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Paul in his first Epistle to the Church at Corinth said to them:

“And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom (means that he depended not on oratorical abilities, nor did he delve into philosophy, which was all the rage of that particular day), declaring unto you the Testimony of God (which is Christ and Him Crucified).

“For I determined not to know anything among you (with purpose and design, Paul did not resort to the knowledge or philosophy of the world regarding the preaching of the Gospel), save Jesus Christ, and Him Crucified (that and that alone is the Message which will save the sinner, set the captive free, and give the Believer perpetual Victory)” (I Cor. 2:1-2).

Now, we must note carefully what the great Apostle said to us.

The word “determine” in the Greek is “krino,” and means, “to distinguish, to decide mentally or judicially.” The word is so powerful that it also means that one would sue at the law in order to maintain one’s position. In other words, the position is no longer in question. Why was Paul so certain, so sure at this stage, of the Message of the Cross?

THE MESSAGE AT MARS’ HILL

When Paul first came to Corinth, he came from the great city of Athens. He had remained there for a period of time, actually preaching the Gospel in the marketplace of that great city. Even though his Message was, by and large, rejected, still, it carried enough weight that he was called upon to minister to the Supreme Court of Athens, which constituted some of the wisest men of that city.

While Athens had long since lost the glory of previous years, still, even though living off of past reputation, it still carried weight. The Seventeenth Chapter of Acts carries the account of this meeting.

Those to whom Paul preached that day had no knowledge of the Lord whatsoever. They lived in heathenistic darkness despite their professed wisdom. Paul’s Message basically consisted of the fact of the reality of God. In that Message he mentioned the Resurrection of Christ. The Scripture says concerning this:

“And when they heard of the Resurrection of the Dead, some mocked (the ‘mocking’ was caused by sheer unbelief); and others said, We will hear you again of this matter (many were touched by Paul’s Message, but regrettably procrastinated). “So Paul departed from among them (they ascertained that he had broken none of their laws, so he was free to go, which he did)” (Acts 17:32-33).

CORINTH

The Scripture says:

“After these things Paul departed from Athens (seems to imply that he departed alone, with Silas and Timothy joining him later at Corinth), and came to Corinth (one of the great cities of the Roman Empire)” (Acts 18:1).

Obviously, the Lord called Paul from Athens to the city of Corinth. The city was, in fact, one of the most jaded in the world. It had scores of temples dedicated to heathen gods, occupied by hundreds of temple prostitutes, both men and women. In fact, Corinth was so jaded that if individuals gave in to the excesses of Corinth, they were said to be “Corinthianized.” This means that they had thrown aside all convention, giving themselves wholly to...
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their evil passions. It was one of the most wicked cities in the world of its day.

Coupled with “vice” was the twin evil of heathenistic philosophy. In fact, Corinthians had produced some of the most noted philosophers in the world of that day. So, Satan had employed in that city his two most powerful attractions, “vice and philosophy.”

Paul probably went to Corinthians by boat, which would have docked at Cenchrea, which was the port for Corinthians. It was several miles from the heart of the great city.

After leaving the ship at Cenchrea, the great Apostle, more than likely, would have walked the distance of several miles to the heart of the city.

There is some indication that Paul at that time was a troubled man. He had not met with the success for which he had hoped at Athens. In fact, when he mentioned the Resurrection as he ministered on Mars’ Hill, the crowd, which assembled there to hear him, actually booed him down. In other words, he didn’t really finish the Message. While a few accepted Christ, still, I think the great Apostle was troubled at the turn of events.

THE HOLY SPIRIT

Knowing that the Lord had sent him to Corinth, and possibly disillusioned somewhat with the results at Athens, he must have wondered as to how he could break through the twin vices of the city of Corinth. He was possibly chagrined about Athens, and this certainly did not help his feelings as he came into the most wicked city of the Roman Empire. How could he penetrate these two vices of immorality and heathenistic philosophy?

How do we know that these thoughts could have plagued the great Apostle?

We know it from his statement, “For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him Crucified” (1 Cor. 2:2).
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“Paul was one of the most educated men to be used by the Lord to pen the Holy Scriptures. In fact, he wrote almost half of the New Testament.”

The word “determined” speaks of a great struggle that had gone on in his heart, and that he had made a conscious decision to go in a certain direction. That direction would be the Cross of Christ.

As he came from Cenchrea to Corinth, walking the several miles, he had plenty of time to think. No doubt, he was praying all the while. Considering Athens and what must have looked like failure to him, I’m sure he reasoned as to how in the world he could penetrate the powers of darkness in Corinth. At a given point in time, the Holy Spirit may have whispered to him, “Preach the Cross!” And, the Holy Spirit might have continued, “If the Cross works at Corinth, it will work anywhere!”

So, Paul would tell the Corinthians, incidentally, where a great Church would be built, “I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him Crucified.”

It worked in Corinth, and to be sure, it has worked in untold other places as well. In fact, there is no power of darkness that can stand against the Message of the Cross.

PAUL AND PHILOSOPHY

Paul was one of the most educated men to be used by the Lord to pen the Holy Scriptures. In fact, he wrote almost half of the New Testament. He had studied for years under the great Law scholar Gamaliel (Acts 22:3). Before Paul was converted on the Road to Damascus, he was being groomed to take the place of Gamaliel as the leading voice of the Pharisees. So, as it regarded the Law of Moses, there was no scholar in Israel more knowledgeable concerning this subject than Paul.

As well, it is believed by some modern scholars that Paul, due to some of the things he said, attended the great university in his home town of Tarsus. If so, he would have been highly educated not only in Mosaic Law but, as well, in the philosophy of the Greeks, which was the noted rage of that time. So, he had the capacity to stand toe-to-toe, so to speak, with the most educated of his day. No doubt, the temptation was great to deal with these subjects in his preaching; however, he fought down that temptation, knowing that, while it may sound clever, it would not set anyone free. He found that the Message of the Cross alone would set the captive free, and we are speaking of Salvation for the sinner and Sanctification for the Saint. So, he determined in his mind and spirit...
not to go in these other directions but to preach the Cross. He found that it worked exactly as the Holy Spirit said that it would work.

THE MODERN CHURCH

The church of this present day should take a lesson from Paul. While the expanse of time noted is nearly two thousand years, still, the problem is the same, and it is sin. As well, the solution is the same, and it is the Cross of Christ. It doesn’t matter what the nationality of the people might be; it doesn’t matter their culture; it doesn’t matter their educational background; and, it doesn’t matter about their state, their place, or their position. The problem is sin, and the solution is the Cross of Christ. Paul found that out, and the modern church needs to find this same truth as well!

MODERN RELIGIOUS PHILOSOPHY

One particular psychologist in a major Pentecostal Denomination made the foolish statement that modern man was facing problems not addressed in the Bible. Accordingly, or so he gathered, both the Bible and psychology are needed to address these particular problems. How foolish can we get! Is what he said correct? Is modern man facing problems not addressed in the Word of God? Peter, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, had something to say about that. Attend carefully to his words.

SIMON PETER

“Simon Peter, a servant and an Apostle of Jesus Christ (the position of ‘servant’ is placed first; if one cannot be a true servant for the Lord, then one cannot be an Apostle; the Lord guides the Church by the Office of the Apostle through the particular Message given to the individual, which will always coincide directly with the Word of God; Apostles aren’t elected, they are called of God), to them who have obtained like Precious Faith with us (proclaims the Faith that Gentiles can now be Saved exactly as Jews, in fact, all coming the same way) through the Righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ (this Righteousness is obtained by the Believer exhibiting Faith in Christ and what He did at the Cross):”

ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS

“Grace and Peace be multiplied unto you through the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord (this is both Sanctifying Grace and Sanctifying Peace, all made available by the Cross),

“According as His Divine Power has given unto us all things (the Lord with large-handed generosity has given us all things) that pertain unto life and godliness (pertains to the fact that the Lord Jesus has given us everything we need regarding life and living), through the knowledge of Him Who has called us to Glory and Virtue (the ‘knowledge’ addressed here speaks of what Christ did at the Cross, which alone can provide ‘Glory and Virtue’):”

THE DIVINE NATURE

“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and Precious Promises (pertains to the Word of God, which alone holds the answer to every life problem): that by these (Promises) you might be partakers of the Divine Nature (the Divine Nature implanted in the inner being of the believing sinner becomes the source of our new life and actions; it comes to everyone at the moment of being ‘Born-Again’), having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. (This presents the Salvation experience of the sinner, and the Sanctification experience of the Saint)” (II Pet. 1:1-4).
“As it regards life and living, the Holy Spirit lists eight attributes given to us by the Lord or, at least, made available. They, to be sure, will answer all situations.”

