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And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain...And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees. - 1 Kings 18:41-42



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RANDALL GRIER MINISTRIES

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God. I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh:and your sons and your daughters of the shall prophesy, and your church for about two shall prophesy, and your voung men shall see visions, and vour old men shall dream dreams. (Acts 2:17)

The Lord Jesus Christ is endeavoring to pour out His Spirit upon this generation. A special move of God began in the upper room at the start of the church age. There is a move of God, or outpouring of His Spirit, that is upon us today. I believe this will bring us to the end of the church age and Jesus Christ will return as He said He would in the Bible

I believe that those who have ears to hear will hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church, in this hour, and cooperate with Him to help usher in the move of God all of our hearts so earnestly desire. There is a move of the Spirit of God, but we can't just jump into it. God wants to get us there, and that is why we have to follow His plans, His purposes, and pursue them. That is why the devil has worked hard to keep the church off course with false doctrine in this day.

Jesus Appears

Jesus Christ

appeared Kenneth Erwin Hagin on July 16, 1987. Jesus spoke with him and gave church for about two hours and fifty-three minutes. Dad Hagin published a book titled "Plans, Purposes and Pursuits" that tells what Jesus said. It would seem to me, that if this was important enough for Jesus to appear to him, it should be very important for the church to obey what Jesus said.

Jesus explained to Dad Hagin that this visitation was to help get the Body of Christ ready for this next great move of God's Spirit upon the earth (that was over 28 years ago). The spiritual truths that Jesus shared in this visitation were just simply the springboard, so to speak, which will spring the Body of Christ into a realm of the supernatural in a way and in a place that we have barely been before. Why? Because we will be following His plans and His purposes and pursuing them!

In this visitation, Jesus told him, "This move will be lost unless the people are taught how to move with My Spirit." We think 28 years is a long time. God doesn't. He has been waiting on the church, all this time, to obey what He said to do.

Specific Directions

The Lord spoke to Dad Hagin, in this visitation, and said, "I bless all of My people as far as I can. But the reason there is not the move of God and the depth of the flow of the Spirit, and the fullness of the manifestation of the Holy Ghost today is because men do not take time to hear from Me. And they do not take time to follow My plan set forth in the scriptures. The more closely you follow My plan, the more My power will be in demonstration and in manifestation."

We must listen to what Jesus told to Dad Hagin and apply what He said. Just think, Jesus Christ appeared to him and gave Him the answer for the church in our generation.

Jesus said there were reasons there is not the move of God and the depth of the flow of the Spirit, and the fullness of the manifestation of the Holy Ghost today.

1. Men do not take time to to hear from me. The church has been accused of many things but not of praying and seeking the Lord too much. Many preachers were polled and it was found that most pray 33 minutes or less each day. If that is correct for us preachers, I wonder how much do all Christians pray daily. Also, Jesus will not force us to pray.

It was Jesus Christ who said, "Men do not take time to hear from Me." He knows everything. That means the church has church without Jesus Christ A friend and I went to a church growth conference one time years ago. It was hosted by a well know individual who many followed after then, and still do today. When we left, my friend asked me what I thought about what I heard at the conference. I simply replied, "I learned that you do not need the Lord Jesus Christ to build a church. They taught you how to build it without Him."

Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain. (Psalm 127:1)

Notice, in the above verse they did get it built but all of their labor was in vain. Jesus gave a solemn warning in these verses.

Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you:depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

(Matthew 7:21-23)

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I know we dodge verses like this in the Bible because we can't understand how that could be true. It is simple. Jesus said, "I never knew you." That means they had no relationship with Jesus Christ, even though they claimed to be Christians, and did many wonderful works in His name.

Don't Go

I am also convinced that many good Christians are out of the will of God for their lives and ministry. Whatever you are doing for God, ask yourself, is this God's plan? Ministers especially, should know that ministry is not a career but a calling. No one should go into the ministry because they chose that career path. If they are not called by the Lord Jesus Christ, it is a waste of their time and effort. Wait on God in prayer until you know. What if you don't know. Don't go. It is that simple.

The Lord Has A Plan

The Lord has a plan and a purpose for every service and meeting of the church. The one in charge should take time to seek the Lord for His plan and do what He says. It is His church, not ours. A mighty revival would break out in the church if those in charge would stop what they are doing and begin to seek God in prayer and study of the Bible. That is what Jesus was saying to Dad Hagin.

