

What You Should Know About Accelerating Demonic Activity

Now that we've had time to process the shocking Satanic/transgender presentation at the Grammys, we're awakening to the fact that this was not an anomaly.

Recently, we've seen Madonna, Nicki Minaj, Katy Perry and others engage in similar demonic exaltation and unrestrained sensuality.

How about "sweet" Taylor Swift getting "video of the year" for presenting a couple enraged spewing nonstop F-bomb profanities? Or commercials with homosexuals locking lips and a lesbian extolling hotels?

- ☒ "For the devil has come down to you in great wrath, because he knows that his time is short" ().

So we'd better be vigilant about his schemes and our children and grandchildren.

Take 10 to gain biblically informed insight into how we stop his influence on us and those we love.

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Jeremiah Johnson: The True Assignment of the Devil at

Asbury University

All who have attended the Asbury University revival have talked about the authenticity of the move of the Holy Spirit. God's love and tenderness is bringing many to repentance and revival is spreading to other college campuses across the nation. Prophet Jeremiah Johnson is warning Christians about some of the responses and perspectives being posted online.

"My prayerful concerns are not in regards to what is actually happening there but rather the responses and perspectives that I am seeing posted online daily from people who are visiting there," he wrote on Facebook.

He lists some of the comments frequently being posted on social media:

"This is real revival because there are no famous preachers here..."

"This is a real move of God because there is no popular worship team here..."

"This is a real move of God because it's so peaceful and there are no crazy manifestations here..."

Jeremiah's main concern is how people have formulated a check list of why revival would or wouldn't happen without realizing that God can move however He desires. When you take a look at revival history each move of the Holy Spirit looks different.

"The truth is that all throughout revival history, you have VARIETY and DIVERSITY. It's what makes it so stunning and beautiful. At the Asbury revival, there are no famous preachers and worship leaders. In the Second Great Awakening, there was a famous preacher named Charles Finney that God used to convert hundreds of thousands to Christ," Jeremiah says.

In 1821, during the Second Great Awakening there are reports of seven ministers preaching at the same time. Those who were there say it sounded like "the roar of Niagara Falls." In one circumstance a group of 500 people were swept down as if they had been hit by a bomb, trembling and crying for mercy. This movement produced the modern missionary movement.

At one of Rees Howells meetings in 1915, a young girl came

under conviction and she broke down praying and crying. Five minutes later the entire congregation was on their faces crying out to God. They felt as if lightning and thunder came down from heaven transforming an entire region.

I don't think any of those things have happened at Asbury University. That's the beautiful part of God, He has many different facets.

"In some revivals there have been wild manifestations and miracles like at Azusa Street and the Latter Rain. At Cane Ridge and Hebrides however the conviction of sin and fear of the Lord shut down local bars and put people prostrate for days," Jeremiah says.

Jeremiah says he has sought God since the Asbury revival started. He feels that God has instructed him to pray for those who are visiting to receive, worship and repent and then go back to their own cities and ask God how He wants to move there.

He feels the true threat against the revival at Asbury University is from those attending that believe they know the secret sauce to what a revival looks like all to accuse another move of God in the past, present or future.



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Mario Murillo: 5 Wrong Ways to Respond to the Asbury Revival

Why is it so urgent to have the right response to the revival currently taking place at Asbury University in Wilmore, Kentucky? Well, let me answer that with a story about the

California condor.

That great bird was virtually extinct when one of these giant vultures with a 10 foot wing span laid an egg. The nest was located high up in inaccessible mountains, yet the forestry service had to keep its location hidden. And for good reason.

It was all over the media. Naturalists tried to find the nest to photograph the egg. Others wanted to camp near the egg and video it in hopes of catching the moment that it hatched. It is ironic that the very people who claimed to dearly love the bird were the greatest threat to its life. It is strange that a bird so powerful, as an adult, is so vulnerable at birth. The same is true of revival—it is vulnerable to abuse, at birth.

In fact, your first reaction to the news about Asbury is a test of your condition before God.

Be honest. When you heard about Asbury, which did you feel: jealousy, hurt, criticism or doubt? Did you feel some kind of carnal curiosity about it? Some responded immediately by thinking of ways to exploit it to their own ends.

Here are five wrong ways to respond to Asbury:

1. Responding with carnal curiosity.

Are you a revival, prophetic or deliverance junkie? Do you binge on emotional events? Do you go with the latest buzz? If so, then consider staying away. You will do more harm than good.

Go because you are under conviction, ready to repent in the awe-inspiring presence of God. Go determined to return a changed person who can spread revival where you live. Don't go to get a cheap blessing.

2. Responding with doubt that it is a real revival.

If the first thing out of your mouth about Asbury was something like, "If this was a real revival, they wouldn't sing those kind of worship choruses, or use that translation of the Bible," you are reacting, but not discerning.

All revivals come to us through imperfect human beings. In many cases, God seizes human frailties for His glory. The Bible says, "We have this treasure in earthen vessels."