THE PROVISIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Now, the Holy Spirit through Peter will give us that which is provided to the Believer, and which addresses every phase of life and living. They are:

“And beside this (Salvation), giving all diligence (refers to the responsibility we as Believers must show regarding the Christian life), add to your Faith Virtue (this is Faith in the Cross, which will bring ‘Virtue;’ the type of ‘Virtue’ mentioned here is ‘energy’ and ‘power’); and to Virtue knowledge (this is the type of knowledge, which keeps expanding);

“...to...temperance (self-control); and to temperance patience (our conduct must honor God at all times, even in the midst of trials and testing); and to patience godliness (being like God);

“And to godliness brotherly kindness (carries the idea of treating everyone as if they were our own flesh and blood ‘brother’ or ‘sister’); and to brotherly kindness charity (love).”

THE ATTRIBUTES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

“For if these things be in you, and abound (continue to expand), they make you that you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Once again, this ‘knowledge’ refers to what Christ did at the Cross, all on our behalf.)

“But he who lacks these things is blind, and cannot see afar off (the reason one may lack these things is he is spiritually blind; in other words, such a one has made something other than the Cross the Object of his Faith), and has forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. (Such a Believer is once again being ruled by the ‘sin nature’ exactly as he was before conversion, which is always the end result of ignoring the Cross.)”

MAKE YOUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE

“Wherefore the rather, Brethren, give diligence to make your Calling and Election sure (this is what Jesus was speaking of when He told us to deny ourselves and take up the Cross daily and follow Him [Lk. 9:23]; every day the Believer must make certain his Faith is anchored in the Cross and the Cross alone; only then can we realize the tremendous benefits afforded by the Sacrifice of Christ): for if you do these things, you shall never fall (presents the key to Eternal Security, but with the Promise being conditional):

“For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the Everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. (The entrance into the Kingdom is solely on the basis of Faith evidenced in Christ and the Cross [Eph. 2:13-18; Jn. 3:16])” (II Pet. 1:5-11).

EIGHT ATTRIBUTES FOR LIFE AND LIVING

As it regards life and living, the Holy Spirit lists eight attributes given to us by the Lord or, at least, made available. They, to be sure, will answer all situations. They are:

1. FAITH: This always pertains to Faith in Christ and what Christ has done for us at the Cross. In other words, the Cross of Christ must ever be the Object of our Faith (Rom. 6:3-5; I Cor. 1:17-18, 23). This is the Faith, and this alone is the Faith, that God will recognize.

2. VIRTUE: The Greek word for “Virtue” is “arête,” and means, “manliness,” or, as stated, “energy and power.” Upon the individual being Saved and baptized with the Holy Spirit, power becomes a part of their persona (Acts 1:8).

3. KNOWLEDGE: The Greek word for “knowledge” is “gnosis,” and means, “to be aware of, to know, to perceive, to be sure, to understand.” All true knowledge comes from the Word of God and the Word of God alone!

4. TEMPERANCE: The Greek word for “temperance” is “egkrateia,” and means, “self-control.” This can be done only by the Believer placing his Faith exclusively in Christ and the Cross, which then gives the Holy Spirit latitude to work within his life, which gives him Victory over the passions of the flesh (Rom. 8:1-2).

5. PATIENCE: The Greek word for “patience” is “hupo-mone,” and means, “to stay under, to endure, to cheerfully wait” (James 5:11).

6. GODLINESS: The Greek word for “godliness” is “eusebeia,” and means, “Holiness.” As Believers, we have no personal holiness; however, a perfect, pure, spotless Holiness is supplied to every Child of
“With our Faith properly placed, the Holy Spirit, Who works exclusively within the parameters of the Finished Work of Christ, will then grandly help us to be what we ought to be (Rom. 8:1-2, 11).”

God, all made possible by the Cross (Heb. 12:10).

7. BROTHERLY KINDNESS: The Greek word for brotherly kindness is “philadelphia,” and means, “love of the Brethren” (1 Jn. 3:11).

8. CHARITY: The Greek word for “charity” is “agape,” and means, “the God kind of love” (Jn. 3:16).

If all of these attributes are properly understood, we should know and realize that everything we need to live this life, and to live it abundantly so, even in this modern age, is found in these attributes. So, for someone to say that modern man is facing problems not addressed in the Bible is, in effect, saying that God, the Holy Spirit, is lacking in knowledge. Such a statement is stupid, even if I have to be blunt!

THE SOURCE AND THE MEANS

Please allow me to repeat myself:

- Jesus Christ is the Source of all things that we receive from God (Jn. 14:6).

- The Cross of Christ is the Means by which these things come to us (Rom. 6:3-5; 1 Cor. 1:17-18, 23; 2:2).

- The Cross of Christ must at all times be the Object of our Faith (Gal. 6:14).

- With our Faith properly placed, the Holy Spirit, Who works exclusively within the parameters of the Finished Work of Christ, will then grandly help us to be what we ought to be (Rom. 8:1-2, 11).

“We’re Your Spirit’s dwelling place.”

“One with You, Thou Son incarnate,
“Born with You, the Man of worth,
“We, the members of Your Body,
“Sojourn with You here on Earth.”

“One with You, Thou Son anointed,
“Sharing too the Spirit’s Power,
“We in full cooperation,
“Labor with You hour by hour.”

“One with You in Resurrection,
“Death can never us oppress,
“Live we in Your New Creation,
“Bearing Fruits of Righteousness.”

“One with You, Thou Son ascended,
“Seated with You on the Throne,
“Your Authority we share and,
“Rule with You, Your Rank we own.”

“One with You, Thou Son returning,
“Glorified with You we’ll be,
“E’er to manifest Your Beauty,
“One with You eternally.”

(The material on the subject of The Cross was taken from the book, “BROTHER SWAGGART, HOW DO I LIVE A VICTORIOUS LIFE”. The cost is $20 (EV1233). It is a hard cover, over 250 pages.)
This letter recently received from one of our listeners demonstrates a vital point regarding preaching that the church must remember:

"Bro. Swaggart, I just found your broadcast on DirecTV and was blown away. I've been a tough guy all my life. I am seventy years old and have never shed a tear even as a child . . . but, thru Jesus Christ . . . Jimmy Swaggart, found the valve and turned it on. Praise the Lord! I just got Saved in front of my TV."

Now what happened to this man was not brought about by something my husband said or did. It was the Holy Spirit that Moved upon this man's heart and brought him to Christ. My husband was only an Instrument that God used. It was really the Conviction of the Holy Spirit Who brought this man into the Presence of God. The Holy Spirit touched that hard heart and brought this man to tears. It was the Holy Spirit Who brought this man to the realization that he needed a Saviour, brought him to Repentance, and brought him to accept Jesus Christ as the Lord of his life. This was all the Spirit's doing, not man's! Mere man, with all his flowery speeches, words, or deeds, can never do for man what the Holy Spirit can do in one second. This is why Ministers of the Gospel must always be Anointed by the Holy Spirit when they preach. It is the Anointing that breaks the yoke of sin!

THE ANOINTING

On the Day of Pentecost, after being filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter began to preach Christ to the crowd that had gathered under the Anointing and Power of the Holy Spirit. Three thousand souls were added to the Church that day! In the natural, all Peter could have done was to give a good speech, but that speech alone would not have had the Power behind it to change people's lives. It's obvious that the convicting Power of the Holy Spirit weighed heavily upon the crowd as Peter preached. His sermon was only the spark that ignited the Holy Spirit's Fire. With the Anointing of the Holy Spirit, Peter's sermon was able to do what no intellectual, motivational, or even emotional speech, no matter how brilliant, could ever do! It went straight to the people's spirits, bypassing their emotions, intellect, and hardheartedness. Three thousand people were Saved from eternal Hell and everlasting separation from the Lord because God the Holy Spirit was allowed to preach through Peter! Of course, the main focus of Peter's preaching was Jesus, Whom they had crucified. Jesus was the One Who had died to save them, and as this Truth was preached in the Power and Might of the Anointing, people were Saved. You see, the Holy Spirit puts the Power into the preaching so that hearts and lives may be touched and transformed as the Word of God goes forth. It's not the preacher; it's the Holy Spirit! It's really the preacher's job to yield to the Holy Spirit so that God may speak to His People!

THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Let's look at Peter before Pentecost. Peter had been with the Lord Jesus for over three years, from the very beginning of His Ministry. He was part of the "inner circle" of those closest to the Lord. Still, Peter denied Jesus Christ in his own time of crisis. Peter denied the Lord when the Master was crucified. He failed miserably because he lacked the type of power he really needed. When Peter was with the Lord, he had seen Miracles and had even been involved in them. When Jesus prayed for the sick, the Disciples saw great Healings take place and devils cast out! They witnessed many other mighty things done by the Lord. But, as soon as Jesus departed from
them, they fell apart. They became wishy-washy, “up” one day and “down” the next. There were many things the Disciples didn’t understand during Jesus’ Ministry. They often blurted out statements or questions that revealed their complete ignorance of what He was trying to teach. We find the Lord having to rebuke them on more than one occasion. However, they underwent a life-changing experience on the Day of Pentecost! Peter and the others, who had been weak, unsure, and incapable, were suddenly transformed into whirlwinds of Faith. And this was no gradual transformation that took place. It was a sudden, explosive event!

A NEW BOLDNESS

Jesus had a reason for directing the Disciples to wait in Jerusalem before beginning to minister. He knew the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, would be sent to revolutionize their lives. Only after they had received the Holy Spirit were they to begin preaching the Gospel and healing the sick! “And, behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you: but tarry you in the city of Jerusalem, until you be endued with Power from on High” (Lk. 24:49). The difference in these men before Pentecost and after Pentecost was positively dramatic. John, James, Nathaniel, and all the Disciples were changed. They had new priorities and a new boldness. Before the Crucifixion, we see Peter being questioned by a young maiden in the temple court and denying he even knew Jesus! But, at Pentecost (Acts, Chpt. 2), Peter stands up in front of all the mockers and scoffers, lifting up his voice preaching, “You men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a Man approved of God among you by Miracles and Wonders and Signs, which God did by Him in the midst of you, as you yourselves also know. Him being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, you have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain” (Acts 2:22-23). All the fear had left! What remained was the kind of courage that only the Lord can give!

THE HOLY SPIRIT

In fact, this boldness and Power should and must be present in the life of every person who professes to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. You see, everything was different after Pentecost. The Lord had promised they would be empowered to do what He had Called them to do. He had promised in John, Chapter 16, Verse 13, that the Holy Spirit would lead them into all Truth. The Holy Spirit gives insight and understanding and reveals Truth and He always lifts up Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life. It works the same way today. When a person receives the Holy Spirit, that person’s life is changed. God’s Presence and Plan is seen in greater clarity, and they become more zealous to save souls! They suddenly find they love Jesus more deeply than ever before. They are filled with joy and turn from sin while worldly pleasures lose their attraction.

EARMARKS OF THE EARLY CHURCH

It is God’s intention that churches be patterned after the Book of Acts. The Church that appeared in the Book of Acts was alive with Power and enthusiasm. The New Testament Church was totally committed to “freedom in the Spirit.” The Holy Spirit was directing their lives completely as He Moved in Authority and Anointing. As well, the Lord was organizing His Church that was to carry on His Ministry. Therefore, sin had to be dealt with internally and swiftly. Sin could not be allowed to enter and corrupt the embryonic Church. As we see in Acts, Chapter 5, Verses 1 through 11, as related in the account of Ananias and Sapphira, the Scripture says, “Great fear came upon all in the Church and upon as many as heard of this incident.” It is the Holy Spirit’s Job to convict of sin, Righteousness, and Judgment. Church, wake up! We must go back to the Book of Acts! We must go back to allowing the Holy Spirit to direct the sermons that are preached from behind our Pulpits. We must sing and play music that glorifies God instead of man’s flesh. We must go to Church to worship God, not to fulfill our fleshly lusts. We are in this world, but we as Christians are not of this world.

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THE CROSS

The entirety of the Bible should be used as the guide to our Spiritual lives and all our Church activities. We need to use the whole Bible, not just the parts that speak of God’s Love but the parts that speak of sin, fallen man’s need for a Saviour, the Blood Sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the meaning of the Cross, the meaning of the Rapture, the meaning of the Second Return of Jesus Christ, and, above all, the need for Repentance! Particularly right now, **we need to repent for our failure to teach the whole of the Bible**, our failure to believe in the full Power of our risen Saviour, and the full Victory that the Cross has afforded! We need to go back to Church Services that have an Anointing so strong that no soul will leave without sensing they have come in contact with a Living and Holy God!

TESTIMONIES

I’d like to share another e-mail with you:

“I was listening to your program and one of your singers was singing, and as he was singing the Holy Spirit took over and I was singing and shouting along like never before. My sisters came over for a visit and I could not wait to go and play that song for them. Now the Holy Spirit was waiting in the shadows for them, and He took over one of my sisters completely, she started crying and called out to the Lord. My other sister just sat there silently crying. Brother Swaggart, that music was so Holy Spirit filled that it touched me all the way to Chicago as I listened to it.”

And this one:

“I live in North Carolina and as I was watching your 10 AM Service this morning the Holy Spirit filled my living room. And as I danced and prayed in the Spirit at one time my prayers in the Spirit became stronger and stronger and louder. In my heart I was being told that this prayer was going into the Service there at Family Worship Center. I felt as if I was in the midst of the congregation. Also, the Spirit ministered to me about Restoration with situations in my personal life. Then a Message in Tongues was given about ‘Restoration.’ I began to cry, dance, glorify God, and felt as if so much had already taken place. What joy filled my heart because, yes, so much had taken place within this time of worship. We worship with you and at times feel we may miss the assembling with others. But that’s okay, because God showed me all we need is His Presence and if in our home is the place His Presence is, then let it be. What an amazing Service and amazing message that Donnie preached today.”

And this one:

“Brother Swaggart, I am thirteen years old and I absolutely love your program. My Grandmother only speaks Spanish and some English. She is always watching your program and she now has me watching it. When I hear you preach I understand things more clearly. My friend Nicholoe was suicidal and I got her to watching your program and she prayed to God and she no longer has thoughts about suicide. I love your program.”

I shared these e-mails with you just to further emphasize that **everything must be done through the Holy Spirit**. Man and his ways are not adequate, and that’s why we were sent the Helper! Preachers must not depend on their own strength and ability. It takes the Anointing of the Holy Spirit to touch hearts and lives. The Holy Spirit is one Member of the Triune Godhead – the Third Member. He is the Member Who does the Work of God, and Jesus sent the Holy Spirit specifically for this Purpose after He had returned to the Father. The Holy Spirit was sent to reveal Jesus and the Ways of God as He Moves in the hearts and lives of Believers. It is the Holy Spirit Alone Who Moves in mighty and marvelous Ways to accomplish the Purpose of God on Earth. “… Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD of Hosts” (Zech. 4:6).

Frances Swaggart

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I AND II KINGS

The time frame of I and II Kings spans a little bit over 400 years. In a sense, it is the story of the Plan of Redemption carried out under the most difficult circumstances.

David had been chosen by the Lord to be the man through whose lineage the Son of Man would come, namely, the Lord Jesus Christ. After the death of David, and the reign of his son Solomon, the Nation of Israel regrettably was torn into two parts, the Northern Kingdom being referred to as Israel, Samaria or Ephraim, with the Southern Kingdom being referred to as Judah. Regrettably, the Northern Kingdom did not have one godly king, while several godly sons of David did grace the throne of Judah. All of this was pushing forward toward the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Actually, from the time of David to the birth of Christ, would be a time frame of approximately one thousand years.

THE STORY OF GOD’S PEOPLE

During its time, Israel constituted the only monotheistic people on the face of the Earth, meaning that they worshipped one God, Jehovah. All other nations of the world of that time were polytheistic, meaning they worshipped many gods, mainly demon spirits. So the only light in the world of that time was Israel, with Judah actually serving that purpose. Unfortunately, there came a time that Judah also, despite the cry of the Prophets, lost her way with God totally and completely, and was ultimately consumed by the Babylonian Empire.

IS IT POSSIBLE THAT ISRAEL OF OLD MIRRORS THE MODERN CHURCH?

I think when you study the great Books of I and II Kings, you will come to the conclusion that there are many similarities regarding Israel of old, i.e., “Judah,” and the modern church. These are lessons we must learn, but these are lessons we cannot learn, unless we avail ourselves of the opportunity of the study of these two Books.

LET ME CHALLENGE YOU . . .

I realize that most everyone presently is extremely busy; however, if you will secure for yourself this Commentary on I and II Kings, and will set yourself to read three or four pages a day, I will personally guarantee that you will draw closer to the Lord, you will find a peace in your heart that passes all understanding, and when you finish this Commentary, you will be very, very glad that you took me up on my word.

