

Leonard Ravenhill: What Are the Signs of a True Prophet?

Confusion and deception run rampant in the world today, and people are seeking ways to differentiate truth from falsehood.

As many search for these answers, there are those who would manipulate and take advantage of the lost seeking their shepherd.

In times of great turmoil, [God has sent prophets to declare to nations](#) that they need to repent and turn away from their sins. Some have heeded this warning, such as the city of Nineveh, while others have rejected God's call for repentance, like ancient Israel.

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In a YouTube short highlighting a resurfaced message from the late Leonard Ravenhill, he gives his take on what defines a true prophet.

"Prophets are God's emergency men for crisis hours," Ravenhill explains. "And then it's true of all of them, the prophets walk alone. Prophets are antagonized by the declension and apostasy around them. They refuse to bow to it; they stand up against it."

If one were to compare the world when Ravenhill was preaching to what is acceptable by societal standards today, it would appear that a great apostasy has taken place in America. Somewhere, at some time, something went horribly wrong.

This would be especially true for the churches that have not only accepted apostate positions on issues but embraced them wholeheartedly.

“In fact, God only raises prophets in days of declension and apostasy,” Ravenhill continues. “You never find a prophet sponsored by men. You never find a prophet begging for money over TV. Usually, the message of a prophet is only accepted by a minority. No prophet, however great or successful, has ever become the ‘Man of the Year.’ I get a little disturbed when I receive letters, almost every week, sometimes every day, saying, ‘God has called me to be a prophet’ or ‘God has called me to be a John the Baptist,’” he adds.

“When a random man says that, I say, ‘Are you insured?’ and he says, ‘What do I need insurance for?’ because you’re only going to live six months.”

Throughout Scripture, the life of a prophet was one of difficulty. Elijah suffered greatly, so much so that he wished death would take him in 1 Kings 19:4.

As Christians, we look to the ultimate example in Jesus Christ who uttered many prophecies, yet the world hated Him, rejected Him and ultimately crucified Him.

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Ravenhill emphasizes that a true prophet will not have an easy time of things. There will be spiritual warfare against the prophet and difficult times ahead.

“But there’s the law, ‘he that loses his life for Thy sake shall find it, and he that preserves his life shall lose it,’” Ravenhill concludes. His warning about a true prophet [comes from the inerrant Scriptures](#) and echoes the warning in 1 John 4, which reads:

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.”

By studying the Word of God and meditating on it day and night, we develop biblical wisdom and discernment to recognize what is true and good in a rapidly darkening culture.

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Don't Quit: God is Bringing Your Breakthrough

As we continue through the year of 2024, Christians around the world are turning their hearts and minds to the Lord's guidance and wisdom that can be found in prophetic words. These words, spoken by spiritual leaders and believers alike, offer insight and direction for the coming year, inspiring hope and faith in the hearts of those who hear them.

In this article, we will explore some of the most uplifting and edifying prophetic words for 2024, providing a source of encouragement and inspiration for Christians as we embark on a new chapter in our spiritual journey.

Each of these individuals brings a unique perspective and message, but all share a common goal: to uplift, encourage and warn the body of Christ as we face the happenings of the year. As you read these words, we pray that you will be filled with hope and a renewed sense of purpose, and that you will be inspired to live out your faith in bold and powerful ways in 2024.

[Bishop Alan DiDio](#)

In a recent Charisma News interview with Bishop Alan DiDio, he shared his prophetic insights for the year 2024. Drawing from biblical passages and current events, he discussed several key themes that believers should be aware of as they prepare for the future.

Bishop DiDio began by emphasizing the importance of being spiritually prepared for the coming years, as he believes that 2024 will bring both turmoil and war. He urged Christians to become intentional in their preparations, not just relying on hearing a message or sermon but actively engaging in spiritual growth and stewardship.

[LA Marzulli](#)

In a visit with Charisma News, renowned Nephilim expert L.A. Marzulli delved into the prophetic pulse of the Middle East, particularly in Israel, shedding light on potential biblical implications and the uncertainties that lie ahead.

