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THE FLOOD by Dickey Porter

“... When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.” Isaiah 59:19b

When most people read this Scripture as it is written, images of great struggle or conflict immediately come to mind and they have imprinted upon their minds that the enemy of our soul is almost bigger than God. They think of the devil as “a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour”. Listening to people speak you can hear words like – “the devil did this or the devil did that and I don’t know what we are going to do.” A sound of desperation is in their voices when you listen to language like this.

When the Bible was written there were no punctuation marks in the Scripture so I believe that the translators got it all wrong when they put the comma in the place that it is in. They put it in the place that they thought was the right place to put it. No doubt that they had had struggles with life as well and blamed it all on the devil. But this is where I believe that the comma should have been placed. It puts a whole new light on the Scripture and should bring edification, exhortation, and comfort to those who can hear it.

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Now let’s define a flood. It is reasonable to assume that a flood occurs when a river has overflowed its banks. Correct? So what is the river of the Spirit and where does it come from? After all it is the Spirit that lifts up a standard against him (the enemy). The word standard also means “put to flight”. What puts our enemies to flight?

“In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, ‘If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the Scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.” John 7:37-39.

The river of the Spirit is in the heart of every believer and when the river overflows its banks (our lips in other tongues) then that which causes our enemies to flee, the standard that has been lifted up, is in place and is mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. Resistance has been put in place and according to Scripture, the devil flees from us. James 4:7.

We have a great big God, but a little bitty devil which has already been defeated and put under our feet. We are tramping upon his head everyday of our lives. One day we will narrowly look upon the devil and say 'Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms?'

The Flood! It is not what we supposed, but is a mighty tool (gift) that the Lord has equipped the saints with. Have you created a flood lately?

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