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Welcome to the home of consummate and conscientious nation builders whose hearts are open to the plans of the Holy Spirit, and in whose lives all things godly are possible because we choose to win by righteousness.*

EXIT FROM BABYLON: THE MYSTERY OF LAWLESSNESS (PART 2)

...exposing the subtle modus operandi of the antichrist spirit
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Unveiling Lawlessness: A Recap

In the first part of this teaching, I established that the mystery of lawlessness is a present reality that must be confronted with discernment. It operates through deception, often appearing through the language of anointing, prophecy, and spiritual authority while subtly resisting the glory and Lordship of God.

I examined the operation of the antichrist spirit in **2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**, showing that it does not primarily deny Christ but opposes His rule and seeks expression, even within the Church, through false spirituality.

I also explained the difference between truth and revelation: truth reveals where God has been, while revelation unveils what God is presently doing. Though the tabernacle and priesthood were ordained by God, the present reality is that God now dwells in His people

as His temple. Clinging to past forms without embracing present revelation can lead to practices that resist God's current work.

Finally, I highlighted the contrast between the mysteries of godliness and lawlessness (**1 Timothy 3:16, 2 Thessalonians 2:7**).

In this second edition, I will explore the influence of the antichrist spirit, the two sceptres, and the believer's response to lawlessness. My prayer is that this teaching will awaken hearts, strengthen discernment, and prepare the Church to recognise the difference between appearance and true glory.

The Antichrist Spirit: The Enemy Within

To start with, anyone who has a father and a mother cannot be the Antichrist. This rules out every person you have thought of or been taught about. Why? Because right from the garden, God said He would put enmity between the serpent's seed and the woman's Seed, that is, Jesus Christ

(**Genesis 3:15**). Remember, Judas Iscariot had a father and a mother. And yet he was called the son of perdition. This means the Antichrist can be a spirit that will fill the heart, not of an unregenerate person, but of a follower of Christ. What gives us the clue?

Biblical Clue to the Mystery of Lawlessness

In **1 John 3**, the Bible gives a kind of gauge into the operational strategies of the antichrist spirit. If you want to be Christ-like, you must see Christ. No apostolic ministry exists that has not seen Christ, and apostolic people are no different. When you see Him as He is, you become like Him (**1 John 3:1-3**).

But in **1 John 3:4**, the Bible also says whoever sins commits lawlessness. In other words, the moment you step out of righteousness and commit sin, be it fornication, adultery, lying, cheating, whatever it is, you step outside of God's covering. You bring yourself under the influence of the antichrist from that moment on until the sin is repented of. And no one can say categorically that he or she has never sinned since he or she believed.

Unfortunately, the Church has been brainwashed to believe that the Antichrist is someone in Europe.

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WHO WE ARE

"We are a people sent to the nations, governments and powers of the earth as the voice of reason, possibilities and hope. We are the instrumentality of catalysing change and centralising God in the governance of nations. Our mandate is to enforce the Kingdom of God over the kingdoms of this world that have become the Kingdoms of our Lord and his Christ. We are men and women, boys and girls who love God and love people and who serve God and serve people. We always seek to give hope and to be at the forefront of driving change both spiritually and governmentally. We exist, primarily, as a fully functional church and conceptually as a governmental force for change, good governance and leadership."

THE CGCC CREDO

- ➔ Love God, Love People
- ➔ Serve God, Serve People
- * By doing the above, we glorify God individually and corporately.

OUR COMMITMENTS

- ➔ Wholehearted Worship of God
- ➔ Prayer ➔ Ministry of the Word ➔ Evangelism
- ➔ Seeing People Grow Deeper (Discipleship)
- ➔ Helping People Build Vital Relationships with Other Believers
- ➔ Loving God and Loving People
- ➔ Serving God and Serving People

OUR CORE LEADERSHIP VALUES

- ➔ Compassion
- ➔ Intelligence
- ➔ Responsibility
- ➔ Judgement
- ➔ Influence



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So, we keep on in sin, and we do not know that we are contracting the sickness of lawlessness, setting in motion the antichrist spirit to begin to operate in our lives, and we do not even know.

Would you have linked fornication, adultery, lying, or cheating with the antichrist spirit? Remember, it is a mystery outside the range of your understanding, influencing you, and making you think that you are just acting willingly. The Antichrist is in charge of lawlessness, and sin is its bait. When you sin, you contract lawlessness (**Job 28:28**).