The expert's insights centered on the evolving geopolitical landscape in the Middle East. He pointed to the destruction of Damascus, foretold in Isaiah 17, and the subsequent expansion of Israel's borders as outlined in Psalm 83. Marzulli underscored the intricate dynamics involving Russia, Turkey and other nations in the Ezekiel 38 prophecy, emphasizing the importance of understanding the geopolitical shifts and historical contexts.

[Joseph Z](#)

Prophetic voice Joseph Z provided a compelling glimpse into the spiritual landscape of 2024, offering insights that go beyond the confines of a mere calendar year. The prophetic message is laden with impactful words, dividing the future into distinct segments that demand our attention and, more importantly, our collective prayer and action.

Joseph Z's prophetic word for 2024 offers a multifaceted

perspective—one that acknowledges challenges, celebrates faithfulness and underscores the importance of spiritual discernment and collective action in navigating the complexities of the coming season.

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[Pastor Brian Gibson](#)

In a Charisma News exclusive, Brian Gibson gave a prophetic word for 2024 that brings both life and warning to what will be coming to America.

“I think the camp of darkness is more hungry for iniquity, and confusion, and pain, and trauma and turmoil,” Gibson says. “And they’re hungry to demonize young minds and to destroy worldviews. And so therefore, when the enemy comes in, like, comes in, right the original language says, like a flood, God lifts up a standard. So, I think God’s igniting a holy hunger in the saints. And what we’re seeing right now, at the end of 2023—I see revival breaking out not just in our church, but around America, little pockets of it.”

[Rabbi Kirt Schneider](#)

Join Rabbi Kirt Schneider as he shares his powerful experience during the recent conflict in Israel and how God spoke to him about the future.

Schneider says this remarkable experience brought him the peace and the clarity he needed about what to do next: stay deeply rooted and connected to God’s Word.

“I was so thankful that the Lord had just spoke to me because remember, I was feeling kind of lost, like ‘what do I do next?’ And the Lord was telling me, the way I intuited what just happened was the Lord’s telling me, ‘just stay in My

Word. You don't need to know about what project is next. You don't need to know what to do next. You don't need to be concerned about anything right now, I just want you to focus on one thing; I just want you to stay in My Word."

Schneider says that this word, while exactly for him and what he needed to know, can also be applied to what we need to be doing and focusing on in 2024 as we continue to get further into darkness and closer to the return of Christ.

[Tammy Hotsenpiller](#)

Author Tammy Hotsenpiller engaged in an insightful conversation with Charisma News, sharing her prophetic insights for the year 2024. In this interview, Tammy reflects on her recent book, "Fasting for a Change," urging believers to break their pandemic-induced silence and embrace a season of spiritual stillness.

Discover the powerful message Holy Spirit conveyed to Tammy—calling for a year of prayer, fasting and being still. Despite her dynamic entrepreneurial spirit, Tammy emphasizes the significance of aligning with God's plan by spending time in prayer and seeking supernatural anointing.

[Tomi Arayomi](#)

Apostle Arayomi unveils the astounding revelations of what God is proclaiming about the year 2024. Get ready to revolutionize your spiritual walk with these seven extraordinary strategies that will launch you into an exhilarating adventure of faith.

"I really believe that the Lord is preparing us to benefit actually from 2024. And beyond, you know, prophecy is for our benefit, it's ultimately not so we can just prognosticate. Neither is it so we can be nice. And it's just so that we can point people, God's people to areas where they need to be aware of what's coming," shares Arayomi.

[Bible Davids](#)

The anticipation for a wave of revival and awakening in 2024 is palpable, with Apostle Bible David shedding light on the intensity of prophetic signs and a forthcoming harvest of souls.

“We’re coming to a time that the people of God must seek God, and each Christian believer needs to learn to walk with God personally and to partner with God concerning their finances. Because the power of God who provides and who sustains and who supports, the anointing that comes through Jehovah Jireh is going to be revealed more than ever in the year 2024,” says Davids.

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Pastor Embarks On High Speed Chase Across Los Angeles

In a surprising turn of events, a Los Angeles pastor recently found himself in a high-speed chase with [a suspect who had stolen his church’s trailer.](#) The incident, which occurred early on the morning of Mar. 11, captured the attention of the nation and sparked conversations about the pursuit of justice and the importance of protecting one’s community.