THE PRICE

All of our Commentaries sell for $40; however, we have marked this brand-new Commentary down 25% making the cost only $30. I’m doing that because I want you to take advantage of this, and because I know how much good it will do you, that is if you will do what I have asked.

Incidentally, you will, as well, find the Message of the Cross outlined graphically so in this Volume. It is outlined simply because the Message of the Cross is in reality the Story of the Bible.

So you won’t put it off until you forget it, I’m asking you that if it’s possible for you to do so, to get out your credit card now, go to the phone, and place your order. And, incidentally, if you can get a copy for your Pastor, or any friend or relative, you will be doing them a great favor.

We’ll look forward to hearing from you.
Matthew 16:13-16 – “When Jesus came into the coasts (borders) of Caesarea Philippi (about thirty miles north of the Sea of Galilee), He asked His Disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am? (The third form of unbelief manifested itself in popular indifference, indolence, or mere curiosity respecting the Messiah Himself. Upon the answer to this all-important question, hinges the Salvation of man.)

“And they said, Some say that You are John the Baptist: some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the Prophets (this form of unbelief manifests itself in the frivolity of the natural heart).

“He said unto them, But whom say you that I am? (Addressed personally to the Twelve.)

“And Simon Peter answered and said, You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God (the Great Confession).”

The young man would later state that this common man could not even pronounce the words correctly, but that didn’t really matter for there was a Power behind his simple words.

The message began with this dear humble man stating: “It says, ‘look,’ no looking don’t take a deal of pain. It ain’t lifting your foot or finger; it is just ‘look.’ Anyone can look, even a child can look.

“But then the Text says, ‘look unto Me,’ look to Christ!”

The young man said that, “The eyes of this uneducated man looked right at me and said, ‘Young man, look to Jesus Christ. Look! Look! Look! You have nothing to do but look.’”

The young man at once was convicted of his sin and accepted the Lord. That young man was none other than Charles Haddon Spurgeon, who would go on to become one of England’s greatest Pastors.

THE QUESTION OF THE AGES

In the Text, we find the Lord asking His Disciples the question, “Whom do men say I am?” This one question constitutes the question of the ages. How one answers this question determines where they will spend eternity. How one answers this question determines what you really know about Jesus Christ. How you answer that question determines who you are and where you are going.

THE CHURCH HAS FORGOTTEN WHO CHRIST IS

If one could somehow be able to observe all the Sunday morning Services in their town, what kind of Jesus (if any) would be presented? In too many churches in America, the Jesus presented is not the Jesus of the Bible. In many churches, Christ is the Great Philosopher. Or He...
is the Great Environmentalist in the sky. In too many churches, Christ is just a good guy who wants to make you feel good about yourself and have a good laugh.

"BUT WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?"

Jesus was now speaking directly to His Disciples. Now understand they had walked with Him, they had seen His Mighty Works and Miracles. Yet, He still asks the question. In effect, He was drawing them out, and today He is drawing you out.

Association and proximity to Christ doesn’t mean one knows Christ. How many people sitting on our church pews really know who Christ is? There is only one correct answer.

"YOU ARE THE CHRIST"

Luke says in his account, “The Christ of God.” Christ means Anointed and in this sense referred to Him being the Messiah and King. Anointed means to consecrate to a specific Office, an Office that only He could fulfill.

WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

He is the Son of God, Redeemer of mankind, He is the Anointed One, the Specific One, the Unique One of a kind, He is the One Spurgeon called on and was Saved. Who is Jesus Christ? One Name or Title doesn’t do justice. The Word of God tells us that Jesus Christ is:

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WHO IS JESUS CHRIST?

- The Seed of the woman, Jehovah, Shiloh, and the Star out of Jacob.
- Who is Jesus Christ? He is the Prophet, King, Rock of Salvation, the Anointed One, the Son of God.
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- Who is Jesus Christ? He is the Door, He is the Passover, He is the Author and Finisher of our Faith, He is a Nail in a sure place, He is the Morning Star, He is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, He is the King of kings, Lord of lords.
- Who is Jesus Christ? He is the Saviour, the Healer, the Baptizer in the Holy Spirit. He is Christ; the Son of the Living God, the Only One Who can redeem mankind from his sin and make that person a brand-new Creation.

Who is Jesus Christ? He is my Saviour and my Lord, that’s Who Jesus Christ is.

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HOLY GHOST SERVICES

Dear Brother Swaggart,
Thank you for your Christian Services! We need a lot more of the old way of the preaching of the Gospel. I am talking about Holy Ghost Services with everyone shouting and filled with the Holy Spirit. I miss that terribly. I watched Brother Donnie today, and I really enjoyed it. Keep it going, praise the Lord!

NORTH CAROLINA

I CONTRIBUTE MONTHLY TO SPREADING THE WORD OF THE CROSS

Dear Frances,
I am so happy to be watching you now on DirecTV®. I just wanted you to know that I went to church when I was young in north Baton Rouge when you and Brother Swaggart first started preaching the Gospel 45 years ago. Even as a child of 5 years old, I love to listen to Brother Jimmy sing and play the piano. His music is so inspiring and the message is always there.

I moved to Florida when I was 26 years old, and I moved away from the church and Jesus. I always believed that Jesus died for me, but I had strayed from living a Christian lifestyle. I was into drugs and never thought twice about the sinful life I was leading. I finally gave up the marijuana and other drugs I was doing some 10 years ago. I moved back to Baton Rouge about four years ago, and one day while waiting in the car line to pick my niece up from school, by chance, I had run across SonLife Radio and this Ministry is what Saved me. I now attend Family Worship Center on a regular basis, and I am so thankful and much happier now that Jesus is back in my life full-time.

I contribute monthly to spreading the Word of the Cross. I pray that all the people who have benefited from this Ministry, or are being fed by this programming, need to make a monthly donation on a regular basis so the Word of the Cross can continue to touch others as it has Saved me. Thank everyone at SonLife Radio and Jimmy Swaggart Ministries for preaching the true Word of the Cross.

LOUISIANA

MY FAMILY AND I ARE PART OF THE MEDIA CHURCH

Dear Brother Swaggart,

Thank you for preaching the Cross, God bless you and the Ministry. My family and I are part of the Media Church, and yesterday’s message was exactly what the church needs to hear! My wife and I received the Baptism with the Holy Spirit on August 12, 2007, our first visit to Family Worship Center! Thanks again for preaching the truth.

E-MAIL

I BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES AS THE HOLY SPIRIT FILLED ME

Donnie,
I used to watch your dad in the 1980’s. I so wanted to be baptized with the Holy Spirit. Saturday night I was watching you on DirecTV®. I once more asked God for the Baptism with the Holy Spirit. This time I received it. I began to speak in other Tongues as the Holy Spirit filled me. It was amazing! I’m 50 years old and can only wonder how different my life would have been if this would have happened 24 years ago. I’m not sure what the future holds for me in Ministry, but I know that I’m Spirit-filled and looking for the Power of God to Move in a demonstrative way!

E-MAIL

I KEEP MY TV ON 24 HOURS A DAY, EVEN WHEN I GO TO BED

Brother and Sister Swaggart,
I am on DirecTV®, and last week I discovered SonLife Broadcasting Network and I can’t tell you what a blessing it has been. I have an 84-year-old mother that I am the caretaker for, who suffers from dementia, and some days are really hard. But this last week has been so wonderful. I keep my TV on 24 hours a day, even when I go to bed. Some weeks this is the only church that I know, and until now my Spiritual soul suffered because I refused to watch these “other preachers.” Now, when I can’t attend my home church, I have a church to attend through SonLife. I hear things here that I have never heard, and I am so thankful for. You tell things that the news won’t cover, and as a Christian, we need to be informed. I know “thank you” seems so insufficient, but just keep doing what God is leading you to do, because it blesses people.
more than you will ever know.

I just wanted to say thank you and God bless you, your family, and this entire Ministry. This channel has been a lifesaver for me.

E-MAIL

THANKS FOR SUCH GREAT PROGRAMS

Hello Sister Swaggart,

I just wanted to say thanks for such great programs. I greatly appreciate what you do for the Cause of Christ, and the many guests you have on your program.

E-MAIL

THE PODCAST’S ARE SUCH A BLESSING

Brother Swaggart,

I want to say thank you for making many of your sermons and teachings available on Podcast. It has been many years since I have heard your preaching and teaching. Thanks for standing firm and teaching the Word in this hour where we are in a famine of the Truth. I am a Pastor of a Pentecostal Church and I need to be fed, and the Podcast’s are such a blessing.

Thanks again, and God bless you and your Ministry.

