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Bear with me today ...  
We speak of heaven and of earth,  
of things Eternal, and of things of man's dwelling place.

As I look heavenward, the surpassing Beauty and Wonder of The Holy One  
and His realm overwhelms me. But as I look at earth, I see God's Name being dragged through the dust, both in the world and also in the church.

I am weary of the same old errors being perpetrated upon the children of God. Weary of the "teachers" who have never known the realm of the Spirit of God dogmatically laying down their interpretations of things they know nothing about.

Weary of them telling what is, and what is not, in realms they have never experienced. Weary of "prophetic" ministries holding conferences to gull the gullible with generic "words" - words of an imminent tsunami of blessing which at the point of release.

Weary of those who come with a "radical" message which is just radical enough to produce a knee-jerk reaction - such as a doctor produces by a tiny tap on the nerve.

Weary of those words which are not strong enough to produce any lasting difference in the lives of those who hear.

Weary of those who profess to have been given a ministry to the church,  
and then charge for access to their meetings, selling their CDs, and flash drives, selling "partnerships" in their ministries.

Weary of the shameless promotions which seem copies of the hucksters who sell their wares on TV and the internet.

Weary of all that smells so much like a money grabbing scheme.

Weary of "worship leaders" who can work the crowd but have no idea of what it is to minister in the Spirit ... who have never found the way to God in music,  
and can therefore never transmit it.

"The zeal of Thine house hath eaten me up" (Ps. 69.9 and Jn. 2.17)

These ministers seem to be the eaters rather than the eaten.

These are the ones who eat the people of God for their own benefit.

It is an awful thing that the people be deceived and used.  
It is an awful thing when the people "love to have it so." (Jer. 5:31)  
I am weary of the band playing on while the Titanic which is our civilization settles beneath the waves.

A wise observer told me years ago, "a nation is sunk when it believes its own propaganda,"

- how much more true is this when speaking of a church.  
We are all responsible for our own spiritual lives.

After speaking of prophesying Paul says,  
"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." (1 Thess. 5:21)

If we would but look, the Spirit of God would quicken us  
to know the difference between the precious and the vile,  
His Word alone would become our necessary food,

and we would not be deceived with facile words and empty phrases.  
We would seek, and we would find the God on Whom we can deposit all our weaknesses and all our needs.

As we depend on God we will be "taught of God,"  
and not be led astray  
but find fullness of Life in Him.