Pastor Tony Samora of Legacy Church awoke to discover that a trailer containing a small tractor had been stolen from the church’s property. Determined to recover the stolen property, Samora set out in pursuit of the thief, a decision that would ultimately lead him on a dramatic chase through the San

Fernando Valley.

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The suspect, who was driving a car with the stolen trailer in tow, attempted to evade capture by speeding through the streets at over 100 mph. Despite the danger, Samora refused to give up, and his determination eventually paid off when the suspect lost control of his vehicle and crashed into a Prius.

Upon investigation, the Los Angeles Police Department discovered a police scanner and various tools often used in burglaries inside the suspect's car.

The suspect, who was on parole at the time of the incident, also had a gun in his possession, which some may say miraculously had a bullet jammed in the chamber. This discovery led authorities to believe that the suspect may have attempted to use the weapon during the pursuit.

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The small tractor that had been stored inside the trailer was not found, and the church has been informed that the trailer itself is damaged beyond repair. Despite the loss of their property, the church remains committed to its mission of serving the community.

"We have all documentation, however, it is made difficult by his removal of identifiable information," Legacy Church told Fox News Digital in a statement. "We are waiting for video evidence from our church property."

In the aftermath of the incident, the story of the Los Angeles pastor who pursued a thief has resonated with many across the country [as violence and crime continue to plague cities.](#) It

serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of standing up for justice and protecting one's community, even in the face of adversity.

As the church continues to work with the authorities to recover their stolen property, they remain steadfast in their faith and their commitment to serving the people of Los Angeles.

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From Riches to Rags: 'Bling Bishop' Facing Prison on Fraud Conviction

In the wake of the recent conviction of a prominent [New York City bishop on charges of fraud and extortion](#), the Christian community is left to grapple with the consequences of his actions and the implications for the broader church.

The so-called "Bling Bishop," whose real name is Lamor Whitehead, was found guilty of defrauding a parishioner and attempting to extort a local businessman. It is essential for Christians to examine the biblical principles that guide the conduct of Christian ministers and how Whitehead's actions deviated from these standards.

The Bible provides clear guidance on the moral and ethical expectations for those who serve in the role of a Christian minister. In 1 Timothy 3:2-7, the apostle Paul outlines the

qualifications for a bishop, stating that they must be “blameless, the husband of one wife, sober, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach; not given to drunkenness, not violent, not greedy for money, but patient, not argumentative, not covetous.” These verses paint a picture of a leader who is above reproach, humble and focused on the spiritual well-being of their congregation.

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In stark contrast, Whitehead’s actions have demonstrated a blatant disregard for these biblical principles. He has been accused of using his position of authority to manipulate and deceive those around him for personal gain. His lavish lifestyle, including a penchant for expensive clothing and jewelry, has earned him the nickname “Bling Bishop.” This extravagant display of wealth is in direct opposition to the teachings of Jesus, who warned against the love of money and the dangers of worldly possessions.

As Charisma News previously reported, it was the promotion of this extraordinary lifestyle that got [Whitehead targeted by thieves during one of his services](#) at Leaders of Tomorrow International Ministries where he was robbed at gunpoint.

The New York Post reported, “A trio of masked bandits stormed the service and ran off with the bishop’s \$75,000 Rolex watch, a \$75,000 Cavalier watch and a \$25,000 ruby and diamond ring, among other valuables.”

The Bible also emphasizes the importance of honesty and integrity in the lives of Christian leaders. In Proverbs 10:9, it is written, “He who walks uprightly walks surely, but he who perverts his ways will be known.” Whitehead’s conviction on charges of fraud and extortion is a clear indication that he has not walked in the path of integrity.

Moreover, the Bible teaches that Christian ministers are

called to serve others selflessly and to prioritize the needs of their flock. In Mark 10:42-45, Jesus explains that true leadership in the kingdom of God involves being a servant to others: “Whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever among you would be greatest must be servant of all. For even the Son of Man came not to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.” Whitehead’s actions, which have been characterized by greed and self-interest, are a far cry from the selfless service that Jesus modeled.

