

WIND OF THE SPIRIT MINISTRIES Newsletter

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## ANCIENT WORDS SOUND LIKE TODAY'S NEWS

What are Christians to do when faced with moral and ethical situations that are diametrically opposed to what the follower of Jesus knows to be true and ethically and morally right? **We keep doing the things we were doing**. We make effort to listen to and follow the words of Jesus, regardless of what the world says or how we are treated by those who oppose that for which we stand. We do not change our belief system just to be culturally acceptable, politically correct or to gain human approval.

The Christian Faith has always been at odds with the belief systems of the world in which it exists. Jesus knew what he was talking about when he said that the world will hate us. If it hated him it will hate us! Lies hate truth!

The words of God's prophet, Isaiah, are just as true today as when they were first spoken some eight hundred years before Jesus. Likewise, the prophetic words of God's Son, Jesus, are coming true in our time as well.

Listen to both. God spoke through Isaiah, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight." Isaiah 5;20, 21.

This is God talking through Isaiah! "Woe" is an expression of grievous distress, affliction or trouble. It has to do with grief or lamentation. In other words, God is grieved and distressed over how his people are behaving.

It is not a threat like, 'You're in trouble if you do this, and you'll get what's coming to you.' Rather a person's behavior brings grief to the heart of God and distress and affliction to those who engage in those things that pervert God's ways. It affects both God and us.

The evidence is all around us. You don't have to go searching for it. The recent disclosure that the PP corporation that is ostensibly in existence to help women with health issues is involved not only with the abortion of millions of babies, but also in the sale of fetal organs from those abortions for profit. Their rationale is that the organs and tissues provide good research opportunities to help save the lives of others. How about saving the lives of those who are killed to save the lives of others? *"Woe to those who call evil good and good evil."* Also, *"Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight."* 

This kind of mindset grieves the heart of God whose creative processes are destroyed and then sold and used for greed. It not only grieves the heart of God, it breaks our moral compass, degrades human life and, in the process, brings distress and cheapens our very existence.

Hear the words of Jesus, "A time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God." [John 16:2]

One of the arguments used for the slaughter of innocents is that this procedure is okay with God. What? Killing innocents is okay with God? The very God who declared to his people, "You shall not murder!" [Exodus 20:13] Do not attribute to God that which goes directly against his word and will. That very corporation which slaughters the innocents has clergy persons who see this as a "service to God."

Jesus warned about that when he was accused of being in league with the devil. [Mark 3:28, 29] "I tell you the truth, all the sins and blasphemes of men will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin."

That mindset grieves the heart of God to think that his people would accuse him of doing the very thing he abhors. And too, Christians around the world are being slaugh-tered by Muslims and all in the name of Allah. The Muslims, in doing so, believe wholeheartedly that they are doing a service to their god by ridding the world of infidels. Consequently, thousands of those who follow Jesus and turn away from the Muslim faith are killed. Isaiah's words are true: "*Woe to those who put dark for light and light for darkness.*"

Jesus is the Light of the World. As the Apostle John wrote, "The true Light that enlightens all men has come into the world." John 1:9 And, "Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed." John 3:19, 20

In the face of the present desensitizing of human awareness of what is right and wrong, let us hold to the truth that God is aware and ultimately his justice will win over human wisdom [ignorance] and cleverness.

Light exposes what is hidden. We are to continue, like Jesus, to be revealing light in the world's dark places. lle

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#### WITH A SONG IN MY HEART

It has been eight months since the sudden death of my beloved wife, friend and co-worker in our Lord's Kingdom—Audrey. Those who have walked the same or similar paths know that life moves on, sometimes with much sorrow, sometimes with renewed hope and sometimes even with a song springing up from within.

I have experienced all of these. I would like to share the words of a song that I believe the Spirit of God placed in my heart. He also gave me a melody for it, but that is difficult to record here.

> Jesus Watches Over You Larry Eddings "Jesus watches over you, He sees everything you do. He hears everything you say throughout your day, He watches over you. Jesus knows your every care. Feels your pain, knows your despair. With his comfort He is there to see you through. He watches over you.

When you think you've lost your way, Been deceived or led astray, He will guide you through your night Into His Day, His love will show the way. You are covered by his love Flowing down from heaven above. From the fullness of his Grace in every place, You're covered by his love.

And if you despair, He will be there with you. Bringing hope and giving you life that's new. And when you rejoice He will rejoice with you, With Heaven's song for your whole life through."

Somewhere along the way in these eight months the Lord spoke to my spirit and said, "You have a choice to make. You can stay in your grief or you can begin to see my glory in it."

God has begun to reveal to me some of the ways where his mercy has been evident. He doesn't work the same way in all lives, but that doesn't mean he cares any less for those who walk different paths.

An example: grievous as it was, Audrey's sudden death spared her of a long, drawn out, debilitating illness. Her suffering was short lived—just minutes. God is also teaching me to rejoice more over her victory and focus less on my loss. Heaven is our home, and death doesn't have the final say! Resurrection does!

