

Poland

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and are destroying your heritage.

Do not hide these things from me.
I am not ashamed of you - I have always loved you,
and I love you still.

These sicknesses have entered my heart also as I seek to pour out my healing on you.
I know what you are feeling about yourselves.

Poland was my son. But the enemy snatched him away,
and hurt him.
But I want you back,
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Seek the power and freedom of my sacrifice, and I will heal you.
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Let's look more carefully at this word.

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This is a very tough start. These words are very difficult to accept:-

“Bitterness”

¹⁴“Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness.” (Romans 3:14)

Bitterness, from the Greek word “pikria” is a totally destructive force. But it doesn't attack directly. Like acid, it corrodes over time. Once it enters the soul, it produces only bitter fruit. One author put it like this - “Bitterness - a bitter root which produces only a bitter fruit.” The bitter root has to be pulled out, so that the fruit dies. How did this bitterness enter the soul of Poland? Names like Treblinka, Sobibor, Majdanek, Belzec, Chelmno and Oswiecim come to mind. In these places, innocent blood was shed. It has been, and is crying out for justice and revenge. Revenge is a very bitter root indeed.

“Despair”

¹⁶He then said to me: “Son of man, I will cut off the supply of food in Jerusalem. The people will eat rationed food in anxiety and drink rationed water in despair.” (Ezekiel 4:16)

⁸We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; (2 Corinthians 4:8)

Despair, from the Greek word “exaporeo” means to be utterly at loss, to be destitute of resources, to renounce all hope. The Hebrew word adds to this “Horror and dismay”. Why is Poland in despair? In the spiritual environment, the church has lost sight of both the true state it is in, and the hope of the cleansing of the blood, and the release into God’s purposes. The bitter root has produced a bitter fruit - despair.

“Betrayal”

²¹And while they were eating, he said, “I tell you the truth, one of you will betray me.” (Matthew 26:21)

Betrayal, from the Greek word “paradidomi” means “to give into the hands of another.” Has Poland been betrayed? Or is it rather that betrayal has entered the soul of Poland, another bitter root which is producing a bitter fruit?

“Compromise”

²“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:2)

It is so easy to give in to the ways of the world. This is what has, spiritually, undermined the United Kingdom. The word for England makes this clear, and the danger which it brings:-

Yet you have compromised yourselves. You have been willing to lie down with the snake, saying, “we will be safe in the den of the serpent.” And so you have been robbed of your power. The serpent has stolen your power. You have become tarnished, as blind as those you were meant to save.

Has the serpent forced Poland to compromise, and as a result, has he gained a powerful hold on the nation?

It was not meant to be like this. We were not to conform to the pattern of the world. (“Conform” comes from the Greek word “sychēmatizō” which means to conform one’s mind and pattern to that of another). We were meant to be transformed (Greek “metamorphō”) into the freedom, purity and discipline of Jesus.

These are the sicknesses which stain your land.

Bitterness, despair, betrayal and compromise are seen, from a spiritual perspective, as sicknesses. It’s very important to understand this truth. Poland is not evil in the sight of the Lord. He does not hate Poland, and he does not want to beat it down. He is not looking at spiritual rebellion, but rather spiritual sickness. Poland is spiritually sick, as a result of these four terrible diseases which have entered the soul of Poland.

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⁴But the fact is, it was our pains he carried – our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us. (Isaiah 53:4. Message version)

³The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying: “I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness.” (Jeremiah 31:3)

The Lord loves Poland.

The Lord needs to address the spiritual state of Poland, but he does not want to impose a burden of shame. So he says that he loves Poland, as he loves all his creation. He is not ashamed of Poland, and this comes very close to the heart of the issue we are facing.

Bad history leaves a sense of shame and guilt. We do all we can to avoid facing it. We pretend it did not happen, or we try to change the facts to make us feel better. But there is no need for this in Poland. The Lord is not ashamed of Poland. He is not ashamed to be known as Lord of heaven and earth, including his beloved Poland. He is not ashamed to be in Poland, to be with the Polish believers, to be known as their God.

He loves. He has always loved Poland, he still loves Poland and he always will love Poland. He loves Poland so much, that he has shared the sickness of the land - he has, as it were, made them his sicknesses as well. He carried them all to Calvary, and he carries them still. Whatever he is calling on us to face, Poland can do it with confidence. He loves Poland, and he comes to heal, to release and to lead on into a blessed future.

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¹When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
(Hosea 11:1)

⁸Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. (1 Peter 5:8)

³⁴O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those who sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing!
(Luke 13:34)

We are now very close to the heart of what has happened. Poland was close to the Lord, like a child to its parents. But the enemy came in like a flood, snatched the child away, and hurt the child. This is a spiritual history of Poland. It was a country beloved of the Lord, but an invasion of evil destroyed so much of that relationship, destroyed the spiritual heart of Poland, and caused great pain and hurt.

The legacy remains – unforgiven blood, pain in the soul of the nation, and a threat to the heritage and the destiny of Poland.

Poland, beloved of the Lord, must have a special and significant destiny - a very deep and lasting contribution to the healing of the wounds of Europe, and beyond. This the enemy has broken, and this the Lord longs to mend. He wants his relationship restored.

Seek the power and freedom of my sacrifice, and I will heal you.

¹⁸For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God. (1 Peter 1:18-21)

“Seek the power and freedom of my sacrifice” - how easy that is to write, but how very hard to do! We have to seek the power which is in the blood of Jesus. There is a separate document on this issue, available from our website, but I have put a very brief summary here:-

1. **he power of life is in the blood** I

¹¹“For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life.” (Leviticus 17:11)

2. **he blood of Jesus contained the power of God in it** I

²⁹“The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29)

3. **he blood of Jesus shed at Calvary is crying out** I

²²“...to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.” (Hebrews 12:24)

Power and freedom are found within the blood of Jesus. His blood is crying out for mercy, forgiveness and healing. We have to learn how to release that power for the release of Poland.

This is going to be very costly. Facing the past, and the present is going to hurt. The amount of effort in prayer and intercession is going to be high. The things which will have to be forgiven, repented of, repaired and changed is going to be costly. But the blessing is:-

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