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As the Christian community processes the implications of the “Bling Bishop’s” conviction, it is crucial for believers to reaffirm their commitment to the biblical principles that guide the conduct of Christian ministers. By holding ourselves and our leaders accountable to these standards, we can ensure that the church remains a beacon of hope, salvation and a source of spiritual nourishment for all who seek refuge in its walls.

The “Bling Bishop’s” conviction serves as a stark reminder of the importance of adhering to biblical principles in the lives of Christian ministers. As we move forward, let us pray for the restoration of trust and the healing of the wounds inflicted by Whitehead’s actions. May this serve as a turning point, leading us to a renewed commitment to the values of humility, honesty and selfless service that are at the heart of our Christian faith.

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Should Christians Be Cremated?

In a recent episode of [THE BEAT by Allen Parr](#), the rising trend of cremation over traditional burial among Americans was examined, sparking a biblical exploration of whether Christians should consider this option [when faced with end-of-life decisions](#).

Cremation on the Rise: A Changing Landscape

Parr, host of THE BEAT, reported on the shifting cultural landscape of burial practices, stating, “For the first time in history, a majority of Americans are choosing cremation over traditional burial at the time of death.” He went on to cite experts predicting that this trend is likely to continue, with up to 70% of people favoring cremation within the next decade.

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With recent reports of inflation going up in the month of February and cost of living straining the wallets of many Americans, a more cost-effective financial option for those who have died is in the back of many people’s mind these days.

Biblical Perspectives on Cremation

Parr delved into the biblical perspective on cremation, stating, “Nowhere in the Bible does it say that [traditional burial] should be the only way for a body to be disposed of.” While citing Saul and his sons’ bodies being burned as an example (1 Sam. 31:11-13), Parr pointed out that such instances don’t directly address the concept of cremation.

Highlighting another biblical example: “Manasseh sacrificed his own son in the fire,” (2 Kings 21). While this serves as a historical reference to burning a body without explicitly discussing cremation, King Manasseh is not an example of what to do according to Scripture. He was a wicked king who sacrificed his children to foreign gods through fire, which is strictly prohibited by the Lord in Leviticus 18:21 and Deuteronomy 12:30-31, 18:10.

Resurrected Bodies: Theological Reassurance

Addressing concerns about the impact of cremation on the resurrected body, Parr referred to 1 Corinthians 15:42-44, stating, “Our bodies are buried in brokenness but they will be raised in glory... for just as there are natural bodies, there are also spiritual bodies.” He reassured viewers that God, having initially used dust to create mankind, is not limited by the method of body disposal and is fully capable of recreating glorified bodies.

“So the concept here of cremation is this idea that ‘God used dirt or dust to create our bodies’ and so basically whenever you go through cremation you’re essentially returning your body back to the original state God used to create mankind,” Parr says.

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Considerations for Christians: Practical Insights

Parr offers a framework for Christians grappling with the decision [between cremation and traditional burial](#). He advised considering personal preferences and practicalities, “What type of commemoration should I say do you want people to have when you die?” He further emphasized factors such as whether an open casket is preferred, convenience for loved ones and financial considerations.

Parr urged viewers to reflect on these considerations, acknowledging that discussions about death may be uncomfortable, but they are crucial. He stated, "You might be at a place where you might be thinking about, what type of plans do I want to make as it relates to how I am disposed of whenever I die."

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Decoding Heaven's Message: Spiritual Meanings of the 2024 Great American Eclipse

In an exclusive interview with Charisma News, Pastor Troy Brewer shares a powerful message, delving into the spiritual meanings and biblical signs behind [the Great American Eclipse](#).

Comparing life to a ship, he urged everyone to shift from a laid-back "cruise ship" attitude to a more alert "battleship" mindset. The key, according to Brewer, is to live as though we're truly in the end times, keeping our focus on Jesus and holding onto a deep respect for God.

A major highlight of Pastor Brewer's talk is the upcoming Great American Eclipse which will take place Apr. 8. Referring to Jesus' words about signs in the sun, moon and stars in Matthew 24, Brewer pointed out the significance of this celestial event, signaling the start of a crucial seven-year cycle since the last major American eclipse in 2017.