FLORIDA

I KNOW THAT THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS IS BIBLICAL

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I download your Podcast’s and listen to them many hours a week. Since I have been listening to your Podcast’s, I feel that I have grown Spiritually, and this has made a tremendous difference in my life. I pray for all of you who are a part of the “A Study In The Word” and “The Message Of The Cross” programs. I greatly appreciate all of you. I know that the Message of the Cross is Biblical, and I feel that God brought me to your program. Thank you for your commitment and diligence in bringing this Message to me.

LOUISIANA

I LIFTED MY HANDS TO GOD

Dear Brother Swaggart,

My care is breaking down constantly, I lost my job, I have no money, and to top it off I am currently living with my parents, and they just lost their house. To be completely honest, I was thinking that suicide was the best way out because I am so tired of things constantly falling apart. I’m never happy or content with anything. But after watching your program, I lifted my hands to God along with your congregation through the television. And the anointing was so incredibly strong. I feel so relieved to know that Jesus lives, and He created us and understands us completely. I no longer feel useless in this world. God can use what the world considers as trash, and turn it into something great to His glory. I will continue to believe, because I know He will come through. Thank you so much for spreading the Word of God. I know now never to doubt Him again, and not to worry about what people say. This is God’s World, and His Ways are not like our ways, and I trust Him totally. I can’t thank you enough for your powerful sermon.

E-MAIL

A REVELATION OF THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just had to write and express my gratitude for your determination to follow the Leading of the Lord in proclaiming the Message of the Cross. I am a Pastor, and I have been a Christian for 38 years. Shortly after conversion, I received a Call to Ministry and a Revelation of the Message of the Cross. Because of denominational doctrine and the teaching I received from those more educated and experienced than I, I began to believe I was wrong. Over the years I could not shake the Message of the Cross, which God had placed deep within my soul. I found the SonLife Radio station and it has been such a blessing. Now I am teaching and preaching the Message God gave me all those years ago to the church God has given me to pastor.

God bless you all.

NEBRASKA

UPLIFTED AND ENCOURAGED

Dear Brother Swaggart,

I just want to say what a blessing your show has been to me. I am in the last stages of emphysema, plus too many other things to mention, so I don’t get to church much, but I can turn your station on day or night and be uplifted and encouraged. I love your music and don’t hear anything like it anywhere else. I love Donnie, love Gabriel, love Frances, and her panel. You are definitely blessed by God.

ARIZONA

IT’S THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS

Dear Brother Swaggart,

We have been watching your programs over the Internet for about three years and have learned so much. We appreciate the anointed music, preaching, and teaching. Our pastor objects to Jimmy Swaggart Ministries, but we know the truth when we hear it! Thank you.

We have been Saved 52 years, and are also baptized with the Holy Spirit. We pastored a church for nine years after retiring from teaching. We still preach occasionally, and when we do it’s the Message of the Cross. Praise the Lord!

INDIANA
"THE CHRISTIAN AND TEMPTATION"

James 1:12 – “Blessed is the man who endures temptation (refers to the test of Faith): for when he is tried, he shall receive the Crown of Life (refers to a reward much greater than the price paid), which the Lord has promised to them who love Him. (If we truly love Him, we will truly keep His Commandments [Jn. 14:15], which we can do with the help of the Holy Spirit, Who requires that our Faith ever rest in the Cross [Rom. 6:3-5, 11, 14].)”

THE ASSET OF FAITH

The Christian’s Faith is his greatest asset. It is through Faith and Faith alone that one is granted entrance into Eternal Life. It is through Faith and Faith alone that one is enabled to overcome every obstacle that presents itself in life. Those obstacles may take the form of contrary circumstances. They may also take the form of a desire from within the heart to do evil. While God is in the process of securing our Faith, seeing to it that our Faith is both genuine and pure in quality, Satan has quite a different agenda. His goal is always to destroy or degrade the very fabric of our Faith. If he can eliminate our Faith in what God has revealed to us, he can eliminate the benefits that God can bring to one who believes. This is why James stresses the need to maintain Faith to the end. No one passes through just one trial and is then rewarded with a Crown of Life. It is through many trials, troubles, attacks, and snares that the Believer must pass. We do not gain the Crown of Life through the passing of a singular test. By the same reasoning, neither do we lose the Crown of Life for failing to pass a single test of Faith. We are to hold to our Faith to the end! If, at the end of the day, we still believe that Jesus is the Son of God who died for our sins and rose again, we win!

TEMPTATION IN CIRCUMSTANCES

In James 1:2, we see the exhortation by James to walk through life’s “many colored” situations with joy. We are not joyful because we face a difficult time or issue! We are joyful because we know that despite the present circumstances we are facing, God is still with us and God is faithful. Our Faith resides in the Faithfulness of our God to come through for us. If God be for us then who or what can be against us? These are words of Faith! We believe in God’s Provision, even when we can’t see how it will come! We believe that our Covenant with God in Christ has tied us intrinsically to the care of our Heavenly Father. We believe that He has not forsaken us or forgotten us. We believe that He will come through for us! This is Faith that brings hope. Hope makes us not ashamed as time and time again we see the Faithfulness of God coming through. Some Christians despair during a trial of circumstances. Despair can take us to a place of doubt and fear. Doubt and fear can produce faithlessness, which in the end will produce spiritual death, separation from God. Jesus prayed for Peter that his Faith wouldn’t fail (Lk. 22:32). He’s praying the same for us today. The Believer who holds to his Faith in a trial of circumstances will also hold on to the joy of his Salvation!

TEMPTATION TO DO EVIL

In James 1:14-16, we see a second type of temptation. This attack is a strong forward attack that entices the Believer to commit an act of sin. The problem stems from what is still in the heart of the Believer. Some Believers are taught that after Salvation, we are perfect. Not so! The only perfection ascribed to the Believer is the Perfection of Christ imputed to the Believer’s account. It is true that we are dramatically internally changed and transformed by the “Born-again” experience. If any man...
be in Christ, he is a new creation! However, some issues of the human heart remain. I believe that God allows these to remain for disciplinary purposes. He wants and expects us to have Victory through what He has provided for us in Christ through Calvary. Therefore, some sinful bents are instantly removed at Salvation, while others are not. We must learn to rely exclusively on Christ, trusting that what He did for us on Calvary is enough to break and remove any sinful bent within us! This too is a fight of Faith. We are to believe that our union with Christ has broken the power of sin's grip on our hearts. We are to reinforce this truth, buttressing our Faith through the Word of God that tells us this is so.

According to Romans 6:11 we are to reckon ourselves to be dead indeed unto sin (whatever “bent” of the human heart is manifesting) and alive to God (open to the working of the Holy Spirit) which will set us free from sin’s sway. We learn this as truth! We believe this is truth. We reinforce this truth through the written and spoken Word of God! Then, we rest in this truth. We cease from our labors and attempts to overcome sin. Instead we labor to enter into rest. We “sit down” with Christ by Faith and trust that His Power will eliminate the enemy within. Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit saith the Lord of Hosts! This is the true fight of Faith.

If sin continues to dominate or control us, stealing victory from us, the danger that it will lead to faithlessness is great! So many people have just given up and walked away. God holds no man in His Hand against his will. You can walk out of that Omnipotent Hand if you so desire. Once doubt and unbelief has run its ruinous course through the faith in your heart, your soul stands in peril. But, I brethren, think better things of you. Believe to the end and you will receive the Crown of Life. Believe in what Jesus has done for us at Calvary, regardless of trials by circumstances or trials of the heart, and you will have abundant life now! Fight the good fight of Faith! Press on! Keep believing! If you don’t quit, neither will He!

CAMPMEETING SESSIONS

Don’t fail to be with us at the upcoming Easter Campmeeting. We will be teaching special pre-campmeeting sessions. Be sure to call ahead and register, the dates and times are below.

**SPECIAL TEACHING SESSIONS:**

- **Monday, April 18:** 1-4 p.m. • 6-8 p.m.
- **Tuesday, April 19:** 1-4 p.m. • 6-8 p.m.
- **Wednesday, April 20:** 9 a.m.-12 noon
  - 7 p.m. Campmeeting Begins

Loren Larson
President
All I can say is WOW! We had such a tremendous time in the Lord during our winter Youth Rally, with scores of young people from all over the United States coming down to experience the Moving and Operation of the Holy Spirit. The Moving and Operation of the Holy Spirit is exactly what our youth need today. They do not need the “fluff” that is being offered in most youth circles, for those things will not do anything for anyone. What is needed is a Move of God that will change their very lives.

