

Discerning the Community III

Discernment is the ability to sift and sort and determine what is operating. Discernment is ability to see behind and beyond the seen. Discernment is the ability to sense and see God, angelic, human, satanic or demonic activity. The city is the abode and battle ground of God and Satan.

Every city has a “spirit”, dominate characteristic and presence.

Consider *KJV Colossians 1:14-16*

Everything He created was good, however they are corrupted now.

What went wrong?

I

Consider the fall of Lucifer.

Lucifer means *the morning star, shining one, light bearer. Vs 12a*

Consider *Isaiah 14:12 -15*

Lucifer was thrown down and the nations were destroyed. Vs 12b

We live in a fallen world. Vs 12b

- Lucifer’s original sin in Isaiah is idolatry.

Idolatry weakens the nations.

II

The God’s of the nations are idols.

Consider *Psalms 96:3-9* and *Psalms 115:3-11*

We are to connect globally and tell the nations “The Lord reigns”.

We are to maintain worship to the one true and living God. Vs 9

Idols are worshipped however they lack power. Vs 5-7

Idols are tangible however they are not worthy of trust. Vs 9-11

Idolatry seduces both the systems and the people in the city.

Idolatry is the primary sin of systems and people of any city.

- Some worship Kali or of Mammon (money).
- Some worship Baal (power, sexuality).
- Some worship Caesar (nationalism).

All three of these are the sin and idols of the western world.

- Repent! Renounce! Return!

III

We are assigned to call humanity globally back to God.

We are safe in our assignment if we pursue Him with all our heart.

We are the instrument of the kingdom to declare the wisdom of God to the people and to the system.

Consider *Ephesians 3:8-11*

The assignment we are given has an assurance.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God.

His love is always seeking our Highest good all the time.

Consider *Romans 8:38-39*

KJV Romans 8:38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God,** which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

NLT Romans 8:38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. ³⁹No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation **will ever be able to separate us from the love of God** that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.

We win because we never war alone!