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For those skeptical about the celestial signs, Brewer connected the upcoming eclipse to a verse in Exodus 4:8, where God tells Moses that if people don't believe the first sign, they will believe the second. This biblical tie-in adds weight to the belief that this eclipse isn't just a regular occurrence but a divine message.

Expressing concern about the growing global tensions, Brewer admitted that the threat of war is more significant this year than ever before. However, he offered a reassuring note, saying, "God doesn't want anyone to feel powerless this year." The call was clear—find hope and lean into the power of God, even when faced with challenging times.

In a down-to-earth explanation of eclipses, Brewer shared that historically, God uses the moon to communicate with the Jewish people and the Sun with Gentiles. Eclipses, according to Brewer, are a way God grabs our attention, telling us to "look up" and pay attention to what He's saying.

In response to questions about the eclipse's path, Brewer emphasizes the seriousness of the message, stating, "This is the word of the Lord. You know, Jesus Christ made all of these things, and God Almighty rules from His throne over the heavens and over the Earth, and Jesus Himself actually said there will be signs in the the Sun and in the moon and within the stars. And so...it is a tremendous sign."

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Breaking down the symbolism of the eclipse's path forming an X across the United States, Brewer explains that in Hebrew, the X means a "prophetic sign" and the "signature of God." Highlighting the intersection point at Little Egypt, he adds

that it symbolizes “literally Jesus, the Prince of Peace.”

[As the time continue to accelerate and spiritual warfare continues to be waged,](#) Pastor Brewer urges everyone not to forget the basics—keeping our focus on Jesus. He stresses that there’s a deep peace, a “Shalom of the Lord,” waiting on the other side of challenging times, accessible only through His divine presence.

As the Great American Eclipse approaches, Pastor Troy Brewer’s words stand as a clear call for everyone to understand the signs in the heavens and anchor their faith in the Word of God as they navigate through these uncertain times.

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Get Some: Jack Hibbs Responds to Democrats’ Scathing Letter

It should be crystal clear to any believer that there are elements throughout the U.S. that despise Christianity, and will fight to keep it out of the American government.

This was never more evident than after Pastor Jack Hibbs of Calvary Chapel Chino Hills was invited by Speaker of the House Mike Johnson to lead the House of Representatives in prayer.

This of course did not sit well with certain members of the Democratic Party, who were distraught at the prayer which Hibbs says is based off of the First Prayer of the Continental Congress delivered by the Rev. Jacob Duche in 1774.

What was once welcomed and invited in the halls of Congress has now been dubbed “hateful and divisive.” And no condemnation of a Christian in America would be complete without being slapped with the label “Christian Nationalist,” as Hibbs was.

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In response to these expected yet still outlandish claims and accusations, Hibbs spoke to Fox News Religion Correspondent Lauren Green’s podcast, [Lighthouse Faith](#), at the National Religious Broadcasters convention in Nashville, Tennessee, about the faux outcry coming from the members of Congress who cringe in discomfort at the mere mention of God.

“You know Lauren, I found out I hate Muslims, I hate Jews...poodles. I’m not sure, I’ve been labeled like you cannot believe,” Hibbs reveals.

“...Here’s the problem: They criticized something that they didn’t even realize was part of the fiber of our American DNA. That it was Benjamin Franklin who called Congress to their first session of prayer when they couldn’t come to an agreement [on] the Constitution itself,” he continues.

Meanwhile, many are waking up to the gaslighting by use of the term “Christian Nationalist” which still does not have a consensus definition behind it. If you’re an American and believe that the country should be guided by the standards and morals on which she was founded, and actually know American history, it’s a good bet you’ll be slandered as a “Christian Nationalist” regardless if you’re a Christian or not.

“They [the Democrat critics] didn’t understand or recognize American history. They didn’t understand the First Amendment. And they didn’t understand that I wasn’t praying to them. I was praying to God,” Hibbs says.

“I was praying to the Lord, and I asked the Lord to have mercy on us as a nation, for our national sins. And boy did I get chastised for implying that our nation has something to repent of,” he adds.

