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## Newsletter for December 2007

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## Praise's of the Month



Well here we are coming to another year end at His Will Ministry. I have to admit that as usual I am in awe. I hope and pray that I never lose that special childlike outlook on things. Our Lord and Savior has opened several doors to the ministry that were unexpected. He has opened the door for the ministry to help orphans in Kenya. I do not know why I am still surprised. In March of 2003 Pastor Larry Skelton of Victory New Testament Fellowship Int. wrote me with these words given him by the Holy Spirit. *"You are going to experience doors opening in areas that you didn't know existed, He will make ways where there at this present time there is no way."* He went on to talk of living on total faith as the doors opened. Then at a church where I was preaching a woman gave these words in April 2003 *"You both need to get a really clear vision of what God would have you do. ... He is perfecting you for greater and greater things. Things that people can't even imagine."* You see we at His Will Ministry had never even thought of the directions and doors that the Lord opened this year. The moral of the story! Even if it does not happen as soon as you think it should hold onto Jesus' word's in **Mark 5:36 "Do not be afraid, Only believe!"**

Through a kind gift of Pastor Peter in Kenya the Lord started a series of events that resulted in His Will Ministry rebuilding two orphanages and having plans for a new 100 bed orphanage as the Lord provides. Pastor Peter also is working as our pastoral representative in Kenya being our eyes and ears. The picture is Pastor Peter, Sister Phyllis and the cows in the living area of her home and orphanage. She and the children shared the home with the local cows because there was not even a door to keep them out. The next picture is the same room after the repairs provided by His Will Ministry. When God opens a door we must walk through. The below picture is the children in the home now. They have hope that was provided by a simple little gift. We just never know how far those ripples will go when we have the faith to step out and cast our bread upon the water. **Ecclesiastes 11:1-2 (KJV) <sup>1</sup>Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days. <sup>2</sup>Give a**



**portion to seven, and also to eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth.** With Pastor Peter of [www.hiswillministry.org/lwc](http://www.hiswillministry.org/lwc)



**Kenya we also helped start and maintain a computer training school for the orphans. So now not only are the orphans being fed, clothed and given a place to live but they are also being given a computer education that will benefit them**

in the rest of their school studies. Pastor Peter being a humble pastor did not want to ask for help in rebuilding the home that he and his family live in with 20 additional orphans. At my continuing request he put together a cost to rebuild this building. I cannot say why, except for the urging of the Holy Spirit I felt Pastor Peter's home needed the work. As we progressed we discovered what the next photo shows. You can see pastor Peter by the base of the Home. We discovered that the base timbers that were holding up the house were rotted and it was only through the grace and power of our God that Pastor Peter's home did not collapse and kill at least 25 people. You see my friends when you are doing the perfect will of God you are protected. By new year those 20 orphans and Pastor Peter and his wife will have a safe home to live in because the Lord opened those doors and His Will Ministry stepped through.



Ok this was just the beginning. Pastor Yesudass in India of Paul Ministries [www.hiswillministry.org/paul](http://www.hiswillministry.org/paul) is working with us to reach the tribal people including the Hindu's in his region. We just finished a project to reach the tribal children with special Christmas packages. Because of the fact that the area that Pastor Yesudass ministers to is very poor we are currently working on a planning phase of a sewing project. This project will give the local woman training on sewing clothes to be able to provide for their families. This facility would provide Christian teaching to hopefully create a whole new group of



women evangelists who will go forth and tell their friends, relatives, neighbors about what Jesus has done for them. We are hoping, praying that this facility will be able to become a totally self supporting ministry in its own. With growth of the textile industry in India this could be a very good project for the Kingdom of God and the very poor region. Pastor Yesudass is also working as our Pastoral representative in India with

many other ministries. He is our eyes and ears there.

**God Bless Pastor A. J.**

## 🌈 **The Word Speaks!** 🌈

Ecclesiastes 11:1-7 (NKJV) Cast your bread upon the waters, For you will find it after many days. Give a serving to seven, and also to eight, For you do not know what evil will be on the earth. If the clouds are full of rain, They empty *themselves* upon the earth; And if a tree falls to the south or the north, In the place where the tree falls, there it shall lie. He who observes the wind will not sow, And he who regards the clouds will not reap. As you do not know what *is* the way of the wind, Or how the bones *grow* in the womb of her who is with child, So you do not know the works of God who makes everything. In the morning sow your seed, And in the evening do not withhold your hand; For you do not know which will prosper, Either this or that, Or whether both alike *will be good*.

