**These Perilous Times**

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**“It’s Time To Make Up Our Minds”**

“And Elijah came unto all the people and said, how long will you halt between *two opinions*? If the Lord be God, follow Him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him

not a word.” I Kings 18:21 KJV

 Most of us are familiar with the showdown on Mount Carmel between King Ahab’s prophets of Baal and the God of heaven’s prophet, Elijah (see I Kings 18:1-39). God’s people were vacillating between two opinions, their relationship to the God of heaven or following the heathen God, Baal. They were having a problem making a sound decision. However, after Elijah prayed, and God sent fire down from heaven, which consumed His servant’s offering, then God’s wayward people decided that the Lord, He is God (I kings 18:36-39).

**What does this mean for us?**

**Obvious Signs Do Tell The Season**

 According to Joel 3:13,14 there are “…multitudes standing in the *valley of decision*.” The Lord is ready to come, the harvest is ripe-it’s time to choose-make up our mind! I personally believe many of God’s people find themselves in this particular valley daily. I also believe indecision can at times be as bad as no decision. Cold or hot-not lukewarm!

**Rebuke from James**

“A double-minded man is *unstable* in all His ways.” James 1:8

**Words from Joshua**

“…Choose you *this day* whom you will serve…” Joshua 24:15

**Counsel from God’s inspired messenger**

 “I was shown that *Satan cannot control minds unless* they are yielded to his control. Those who depart from the right are in serious danger now. They separate themselves from God and from the watchcare of His angels, and Satan, ever upon the watch, to destroy souls begins to present to them his deceptions…” [[1]](#footnote-1)

 “… The *mind needs to be trained by daily tests*, that it may acquire power to stand in any difficult position. In the days of trial and of peril you will need to be fortified to stand firmly for the right, independent of every opposing influence…” [[2]](#footnote-2)

 “… Spiritual things are spiritually discerned (I Cor. 2:10-14). The carnal mind cannot comprehend the mysteries of God’s providence. If questioners and doubters continue to follow the great deceiver, the impressions and convictions of God’s Spirit will grow less and less, the promptings of Satan more frequent, until *the mind will fully submit to his control*. Then that which appears to these *bewildered minds* as foolishness will be to them the strength of wisdom.” [[3]](#footnote-3)

 “When we submit ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will merged with His will, *the mind becomes one with His mind*, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life…” [[4]](#footnote-4)

 “The lessons of Christ are of that character to show the relative importance of heaven and earth. He presents before the mind’s eye that the claims of heaven are first in importance. God’s claims are supreme. He demands the *whole heart, mind, might, and strength*.” [[5]](#footnote-5)

**Good News!**

“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, *and of a sound mind*.” II Tim. 1:7

Again, let me reiterate a text stated in previous TPT articles.

*Let this mind be in you* which was also in *Christ Jesus*.” Phil. 2:5

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1. E. G. White. Testimonies For The Church, Vol. 1, p. 301. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. White. Vol. 4, p. 561. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Ibid. p. 585. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. White. Christ’s Object Lessons, p. 312. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. White. Our High Calling, p. 285 (MS 42, 1890). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)