

Young Disciples 3 — To End All War

Dear Young Disciples,

How is it that you could possibly understand and have any conception of war, when I say that our God wants to end all war. There is no way you can relate to the devastating effects of war. You know nothing of the destruction to land and buildings and even the loss of life and the turmoil in man's soul — the bitterness, hatred and the conscience that is not soothed by bronze stars.

When we were on the boat on our way to Europe we were assigned to sit at a certain table in the dining room of the ship to eat all of our meals during the voyage. At our table sat a German man who was very robust and healthy. He was 77 years old, but looked much younger. In his forehead was a deep round impression. He told us that he had been shot in the head during the war, but that his head was so *hard* that the bullet didn't completely penetrate his skull. If the bullet would have gone all the way through his skull, he would have died. He will always remember the war, for his own head still shows the signs of it.

The German man's name was Franz. He had become a doctor in Germany after the war and was now very rich and had retired. The man who waited on our table for all our meals was named Peter. He was a Polish man in his 40s. He was a very good waiter, serving us quickly and efficiently. In the world, waiters get much less respect than doctors do. Usually people don't pay much attention to their waiter. They merely tell them what they want to eat and then complain if they don't get their food fast enough or if it is not prepared just the way they wanted it. Franz treated Peter that way. Franz would tell Peter what he wanted to eat and Peter would go quickly to the kitchen to get it. The German man was very satisfied with Peter's good service, so every couple of days he would put a dollar into Peter's hand very discretely. Peter would just put the dollar into his pocket, but he never looked very happy when the German man did this.

We were very different with Peter. We truly appreciated his service to us and always talked to him and thanked him for taking such good care of us. We really liked Peter. We told him about the Salvation of the world. We even invited him to go back to Poland and get his family and then come to Sus and live with us. We told him he didn't have to waste his life on that boat, but that Yahweh had a real purpose for his life. Peter listened to us, and was surprised that we were taking such an interest in him.

Then one afternoon when we came into the dining room for lunch, Peter was acting much different. It became evident as he began to try to serve us that he was a little drunk. Somehow Peter had been fed up with all the pressures of his job and he thought he could escape it by getting drunk. He tried to bring us our food as usual, but he was a bit clumsy. All in all he did pretty well in spite of his condition, so Franz decided he would slip him a dollar. So as Franz excused himself from the table, he put a single dollar bill into Peter's palm and left without a word.

Peter stood there for a moment watching Franz leave the dining room. Then he turned to us, as we were the only ones left at the table, and opened his heart to us. He told us with much emotion in his voice that he could hardly stand the way Franz treated him. Peter said, "I am nothing to him. He gives me a dollar as if that is really something. I am nothing to him. And he killed my mother and father during the war. And I am nothing."

We were surprised to hear all this come from Peter, for he was usually very calm and polite. We never realized what was bottled up inside him. He was still bitter against what the Germans had done to the Polish people during the war. He remembers the war so clearly, even though it was over nearly 40 years ago. Peter had to live his whole life without parents because of the war. So now he sees Franz, the rich German doctor, and he sees the mark of the war on his forehead, and Peter's bitterness and hatred is once again exposed. The war hurt Franz and it also hurt Peter. The Germans invaded Poland and slaughtered his family and now Peter remembers the war as you will never know.

Peter's eyes filled with tears as he spoke to us of his struggles. Ours too filled with tears as we saw the horror of war still living even so long after it was supposed to be over. But in the heart of our Father, His will is that all war would come to an end — how our Father cries. Much deeper is His cry than Peter's, who cries only in hopelessness. Peter is in bondage to a communist nation now. He is also in bondage to the Roman Catholic

Church which still has much influence in Poland (especially since the Pope comes from Poland). The communists allow the Catholics to continue on in Poland, even though they would prefer that there be no religion at all there. But since the Catholic Church was so strong when they took over Poland, they had to make allowance for it.