When asking direction and the will of our Lord and Savior this year this scripture was given to us. It is true like all of Gods word. I down loaded a report from the internet by a non Christian and he even quoted this scripture. But, what is the wisest man to ever live telling us? Cast your bread upon the waters, in other words give freely and what? You will find it after many days. Solomon is telling us that you cannot out give God. I see so many Christians that are

having financial problems and they always say *"I just cannot afford to tithe or give to the Lord!"* I just do not understand, one of the first lessons I learned as a Christian was that everything I have is God's. He is just loving enough to let me keep 90% and only requires 10% back. I am living proof that you cannot out give God! If you give to the Lord with a joyous heart you will find it after many days. It will return to you in abundance. **Mark 10:28-30 (KJV) Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's, But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.** God and our Lord and Savior do not lie! Test them in this and see the abundance come your way.

## Mary's Thoughts for the Month

### TEN BRIDESMAIDS

I was reading the parable of the ten bridesmaids in the book of Matthew today (Matthew 25:1-13). I love how Jesus was always such a story teller, I can picture just sitting at His lovely feet and listening to Him recount the parables to those who followed Him. In this particular instance He was using the analogy of a Jewish wedding ceremony something His listening audience could relate too. In the Jewish wedding ceremony the long-awaited Bridegroom (Jewish brides waited a year after betrothal for their Bridegroom to prepare a place for them) came to snatch away the bride the night before the wedding feast itself. This parable is one of the easiest ones to understand, the Bridegroom is of course Jesus, and the five wise virgins (bridesmaids) represent genuine believers, and the five foolish bridesmaids represent unbelievers. Remember that Jesus was talking to the Jews and often He employed using language that the Jews would understand, such as a Jewish wedding ceremony, but Jesus was also speaking to us, all of us who would believe in Him through the years.

Let's look at the verses from the Bible: **Matthew 25** <sup>1</sup>"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. <sup>3</sup>Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, <sup>4</sup>but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. <sup>6</sup>"And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' <sup>7</sup>Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' <sup>9</sup>But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>"Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' <sup>12</sup>But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' <sup>13</sup>"Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming.

From reading these scriptures we can see that all are virgins, all of them have lamps, all of them go out to meet the Bridegroom, and all of them get drowsy and fall asleep. These are the things they have in common. This parable that Jesus told of the Bridesmaids is a microcosm of the church today. All believers should be waiting for Jesus to return, just as He promised He would. All of us should have our lamps and be ready to go out to meet Him. For all intents and purposes these virgins seem identical until you read that only five of them had enough oil to keep their lamps lit. What does this mean to you and me? All of the virgins fell asleep, because Jesus says that at midnight they all arose. But only five of them were properly prepared to meet the Bridegroom, five of them had stayed in a state of preparation and five had not. The five who were not prepared immediately tried to borrow oil from the five who were prepared in order to trim their lamps. There is one valuable

lesson to learn from this parable of the ten virgins and that is we must be ready every moment to meet Jesus Christ, our oil should be in our lamps. Many Christians today have grown weary of watching and waiting for the Lord to return it isn't uncommon for Jay and me to encounter people who say they believe in Christ who will mutter, *"Where is the promise of His coming, even my grandmother believed she would see Christ's return."* The reason I live in a state of readiness is because of Jesus' words here to the foolish virgins who showed up after the wedding feast had begun and the door was shut. **But He answered and said 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'**

I never want to hear those words from Jesus, how about you? If He does not return in my lifetime I will die ready to see His lovely face. I will pass from this world with Him in my heart and His dear name on my breath. Nothing in this world will keep me from that moment. God knows my heart, He can read my thoughts, and He knows that I would die before denying Him. He knows that every morning my eyes open in this world that I praise His Holy Name for one more day to glorify Him, and I pray all of you do the same. Look around this world is there any part of it that you would cling to instead of Jesus; ask yourself if anything that this world has to offer you is worth going to hell for. I hope your answer will be a resounding NO!!!

