulled me close to His side.

Then Jesus looked at me and, calling me by my middle name, said, "Katherine, you see all of this?" He waved His hand, and as He did, the fog and mist moved back, and I could see thousands of skeletons burning and screaming, "Let us die; let us die. We cannot die. We cry for death, and death doesn't come." I looked at them and said, "Jesus, please get them out. Please give them flesh and bone and make them new again, Lord." But Jesus said, "It's too late. This is the judgment of My Father upon the sins of the flesh. I was manifested to destroy the works of Satan<sup>2</sup> so people would know and understand how he deceives. People are doing the wicked things of the world—cursing, lying, cheating, hating, refusing to forgive; committing adultery and fornication; practicing witchcraft and sorcery. Satan deceives people, child. God has rules and laws and regulations concerning these things, and the key is to repent. Tell the people to repent and to ask Me to forgive them, come into their heart, and save their soul, and I will."

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

—Romans 10:9-10

I looked at Jesus' face, so stern and so sad, and I put my arm around Him and fell onto His chest, crying; yet no tears came from me, because I was in the spirit form. I remember thinking about my home—my children and other family members. I looked at the Lord and said, "Jesus, what can I do? I am a mother, and I have children. I never want my children to come here, Jesus. Promise me they won't." I looked up at His eyes, and He said, "Child, ahead of you is greater horror and great sorrow, but I will give you the strength to go through this. I will give you the anointing to go through this, and it will help thousands come unto Me."

Jesus spoke to me with deep compassion and great love, saying, "Child, I'm walking you through hell to show you the depths, degrees, and levels of torments. I'm showing you the truth. My leaders on the earth are lying to people. Yes, many are telling the truth, but many others tell people that there is no hell and that they can live in whatever way they want. They say that God is good

<sup>2.</sup> See 1 John 3:8.

and therefore would never send anyone to an eternal punishment. But My Father is a righteous Judge. My Father is a holy Judge. In the Holy Bible, it tells you not to commit the sins of the flesh once you come to the knowledge of repentance and truth.3 My Word will stand forever. Child, it's too late for all of these, but I want you to hear them."

### AWAKE, AND SEEK THE LORD

I looked down at the Lord's feet and again saw the nail holes with the blood flowing out. I began to think about the Holy Scriptures, which describe how Jesus was beaten for me and for all other people so we wouldn't have to go to hell, if we would only believe that He is the Son of God, that He came to earth and died on the cross to save us from eternal damnation, and that His blood will wash us clean as we repent of our sins and begin to live for God.

I looked again where all the flames were coming from, very high at the end of the massive army of skeletons that were burning and screaming and gnashing their teeth. Every so often, I would see something like corrupt flesh grow on the skeletons' bones, and then the flames would burn it off, and the bones would be dry, and worms would crawl out of them. I thought about the masses of people in the world who need the Lord—now, in this very hour.

I saw demons who had eyes of red fire and skin that was like black coal. They had horns on their heads, with fire coming out of them. They had wings full of maggots. And they had an odor that was beyond belief. It smelled like rotten flesh, like sewers and dung, like burning oil.

We resumed walking, and I saw that as Christ walked, He left blood on the ground. I screamed, "Jesus, where are we going?" He said, "I am going to show you this, and then you will return home.

<sup>3.</sup> See Hebrews 10:26.

Then again, tomorrow night, we will come back to the same place." I said, "Jesus, I don't know if I can do this." He answered, "I will give you the strength and the courage to do this." I clung tightly to Jesus' hand and noticed that there was no blood there now. I looked at His feet, and they, too, were dry. We continued walking, and I kept crying, although no tears came. My heart was breaking, and I was thinking about the earth. There is so much manipulation and so much sin and so much evil and so much death. Will the world listen to me? Will people understand that there is an eternity without God for those who do evil and reject Him? The world has many theories and many lies; and so many preachers are telling people one thing or another that is not true. Awake, awake, men and women of God; seek the Lord while He can be found.

Seek the LORD while He may be found, call upon Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.

—Isaiah 55:6–7

### THERE IS HOPE IN JESUS

I then began to think of the love of God and of hope in Jesus Christ. From the mountaintop, I turned around and looked right into the eyes of the Lord, and He said to me, "There is hope in Me. There is deliverance in Me. Warn the people to return unto Me; tell them that once again I want to raise up the fivefold ministry where the people need hope. They need to know that I am their Anchor, and that they can put their trust and their hope in Me, the Lord Jesus Christ."

<sup>4.</sup> See Ephesians 4:11-12.

