

Exalting Jesus, Loving People

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Matthew 16:13-20 NKJV

When Jesus came into the region of Caesarea Philippi, He asked His disciples, saying, "Who do men say that I, the Son of Man, am?" So they said, "Some say John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

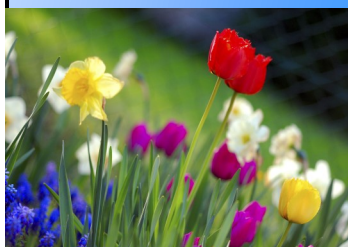
Jesus answered and said to him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven. And I also say to you that you are Peter and on this rock I will build My church and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then He commanded His disciples that they should tell no one that He was Jesus Christ.

What the earth has been through in the last one to two years has really been like World War III. The world is not prepared for these things because they are in spiritual darkness; influenced by the prince of the power of the air, but Christians need never be taken by surprise; however; I think

even many ministers were taken by surprise. I am an American so I can speak from that vantage point. I don't mean to be hurtful but Americans are soft and have not taken the time and applied themselves to being strong spiritual Christians. If you think you can become a strong spiritual Christian by attending a one hour church service once per week I have news for you, it isn't going to happen.

Helen and I have realized more than ever that this time we have on earth is short and we only want to "know Him" and make "Him known." When Helen gets home at night there are many nights each week that we spend a good part of the evening in prayer or we watch online services full of the fire of God or we do both. As I write this I have such an urgency in my spirit. So many people still act so very ho-hum about the hour that we live in. As one preacher states so aptly; the sun is fast setting on the horizon of time.

Jesus was yielding to the Holy Spirit in the afore mentioned scriptures and was doing His best to prepare His disciples for what lie just ahead of them. Peter was sensitive enough to get some revelation from the Father and was feeling pretty good about it. I am sure that the disciples had millennium thoughts running through their heads! Just as they were basking in the revelation of Jesus



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being the Christ the Son of the living God, Jesus threw some more revelation to them, that He had to die. This was not what they wanted to hear.

The greatest news is that Jesus was preparing His disciples to be spiritual soldiers armed with weapons from heaven. They grew up to be stalwart believers and gave their lives for the one they loved and served, (except Judas Iscariot.)

I want to encourage you to stay strong in the Lord. Ephesians 6:10-18 NKJV Finally, my brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day and having done all to stand.

Stand therefore having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful for this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

We cannot stay strong by being absorbed in the things of this world; even legitimate things. In times of war, sacrifices are made. We need to toughen up

spiritually and trim off the carnal fat and worldliness. We need to learn to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ and stop being controlled by negative emotions and feelings and learn to live out of our spirit by the power of the Holy Spirit. Instead of relying on comfort food to support yourself emotionally start praying in the Holy Spirit for one hour each night. Turn on some awesome Holy Ghost and fire worship music!

Hebrews 12:1,2 NKJV Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and the sin which so easily ensnares us and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

I am encouraging you to press into the things of God like never before. Pray and praise and worship long enough to where the Holy Ghost gets in your feet and really celebrate the Lord with a Holy Ghost dance. Yield your Holy Ghost temple to the beat of heaven!

Colossians 3:1-4, NKJV Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above and not on earthly things. For you died and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.



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Ephesians 6:10



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Father God wants us to have some of that glory manifested right now! Helen and I are just two ordinary people that decided a long time ago that we were so in love with Jesus that we would do whatever it took to continue pressing into Him.

One thing that helps us to be equipped and prepared are the nine gifts of the Spirit, which as the body of Christ we should be praying for, that they would come back in full manifestation in the Church. One minister of the gospel referred to the gifts of the Spirit as God's weapons from heaven. Two qualifications to have them manifest, one, (to have knowledge of the gifts) and two, (to have spiritual hunger or desire, to covet them.)

One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is the word of wisdom which concerns future events. One example from my own life; I attended a meeting in Castalia, Ohio where a spirit filled Mennonite college professor was speaking. He had a word of wisdom for me. He did not know me and I had never heard him speak or even knew who he was. The meeting was about the year 1981, he said he saw me walking hand in hand with someone in the ministry on a sidewalk made for two into the sunset. At that time I was single and at the age of twenty-four was in prayer about a future spouse. The Holy Spirit comforted me with that word as I knew that I would need a very special person called of the Lord to walk with. This word from heaven brought me great comfort and encouragement. This was one part of being spiritually equipped. The gifts of the Spirit are weapons that help us stand strong to run our race and help us to overcome the attacks of the enemy.

In closing I want to say to you from the words of a song from the 1980's . "BE BOLD, BE STRONG, FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU, I AM NOT AFRAID, I AM NOT DISMAYED, CAUSE I'M WALKING IN FAITH AND VICTORY, COME ON AND WALK IN FAITH AND VICTORY FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD IS WITH YOU." (IN YOU AND FOR YOU TOO).



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FYI-I DO NOT WANT YOU TO BE IGNORANT

Concerning Spiritual Gifts

Concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I do not want you to be ignorant. 1 Cor. 12:1 NKJV

There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all: for to one is give the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits to another different kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills. 1 Cor. 12: 4-11,



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