

A QUOTE FROM PRESIDENT OBAMA'S INAUGURAL SPEECH

*"our security emanates from the **justness** of our cause, the **force** of our **example**, the **tempering** qualities of humility and restraint," President Obama.*

I didn't hear the actual speech. However, while driving around, I listened to Dennis Prager. He thought the above quote of our President's words were not accurate. Maybe in a bubble gum world; but, not in the real world.

Security, Prager said, does not emanate from the **JUSTNESS** of our cause. And, Mr. Prager was persuasive, naming countries and their leaders who have massacred millions of people. Leaders such as Hitler, Mao, Stalin and Castro. Others were also named but the point was clearly made.

Did any of the slaughtered people have just causes? Absolutely! Did their causes produce security? Absolutely not! It proved to be their death sentence.

What ever the cause was, once it got in the way of Hitler and other murderous leaders, millions were eliminated because of they embraced the cause.

Yet, without question, the Chinese, Russians, Jews and Cubans all had just causes - strong causes. But, causes need support as they are carried out and security is achieved. Causes are backed by Military force.

America had (has) a just cause. There is no better cause than freedom. Yet, without the forces of the Revolutionary Armies in the beginning or the might of our present armed forces, we would live in a constant 9-11 country - like most of the world.

Security - no matter if we speak of borders, coast lines, our country as a whole or, **spiritual security**, it takes force of power to initiate it and power of force to maintain it. Imagine this country without its armed forces or local police. Freedom, the highest of causes, is one that America would lose without Her force of power.

It is not my intention to chop up the President's speech and analyze every word. I'm not a radio personality. Neither, have I the intelligence.

And, while this GoodNews Letter may appear critical of President Obama, in reality, I agree with his premise; that is, if we apply it to the Spiritual world.

The quote above is unrealistic within this present world. But, if we speak in spiritually terms and in the framework of following Jesus, **SECURITY** can emanate from a just cause.

When we work and apply the principles of the "**just cause**" of Christian service, ideas of **SECURITY**, **EXAMPLE** and **TEMPERANCE** become a reality of the inner

life. It is then that Security, in turn, emanates the strength and contentment for the present life, which keeps us going and affecting others.

History, as well as God's Word, teaches us that SECURITY; whether, national or spiritual, must be powerful enough to defeat the enemy before men can find rest and feel secure.

SECURITY for a Christian is based upon the glorious hope of the future resurrection. But, we have to have some understanding of the magnitude of power that was required to bring about the resurrection.

Paul, in explaining the **Gospel**, said: "... it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth," Romans 1:16. Later, in the first four verses of 1st Corinthians 15, Paul defines the **GOSPEL**. "Christ **DIED** for our sins, according to the Scriptures; ... that He was **BURIED**, and that He **ROSE** again the third day, according to the Scripture."

When Christ died, the earth became totally dark and the rocks split in two. Power? Yes! And, Amen! Eternal Power. Until all enemies are removed, there can be no security without powerful force.

Christian SECURITY - which, is no different than national security, occurs because strong power overcomes the enemy. Salvation required a strong power to initiate it and, the same strong power maintains it. Our salvation is of the Holy Spirit; which, without His power, there could be no SECURITY or FREEDOM.

Give God **Glory** for His **HOLY SPIRIT** Power.

BIRTH POWER - "Mary ... was found with child of the Holy Spirit," Mt. 1:18.

BAPTISMAL POWER - "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but He ... shall baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire," Mt. 3:11.

OUR POWER - "... whosoever speaketh against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come," Mt. 12:32.

GOD'S PRESENT POWER - "But the **COMFORTER**, which is the Holy Spirit...shall teach you all things" John 14:26.

CHURCH POWER - Jesus said, "Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you...receive ye the Holy Spirit," John 20:21, 22.

LOVE POWER - "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given unto us," Ro 5:5.

REGENERATION POWER - "Not by works of righteousness...but according to His mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Spirit;" Titus 3:5.

HEARING POWER - "Wherefore as the Holy Spirit saith, 'Today if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts'..." Hebrews 3:7.

PROPHECY POWER - "For prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit," 2Pe 1:21.

PRAYER POWER - "But ye beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit," Jude 20.

Without the forceful power of the Holy Spirit no one could have spiritual SECURITY. The Holy Spirit joins with believers in battle against Satan. We are even issued armament. And, we are commanded to engage in spiritual warfare by use of this armament.

Paul says there are many Holy Spirit issues that are for DEFENSIVE means. **Armor**; such as, *Breastplate of righteousness, Shield of faith, helmet of salvation* and *shoes* to walk in the way of the gospel of peace (Eph. 6:14-16).

But, God does equip His people with **ONE OFFENSIVE WEAPON**: The "**SWORD OF THE SPIRIT, which is the WORD OF GOD**," Eph 6:17.

Hebrews 4:12 tells us of the powerful Word that we are to faithfully wield. "For the **Word of God** is quick (alive), and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

Thus, truths and ideals, within governments or in the realm of the gospel, must have initial backing and maintaining power. Clearly, American ideas continue because of America's military power.

Brethren, there is no cause like the cause of Christ. Through His truths we are brought to Spiritual SECURITY. It's for all who trust; for all who know and use the power of the Holy Spirit. He makes us secure in the Beloved.

When Holy Spirit power is manifested within a believer; not only is there tremendous grow, spiritually; but, that same Spiritual truth within, emanates to others (lost or saved) without through the testimony of the believer. Therein; that is, through the Holy Spirit's power, lies Security of the Believer.