We are in the midst of a precarious world situation today, as you well know. But if you turn to the Lord Jesus Christ, there is hope. He wants us to look to Him. He wants to heal us. He wants to stop the evil. He wants to stop the wars. He wants us to live with Him forever. There is hope for us and for our families and for the generation of our children and grandchildren. There is hope in Jesus Christ. Turn to Him with all your heart, all your mind, all your soul, and all your strength. (See Matthew 22:37; Luke 10:27.) Jesus will make you an overcomer.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. —1 Peter 1:3-5

### RECOGNIZING SATAN'S DECEPTIONS:

Satan tries to deceive us into thinking that it will be a long time before we die, so we can put off receiving Jesus Christ and serving God. Don't be caught in that trap. If you don't know Jesus as your Savior, or if you have fallen away from God, you can be restored to Him right now by praying the following prayer and making a commitment to love and serve Him. Please say this prayer:

### Heavenly Father,

I believe in You and in Your Son Jesus Christ, who came to earth to die on the cross for my sins. I believe that You raised Him from the dead and that He is alive forever, so that everyone who believes in Him can receive eternal life. Because of what Jesus did for me, I ask You to forgive

all my sins and to come into my heart and save my soul. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, and help me to live for You from this day forward. Thank You for saving me and giving me a new life. In Jesus' name, amen.

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# HISTORY'S MOST CRUCIAL CONFLICT

For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

-Ephesians 6:12

Every human being is involved in a war that will ultimately end all wars. It is *spiritual* warfare, and it is much more critical than a battle between powerful countries with nuclear armaments. It is more evil than a terrorist plot and more dangerous than a ticking time bomb. In fact, the war being waged in the spiritual realm is more devastating than all the battles of all the nations throughout history.

Our enemy seeks to conquer and destroy the *souls, spirits,* and *bodies* of human beings.

This spiritual war is not like earthly warfare, although earthly wars may be part of it. Our warfare is in the realm of the supernatural. Although they are invisible to human eyes, our enemy and his opposition are real. The conflict is taking place between the forces and powers of God and the lesser forces and powers of Satan. These are battles between good and evil, right and wrong, between the power that builds up and the power that destroys.

Human beings are right in the middle of this conflict. We are the treasure that is being fought over because we are the crown of God the Father's creation, made in His own image. Yet we are also foot soldiers in the fight. We must understand the nature of this war and learn how to fight effectively because many lives—including our own—are at stake.

Considering the cataclysmic conflict we are involved in, it is not surprising that the Bible metaphorically compares the Christian life to warfare. For example, Timothy was encouraged by his mentor, the apostle Paul, to "fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life" (1 Timothy 6:12), and to "endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (2 Timothy 2:3). Paul also exhorted other believers to "put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:12), and to "put on the whole armor of God" (Ephesians 6:11).

### THREE COSTLY ERRORS

Although a war is being fought against them in the spiritual realm, most people are not really aware of their covert enemy, Satan. A recent survey revealed that nearly seventy percent of the American public believes Satan is real. However, this statistic doesn't reflect the average person's appalling lack of knowledge about his true nature or activities. Many in our society have some idea of Satan, or the devil, but their understanding of him is confused and distorted because they have bought into popular images of the devil. For example, they may see him as a jokester who goes

around tempting people to do mischievous things. They don't see the devil for the malicious being he really is.

The widespread ignorance and confusion regarding Satan reflects three major—and costly—errors in most people's approach to the spiritual realm and spiritual warfare.

### DENYING THE EXISTENCE OF EVIL FORCES

The first error people make is to deny the existence of evil spirits and the spiritual world in general. Some people think that Satan and his demons are like Santa Claus and his elves-mere figments of childish imaginations. They do not understand that much evil in our world is the work of Satan; instead, they choose to believe that bad things happen only by accidents of nature, or that people do evil things because of poor socialization.

The Bible tell us beyond a shadow of a doubt, however, that the spiritual world is real, and that there are evil as well as good spiritual forces. The apostle Paul identified these evil forces as "principalities," "powers," "rulers of the darkness of this age," and "spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12).

The existence of our spiritual enemy, Satan, is an undeniable fact. Jesus Himself called Satan the "ruler of this world" (John 12:31). He referred to the devil as the enemy, as in Matthew 13:39: "The enemy who sowed [tares, or weeds] is the devil." In 1 Peter 5:8, the Bible calls Satan "your adversary the devil."

The wickedness of the visible world is influenced, fueled, and powered by the spiritual underworld, which is populated by Satan and other fallen spirit beings. As we grapple with the reality of evil, we must be aware of the fact that evil spirits influence things that happen in our everyday lives. Everything that is good and righteous is being attacked by the devil and his forces.

Spiritual struggle, or the conflict of the human spirit with evil spirits, is not a myth but a sobering and sometimes frightening reality. In my travels, I have seen many wounded souls walking around, not realizing that intense spiritual warfare is being waged against them. You know you are in a physical battle when you get shot or you see someone else bleeding from being shot. I have been "shot at" and I have been "wounded." I know the reality of spiritual warfare.

