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The Power of TRUTH September 15, 2020 Suzi Armstrong

Truth is defined as the quality of being genuine (not counterfeit), actual or factual or the supreme reality (There is no higher truth – ultimate truth). Truth is like a plumb line in that everything is measured by the truth. Truth is a standard that our lives are based upon. There is relative truth – which is truth to the best of our knowledge or truth based on circumstances. This is truth that moves around and can be defined different ways. And there is absolute truth – this truth does not shift or change; it is solid or foundational. To know the truth is a basic need of mankind. It is by knowing the truth that we can make accurate judgments. Truth is a strong component of culture and in creating an environment that is peaceful and safe.

The devil is a liar – one who twists and perverts truth. In fact the Bible says the devil is the father of lies. When we don't know the truth we can be led astray, manipulated and exploited. What we believe is based upon what we know as truth. There is lot of deception in our culture today, narratives that are meant to shape the truth. If truth can be shaped that means there is plenty of room for deception. We need discernment or the ability to judge what is true. There is power in knowing the truth.

John 14.6 NASB

⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and **the truth**, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

Exodus 34.6 NASB

⁶ **Then the LORD passed by in front of him and proclaimed,** "The LORD, the LORD God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and **truth**."

John 8.32 NASB

³² and **you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.**

John 14.16-17 NASB

¹⁶ I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ **that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.**

Absolute truth comes from God alone, not from man. Absolute truth is core to the character and nature of who God is. When God passed by Moses allowing him to see certain characteristics of God, one of the characteristics Moses saw was truth. The Bible says that righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne; lovingkindness and TRUTH go before Him.

Ephesians 6.14 NASB

¹⁴ **Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH,** and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

- Be wrapped in the truth of God – His absolute truth.
- It is protective armor.
- Be unmovable in the truth.

Power is the ability to accomplish. Truth is a power source.

Power Keys of the Kingdom

- Know the power of truth.
- Understand the power of truth.
- Stand in the power of truth.
- Breakthrough in the power of truth.
- Advance in the power of truth.
- Build the future in the power of truth.
- Establish your life and your family in the power of truth.
- Disciple nations in the power of truth.

John 16.13 NASB

¹³ But when He, **the Spirit of truth**, comes, **He** will guide you into **all the truth**; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose **to you** what is to come.

John 8.44 NASB

⁴⁴ You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and **does not stand in the truth** because there is **no truth in him**. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, for **he is a liar** and **the father of lies**.

Hebrews 1.3 says that ALL THINGS ARE SUSTAINED BY THE POWER OF HIS WORD. The POWER OF HIS WORD is TRUTH, absolute truth. God's WORD is not predicated on prejudice, selfish ambition, bitterness, jealousy or experiences. The POWER OF TRUTH is God says it and that makes it so! GOD'S WORD GIVES US THE PLUMB LINE FOR TRUTH.

In the rotunda of the capitol building in Lansing there are beautiful paintings of goddesses from mythology. All of the goddesses pictured are considered to be daughters of Zeus. One of the goddesses holds a plumb line in her hand. A plumb line determines what is true – it is the measuring line. But we do not want truth being measured by what is based upon a myth. Witchcraft and sorcery are connected with mythology and the characters of mythology. What this picture in our capitol government building symbolizes is a truth that is subject to mythology and witchcraft. It is not absolute truth but truth that can be twisted to fit man's agenda.

The Hebrew New Year starts this week. The ancient pictorial Hebrew meaning of this New Year is that it is a year to break curses. In the State of Michigan have been operating under a curse released through mythology and witchcraft. This state's plumb line for truth was being held by a goddess of mythology. This brings in a curse to our land.

As believers in Jesus Christ who is the **TRUTH**, we drop the plumb line of absolute TRUTH into this new era, into the presidential elections, into our culture, into the church and into our own lives. We declare and decree the plumb line of God's truth rules and reigns in our land, in our government and in us.

We declare – open up you gates of government and gates of our cities and land and receive the plumb line of TRUTH that the King of Glory can come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord mighty in battle! For our battle is not with flesh and blood but with powers and principalities and spiritual forces of wickedness in the spiritual realm.