



Unmasking Some Hindrances For God's Spirit In The Church Of Sweden.

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In this day when so many are calling to God for revival, I feel led by the Spirit of God to unmask some hindrances for God's Spirit in the church of Sweden. My prayer is that it will aid the church in its spiritual warfare.

Warning! Some of this message could be too strong or offensive for some people. Please pray while reading and keep an open mind or don't read it at all.

A prophetic and short study of some hindering spirits and mind sets (2 Corinthians 10:5) in the church of Sweden.

1. **Spirit of Strife.** This is probably the spirit that stops the flow of God's Spirit more than anything else. It is manifested through arguing and fighting over minor differences and public critic of other ministers and churches. This is practiced instead of lovingly covering (Proverbs 10:12) each others' weaknesses and differences with prayers and private consultations as the Word of God teaches.

2. **Spirit of Intellectualism.** It seeks God through logic and reasoning and not through faith. God gave me a vision of a group of ministers with walkie-talkies. They were all excited about hearing from God. There was only one problem. They all were tuned to the wrong frequency. It was the intellectual and not the spiritual frequency; therefore, they were unable to hear the voice of God. This applies to many churches and countries.

3. **Spirit of Materialism.** It puts its confidence in material safety and loves and trusts things and money more than God. It says that spiritual problems can be solved by natural means (money). This spirit is also very common in the USA and other industrialist nations.

4. **Spirit of Socialism.** One step away from Communism, it tells the people to look to the State rather than to God for help, and to look to the group rather than taking individual responsibility.

5. **Spirit of Equality. (*Jante-lagen*)** It says that everybody is equal regardless of their calling or gifting. Children are equal to their parents and students are equal to their teachers. The Word of God, however, teaches that ***we are all unique***. All of us have ***equal value but are not equal in position of responsibility***. In other words, there is a divine order or structure that creates protection and authority against enemy attacks. ***Is Sweden becoming a nation without walls of protection like the USA?***

6. **Spirit of Rebellion.** It comes because it does ***not understand divine order***. It is opposing the authority structure of God and associates it with oppression and bondage and not protection and freedom as the Word of God teaches. ***Needless to say, we are not talking about an unjust authority which must always oppose!*** The Word of God also calls the spirit of rebellion the spirit of witchcraft in 1 Samuel 15:23. Through the years (having grown up in church in Sweden), I have seen that one person's opposition, accusation, or reservation seems to be enough (in a local church) to stop just about any move of the Spirit of God in Sweden. ***This happens even though the Bible teaches us not to receive an accusation against an elder except before two or three witnesses (1 Timothy 5:19).***

7. **Spirit of Religion and Jezebel.** It is also related to the spirit of rebellion and witchcraft. It differs from the spirit of rebellion in that it is more subtle, and in that it is a ***counterfeit to the Prophetic Spirit of God***. The spirit of rebellion is against the divine order, but ***the spirit of religion and Jezebel is a total enemy of the true Prophetic Spirit of God and wants to take HIS place***. This spirit rules many churches where the true Prophetic is not welcome. ***A clear manifestation of the spirit of Jezebel was seen in Knutby and the so-called "Kristi brud" (read Revelation 2:20 about Jezebel, and 1 Kings 17-21 about Elijah and Jezebel).***

8. **Spirit of Isolation.** This is when ***the national church is not open for what God is saying or doing in the international church or through ministers sent by God from other nations***. It says that it wants a Swedish revival,

or it says that the thing God is doing in other countries will not work in Sweden. It therefore becomes **exclusive and isolated**. It is because of this spirit that Sweden has missed most of the major international moves of the Spirit in the 1900's with the exception of the Azusa revival (which was the traditional Pentecostal revival) and the "The Word of Faith Revival" Livets Ord.

Let us all therefore pray and fast, repent and believe that these spirits and mindsets will lose their grip on the body of Christ in Sweden and that our thinking will line up with God's Word. Then God can use His people to be **light and salt**, and help bring revival and not judgment **in this day of great harvest**.

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