We have two great events during this calendar year that we would like to encourage all young people to come down and be a part of:
1. We have our spring Youth Rally, May 20 and 21, which is a Friday and Saturday night, and will be at 7 p.m., CST.
2. As well, we have our annual International Youth Conference, July 20 through 24, and is open to all youth groups.

Incidentally, we have several hotels available at a discounted price. If you need more information, please call 225-768-3072.

Acts 2:14-18 – “But Peter, standing up with the Eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them (Peter will now preach the inaugural Message of the Church on that Day of Pentecost), You men of Judaea, and all you who dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words (the Message was probably delivered on Solomon’s Porch, a part of the Court of the Gentiles; it was where debates and such like were commonly conducted):

“For these are not drunk, as you suppose (in effect, says they are drunk, but not in the common manner), seeing it is but the third hour of the day (9 a.m.).

“But this is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel (please notice that Peter did not say, ‘this fulfills that spoken by the Prophet Joel,’ but rather, ‘this is that . . .’ meaning that it will continue);

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God (proclaims these ‘last days’ as beginning on the Day of Pentecost, and continuing through the coming Great Tribulation), I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh (speaks of all people everywhere and, therefore, not limited to some particular geographical location; as well, it is not limited respecting race, color, or creed): and your sons and your daughters shall Prophesy (includes both genders), and your young men shall see Visions, and your old men shall dream Dreams (all given by the Holy Spirit; the Hebrew language insinuates, ‘both your young men and old men shall see Visions, and both your old men and young men shall dream Dreams’; it applies to both genders as well):

“And on My servants and on My handmaidens I will pour out in those days of My Spirit (is meant purposely to address two classes of people who had been given very little status in the past, slaves and women); and they shall Prophesy (pertains to one of the ‘Gifts of the Spirit’ [I Cor. 12:8-10]).”

A WORD FROM THE LORD

I know that in last month’s issue of The Evangelist Magazine, on the Crossfire page, I mentioned that there would be a continuation of that particular article, but that is going to have to wait until next month. I believe that the Lord has given me a Word for not only this Youth Ministry, but, in fact, the entirety of the Body of Christ.

Let me begin by explaining what I mean. Just a few weeks ago, on a Monday evening, I was taking both of my girls, Sam and Abby, out to spend some quality time with them, and as I got them buckled up and secured in their car seats and put the key into the ignition, the Spirit of the Lord began to Move through my car, as a song began to play through those speakers that was recorded by my grandfather many years ago, “It’s Beginning To Rain”. As mentioned, the Spirit of the Lord began to Move throughout my car, and I could not help myself, as tears rolled down my cheeks, and I started to speak with other Tongues as the Spirit of God gave the utterance. I believe that the Lord was...
Moving upon my heart to tell you that, “it is beginning to Rain.”

THE ENTRANCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

The Bible tells us the account in which the Holy Spirit descended upon the original Church around 2,000 years ago and how that it so impacted those that were there, that those individuals who received the Promise of the Father, literally turned the world of that day right side up for the Cause of Christ. First of all, let me address this, the Holy Spirit has always been, for He is God. He did not arrive that day on the Day of Pentecost for the first time, but rather He came in a new dimension never before known up until that time.

Before the Cross of Christ became a reality, the Holy Spirit could only come upon certain individuals, and for a certain task that needed to be performed. But, once that task was accomplished, He would have to remove Himself, and the reason was that the blood of bulls and goats could not take away sin (Heb. 10:4). But, after the Cross became a fact and a reality, the Holy Spirit could now come inside of all Believers to live permanently, because the Blood of Christ has washed every sin away, at least for those who will believe.

THE PROBLEM THAT MANY HAVE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

But, there are, unfortunately, many in the church world who have a problem with the Moving and the Operation of the Holy Spirit. The problem is that most of what goes under the name of church want to control everything that goes on, during a Service and behind the scenes. When the Holy Spirit Moves upon a person, or congregation, He many times brings conviction to steer that person to Christ (Jn. 16:8-10). But, the truth is that most do not want the convicting Power of the Holy Spirit, but would rather have something that will not offend someone in the audience. The church is in a sad state; because of her departure from the Word of God and the Moving and Operation of the Holy Spirit, there is a drought in the land. As one has said, and rightfully so, one could lay the blame for our Nation’s downward spiral at the doorstep of the church.

THIS IS THAT!

As the Command of Christ was given before His Ascension into Heaven, few of those that had gathered that day actually went to Jerusalem to wait for the Promise of the Father. Peter, along with others, were in the Temple courtyard early that morning, seeking the Father as to what Christ had told them, but little did they know that what was about to happen would change the landscape of Christianity forever. Before I continue, I want to say that the church was birthed in Power and Pentecost! There would be no church today if it were not for the mighty Outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost. Church is not to be some boring, dry, programmed laden entity, but, it should be a place of Power, where souls are being Saved and lives are being changed. The church has lost its Vision, and its Power, because they no longer preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which is in actuality the Message of the Cross. We need a Revival, for as the church goes, so goes the Nation!

As the Spirit of God fell that day on the Day of Pentecost, as the crowds were gathering in wonder and amazement as to what was happening, a phenomenon that was sweeping through that Temple courtyard, some mocked and said that these men were drunk. But, Peter now filled with Holy Spirit, stood and said, “These men are not drunk, as you suppose . . . But this is that which was spoken by the Prophet Joel; and it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, I will pour out of My Spirit upon all flesh. . . .”

Notice that Peter did not say, “this concludes that,” or that “this shall be that,” but rather “this is that!” Meaning that what happened to them that day would not conclude after that happening, but, it would continue even up into this very hour!

What we are experiencing in Crossfire at this very moment is the beginning of what God the Holy Spirit is about ready to do all across this world. This is the very beginning! We are getting ready to see the greatest Move of God that the world has ever known, and our Young People will be a part of this great Move as well. That is why I encourage you as parents and as Youth Pastors, to do whatever it is that you can to bring your Young People to these Youth Rally’s and Youth Conferences that we host each year and for them to be a part of something that will touch this world for the Cause of Christ. For “If you are thirsty and dry, just look up to the sky, it’s beginning to Rain!” Rain is coming, and it has already begun.

In Him,
Pastor Gabe

April, 2011 29
A TREASURE TROVE

I have just finished reading again the entirety of this Commentary on the great Book of Hebrews, and I'm speaking of all 800 plus pages. The information contained in this Commentary is so valuable, so helpful, so needful for every Believer, that I would pray you would take advantage of this most excellent offer, and then when you get this Commentary, try to read a couple of pages each day. I'll guarantee this, you will learn things about the Word of God, about victorious living, about the price that Jesus paid for our Salvation, and our life and living, which will change your life. I am recommending this so highly, simply because I've just read it again, and I know its worth and value. I believe you will think the same thing once you get a copy.

Our offer is almost half price, and I would pray that you would take full advantage of it.
When it comes to gimmicks and foolishness, the modern church is sure to find it and apply it on a corporate basis. The newest fad is addressing the weight problem of the church! Meanwhile, God said we do have a “wait” problem. We are to wait upon Him. There’s nothing wrong with taking care of our bodies and trying our best to achieve a normal weight and reasonable modicum of physical fitness. However, when it becomes the preoccupation of Believers to be distracted with weight watching instead of watching and waiting for a Move of God, you have the ingredients for deception.

Rick Warren and his “Saddleback” experiment are at it again. This time though he has teamed up with media celebrity and New Age doctor, Mehmet Oz and other mystics to assist his followers in changing their bodies, and minds! Warren’s “Daniel Plan” is a 52 week program that tracks your progress and enables you to have coaching from these worldly and Satanic instructors as part of his new ten year program to expand his ministry, “Decade of Destiny.” The plan includes an element of personal growth meant to equip parishioners to succeed in seven areas: spiritual, physical, financial, relational, vocational, emotional, and mental.

LOSS OF THE TRUTH!

Warren is using his weight-loss program as a seeker sensitive evangelical outreach approach. “This is God’s prescription for your health,” he said. “This is the greatest opportunity for you to introduce friends to Saddleback Church through a non-threatening event.” Hmm, does the Gospel threaten people or bring them hope? It seems the only real loss to any of Rick Warren’s demonic programs in the past, and especially now, have been the loss of the truth.

BAIT!

Warren’s deception operates in this vein, he doesn’t mention the teachings and beliefs of the doctors he’s promoting on his ministry websites. However, he is strongly endorsing them and, thereby, recommending their literature. Can we separate their teachings and belief’s from their methodology used and applied for weight-loss and well-being? No. However, Warren and his Peter Druckerish, Leadership Network organizational influence embrace a pragmatic approach to all their experiments with the church; the end justifies the means. Warren obviously does not believe the Gospel and preaching of Jesus Christ and the Finished Work of the Cross as the solution to all of man’s needs, but rather fellowship with the world and popularity are the “worms” Warren uses to bait his catch. Beware reader.