The truth is that Jesus could delay His coming longer than we think, and His coming will catch most people by surprise we need to stay awake and have oil for our lamps. It is also true that some people who profess Christ do not possess Christ and may look like true believers but will hear those dreaded words from Jesus on that day **"Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you."**

I pray Brothers and Sisters that this will not be true of any of us. God forbid. No religion will assure your place in Heaven, and you cannot get there on anyone else's merits. Keep oil in your lamps and be ready every day to meet your Savior, do not grow weary in well doing and encourage others along the way. Bring as many people home with you as you possibly can, and on that day you will hear these words from Jesus. **"Well done good and faithful servant."**



## ***The Sad things Department***



### **Lesbian ministers eager to go in 'Amazing Race'**

By Melissa Evans, Staff Writer

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There weren't any women ministers - much less lesbian ministers - when the Revs. Kate Lewis and Pat Hendrickson were young. Although times have changed, role models are still hard to find, they say, even in the liberal-leaning Episcopal Church. Lewis and Hendrickson, who have been in a relationship since meeting at a religious retreat in 1997, hope to change that with their appearance on "The Amazing Race," the CBS reality show that launches its 12th season tonight.

"We're happy to offer ourselves up to show people that Christians come in many different stripes," said Lewis, a minister at St. Cross Episcopal Church in Hermosa Beach. "Some of us are progressive and inclusive." The potential for a \$1 million prize, along with a globe-spanning adventure, didn't hurt, either. "We are very serious about our relationship with God, and we are very serious about winning this race," said Hendrickson, a minister at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Thousand Oaks. "We're not afraid to have a good time, either. There's nothing wrong with having a little fun."

Amid the cast of brothers and sisters, co-workers and heterosexual couples, Lewis and Hendrickson are the only lesbian team ever to compete. The fact that they are both ordained

ministers adds to their allure. The teams travel nearly 50,000 miles by air, sea and land in a physically and mentally demanding race through several countries, including Ireland, Lithuania

### **Lowe's refuses to call them "Christmas trees," chooses to call them "Family trees"**

In an effort to avoid the use of the term "Christmas tree," Lowe's has renamed their Christmas trees and are now calling them "Family trees." In their Holiday 2007 catalog, containing 56 pages of Christmas gifts, Lowe's advertises hundreds of gift items, including scores of "Family trees." In fact, the word "Christmas" only appears two times in the entire holiday catalog. The ads mentioning "Christmas cover only 12 square inches of the 5236 square inches available.

Lowe's even has one of their Family trees turned upside down on a stand. We are not sure what the significance of that is. Lowe's evidently did not want to offend any non-Christians, therefore they replaced "Christmas tree" with "Family tree." Of course, if Christians are offended that is evidently ok. An on-line search of Lowe's does reference some "Christmas" items. In fact, a word search of their Web site gives the exact same number 174 of the word "Christmas" as it does the word "holiday." Most of the items mentioning Christmas appear to use the promotional line given by the manufacturer. Their Holiday 2007 catalog features scores of products, including lights, wreaths, trees, and yard decorations. Most people would associate these items with Christmas, but not Lowe's! Except for two obscure references, they refer to everything in their catalog as "holiday."

### **How to Know When the Emerging Church Shows Signs of Emerging in Your Church**

**Commentary by Roger Oakland**

[www.understandthetimes.org](http://www.understandthetimes.org)

The world is changing. So is the Christian evangelical church. There was a time— not that long ago—when the Bible was considered to be the Word of God by the majority of evangelical Christians. Now that we are well into the third millennium and the post-modern, post-Christian era, the term evangelical can mean almost anything. What has happened? Why is this happening and what is the future for mainstream Christianity?

For the past several years, I have been speaking around the world on current trends that are impacting Christianity. After these presentations, I am approached by Christians who come from many different church backgrounds. Many are expressing their concerns about what is happening in their churches, troubled by the new direction they see their church going. While they may not always be able to discern what is wrong, they know something is wrong and that it needs to be addressed.

Further, many have told me they have attempted to express their concerns with their pastors or church elders. In almost every case, they were told they had a choice to make—get with the new program or get out of the church.



# Pastor's Corner

## Trust in Jesus

I just love the simple story found in [Mark 5:22-43](#) the story of Jarius' daughter and woman with issue of blood. In this short but powerful story we see what a trust and faith in Jesus can do. We need to bring back the Trust of Jesus to our world. His Will Ministry was founded on God's Royal way of provision. Simply put, God will provide for our needs as we go forward working for Him and striving to be in His Will for our lives and ministry. From the time the Ministry sent out its first newsletter to 4 individuals to today the ministry has never had to ask for donations. When our Lord and Savior gave us a new project He provided for that project. I get so sick and tired of all the ministries that beg, beg, and beg for your money. One minister even went so far as to tell people that they had to give to his ministry to finance Jesus' return. Trust me God does not need your money to run His kingdom. Giving and tithing are a part of our growth. They are for us, not God or the "mighty man of God". When we grow enough to trust the Lord at His word and when we grow to love Jesus with all our heart, mind, body and soul then it becomes natural to want to give back.