So when we talked to Peter about our God, he could only relate to the God he had learned of from childhood within the Catholic Church. He cried as he told us that he really wanted to be able to take his family and go to his church in Poland, but his job on the boat keeps him out at sea most of the time. So Peter is also in bondage to his waiter's job on board that boat. He can only see his own family, his precious children and wife (who he obviously loved and missed very much) a short period of time each year. Then he is off, captive on board the ship, where he has to look the Germans in the face and smile and be nice in order to get a TIP. And Franz can slip him a dollar bill and think everything is alright. Peter pulls the wadded up bill out of his pocket and throws it down on the table, saying, "I AM NOTHING!" and the ship sails on through the seas.

To bring human misery to an end is enough reason to subject yourselves to any task that could be undertaken to accomplish it. Can mankind think of anything or any human plan or endeavor to bring everlasting peace about? Who had the plan? What does doing the will of the Father in heaven mean? Yahshua said in Mt 7:21 that we must *do the will of the Father*, and unless a person is doing this, he is living in vain and every deed he does is wicked iniquity. Even if it is prophesying, doing miracles, and casting out demons in Yahshua's name.

What could be more wicked than people who claim to know God doing works in the flesh — works that look good but still are doing nothing to bring about the Father's will?

Why should there be unity in the church? What are the consequential effects of unity? You can see why it is all important to do the Father's will, who is in heaven. Not all who say, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only those who do Yahshua's Father's will, who is in heaven (Mt 7:15-23).

The many will not do the Father's will because they are either under the bondage of false prophets (verse 15) or they are just not willing to die to themselves and pick up their cross and follow Yahshua (Mt 7:14). The way of righteousness which leads to the kingdom of heaven is hard and only a few will enter into the kingdom of heaven. Severe discipline is for those who forsake the way. Pr 15:10 — disregarding His way, His commands (Ps 6:8).

Since man — all mankind — is under the subtle persuasion of Satan, he makes one think and feel he is doing good deeds when in fact he is doing evil deeds. A man thinks he loves his family, his wife, and labors all his life to give support to them and in the end he finds that he has led them all down the broad road to destruction — because man is in bondage to Satan and he doesn't even know it — or how to get free. Mt 7:13-26 teaches us the way and the false prophets proclaim a way that seems right, but the end is the way of death or destruction. Doing the Father's will is the only way through the hard and narrow way which leads to life (Lk 13:24).

The need for direction and the need for a submissive heart is essential as the Holy Spirit teaches us. Here in Acts 8:30:31, we understand by the light of the Scriptures that it is impossible for isolated individuals to come to the knowledge of the truth independent of a *sent one*. The Ethiopian himself was being ministered to by holy ministering spirits sent to him by Yahweh — also sent Phillip to him and by His gift in him and in the Holy Spirit upon him. The Ethiopian came to the true knowledge of the truth. Phillip was able to minister the right and Holy Spirit to him in order to lead him to Messiah and to receive him in this exceptional experience in the book of Acts, which was outside the norm, but was a special case of a man going to Ethiopia for a special purpose. This Ethiopian would from now on have no difficulty receiving any one sent by this same Spirit that was ministering to him that day. He from then on recognized the Spirit of Yahweh.

Today, the reason for so much division between Christians is because they have received different gospels and different spirits and different Jesuses from apostolic truth. Phillip was apostolic.

In Samaria, the Holy Spirit would not come to anyone because of the situation of the many people there. So the apostles had to be present before the Holy Spirit was able to come to them to start a church, then a day or so later in the case with the Ethiopian the Holy Spirit comes to one isolated person, but for a special purpose — for

Ethiopia. When Apostles were sent there, this eunuch would receive them to begin a church. The Holy Spirit did not send Phillip to Samaria to establish a church there, but to preach only and help, because he was an evangelist, not an apostle. He could send Phillip to the eunuch because he was just one man and no church would have been begun there that day. But when Phillip went to Samaria the Holy Spirit could not use him except to preach Messiah because there were many people involved and a church needed to be started as a container for all these people. An apostle was needed for the case with Ethiopian eunuch. The Holy Spirit works in an orderly manner. He uses the gifts He put in his people in the proper order. Even in Acts 19 these twelve men who loved Yahshua, as Apollos in Acts 18, waited for Apostolic witness before He would give Himself to them.

