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Hold the Line!

During the war between the Southern and Northern states, {the Civil War, 1861-1865} there was a distinct line known as the Mason-Dixon Line that geographically separated the North from the South.

Whether one was a Union or a Confederate soldier you were supposed to be aware of that line of demarcation. However, during the heat of battle on many occasions the boundaries of that line became somewhat obscure.

Satan, that great titan of evil, the commanding officer behind all spiritual wickedness and confusion;¹ is working strategically to “blur” the line between truth and error. That’s why it’s so important to understand with clearness of mind the urgent message from God’s servant, John, the beloved Revelator, who plainly stated -“...Woe to

¹ Eph. 6:10-13

the inhabitants of the earth, and of the sea! **For the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has but a short time.**" ²

YES! We desperately need spiritual eyesight, so we may discern the subtle snares of the enemy; and as faithful watchmen, proclaim the eminent danger, and repercussions of compromising to the smallest degree, one word of Bible Truth.

We must have a strong foothold in **Jesus**, the **Word made flesh**. We do not back up—but hold the distinct line of Bible Truth while fighting the terrible adversary of souls. We must receive the power from above, that we may understand the great gems of God's Word that will make us wise unto salvation. ³

Yes! We should also consult the writings of the Spiritual Gift of Prophecy that God Himself gave to His Church to help guide His remnant people. ⁴

In such a time as this, it is spiritually detrimental for God's remnant people to model the "worldly ways" of the nominal, "Babylonian

² Rev. 12:12

³ II Tim. 3:15; II Tim. 2:15

⁴ Rev. 12:17; 19:10; Eph. 4:8-13; I Cor. 12:1-31; Rom.

Churches” causing us to compromise truth for popularity and the ecumenical movement’s sake!

Remember the cry of the Israelites? Israel wanted a king like all the heathen nations around them—They weren’t satisfied with the King of the universe—our Lord and Savior.⁵

“Those who are under the influence of the Spirit of God will not be fanatical, but will be calm and steadfast, free from extravagance in thought, word and deed. Amid the confusion of delusive doctrines, the Spirit of God will be a guide and a shield to those who have not resisted the evidences of truth, silencing every other voice but that which comes from Him who is the truth.

We are living in the last days when error of a most deceptive character is accepted and believed, while truth is discarded. The Lord will hold both ministers and people accountable for the light shining upon them.

He calls upon us to work diligently in gathering up the jewels of truth, and placing them in the framework of the gospel. In all their divine beauty

⁵ | Sam. 8:4-20

they are to shine forth in the moral darkness of the world....”⁶

Words from God’s servant Paul

“...Be not conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...”

Romans 12:2

“... Abhor that which is evil; and cleave to that which is good.”⁷ Romans 12:9

Abstain from all appearance of Evil

I Thessalonians 5:22

The most effective weapon against Satan and his evil army of error is the “Gospel Gun of Truth,” the Bible. Pick it up and make it your study–It’s our only defense!



⁶ E. G. White. Gospel Workers, p. 289.

⁷ Rom. 12:9