When you reach that point of paying a bill or giving to God I assure you your financial comfort will depend on your choice. One of my favorite verses in the Bible is [Mark 5:36 \(NKJV\)](#) <sup>36</sup>As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, **"Do not be afraid; only believe."** I love the simplistic nature of this. Jarius has just gotten the news that his daughter is dead. Jesus was delayed and the time was past, the girl was gone. Can you imagine what Jarius was feeling. But, Jesus simply said **"Do not be afraid; only believe."** Why, Oh why, cannot Christians today believe? Why, Oh Why, can't we trust Jesus? [Proverbs 3:5-6 \(NKJV\)](#) Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. Can you imagine what would happen in this world if every human being that called themselves a Christian held to this verse. Can you even comprehend what the world would be like if every Christian was directed by Jesus. [Luke 10:18-20 \(NKJV\)](#) <sup>18</sup>And He said to them, **"I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup>Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."**

I have to ask, does anyone really trust in the Lord anymore? Read this again. **"trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."** Oh, yes we can listen to all of man's doctrines that tell us this was only for the Apostles not us. Show me in the word of God! I do not buy it! I personally believe and have personally seen with my eyes that all things that were available for the Apostles are available to us. **"Do not be afraid; only believe."** [Proverbs 30:5 \(NKJV\)](#) Every word of God is pure; He is a shield to those who put their trust in Him.

Where do you stand my friend? When the world encompasses you, when all is black, when you are backed into a corner, what is your reaction? Do you strike back with all your strength or do you fall on your face and worship the only one in the universe that you should fear? Do you praise the Lord because of all his promises. [Psalm 23:4-6 \(NLT\)](#) Even when I walk through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me. You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You welcome me as a guest, anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings. Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the LORD forever. Is this your battle cry or do you re-write the verse to read *"Even when I walk through the dark valley of death, I will not be afraid, for I am the meanest and strongest. My rod and my staff protect and*

*comfort me."* No matter how strong and mean you are my friend it will not protect you in the end. For every knee will bow and every tongue will confess Jesus is Lord. In this new year give it a try Trust in Jesus, not yourself. It will be hard at first but I guarantee that you will like it.

***God Bless and Happy new year***

***Pastor A. J.***

## **PONDER THIS DEPARTMENT**

Much of western Bangladesh is in ruins after a powerful cyclone smashed into the impoverished nation with huge waves, severe winds and torrential rains. Cyclone Sidr is the second-worst storm to ever hit disaster-prone Bangladesh. After making landfall in the Sudarban Islands, it swept north over the capital Dhaka. Wind speeds of 140-155 miles an hour were recorded as the storm -- visible from space as a huge swirling white mass that moved north from the Bay of Bengal -- left a trail of devastation in poor rural areas.

Local businessman Mollik Tariqur Rahman told one reporter that 80 percent of the homes in his village had been flattened. "I cannot describe how devastating it was. It was like doomsday, the most frightening five hours of my life. I thought I would never see my family again," he said. The death toll of 3,000 has been rapidly rising since the cyclone struck Thursday morning. The loss of life would be much higher if the government had not evacuated over 600,000 people who lived near the coast. This was the largest evacuation in Bangladesh's history.

In the past three years, I have reported several times about the incredible spike in tropical storm activity. Records have been smashed in every region that is visited by these types of storms. Global warming can't be an explanation for the upsurge we are seeing today. If there is some connection to climate change, we should expect a more gradual rise in the odds of seeing deadly weather events of all types.

To give you folks a perspective of the intensity and frequency of tropical systems, I've compiled a list of storms that stand out in the headlines:

2004 - Japan was hit by a record number of typhoons.

2004 - Florida was hit by a record number of hurricanes.

2004 - Cyclone Catarina - 1st South Atlantic cyclone to reach a hurricane strength

2005 - Katrina was the most costly hurricane in history.

2005 - Rita was the most powerful Atlantic storm as measured by barometric pressure.