MYSTICAL MEDITATION?

Dr. Mehmet Oz on his website says, “You have to meditate to lose weight.” The type of meditation he prescribes is Transcendental Meditation. Remember, it was Warren who promoted labyrinth meditation in the past. He knows no boundaries when separating meditating on God’s Word and mystical meditation with yoga, as promoted by these New Age doctors. We are also told by Dr. Mark Hyman, that we need to live in “community” and the “individuals” will not survive in our future world of “group living.” Does Warren have a greater agenda than he’s telling his participants? Warren is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, CFR, and has been a guest speaker at the World Economic Forum, where he volunteered “the church” as the distribution mechanism to eradicate world poverty. What is Warren getting you in shape for? He wants you in shape so you may become a “better servant.” There’s no truth at Saddleback and “the lie” is spreading by unsuspecting followers of Rick Warren. What constitutes a church is what is preached behind the Pulpit. “The lie” I refer to is Saddleback is promoted as a Christian church when it is sadly a pagan cult.

IMAGE OF CHRIST

The real shape of someone is God shaping and molding Believers to be conformed into the Image of Jesus Christ. This Work is done by the Power of the Holy Spirit as we apply Faith in what Christ has done for us at the Cross. The Holy Spirit Works within the confines of the Cross, Romans, Chapter 8, Verse 2, and only He is able to prepare us for Service and sanctify us for Godly living (Eph. 2:8-10).
MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD

Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Yemen, Lebanon, Iran, etc. have all experienced great change recently. When the Shah was removed from Iran in 1979 he was replaced by a religious dictator that ruled by Islamic law. The uprising and protests have opened the door for more Islamic dictatorial rulers to occupy Tunisia and Egypt. In Tunisia the expulsion of Ben Ali brought the return of Rachid Ghannouchi, a west hating, Israel hating, Islamic scholar who pretends to support democracy. In Egypt, the protests of millions brought down the reign of Hosni Mubarak. The Muslim Brotherhood stands prepared and ready to form a new government in Egypt. Let’s recall that back in 1988 the Hamas organization was formed out of the Muslim Brotherhood to be a resistance organization against Israel. Its charter speaks of Israel’s utter destruction. The Hamas gained a place within the Palestinian Liberation Organizations government, Al-Fatah, by the democratic vote of the people in Gaza. Lebanon has seen the same with a terrorist organization formed out of Iran, the Hezbollah, now part of the Lebanese government. Protests in Libya, Jordan, and Yemen may change the leadership of these nations soon as well.

WHAT IS YOUR FOUNDATION?

The world is being shaped and prepared for the rise of the Anti-christ. God’s Word has given us several obvious clues pointing to His return. Israel is beginning to bud and apostasy is rampant, to name a couple of signs. We have a means to touch the world like never before. If the Apostle Paul lived today, where do you think he might want to preach? Where would he be welcomed? We may not be the Apostle Paul, but we speak the message that God gave him. The only message that pleases God is the Message of the Cross! The Cross is the foundation of all Doctrine. What’s your foundation? The storm is coming and the house on the ROCK will stand. Stand for Jesus and Him Crucified and you will not fall for gimmicks.

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Ezekiel 34:1-2 – “And the Word of the LORD came to me saying, Son of Man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus says the Lord GOD unto the shepherds: Woe be to the shepherds of Israel WHO DO FEED THEMSELVES! SHOULD NOT THE SHEPHERDS FEED THE FLOCKS?”.  

DESTRUCTION AND CAPTIVITY  

It has been said by Jewish scholars that “Moses portrayed what could have been, Ezekiel portrayed what was. . . .” Judah had been invaded and conquered by the heathen king Nebuchadnezzar who ruled and reigned from Babylon (modern day Iraq). Nebuchadnezzar’s armies would invade Judah three times over a period of several years . . . ultimately burning down the Temple of God in Jerusalem (built by Solomon) as well as taking captive the people of Judah with their great scholars, their priests, and the royal seed of Israel. Among those taken captive was God’s Prophet, Ezekiel.  

The Prophet Jeremiah had warned Judah that should they persist in their gross idolatry and immorality; a mighty nation from afar (a nation, which they knew not) would enter into the Holy Land and destroy all that had once been theirs.  

HOW DID IT COME TO THIS?  

Chapter 34 of Ezekiel grants us an insight, into the dialog the Great God of Israel would have with His Prophet. Ezekiel found himself in the godless nation of Babylon, some 1,500 miles away from the Promised Land of the Jews; the land which God Himself had given to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and there (in godless pagan Babylon) he would sit disillusioned. How could God allow the nation to be taken captive so brutally? Would God really allow his glorious Temple (where once His Presence had rested so strongly that not even the priest could enter in to minister) to be burnt to the ground?  

Ezekiel knew that Judah had left its devotion and consecration to God; this was all too plain to see. What troubled the Prophet the most, however, was his desire to understand the root cause that allowed God’s People to fall so far from the Lord into such idolatry. The cry of his heart was, “HOW DID IT COME TO THIS?”  

WOE BE TO THE SHEPHERDS  

God’s response to his Prophet . . . “WOE BE TO THE SHEPHERDS OF ISRAEL WHO DO FEED THEMSELVES . . . SHOULD NOT THE SHEPHERDS FEED THE FLOCKS?”  

The Lord squarely lays the fault directly behind the Pulpits of Judah/Israel as well as placing the blame on the shoulders of generations of kings who together gave themselves over to gross idolatry and greed. In so doing they led the nation down the path of destruction and captivity.  

I believe history is now repeating itself in these the last days. I submit to you the following account of my most recent journey to East Africa for your consideration.  

KAMPALA CRUSADE  

It was late December 2010, Christmas was only days away . . . I found myself sitting on a giant crusade platform in Kampala, Uganda. My precious daughters were with me, my father and mother-in-law as well, and, as always, my beautiful wife Deborah was by my side.  

We had now been in Africa for the better part of two weeks . . . it was late in the day and thousands
upon thousands had gathered in anticipation of the evening Service. As has been the custom at these series of crusades, I had been invited to speak and bring forth the message of Salvation to those who were gathered. This was now the sixth crusade that I was a part of.

THEY FEED THEMSELVES

As I sat on that platform feeling the heat of the late afternoon East African sun beat down upon my face, my heart was broken as an Asian woman from Australia (who claimed to be an evangelist) was wrapping up her so-called sermon. My spirit wept within me as I heard her conclude her message by telling these beautiful African people that they needed to be rich like her, that if they really had faith, they could have what she had. She went on to describe to these precious people that her faith was great because she had believed God for a two million dollar apartment and a brand-new Mercedes Benz. This was what she was putting forth to these precious Saints as a measuring stick for their faith. My spirit hearkened back to the words of the great Apostle James who said, “Hearken, my beloved brethren, Has not God chosen the poor of this world rich in Faith, and heirs of the Kingdom which He has promised to them who love Him?” (James 2:5).

NO LAUGHING MATTER

It would almost be comical if it were not for the fact that this very sort of message (which Brother Swaggart has so correctly labeled “the gospel of greed”) has now become one of the most predominant teachings of the Pentecostal and Charismatic Movement around the world. The preaching of The Gospel of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified has been replaced with this so-called gospel which is no gospel at all, this, in fact, is what the Bible calls “doctrines of devils” (I Tim. 4:1).

THEY FEED NOT THE FLOCK

As I sat there looking at the assembled thousands I felt the anger of the Spirit of the Lord. Here was this woman boldly proclaiming this “gospel of greed” to a people whose annual income is less than 300 dollars a year (76% of the Ugandan people live on less than 1 dollar a day). These are people who look to the leaders of the church for answers to their difficult and hard lives. It is sad to say, but in this false church they find no answers. Like many in the Third World Nations these people have suffered years of famine, sickness, disease, dictatorships, war, and oppression the likes of which we in the West cannot even begin to imagine. They are a beautiful people, some who walk as far as 30 miles with children and elderly in tow just to hear the Gospel. They come to the crusades not dressed in fine clothes but clothed in the best they can afford. Many have no shoes and most stand in the hot sun for hours with empty stomachs all because they have great Faith that the Lord will meet their pressing needs, whatever they may be. The look of trust and innocence in their eyes stirs the heart. While sitting on the crusade platform waiting for my time to preach to them, I wanted at that moment to get up and leave for I felt embarrassed to be seated on the same stage as these false shepherds; a backslidden ministry that demeans the people and treats them as if they were second-class citizens in the House of God!