Furthermore, in **1 John 3:7-8**, the Bible says that whoever practices righteousness is of the Lord, but whoever sins is of the devil. So, each time you sin, you are building again what Jesus destroyed (**Hebrews 1:8-9**). God anointed Jesus with the oil of gladness because He hated lawlessness. So, what brings you to the place where you can deal with the antichrist spirit is a deep hatred for lawlessness and a genuine love for righteousness.

Understanding the Two Sceptres

There are two sceptres: the sceptre of righteousness and the sceptre of lawlessness. The love for righteousness became a sceptre, a symbol of authority (**Hebrews 1:8-9**). The other is the sceptre of sin. The Bible gives us a clue about this in the scenario that played out between Moses and the magicians of Pharaoh (**Exodus 5-7**). Those who will be deceived by the Antichrist are those who are looking for miracles. In the process of going from pillar to post, they tap straight into the antichrist spirit, believing that every form of miracle must be God. No! It is called the lying wonders of the devil (**2 Thessalonians 2:9-12**). If you do not depart from lawlessness, you will be influenced by the antichrist spirit (**2 Timothy 2:19, 2 Corinthians 6:14**). Something is fundamentally wrong with you if you enjoy sinning.

The Lawlessness Behind the Anointing

Lawlessness is an inner corruption that can exist, even where outwardly every evidence of righteousness is in place (**Matthew 23:27-29**). All religious leaders and hypocrites who are still friends with the world today, who enjoy sinning, are just exactly like the Scribes and Pharisees; they appear outwardly righteous, but inside they are full of lawlessness—the flavour of the anointing of the antichrist spirit. What is so horrible about lawlessness is that it is inside the church, full of miracles, prophecies, signs and wonders (**Matthew 7:21-23**).

God's value is different from the Antichrist's value. As far as God is concerned, obedience to His will is of higher value to Him than miracles, signs and wonders (**1 Samuel 15:22**). Although those who practice lawlessness can still work miracles, those miracles can only happen by the antichrist spirit. They cling to the truth but reject revelation. What God did before is what concerns them, not what He is doing today.

Lawlessness not only distorts but also suppresses the manifestation of God's glory. It diminishes you—granting you the anointing while withholding the glory. There is a dimension beyond the anointing; it is called the glory of His presence. The anointing only qualifies you to come into His presence because it is the perfume of God to cover the stench of the flesh. What the lawless spirit does is to cover that glory as long as you have the anointing (**Matthew 13:37-40**).

Your Response to Lawlessness

If you are truly a child of God, there is no way you can be under the sceptre of righteousness, witness lawless deeds, and remain untroubled in your soul (**2 Peter 2:1-8**). The sign that you are truly born again is that lawlessness torments your soul. It will never excite you. That is the biblical response to lawlessness. It irritates you.

OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL OPERATIONAL DYNAMICS

- ➔ Church-in-the-House
- ➔ Church-in-the-Community
- ➔ Church-in-the-City
- ➔ Church-in-the-Cloud.

OUR 4-DIMENSIONAL GROWTH DYNAMICS

- ➔ To grow up.
- ➔ To grow big.
- ➔ To grow very rich.
- ➔ To grow together.

Conclusion

The mystery of lawlessness is not a distant prophecy awaiting fulfilment in the future; it is a present and active reality within the Church, concealed beneath the garments of anointing, prophecy, and religious devotion. The antichrist spirit enters through the door of sin, finds comfort in familiar compromise, and entrenches itself in hearts that have substituted the appearance of righteousness for its substance.

The call to exit Babylon is, at its core, a call to honest self-examination (**2 Corinthians 13:5-10**). It demands a willingness to allow the word of God to expose not only visible transgressions but also the hidden allegiances, religious illusions, and accommodated sins that have quietly displaced the glory of God. For as long as the Church misidentifies its enemy as external, it remains vulnerable to the one already seated within.

Obedience, not spectacle, is God's measure of devotion. Miracles performed under the influence of lawlessness are not evidence of divine approval; they are the lying wonders of a spirit that hates God's order while borrowing His language. The distinguishing mark of a genuine believer is not the gift they carry, but the degree to which lawlessness torments rather than entertains them.

To exit Babylon, therefore, is to exit a condition—the condition of a soul that has made peace with what God has rejected. It begins with the fear of the Lord, is sustained by the love of righteousness, and is completed only by those who endure to the end. The question is not whether the Antichrist is coming. The question is whether his influence has already found a home within you—and what, by the grace of God, you intend to do about it.

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