2005 - Atlantic hurricane watchers recorded 27 storms, the most ever in one season.

2006 - Larry was the most powerful tropical system to hit Australia in 31 years.

2006 - Monica topped Larry as the most intense cyclone ever to impact Australia.

2006 - Typhoon Saomai was the most powerful storm to hit Communist China.

2006 - Ioke - first recorded Category 5 hurricane to develop in the central Pacific

2007 - Cyclone Gonu - strongest tropical cyclone on record in the Arabian Sea.

2007 - The first time two Category 5 Atlantic storms made landfall in one season.

2007 - The first time an Atlantic and Pacific hurricane hit on the same day.

2007 - Humberto - fastest storm ever to go from depression to full-scale hurricane

2007 - Sidr - Second-strongest storm to hit Bangladesh since records began in 1877

I keep asking myself, "Where is this trend going?" If it was just a matter of bad luck, at

some point, the law of averages would even things out and return us to a more normal pattern. If the pattern continues into 2008 and 2009, even the most cynical end-time critic would have to wonder whether Bible prophecy is the driving force behind these storms.

I believe prophecy is the logical reason for the number of record tropical storms. God warned that the calling card of the tribulation hour will be an increase in natural disasters.

I have a theory why hurricanes, cyclones, and typhoons are such a stand out over events like earthquakes, tornadoes and floods. Without a doubt, we are the most warned generation in all of human history. Cyclone Sidr only killed a little more than a thousand people because the population was warned to flee. A less powerful storm killed 300,000 people in 1970 because they did not know what was coming their way. Because of our ability to disseminate information about all things related to prophecy, God may be selecting certain end-times signs to stand out from others.

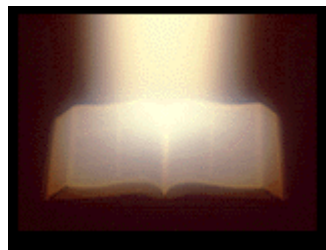
The most watched last-days indicator is earthquakes. If three strong seismic events occur within in a short period of time, even the godless media would perk up its ears. Jesus said He was coming as a surprise, so it would be counterproductive to have a huge number of massive earthquakes directly ahead His return. End-time components like hurricanes, moral decline, and global government are better indicators because they tend to get less attention.

If the Lord is using tropical storms as a key warning sign, the massive surge of global activity would seem to suggest the end times are very near. Even at the door.

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" ([Lk. 21:25-26](#)).

-- Todd

## ***This Months Bible Moment***



### **Ask and receive**

This month I want to share what I call a kingdom key for the new year. What is a kingdom key you ask? It is a series of scriptures that tell us how to succeed in this world for the kingdom of God. Now before you get on my case and call me a name it and claim it pastor read and re-read this teaching. This is about what Jesus said about our asking and receiving. Or maybe it is better phrased, what Jesus said about why we ask and do not receive. Three times in the Gospel John Jesus tells us ask and you will receive. So if this is the case why are so many Christians in need. I am not just talking about money here, people! So many Christians in the world today are in need spiritually. They are at their (notice their) wits ends. Except for small pockets there is very little power left in the church. [John 14:12-14 \(NLT\)](#) <sup>12</sup>“The truth is, anyone who believes in me will do the same



works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. <sup>13</sup>You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, because the work of the Son brings glory to the Father. <sup>14</sup>Yes, ask anything in my name, and I will do it! The key here, is he who believes in Jesus. He who believes will 1) do greater things and works and 2) will ask anything in Jesus name and He will do it! Of course there is a catch, "because the work of the Son brings glory to the Father." So if you feel you believe in Jesus and ask for a new car, unless it will bring glory to the Father don't count on getting it.

