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EXPOSING EVIL

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For a number of years in this Ministry we have been speaking about God shaking the nations and saying that part of the shaking is exposing human wickedness. Jesus himself said that when God begins shaking the nations nothing would remain hidden; everything would be brought into the light. Isaiah foresaw all the lofty towers coming down and the pride of men being humbled (Isaiah 2.14 - 17).

Turning on the Spotlight

In the past decade we have seen God turn on the light to expose corruption in the financial sector, among banks and international finance institutions. Corruption among the bankers was the first to be exposed at the beginning of the financial crisis that toppled some of the world's most prestigious banks. The spotlight was then turned upon politicians exposing the expenses and allowances scandals among our parliamentarians and bringing shame upon the Mother of Parliaments. Since then almost every major institution in the social fabric of the nation has come under the spotlight - the Church, the Police, the Social Services, the National Health Service. Now it is Islam that is being exposed.

Shocking Revelations

The shocking revelations about child abuse in Rotherham are the latest shock waves to shake the nation. Girls as young as 11 were repeatedly raped by large numbers of men and threatened with brutal treatment if they did not submit to the depraved desires of their abusers. There have been similar cases in Rochdale, Derby and Oxford, and no doubt there are others that have not yet been brought into the light. The most distressing fact is that these girls were amongst the most vulnerable in the nation because they had come from broken homes and had been taken into 'Care' in order to protect them. The utter failure of the nation's 'Care' system to care for the most vulnerable children is a national scandal.

In addition, the evidence from many of these 1,400 children is that when they went to the authorities they were either not believed or their woes were simply ignored - social workers and police actually connived to hide what was going on. The revelations in the

report by Professor Alexis Jay show that the abuse was well organised by gangs of Pakistanis who even used taxis driven by Pakistanis and paid for by the local Council to deliver the children to their tormentors. All this seems hard to believe that it could actually take place in a Yorkshire town in 21st century Britain.

Syria and Iraq

The other big story currently in the news that is distressing millions of Christians is the fearful suffering of fellow believers in Syria and in Iraq. Christians have been living in these ancient communities since biblical times and have enjoyed peaceful relationships with their Muslim neighbours. But the rise of the new 'Islamic State' has brought brutal persecution into their lives. The self-proclaimed 'caliphate' now controls an area larger than Britain stretching across parts of Syria and northern Iraq. Their brutality is the main weapon in their armoury which they exploit through the social media, boasting of their cruelty and openly showing beheadings and burying their victims alive with the object of creating fear in their opponents so that they are able to sweep across the country taking villages and towns with little resistance.

Fear

The weapon of fear has been used not only in Syria and Iraq but also in Rotherham and other places in Britain where fear of offending Muslims has been a major reason why the authorities have hushed up their offences. Police and Social Services fear being labelled "racist". They are afraid of violent attacks from Muslim gangs if they expose their brutality. So fear produces cowardice and suppresses truth. As Isaiah observed in his day *"Justice is driven back and righteousness stands at a distance; truth has stumbled in the streets, honesty cannot enter"* (Isaiah 59.14). This is a true description of some of our cities in Britain today. When fear drives out justice and righteousness the nation comes under judgement. When fear neglects to protect the innocence of vulnerable children it leads to even greater depths of degradation.

Truth and Righteousness

What God is doing in turning on the light to expose evil is an attempt to shock those who have some respect for truth and righteousness. These exposures should make us realise how far we have fallen into corruption and the imminent danger that faces the nations of the total breakdown of moral standards. Our prayers should be that there is still sufficient regard for truth and righteousness to turn the nations to repentance and to generate a hunger for truth so that the Spirit of God can flow through whole communities transforming the grime and dirt into the paths of righteousness. Maranatha! - Come Lord Jesus! Come! Because you are our only hope!

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