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The list of issues that America has and needs to repent of is too long to list in any one article, but the Scriptures are quite clear what happens to a nation that is stubborn and refuses to repent.

In Romans 2, Paul warns about the coming day of God’s righteous judgment, and in the Old Testament we can see that God will invoke judgment on a nation for turning it’s back to Him as both the nation of Israel and the city of Nineveh faced God’s judgment. Cities like Sodom and Gomorrah experienced this judgment first hand.

Make no mistake about it, America was founded from the very beginning to honor God. The writings of her Founders speak for themselves. But should America remain unrepentant, it should come as no surprise to those who know the Word of God that the Lord would judge the nation in similar fashion as Nineveh.

Will America follow the example set by Nineveh and humble herself before the Lord, or will she test His longsuffering and court His wrath with an unrepentant heart?

Perhaps the country should heed the words that Pastor Jack Hibbs delivered before the House of Representatives when he said, “I ask you today Father to bring to us a great awakening of righteousness and confidence in you. Hear my cry in this hour of great need, that we might be humbly blessed before you in the repentance of our national sins.”

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Liberty University Hit with Record \$14 Million Fine

The Department of Education has fined Liberty University an unprecedented \$14 million over violations of the Clery Act.

While the DOE had originally threatened a \$37.5 million fine, [Liberty has taken steps toward correcting](#) the infractions and ensuring the school is now Title IX compliant.

Some of the areas of concern include misreporting of on-campus crimes as well as failure to warn of gas leaks, bomb threats and persons “who have been credibly accused of repeated acts of sexual violence.”

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As reported by The Christian Post, “Liberty University President Dondi E. Costin, who was hired last year, told CP the university didn’t fully comply with its record-keeping and reporting obligations as the institution experienced record growth, for which he expressed regret. He said Liberty sprung into action when officials learned of its shortcomings before the Education Department got involved.

“We formed a task force to identify every deficiency and engaged outside experts to help us build the model program we now have,” Costin says. “Having invested more than \$10 million to deliver significant increases in staffing, training,

infrastructure, technology and programming, I can say with absolute confidence that Liberty University now sets the pace for campus safety and security.”

Other notable universities who have been found guilty of violating the Clery Act include Penn State University, Michigan State University, Virginia Tech, UC Berkeley, Eastern Michigan University and the University of Montana.

Until Liberty’s record-setting fine, the largest amount issued to a school was Michigan State’s \$4.5 million fine in 2019.

While Costin admits to Liberty’s shortcomings, he alludes to the possibility that Liberty received a heftier fine and was under harsher scrutiny than other universities.

“Some might call that quibbling, but I would simply point out that it’s possible to pony up to one’s mistakes and be simultaneously subject to government overreach throughout the process,” Costin says.

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“Based on what we know of how the department adjudicated multiple dozens of past actions, we can show the math to demonstrate the extent to which our experience was radically different than the norm. Maybe Liberty is the outlier, but I would not be surprised if this kind of treatment escalates,” he adds.

This sentiment comes on the heels of [the nations largest Christian university, Grand Canyon University](#), being the subject of similar DOE investigations. The DOE investigation concluding that GCU had lied regarding the price of the school’s doctoral programs to over 7,500 students resulting in higher than advertised program costs.

As Forbes reported, “President of GCU, Brian Mueller, who is also the CEO of GCE, suggested that the university was being unfairly targeted by the Department of Education. He particularly bemoaned the Department’s unwillingness to recognize its change from a for-profit university to a non-profit for federal financial aid purposes—a decision made during the Trump administration while Betsy DeVos was Secretary of Education. Mueller suggested that the refusal was due to some kind of animus.”

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Powerful Prophetic Principles of the Anointing with Dr. Michelle Corral

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In a recent episode of the “Day of Destiny” podcast on the Charisma Podcast Network, Dr. Michelle Corral shared profound teachings on the powerful prophetic principles of the anointing which will elevate the lives of believers.

Delving into Psalm 89, the podcast illuminates the transformative effects of the anointing, drawing parallels from biblical passages and emphasizing its significance in believers’ lives.