Lets go on: John 15:6-9 (KJV) <sup>6</sup>If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned. <sup>7</sup>If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. <sup>8</sup>Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. This is a two way street; we must abide in Jesus and His words must abide in you. Be honest what is your life like? Do you truly abide with Jesus. If you do then every move and action you make in this world is automatically controlled by the old saying "What would Jesus do?" Does this control your life or do you? Second is Jesus words must abide in you. The Greek here means *A primary verb; to stay (in a given place, state, relation or expectancy):—abide, continue, dwell, endure, be present, remain, stand, tarry.* This does not mean blown by every wind of doctrine, it does not mean following the latest and greatest new "word" from some new "mighty" man of God. Nope! it means enduring, remaining, standing firm on the pure and simple word of God. Do you do that? But again there is a catch, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples." Again, it is to bring glory to our Father in heaven and to help us be fruitful. The most interesting thing here to me is that the final comment in this line "so shall ye be my disciples." The way I read this is that by bringing glory to our Father in heaven and by bearing much fruit for the kingdom we become disciples for Jesus. Again I have to ask where do you stand? If you are not glorifying the Father I heaven and not being fruitful how can you be a disciple of Christ? So if we want to ask whatever we want and get that prayer answered again it must glorify the Father and must in some way help us bear fruit. Have you figured out yet this goes totally against the name it and claim it gospel?

Continuing; John 16:23-24 (NLT) **At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. The truth is, you can go directly to the Father and ask him, and he will grant your request because you use my name. You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.** Ok, before I go any further please read from verse 16 to understand the "at that time". Jesus is referring to the time that follows His death, burial and resurrection. I.E. Jesus is referring to the time from His ascension to heaven to the time when He returns. I.E. Now! So Jesus says that today we can go directly to the Father in heaven and ask. Jesus even went even further and said our request will be granted because we use His name. This blows all kinds of holes in the Catholic doctrine that Mary is our interceder. Jesus did not say that the Father would answer our request because "Mary went and asked for us." Nope we can go to the Father directly and ask in Jesus name. So my friends if you are asking anything of the Father in heaven through or in anyone's name beside Jesus do not expect it to be answered. Sorry, it is God's word not mine.

If you want 2008 to be a better year with your prayers heard and answered you should follow the simple Biblical sound program. Ok, Lets put it all together in a few simple sentences. You must really believe in Jesus and His word, not lip service as Paul calls it. You must not doubt that Jesus can and will answer your prayers. You must ask things that will be able to glorify the Father in heaven, help you produce fruit for the kingdom and not just be selfish for yourself. You must abide or live in Jesus and His words must abide or live in your heart. WWJD must be your true battle cry not lip service. Finally you must go directly to the Father using Jesus name, not through some other interceder!

*Love Ya Pastor A. J.*

# Give me that old time religion!!



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TROOSTER

Julie 15, 1938.

## Aflame for God

(By Smith Wigglesworth).

The word that I have for you is in the 7th verse of Heb. chapter 1, "And of the angels He saith, Who maketh His angels spirits, and His ministers a flame of fire."

His Ministers are to be flames of fire! It seems to me that no man with a vision, especially a vision by the Spirit's power, can read that wonderful verse without being kindled to such a flame of fire for his Lord that it seems as if it would burn up everything that would interfere with his progress. A flame of fire! A perpetual fire; a constant fire; a continual burning; a holy, inward flame, which is exactly what God's Son was in the world. I can see this—that GOD HAS NOTHING LESS FOR US THAN TO BE FLAMES! It seems to me that if Pentecost is to rise and be effective, it must have a living faith, so that His great might and power flows through us until the life becomes energised, moved and aflame for God.

The import of our message is that the

### HOLY GHOST HAS COME TO MAKE JESUS KING.

It seems to me that the seed, which is an eternal seed—that life that was given to us when we believed—was of such a nature of resurrection power that I see a new creation rising with a kingly position, and I see that when the Holy Ghost comes, it is to crown Jesus King. Not only is the King to be within but all the glories of the kingly manifestations are to be brought forth. Oh, for Him so to work in us, melting us, until a new order rises, moved with His compassion. I see that we can come into the order of God where the vision becomes so much brighter, and where the Lord is manifesting His glory with all His virtues and gifts, and all His glory seems to fill the soul who is absolutely dead, and alive to Him. There is much talk about death, but there is a death which is so deep in God that out of that death God brings the splendour of His life and all His glory.

An opportunity for being a flame of fire for God came when I was travelling from Egypt to Italy. It was quite true what I now tell you. On the ship and everywhere God had been with me. A man on the ship suddenly collapsed, his wife was in a terrible state and everybody else seemed to be. Some said that it had come to the end—but oh, to be a flame, to be indwelt by the living Christ. We are a back number if we have to pray for power, if we have to wait until we feel a sense of His presence. The Baptism of the Holy Ghost is come upon you. "Ye shall have power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you!" Within you there is a greater power than there is in the world. Oh, to be awakened out of our unbelief into

### A PLACE OF DARING FOR GOD.

on the authority of the blessed Book! So in the name of Jesus I rebuked the devil, and to the astonishment of the man's wife and himself, he was able to stand. He said, "What is this? It is going all over me. I have never felt anything like this before." For from the crown of his head to the soles of his feet the power of God shook him.