I HAVE DETERMINED

I have now determined more than ever before to do the best I can to preach with all my heart the TRUE Gospel of Jesus Christ and Him Crucified. We who are supporters of Jimmy Swaggart Ministries have been called in this final hour to right this wrong and declare to a hurting world that the Lord loves them! To give to these precious people the understanding that God hath indeed chosen them and does not view them as the poor who need more faith. We must tell them while we still have time that He hath indeed made them the rich of this world, by Jesus Christ and Him Crucified. We must tell them that He has paid the price for their sin and through their Faith in what He has done at the Cross of Calvary they now have been given the gift of Salvation unto the Saving of their souls. It is vital that they know that through His Death on the Cross the power of sin has been broken in their lives.

Yes, God has indeed prepared for them a City that hath foundations, where the streets are paved with gold. A City specifically designed, constructed, and prepared for all who believe and love Him!

Your support of Jimmy Swaggart Ministries and the SonLife Broadcasting Network is needed now more than ever. “Truly, the Harvest is great but the laborers are few; pray you therefore the Lord of the Harvest that He would send forth laborers into His fields.”

Keep looking up!

Marty Martinez

Brother Marty Martinez
THE APOSTLE PAUL

At least hundreds and possibly thousands of books have been written on the Apostle Paul. This man under Christ, as no other, is the father of what we refer to as Western Civilization. He is the man to whom the Lord gave the meaning of the New Covenant, which, in effect, is the meaning of the Cross. As well, the Holy Spirit designated him as the “Masterbuilder of the Church.” In his fourteen Epistles, that is if he wrote the Book of Hebrews, which I believe he did, he gives us the all-important information not given anywhere else, as to how one lives for God. As it regards the Believer, there is nothing more important than that.

PAUL THE MAN

We have gone into some detail in this book dealing with the man, Paul, the Apostle. Who he was! What he did! But most of all, we have done our best to deal with the information the Lord gave him as it regards the meaning of the New Covenant. In studying the goodly number of books, which I perused, there was very little information given regarding this all-important aspect of this man’s life and Ministry. When we say that the Lord gave to Paul the meaning of the New Covenant, it is a statement that is so astounding it beggars all description. In fact, that was the greatest Word that God ever gave to any human being. Everything given before then, and I speak of the Prophets, etc., all were leading up to this which was ultimately given to Paul. Yet, we are given very little information as to how it was given, but rather what was given. We’ve done our best in this book to major on that all-important aspect of his life, living, and Ministry.

PAUL

When we think of Paul presently, that is if we know anything about the Bible at all, we realize the greatness of this man. In fact, more than likely, he is eclipsed by no other personality in the Bible. I realize that’s a staggering statement, but I believe it to be true. Yet, during his life, he was given very little credit for that which the Lord accomplished through him. It has taken many centuries for it to come full flower.

THE BOOK

If, in this book, we are able to help you go a little deeper into this man’s life, and most of all, to help you understand the tremendous Heavenly Vision that was afforded him, which means that you will understand what he taught a little better, then all the labor of putting this together will have been worthwhile.

I want you to be with him in his early days. I want you to experience his struggles and, as far as is possible, his great victories. If, when you get through reading this book, you understand the New Covenant to a greater degree, then the task will have been worthwhile.
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THE SONLIFE BROADCASTING NETWORK
At the time of this writing, we are reaching approxi-
mately 45 million homes here in the USA. As well, we
are reaching approximately 10 million homes in England
and Ireland. Also, by the time you read this, we should
be reaching approximately 10 million homes or more in
Latin America.
We believe that the Lord has mandated us to take THE
MESSAGE OF THE CROSS to the entirety of the world. So
that means we are making every effort to go on every
Cable System in every country where there are Cable
Systems, and every Satellite. This Message must reach
the entirety of the world.
Several months ago, the Lord spoke to my heart
saying:
"This Ministry (Jimmy Swaggart Ministries) is going
to play a great part in fulfilling the dream given to Pharaoh
some 3,700 years ago."
The dream was doubled as most of you know. The
first part of the dream which consisted of seven fat cattle
coming up out of the river, and then being consumed by
seven lean cattle, was fulfilled almost immediately. Egypt
experienced seven years of the greatest harvest it had ever
known, which was followed all over the Middle East by
seven years of famine. It took that to bring Jacob to Joseph.
The second part of the dream consisted of seven fat
stalks of grain, which was consumed by seven lean stalks.
The seven lean stalks, I believe, refer to the coming Great Tribulation, which will last for seven years. The seven fat fleshed stalks represent, I believe, the greatest Harvest of souls the world has ever known. In fact, I believe that this Move of God has already begun. Whether it will last for seven years, I have no idea, inasmuch as the number “seven” can be used in several ways; however, we must also understand, in the first dream the seven fat cattle referred to seven literal years of harvest, while the seven lean cattle referred to seven years of famine. This latter dream may very well follow suit. As well, I personally believe this will be the last great Move of God before the coming Great Tribulation. And somewhere before that time, the Rapture of the Church will take place.

I believe I can say that there is one thing I do know, I believe firmly that the second part of this dream has to do with the present time. I also literally tremble at the idea that the Lord has given us the great opportunity to be a part of this Move of the Holy Spirit. And I might quickly add, He has given you that place and position as well. What an honor! What a privilege! What an opportunity!

LET ME THANK YOU . . .

In the last few days, along with the expenses of Television airtime, Radio, and the Internet, we have had to purchase two soundboards for the Church at a cost of about $400,000. Let me explain.

These are the boards in which all the music at the Church comes through. The ones we had to replace were about 25 years old or older. In other words they had completely worn out. They don’t even make parts for them anymore. So we were forced to purchase two new boards and, as stated, that on top of all our regular operating expenses. SO, IF YOU COULD HELP US WITH THIS IT WOULD MEAN SO VERY, VERY MUCH.

RESPONSE

We are elated at the e-mails, letters, phone calls, testimonials, etc., that we’re getting as it regards THE SONLIFE BROADCASTING NETWORK. We have people telling us that they turn it on in the mornings when they get up and never turn it off all day long. Others tell us that it’s hard for them to get their work done, because they don’t want to miss any of the programming. And I might quickly add, we are adding more Cable Systems every week. I could reel off a number of cities in the USA that we probably will be on by the time you read this Magazine; however, I’ve been asked not to announce these places until we are actually telecasting. And please understand, I am dictating these notes some weeks before you will read them.

How happy we are to be on in Dallas, Texas and Atlanta, Georgia. As well, the Atlanta hookup carries several cities around Atlanta, with the coverage of over 600,000 homes. Dallas covers over 300,000. Also, we are airing in quite a few Latin American cities, with more being added almost daily. Please let me explain the way the Spanish works for Latin America.

SPANISH

To begin with, it’s not a very simple task to translate programming 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, into Spanish. It takes quite a few people, and that’s the reason I’m constantly asking you for your help for this endeavor.

When all the “live” programming goes out, and that’s the tricky part, the way it’s done, it is that the voice of the one speaking English is turned down real low, with the one speaking Spanish turned up. The people see us, but they hear the Spanish voice. That’s the way it works. It may sound simple, but believe me, it’s very complicated.

And, you must understand that we receive no financial help from the Latin American countries. But, the Lord has told us to cover this entire nation and the world, and that’s what we must do.

I BELIEVE THIS . . .

I believe everyone who stands with us, everyone who helps us, and everyone who makes this Network possible, that the Blessings of the Lord are going to come to you in a way that you’ve never known before, and in every capacity. I believe that with all of my heart. I believe the Lord has told me that I am free to relate that to you. It is a gigantic task to cover the entirety of the world, or at least where it is possible, but it’s something the Lord has instructed us that we must do. The whole world must hear THE MESSAGE OF THE CROSS.

Thank you so very, very much, for helping to make all of this possible. Let me say it one more time:

• The Move that is now taking place, is going to be, I believe, the last great Move before the coming Great Tribulation.
• This Move of God is going to reap a Harvest of souls, I believe, that’s greater than anything the world has ever known.
• I believe the Lord has called this Ministry to spearhead this Move.
• I believe the Lord has prepared us for this very time. It hasn’t been easy, but it has been necessary.
• I believe that every one of you who hold this Magazine in your hands, have been appointed by the Lord to a special place. In other words, you are an integral part of this great Move of God. So, whatever you do, don’t take it lightly. One day we will all stand before the Lord to give account. I want to say, and I want you to be able to say, we did our very best.

In the Master’s Service, yours,

Jimmy Swaggart
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