Desire for the Anointing

Dr. Corral began by quoting Psalm 89:20 from the Bible: "I have found My servant David. With My holy oil, I have anointed him." This set the stage for a deep exploration of the desire for the anointing on one's life.

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Here are seven ways God's anointing affected David's life:

1. **Chosen as King:** David was anointed by the prophet Samuel as the future king of Israel while he was still a shepherd boy. This divine selection marked him as the chosen successor to Saul, the reigning king at that time (1 Sam. 16:1-13).
2. **Empowered for Leadership:** The Spirit of the Lord came upon David from the day of his anointing, empowering him for the responsibilities that awaited him. This divine empowerment equipped him with courage, wisdom, and leadership qualities necessary to fulfill his role as king (1 Sam. 16:13).
3. **Victory over Goliath:** David's anointing became evident when he fearlessly faced and defeated the giant Goliath with a single stone and a sling. His faith in God's power and his anointed status demonstrated that he relied on divine strength rather than human capabilities (1 Sam. 17).
4. **Military Successes:** As king, David experienced numerous military victories, expanding the borders of Israel. His anointing contributed to his success on the battlefield, and he was often described as a valiant and skillful warrior (2 Sam. 8:1-14).
5. **Poetic and Musical Gift:** David was not only a warrior and king but also a skilled musician and poet. His anointing is seen in his ability to compose and play psalms that expressed deep spiritual and emotional insights. Many of these psalms are included in the Book of Psalms.

6. **Establishment of the Davidic Covenant:** God made a covenant with David, promising an everlasting dynasty. This covenant ensured that David's line would continue, ultimately leading to the birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who became known as the "Son of David" (2 Sam. 7:12-16).
7. **Challenges and Repentance:** David's life was not without struggles, including his infamous affair with Bathsheba and the subsequent murder of her husband, Uriah. However, his repentant heart and acknowledgment of his sins demonstrated the enduring presence of God's grace and mercy in his life.

Empowering Effects

The empowering effects of the anointing were unfolded through verses 21 and 22: "With whom my hands shall be established and my arms shall also strengthen him. The anointing will not exact upon him." Dr. Corral explains the significance, stating, "When you are under the anointing, this word 'exact' means rob. The enemy cannot exact from you. He cannot rob you. He cannot take your prayer life when you're under the anointing."

Protective Nature of the Anointing

Moving into the protective nature of the anointing, 2 Samuel 1:21 was referenced: "The anointing is a shield." Dr. Corral highlights the need for spiritual protection, especially during challenging times, stating, "If you need protection over your life, your family, your children, your vision, your dream or your business, stay under the anointing."

Preservation Properties

The podcast continued to explore the preservation properties of the anointing, drawing from Exodus 30:23-25. Dr. Corral emphasized that there must be a willingness to pay a price, not just monetarily but a commitment to the Lord.

“A price that says, ‘Lord Jesus, I’m willing to pay any price that your power is in my life that your power is with my children,’” explains Dr. Corral. “That Your power is with me.”

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Five Properties of Power in the Anointing

The podcast’s central theme revolved around the five properties of power in the anointing:

- Power Properties
- Preservation Properties
- Priestly Properties
- Prophetic Properties
- Princely Properties

“The anointing will preserve you, preservation properties. The anointing will bring you into sacrificial service, priestly properties. The anointing will make you prophetic. You will hear God’s voice, prophetic properties. The anointing will give you power to walk with the Lord, and give you power to resist sin, give you power to stand, power properties. And princely properties, is power to overcome the wicked one,” teaches Dr. Corral

Esther’s Exemplary Anointing

The session culminates in a profound reflection on Esther’s example. Dr. Corral drew a parallel between Esther donning royal apparel and believers embracing the anointing, symbolizing spiritual royalty. The significance of immersing oneself in the anointing for divine favor is key, emphasizing Esther’s 12 months of preparation preceding her encounter with the king.

“Esther was immersed in the anointing before she went before

the king. God wants to immerse you before you step out in his divine design of destiny with the anointing,” Dr. Corral declares.