2. They do not take time to follow My plan set forth in the scriptures.

I learned, long ago, that the closer you live your life according to the Bible, the more of God's power you will have operating through you. The closer you follow the scriptures in church services, and meetings, the more of God's gifts and power will be in manifestation.

The first thing we should ask in meetings and life is what does the Bible say. We quench the Spirit and grieve Him when we don't do that. We should never ask what do the people desire (I hear that often proclaimed from the pulpit) or what does the demographic study say or what are other churches doing.

Quench not the Spirit. Despise not prophesyings. 1Th.5:19

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption. Eph. 4:30

One thing that negatively affects the move of the Holy Spirit in our services is that we know too much. We pride ourselves for living in the information age. You can research about anything and find out about it in a matter of minutes. Why wait on God, I already know what to do seems to be our motto.

Unless we follow His plan in the Bible, His presence will be greatly diminished or non existent in our services. Yes, it happens all the time. We have church services without the Holy Ghost. Seek the Lord for His plan in the Bible.

Pay The Price

Men look for some human plan, some human formula, some "get-fixed-quick" scheme. God hasn't got any "get-fixed-quick" plans. The new birth is instant, but spiritual growth is not. Spiritual development takes time.

We live in a time of fast food. All you need to do is drive up to the window and get it. We live in a time of ninety-nine cent sales. But God is not putting on any ninety-nine cent sales. The things of God still cost the same price they did years ago. They never go up in price and never go down in value. We ministers must get God's plan. Get down on your knees and stay there until you find out what His purpose is for your life and ministry.

Pastors are responsible to be the example for the flock to follow, and they are responsible for taking the time to prepare themselves so they can follow the move of God's Spirit. What often happens to some pastors is that when God does begin to move in their churches they draw back from the supernatural instead of guiding it correctly and finding out what God's plan and purpose is for their church. Failing to follow God's plan and move with Him kills the move of the Spirit. The church becomes dead and dry.

Glory Cloud Or Dust Cloud

The reason why churches have time limited services today is because the service is so dead, dry and lifeless, without His Spirit, the people can't stand it very long. The pastor senses that and hurries to run through the "required items to call it church", get the money and get the people out. Some messages we hear are so dry it seems the preacher has dust flying out of his mouth when he speaks. Instead of the Glory Cloud, the dust cloud shows up.

It is awful to sit through those type services. I have sat through them many more times than I wanted to. Anybody that knows His Spirit, knows when He is not there. I just claim the scripture, "He that endureth to the end shall be saved!" It has been so bad, at times, that I prayed for the rapture to take place! Believe it or not, people are not stupid and they know it too. They just don't say anything to be kind. The preacher knows he missed God, but most of the time doesn't repent and get it right in the next service.

He is too busy with the strategy he learned, at the round table, with some guru that wouldn't know the Holy Ghost if He came down the aisle with a purple cape on. Forgive our stupidity, and forgive our sins.

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For there stood by me this night the angel of God, whose I am, and whom I serve, Saying, Fear not, Paul; thou must be brought before Caesar: and, lo, God hath given thee all them that sail with thee. Wherefore, sirs, be of good cheer: for I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me. (Acts 27:23-25)

Never, had the Lord Jesus Christ made a promise to me about finances like this. It was right before the presidential election in 2008. The Lord spoke to me and said, "There is coming a shaking in the financial realm of this nation. Every sector of the financial world will be affected. It will not affect you, your ministry, or your ministry partners like it does the world around you. Fear not! I will take care of you and I have given you all them that sail with you as I did with Paul."

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For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

Jesus Christ was rich. Yet for our sakes, He became poor, that we through His poverty, might be rich. Well, some people said, "that just means spiritually rich." But, no. The only way Christ became poor was from the material standpoint. He didn't become poor spiritually, because the spiritually poor couldn't raise the dead! If they could, everybody would be doing that. The spiritually poor could not turn water into wine. No, Jesus certainly wasn't poor spiritually. Also, the spiritually poor couldn't have fed five thousand people with a little boy's lunch. But Jesus did. The spiritually poor could not have wrought the healings and the miracles that Jesus did. Jesus became poor materially for us. He was our substitute. The Scripture says God will meet our needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19). Paul said that writing to the Church at Philippi, but it applies to believers everywhere. Sow financially, and command the devil to take his hands off your money.

But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)

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