Unless one is sent and another receives this one who is sent, there is no church, no matter how hard you labor to CREATE ONE. Unless Yahweh builds the house those who labor labor in vain. In a vain attempt to work contrary to the working of the Holy Spirit and Yahshua, who said, *I will build my church. And Yahshua will do it — His way and only through those whom He sends* (Eph 4:11-12; Jn 7:18).

Many will come in My Name, saying, “Yahshua is the Messiah,” and will lead many astray (Mt 24:5). This speaks about “the many,” not “the few.” A few will come saying that they themselves are the Messiah, but these are not coming in Yahshua’s Name. Mt 24:11,24 and Mt 7:15 speak about the many false prophets that will come. Mt 7:22 — many will say to me on that day, “Lord, Lord.” Many people’s love will grow cold (Mt 24:12; 2 Ths 2:3). See to it that no one leads you astray (Eph 4:14; 2 Pet 2:1-4; 1 Jn 2:19,26; 2 Jn 6; Jude 19; 2 Cor 11:4, 13-15; Acts 20:29-30). The final test is whether you have truly believed, whether you are one of us apostles — sent ones (1 Jn 2:19; 4:6; 1:3; Acts 2:41) his message, and Acts 2:42 — and they steadfastly persevered, devoting themselves continually to the instruction and fellowship of the apostles (Amplified Bible).

If one comes to you and you receive his message and this message does not form you into a community described in Acts 2 & 4, then you can know that this one was a false apostle or prophet who has come in Jesus’s name, saying that He is truly the Messiah, but leads many astray. You did not receive the Holy Spirit through his message — for he could not minister to you the Holy Spirit, for he was not sent by the Holy Spirit. But you received another spirit from another gospel — which acknowledges another Jesus. So we have many who are going down the broad road (Mt 7:13), for there is a way that seems right to a man, but the end leads to destruction. For all spirits sent out by Yahweh of Hosts will agree and will be in harmony. They will all under the Head of Yahweh be united. They are in unity. The denominational spirits are unholy, obviously. If a man ministers the Holy Spirit there will be unity with all who minister the same Holy Spirit. This is also obvious. There can be no division in the Holy Spirit, nor His holy spirits sent out to minister to those who will inherit eternal salvation. Hebrews 1:14 — ministering spirits, sent out to render help and service to those only who will inherit salvation, whose names are in the book of life.

You see, young disciples, Paul said in Rom 1:5 (in the Amplified Bible) that only by the grace which apostles have received — and apostleship is also a gift from Yahweh to the church — to bring about the obedience of faith — making disciples from the nations for His Name’s sake — and that you are the called of Yahshua Messiah. Mt 28:19-20 — This was a commission to only apostles. They and they alone have the authority to teach them to observe everything that Yahshua commanded them, and He is with them in a special way until the end of the age and until there is what Eph 4:13-16 describes. There must be many apostles raised up in the church in these last days — men who are submissive, who have no lawlessness in them, who have no deceit, who are not defiled by women, who follow the Lamb wherever He goes, who can sing in harmony the song of Yahweh, who do not get out of step and seek to promote themselves above the rest, who have entered into Yahweh’s rest, those in whom there is not one trace of strife as Satan’s sin of self-exaltation, wanting to be first among all others, those who forever seek to maintain a low position and are in submission to others and who are always looking to follow others who are ahead of them, who take the last place at the table and who are servants to all. In this Satan is defeated and cannot stand before Yahweh to accuse the brethren of his very sin and rebellion. For these men have entered into self-judgment and are able to receive the seal of Yahweh on their foreheads (Rev 7:14).