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Mike Bickle ‘Unfit to Lead a Ministry’ Say 8 Christian Leaders

In the wake of mounting allegations of sexual and spiritual abuse by IHOPKC founder Mike Bickle, eight prominent [Christian leaders](#) have released a joint statement declaring he should no longer be involved in ministry.

These eight voices—Michael Brown, Jack Deere, Dan Juster, Patricia King, Joseph Mattera, Sam Storms, Michael Sullivant and Terri Sullivant—write that Bickle is “unfit” for ministry, and IHOPKC has “lost credibility in the eyes of many.”

From the time that the charges were first brought against Mike, while addressing this scandal on different levels within our own circles of ministry and in various public settings, we have been waiting for proper investigations to take place and all charges to be known before making final, definitive statements. Some of us have also been working behind the scenes over these months to help ensure that a proper investigation takes place. But since this process has dragged on for so long, we can wait no longer and feel a

sacred responsibility to make this unequivocal, joint statement.

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The leaders reviewed six specific areas of consideration in preparation for the statement:

- Reviewing the testimony of Jane Doe
- Reviewing the testimony of Tammy Woods
- Reviewing the investigation conducted by Rosalee McNamara of the Lathrop Law Firm
- The public admittance of some of the allegations by Mike Bickle
- Attempts by members of the statement to meet with Bickle privately, which he did not agree to. As well as his lack of denial against the “growing number of charges coming against him”
- Various meetings between the members of the statement with leaders from “both the Advocacy Group and IHOPKC leadership”

Within the body of the statement, the leadership team issued five points from their review of the investigation and allegations at hand:

***First**, we are deeply grieved for those who have presented testimony that they were manipulated and sexually abused by Mike Bickle. We can think of few sins more damaging and destructive than that of manipulative, clergy sexual abuse, all the more in the case of a minor. We are also deeply grieved for those whose personal faith has been shattered and whose worlds have been turned upside down because of the alleged agonizing events.*

***Second**, after considering the reports we have reviewed, we must state categorically that he is, sadly, unfit to lead a*

ministry. Even with full repentance and personal restoration in the Lord, he is disqualified from public ministry. (Restoration to full fellowship is of course possible.) Mike himself, in his statement of Dec. 12, 2023, acknowledged that his stepping down from ministry “may be long and it may even be permanent,” and that was before the most serious charges against him had even been raised.

Third, while we know that many fine believers and leaders have served at IHOPKC and are part of the related, global prayer movement, we recognize that the evidence points to some dangerous cult-like tendencies that emerged over the years that need to be addressed and adjusted. There has also been a lack of a formal structure of accountability for those serving in various capacities at IHOPKC, overseen by local elders, resulting in a failure to deal properly with serious sexual sins, and not just pertaining to Mike.

Fourth, we recognize and grieve over the lack of accountability structures in the larger, independent, charismatic church world, where there are no real courts of appeal, few, if any, boards of city-wide or trans-local elders to consult, and no formal structures in which serious allegations can be heard and adjudicated. We have been aware of this need for many years, and it is our hope that now, at last, a united, biblically based, Spirit-led effort can be made to address this gaping hole in our midst.

Fifth, we recognize that many younger believers now feel disillusioned with our generation of leaders, feeling let down by us or, worse still, perceiving us to be part of the “old guard” that is determined to protect our interests or, even worse, enabling serious clergy misconduct. This, too, breaks our hearts, as we have spent decades investing in the younger generations—right until this day, considering it a sacred privilege—and we carry a fatherly (or motherly) burden for your well-being. God Himself knows!

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As the investigations into abuse continues, and as new revelations come to light, the leadership team implored their fellow believers to keep all involved in prayer, and that God's will and justice be done in this tragic situation.

Please keep praying for those who have been sinned against, along with all those who have been hurt, and pray also for IHOP, for Mike and his wife and family, and for the church globally that has been impacted. God desires to bring repentance, cleansing, healing and restoration to all.

Know that we are praying for you and we are here to serve you, believing that somehow, God will bring good out of evil and light out of darkness, for the purification and healing of His people and for His honor and glory.

To read the full statement, [click here.](#)

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