God's amazing Grace continues to give life meaning and purpose, even in the midst of the grief process.

#### **HEALING SEMINAR TESTIMONIES**

Wind of the Spirit Ministries has just completed a three day Healing Seminar with over thirty people participating in the sessions.

The presence of the Holy Spirit was evident and the event was bathed in the glory of the Lord. We were led in worship by Dennis Rickabaugh and Bob Martello, two men of God who are filled with the Holy Spirit and, with the leading of the Spirit, helped us to worship God "in Spirit and in Truth."

In addition, Naomi, the worship leader at one of the other local churches in area, sang two anointed songs and the Overman family, six of them, played their violins in praise to God. We were blessed and God was honored in the worship settings.

The teachings and workshops gave the participants opportunity to experience healing in various areas of their own lives as they ministered to each other.

One person received Jesus into their heart and, according to Scripture, all heaven jumped to its feet rejoicing.

In addition, the following testimonies witness to the glory of God. Hear what God did for two of our attendees during the Healing Seminar:

"I was full of hatred, sin and the devil's lies for years. I didn't see the way out or know there was something way better out there. Jesus brought me out of the darkness and showed me joy! Hallelujah!" *Kyle Hightower* 

"The Seminar was not what I expected, but it was exactly what I needed. Praise God for healings: emotional, physical, years of hurts—healed by our Lord and Savior." Lois Fox

We serve a dynamic and powerful God who loves to touch and change our lives more and more into the image of Jesus. We join these two in saying "Hallelujah!"

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#### THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Jesus told his disciples "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you..." Acts 1:8 The disciples received that power at Pentecost and they went forth as witnesses for Jesus, and all but one of them—John, was martyred or killed because of the Gospel they preached. Another word for witness is martyr.

That power is still essential if we as the church are to be involved in the supernatural work of the Kingdom of God. It cannot be accomplished by human strength alone.

How then may we be baptized in or with the Holy Spirit and receive that power? The first step is to **ask**. Jesus said, **"If you who are evil know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask."** Luke 11:13

When helping another to be baptized with the Holy Spirit it is helpful to have an idea on how to go about it. The following is not the only way it can happen, but it is one way in which Baptism with the Holy Spirit may happen.

- Encourage the person seeking for the Holy Spirit to ask, in their own words, for Jesus to baptize them with the Holy Spirit.
- Agree with them in prayer by thanking the Lord for hearing their request and answering their prayer. Jesus said where two are in agreement on anything you ask for, it will be done. Matthew 18:19
- Anoint with oil when appropriate and place hands on top of their head and pray that the Holy Spirit come upon them, baptize them and fill then with power.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to release the spiritual gifts in their life. This may include any of the gifts, including speaking in an unknown tongue. The disciples spoke in tongues, *"as the Holy Spirit enabled them."* Acts 2:4 Do not try to make the person speak in tongues. The Holy Spirit will do that. Help the person seek the Gift of the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Spirit will follow.
- Allow the Holy Spirit time to minister to the person. This
  may happen as the person "rests in the Spirit." Resting
  may happen while they are standing straight up or lying
  on the floor or sitting in a pew. Do not try to make the
  person rest in the Spirit. The Holy Spirit will do that.
- Baptism with the Holy Spirit rests on God's faithfulness to keep his promise. It is not based on a particular experience or feeling, such as speaking in tongues or resting in the Spirit. It is based on God's faithfulness to keep his promise to give his Holy Spirit to those who ask.
- At the appropriate time—and the Holy Spirit will reveal when that is, offer a prayer of thanksgiving to Jesus for baptizing the person with the Holy Spirit.
- Encourage the person to share their experience with another person within a short time. This way they give testimony to the work of the Holy Spirit in their life.
- Stay in touch with the person, if possible, to share in their continuing witness to the power of the Holy Spirit.

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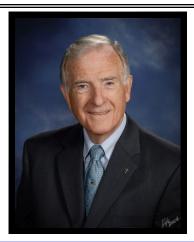
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"He gave some to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers, to equip God's people for works of service, so that the Body of Christ may be built up ...attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Ephesians 4:11





### PLEASE POST AND PRAY FOR THIS EVENT

OTHER MINISTRY EVENTS ARE IN THE PLANNING STAGES Eddings Email address: woseddings@msn.com

AUGUST 13-23—Larry will be in Hawaii with daughter, Teri, and family.

**SEPTEMBER 23—Worship and Concert by Leann Williamson and Lori Smith of Christian World Missions from Starkville, MS, at Silverdale UMC** 

**OCTOBER**—Dates for Bishop Juan's Convocation have changed because of need to secure new venue. Dates will be posted later.

NOVEMBER 12-20—Recifi, Brazil ministry with Nicholas and Rachel Billman of Shores of Grace Ministry.