

SUPERFLUOUS EXHORTATIONS, 2ND COR. 9:1

INTRODUCTION:

WE HAVE IN THE BIBLE SOME EXHORTATIONS THAT ARE NOT NECESSARY, OR SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY, YET ARE NECESSARY; THINGS WHICH SHOULD NOT HAVE TO BE MENTIONED,

WE YET MUST BE MENTIONED;
THIN OF WHICH OUGHT NOT TO HAVE TO BE REMINDED;
YET, OF WHICH WE MUST BE REMINDED.

I. THE MINISTERING TO THE SAINTS, 2ND COR. 9:1, "FOR AS TOUCHING THE MINISTERING TO THE SAINTS, IT IS SUPERFLUOUS FOR ME TO WRITE TO YOU."

1. WHY IT SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY TO MENTION THIS SUBJECT OF GIVING.

- A. INSTINCTIVE IMPULSE OF LOVE AND THANKSGIVING TO GOD,
- B. OBVIOUS EVIDENCE OF OUR CONCERN FOR THE WORK OF THE GOSPEL.

2. YET, IT IS NECESSARY.

- A. WE SHOULD KNOW THE NEED, V. 5
- B. WE SHOULD KNOW WHAT OTHERS ARE DOING, V. 2
- C. WE NEED TO BE REMINDED OF OUR DUTY AND OF GOD'S PROMISES VS. 6-8

3. THE FRUITS OF LIBERAL GIVING

- A. A RICH HARVEST OF THANKSGIVING TO GOD, V. 12
- B. THE SAINTS AT J'LEM WERE WON TO RECOGNIZE MORE UNRESERVEDLY THE CHRISTIAN STANDING OF THE GENTILE BRETHREN, V. 13
- C. THE DIRECT RESPONSE OF BROTHERLY LOVE, ESPECIALLY IN INTERCESSORY PRAYER AND IN A LONGING TO SEE THOSE ON WHOM GOD'S GRACE RESTS SO ABUNDANTLY, V. 14.

II. EXHORTATION TO BROTHERLY LOVE, 1ST THES. 4:9,10.

1. THIS SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY

- A. BECAUSE LOVE IS NATURAL AMONG RELATIVES, AND IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM A SURE EVIDENCE OF REGENERATION.
- 1ST JOHN 2:9,10, HE THAT SAITH HE IS IN THE LIGHT, AND HATETH HIS BROTHER, IS IN DARKNESS EVEN UNTIL NOW.
HE THAT LOVETH HIS BROTHER ABIDETH IN THE LIGHT.
- 3:14, WE KNOW THAT WE HAVE PASSED FROM DEATH UNTO LIFE, BECAUSE WE LOVE THE BRETHREN.

4:7,8, EVERY ONE THAT LOVETH IS BORN OF GOD, AND KNOWETH GOD.
HE THAT LOVETH NOT KNOWETH NOT GOD.

- B. BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT BY GOD'S OWN EXAMPLE.
- C. WE HAVE BEEN TAUGHT IN THE TEACHINGS OF CHRIST.

2. YET WE NEED TO BE REMINDED OF THE PRACTICAL MANIFESTATION OF CHRISTIAN LOVE.

- A. YOU DO LOVE ONE ANOTHER, (V.10, INDEED YE DO IT TOWARD ALL THE BRETHREN WHICH ARE IN ALL MACEDONIA.)
- B. BUT JUST "INCREASE MORE AND MORE", V.10.
- C. BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS, GAL. 6:1
- D. LOVE NOT MERELY IN WORD AND IN TONGUE,
BUT IN DEED AND TRUTH, 1ST JOHN 3:18.

III. EXHORTATION TO CONSISTENT CHRISTIAN LIVING AND WITNESSING.

1ST THES. 1:8

1. THIS SHOULD NOT BE NECESSARY, EITHER.
A. ONE WHO POSSESSES ETERNAL LIFE SHOULD BE EXPECTED TO LIVE
RIGHT HERE IN THIS TIME.
- B. ONE WHO HAS SUCH GOOD NEWS SHOULD WANT TO TELL IT.
- C. THE THESSALONIANS WERE GOOD EXAMPLES, V.7, AND
GOOD WITNESSES, V.8, "FROM YOU SOUNDED OUT THE
WORD OF THE LORD."

2. YET, MUCH OF THE N.T. IS GIVEN TO EXHORTATION ABOUT CHRISTIAN LIVING AND WITNESSING.

- A. SEE 1 THES. 1:10-12
- B. ALSO 4:12
- C. AND 5:22

IV. THE TIME OF THE LORD'S RETURN, 1 THES. 5:1

1. THIS IS SOMETHING WHICH IT IS NOT GOD'S WILL FOR US TO KNOW.

- A. ACTS. 1:6,7, IT IS NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW THE TIMES OR THE
SEASONS, WHICH THE FATHER HATH BUT IN HIS OWN POWER."
- B. MT. 24:36, "THAT DAY AND HOUR KNOWETH NO MAN, NO,
NOT THE ANGELS OF HEAVEN, BUT MY FATHER ONLY."

2. WE KNOW ALL WE NEED TO KNOW.

- A. THAT HE IS CERTAINLY COMING, 4:13-18.
- B. THAT IT WILL BE UNEXPECTED AS A THIEF IN THE NIGHT
TO ALL THOSE IN DARKNESS, V.2.
- C. THAT WE NEED TO WATCH AND BE READY AT ALL TIMES!
WE SHOULD HAVE AN ATTITUDE OF:
(1) EXPECTANCY
(2) VIGILANCE
(3) MILITANT COURAGE, V.8
(4) CONFIDENCE, HOME, AND FAITH, VS.10-11.

CONCLUSION: "SAILING UNDER SEALED ORDERS".

W. YOU DO LOVE ONE ANOTHER" (V.10) IMBEDS IN ALL WISDOM
THE BROTHERHOOD WHICH ARE IN ALL WISDOM
THE FIRST "INCREASE MORE AND MORE", V.10
IS FOR THE ANOTHER'S GROWTH, GROWTH OF
THE LOVE NOT MERELY IN WORD AND TRUTH, BUT IN DEED AND TRUTH, 1ST JOHN 3:18