God has given us authority over the power of the devil. Oh, that we may live in the place where the glory excelleth! It would make anyone a flame of fire.

Who is the express image of God has come to our human weaknesses to change them and us into a Divine likeness, so that by the power of His might, we may not only overcome, but rejoice in the fact that we are more than overcomers. God wants you to have the last part—"MORE than overcomers!" The baptism of the Spirit has come for nothing less than to possess the whole of our life. It sets up Jesus as King, and nothing can stand in His holy presence when He is made King. Everything will wither before Him. I feel I come to a convention like this to stir you up and help you to know that the inheritance of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal. Praise the Lord! And in the Holy Ghost order we have to come behind in no gift.

This same Jesus has come for one purpose that He might be so made manifest in us that the world shall see Him, and we must be

### BURNING AND SHINING LIGHTS

to reflect such a holy Jesus. We cannot do it with cold indifferent experiences and we never shall. My dear wife used to say, "Alice what kind of a meeting have you had?" Alice would say, "You ask father, he always has a good time!" His servants are to be FLAMES. Jesus is life, and the Holy Ghost is the breath, and He breathes through us the life of the Son of God, and we give it to others, and it giveth life everywhere.

You should have been with me in Ceylon! It was in a Wesleyan Chapel. In this Wesleyan Chapel they said, "You know four days are not much to give us." "No" I said, "but it is a good share." They said, "What are we going to do, because we are not touching the people at all." I said, "Can you have a meeting early in the morning at eight o'clock?" They said they would, so I said: "We will tell all the mothers who want their babies to be healed to come, and all the old people over 70 to come, and then after that we will hope to have an address to the people to make them ready for the Holy Ghost."

Oh, it would have done you all good to see 400 mothers with their babies! It was fine! And then

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to see 150 old black people with their white hair come to be healed. I believe that you need to have something more than smoke to touch people, you need to be a burning light for that. His ministers must be flames of fire. There were thousands outside to hear the Word of God. There were about 3,000 people crying for mercy at once. I tell you it was a sight.

From then the meetings rose to such an extent that every night 5,000 to 6,000 gathered there after I had preached in a temperature of 110. Then you had to minister to these people. But I tell you a flame of fire can do anything. Things change in the fire. This is Pentecost. But what moved me more than anything was this—and I say it this morning with thought and with a broken spirit because I

would not like to mislead anybody— there were hundreds who tried to touch me, they were so impressed with the power of God that was present, and they testified everywhere that with a touch they were healed. And it was NOT the virtue of Wigglesworth—it was the same faith that was with those at Jerusalem when they said that Peter's shadow would heal them.

Now, beloved, my time is coming to a close but you can have something in three minutes that you can carry with you into glory. What do you want? Is anything too hard for God? God can meet you now. God sees inwardly. He knows all about you, nothing is hidden from Him and He can satisfy the soul and give you a spring of eternal blessing that will carry you right through.

## GIVE THANKS

November has arrived with a crispness in the air,  
Leaves have fallen from the trees, it's that time of year,

The harvest has been gathered as the cold winds blow,  
The trees are bare now and waiting for the snow,

The fields are empty, stripped of their heavy grain,  
Sing praise for Thanksgiving Day has come again,

Let us give thanks for the crops and the harvest that's reaped,  
For the labor is done and the barns have been heaped,



Let us praise God for our homes that He has blest,  
For the seasons He brings, and for all of the rest,

Let us Give Thanks, for surely it's long overdue,  
To our Almighty God who is so faithful and true,

As we gather together with all those that we love,  
Let us not forget to Give Thanks to God up above,

And as we bow our heads and offer a prayer,  
Let us make sure we invite Jesus there,

So let us give thanks before we break bread,  
That we have home, and hearth and bed,

For many there are do not have bread or home,  
And nothing on earth they can call their own,

Let us Give Thanks, for surely it's long overdue,  
To our Almighty God who is so faithful and true!

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### John 3:16 (NLT)

<sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. <sup>18</sup>There is no judgment awaiting those who trust him. But those who do not trust him have already been judged for not believing in the only Son of God.