

CHIEF MINISTRIES

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Greetings from a watchman on the wall!

In surveying the land, I see that we truly are living in the last days. Acts 2:17 states, *"And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams: and on my servers and handmaidens, I will pour out in those days of my Spirit, and they shall prophesy."* That's the good part! But in 2Timothy 3:1-9 it says, *"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, truce breakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, high-minded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof, from such turn away. For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts, ever learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: (these were the magicians opposing Moses and they exercised demonic powers until stopped by God), men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further; for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was"*.

Be not deceived men. God is not mocked. *For whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap.* Wherever you're investing your time and effort in is what's gonna grow in you. Sow to the Spirit and reap spiritual things. Sow to the flesh and get what you deserve. Surely we know this, or we wouldn't be locked up right now. So...to those of us who have given our life to Christ, it is time to let God's Spirit consume you. He's pouring out His Spirit so much right now, but we have to seek Him. That's just how God is! He loves for us to go after him. He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. Have you been seeking Him? Deuteronomy 4:29; *"But if from this time forward, you will seek the Lord thy God, you will find Him, if you seek Him with all of your heart and with all of your soul (mind, will and emotions)."* You see, God wants you to fulfill this life's calling, but the enemy wants to stop it. So, the devil will use anything he can to take you out. Think about it! Don't you want more of His Spirit in you and around you? Last month I talked about learning to be praisers through the tough times. If you allow praise to lead you to victory, watch His glory and Spirit descend to empower you and enlighten you to His wisdom, His dreams; for without them, remember, the people perish. We've got to learn to confront evil in our atmosphere, then, God's presence has the liberty to replace evil with glory. His presence is everything! When Moses said in Exodus 33:15, *"If your presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here."* In the Garden of Eden, it was God's intent for communion and our devotional life to be the center of all activity. His presence walked and talked with man and woman as they worked. And as they worked, they worshipped. We need to continue this pattern so that God's intent for the Earth and all of us can continue. Let His presence be the center of everything you do. May a portal of His glory remain open above you. May He flow through you into the darkness around you.

When the glory of God comes into where we are at, the norm is disrupted. I experienced the Brownsville revival in Pensacola, Florida in the late 90's and when God chooses to show up, trust me, it's not like anything we can imagine. Our agenda has to go out the door. The church even had to set up new administrative procedures. Once the Lord visits us, and manifests His glory, a new order begins. Where I minister right now has recently lost its chaplain and there are things in place that I believe God wants to set up. I don't know exactly what it's going to look like, but I know it's definitely going to bring change, so all I can do is keep ministering to Him via my worship and let His glory and presence come down and change hearts and lives as men learn the difference between performance and worship. It's not about a "style" or "type" of worship. It's about touching God's heart through songs that minister to Him, then He inhabits those praises and comes down and ministers to us!

In Ephesians 6:11, the Word of God instructs us to put on the whole armor of God, that we might stand against the wiles or scheming of the devil. The Greek is "methodeia" meaning the method or trickery that lies in wait. This is how religious spirits compete with and stop the next move of God's glory on earth. When we do not want to move on and experience what God has for us today, we are tricked into thinking that what we have experienced in the past is good enough. Therefore, the glory of God begins to actually depart from us. In 1 Samuel 4, the leadership and people had fallen into such disarray that the Ark of the Lord was captured in battle. (This is where God chose to hold His presence). Phineas' wife had a child during this and called him Ichabod, meaning: the glory is departed.

When we stop moving forward in worship, the awe, the glory and presence of God eventually leave. This does not happen suddenly. Usually it starts when we resist change and progresses over time. I believe we lose our desperation for God. We would rather not change and settle for a form of godliness, then seek God himself. What was the principal in 1 Samuel 4. Israel had fallen into disarray because of the ungodly priesthood. This caused the glory of God to depart. However, we see that the presence of God lingered. The Ark of the Covenant of God represented His presence, but that too was eventually captured by the enemy's camp. Where you're worshipping now, does it recognize and honor His glory and presence in your midst, or are the worshipers and praisers relegated to a couple "preliminary" songs because it sounds good?

The sound of God flowing through His people and stirring up His river that is deep within us is like rushing water that overtakes the atmosphere around us. If we will praise God on the high places of the enemies that have attempted to overtake us throughout the generations, we will see the sinful, idolatrous patterns in our life overcome here in these last days. Praise and worship causes the Lord to respond to His people. Our praise and worship is a demonstration of our faith. It saddens me to see "leaders" in our church that seemingly not even know how to worship or praise. God does not need our praise, He inhabits our praise. He moves with our praise. When we praise and worship God, we connect with Him and come into our proper relationship. He is our God, our Savior, our Father, our Deliverer and "every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights." (James 1:17) Praise and worship gives us a way to express the gratitude in our hearts and keep our minds focused on Him.

A word from the Lord:

I hear your heart, yearnings. There is a need of My love. Your woundings and failures can only be filled by Me. No relationship on earth outside of Me can fill that place. No amount of money can fill that place. But the release of My mercy is a filling force that causes your faith and love to arise. I am calling My people back to a place of faith. Cry out to Me and watch Me bring a filling power within you that will create what needs to be created for your success. If our eyes become one, you'll see what I see. I can cause others to see you. I can show you how to reconcile with your enemies and move into a greater purpose than you have seen. I can cause you to look into the depths of hearts and see their intentions. Come to the waters, for there is a reflection you have not seen. Come and look deeply and watch that reflection ripple and flow. That reflection is the vision you've been longing to see. But I must see the vision through you. So....come to the waters. Look deeply and see again in a way you have not seen before.

He's waiting. Be worshipers.

I'm still praying for ALL of you.

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