Satan's job is to get us to ignore the spiritual realm or give it low priority. If he can distract us from the reality of the supernatural realm, he can divert us from finding spiritual solutions for critical issues in the world and in our own lives.

### ATTRIBUTING TO SATAN EVERYTHING THAT GOES WRONG

A second error is attributing to the devil *every* negative action or situation that takes place in the world. We must be cautious not to give Satan undue attention by excessive thinking and studying about him. This approach often leads to a fascination, fearfulness, and overestimation of his power. It can even lead people to inadvertently engage in a form of satanic worship by attributing to him qualities that belong only to God, such as omniscience (being all knowing), omnipresence (being everywhere at once), and omnipotence (being all powerful). People end up living in fear of Satan rather than with trust in God.

It is true that the devil does everything he can to destroy and deceive. He is not some impersonal benign influence; he is a real spirit being, and he is at war with us. However, not all bad things come directly from him.

Sickness, for example, may sometimes be caused by an evil spirit, but not always. While satanic attack is a possible cause of sickness, as the book of Job indicates, sickness does not necessarily come from the devil. Jesus clearly distinguished between the healing of sickness and the casting out of demons. When sickness is caused by willful sin or natural causes, then attempting to cast out demons will not bring about healing.

Being exposed to a virus is not the same thing as being demon-possessed. If you break your arm in an accidental fall, you don't necessarily have a demon in your arm. Some things come our way simply because we live in a fallen world. Tragic things happen to both the righteous and the unrighteous. It will continue to be this way until Jesus returns, when "there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things [will] have passed away" (Revelation 21:4).

### BFI IFVING THAT CHRISTIANS ARE IMMUNE FROM SATANIC ATTACK

Third, some Christians think that believers are immune to demonic assault. Many Scriptures prove that this is not so. For example, consider the experience of Jesus' temptation by the devil (see Matthew 4:1-10; Luke 4:1-13), and of Paul's harassment by a "spirit of divination," which possessed a servant girl (see Acts 16:16-18). The clear warning of 1 Peter 5:8 is that we need to be on guard because the devil is on the prowl, seeking those whom he can devour.

Taking the position that believers cannot be attacked by the devil leaves Christians ignorant of their enemy's tactics and gives them a false sense of security. God's people must be aware of Satan and his schemes so they can stand against him, for their own protection as well as the protection of others. Sometimes believers tend to joke about the devil, but the demonic underworld is not something to be careless about. Jude said that even the archangel Michael "dared not bring against [Satan] a reviling accusation, but said, 'The Lord rebuke you!'" (Jude 9).

However, many Christians seem to think that they can just go to church, mind their own business, and not cause any trouble to the devil or anyone else. They have no desire to "do battle" with Satan or evil. Yet when their sons become strung out on drugs or their unmarried daughters become pregnant and want abortions, they learn about spiritual warfare because of personal necessity.

Satan opposes the people of God in every way he can and seeks to destroy human life. It is unrealistic to think we can ignore our enemy.

### BECOMING EQUIPPED FOR SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Therefore, while a great spiritual struggle is taking place, most people do not even believe in the reality of what is happening. When they are aware, many in the church do not fully understand how to appropriate the protection and spiritual weapons that are rightfully theirs in Jesus Christ. They may have been told about victory in Jesus and even sung about it, yet, for the most part, they have not been *shown how to walk in that victory*. In other words, many Christians do not know how to claim and use Christ's victory for themselves.

Because so many believers are unequipped spiritually, they are susceptible to the attacks of the devil. And if these Christians are easy prey for the enemy, consider how vulnerable nonbelievers are to him!

We must wake up to the truth of God's Word about the spiritual struggle we are engaged in. My spiritual calling is in visions and revelations. God has given me special insight into spiritual warfare. He has opened up many Scriptures to my mind, and He has instructed me in how to tell other Christians about spiritual battle and how they can overcome the enemy of our souls.

I have seen visions of hell and the judgment of God on sin, as well as visions of heaven. I know that God desires men and women to come to Him and to learn to defeat the devil through spiritual warfare. The purpose of this book is to make the truth about spiritual warfare clearer to understand so that it will be easier for you to grasp and use the spiritual weaponry available to you.

If you haven't guessed already, I'm angry at the devil! He is sneaky, low-down, deceitful, abhorrent, and anything else negative

you can say about him. There never has been a greater affront to God and a bigger threat to His people than Satan. But I want to reassure you that there never has been and never will be a more thorough defeat than Satan will experience in the final outcome of world history. I want to show you how you can be part of that victory over the enemy even now.