Andrew Murray had a great church in Cape Town, South Africa. He left it the hands of others during a sabbatical in England. He returned one Saturday evening to find the church house full of people wailing before God. He charged in and broke up the meeting, rebuking them for their "emotionalism." But when he stepped out of the church, he saw his father standing there weeping. His father said, "How dare you stop something that I have prayed to happen for 30 years."

This rebuke cut so deep that Andrew refused to preach for months. He sat in the back of the church, repentant and contrite. Finally, on one Sunday morning, the elders physically picked him up and carried him into the pulpit. Then the fire that had begun during that Saturday night prayer meeting hit him. That awakening won 5 million Africans to Jesus.

3. A response of jealousy by the old school.

Another irony of revival is the fact that those who were in the last revival are the first to have a bad spirit toward the new one. Jealous, perhaps, because they assumed that if God ever did it again, it would once again be through them.

John Wesley was defrocked by the Church of England because he preached outdoors instead of in a church building. The result was the Methodist revival that spread to five continents.

Decades later, the Methodist church moved to remove the ordination of two of their firebrands: William and Catherine

Booth. You guessed it—they were preaching outdoors. Thus, the Salvation Army was born.

4. A response of arrogance by the new school.

It was Finney who observed that revivals die, both because of the bad spirit of the old school, and the arrogant spirit of the new school.

We have heard much about how there is no big-time preacher or leader of this miracle at Asbury. But I disagree, there are leaders. They may not be big names, but they are leading this revival. If there were no decision makers, there would just be chaos.

Whoever they are, they must stay pure in the insane glare of media attention.

Though they may be totally new to revival, they will be asked to do interviews and will be treated like experts. The pull toward arrogance is the devil's favorite weapon. It is lethal, sudden and arrives early.

They must shed the title of 'expert'. They must not feel superior to any who have gone before them. This miracle is not an endorsement of their talent or spiritual depth. This is the result of a God of love, desperate to save and has found an available core.

response of being hurt.

A minister who has labored for decades with scant results can feel hurt, even dismayed, when any event flies from obscurity to worldwide acclaim in just a matter of days.

A preacher can feel like the Psalmist who said in Psalm 73:13-14, "Surely, I have cleansed my heart in vain, and washed my hands in innocence. For all day long I have been plagued, and chastened every morning."

For this hurt, there is great healing and encouragement. There is an old saying, "The rising tide lifts all boats." Revival is that rising tide. It is not important where the awakening begins, because it will ultimately raise the tide of power and the effectiveness of all ministries and churches. That means that any victory in Christendom is our victory.

But revival does not just lift all boats, it brings them together in unity. Peter obeyed Jesus and cast the net into the water in Luke.

Here's what happened next:

"And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So, they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink" (Luke 5:6-7).

Revival will bring the boats together in unity, and a massive number of souls into the kingdom.

Rejoice my brother! Rejoice my sister! You belong to a victorious army, and our side has just won a massive victory!

Our Father in heaven, we pray for this mighty miracle at Asbury University. Place your hand of protection on it and overshadow it. Take it to its full potential. Let us not do anything to tarnish the simple and innocent work You are doing. We ask all of this in the Name of Jesus. Amen. {eoa}

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Mario Murillo rose from poverty in the Mission District of San Francisco. After being revolutionized by Christ, he felt a call to evangelize at the University of California at Berkeley. The students rejected his efforts until a desperate prayer led to an unprecedented supernatural outpouring.

Students started to report miraculous healings. After a four-day conference in San Jose, California, extended to six months, with nearly 250,000 people in attendance, he launched his international ministry. Since then Murillo's voice has been heard by millions around the world, bringing a message that zeroes in on the hurts of society and Christ's power to end addiction, racism, violence and disease.

The Tools to Help Young Men Strengthen Their Muscles of Faith

While both male and female students were impacted by the numerous negative effects of COVID, Trail Life USA CEO Mark Hancock says boys were hit particularly hard.

It is traditionally perceived that girls learn faster than boys, and Hancock says the pandemic set boys back even further both academically and spiritually.

“Boys and girls are different. And let's face it, teaching girls is easier,” Hancock says. “They are less active and noisy, they are more generally compliant, and they are better suited to listen attentively, reflect competently and respond correctly when asked to do what they are told.

“Boys were designed by their Creator to be doers. They struggle when required to sit down, be quiet and pay attention for prolonged periods of time. Boys need action and purpose. Hands-on problem solving, action, outdoor exploration and adventure make men out of boys because that is how boys grow—through activity and experience.”

The New York Post recently published a piece titled “Why American boys are failing at school—and men are losing in life.” And, the 2020 American Family Survey shows a comparable trend in churches where learning approaches are different. According to the survey, only 36% of parents believe churches are serving their sons well.

“Adam was not created in the beauty and security of the Garden of Eden,” Hancock says. “He was created in the wild, and placed in the garden with a mission. He was to go and ‘fill the earth and subdue it.’ God made man to explore, conquer, lead, face dangers and overcome obstacles with the tools, heart and power God instilled in him as a man.”

That where Hancock says Trail Life comes in. The organization is not only geared toward character development for young men, it’s goal is to produce godly and responsible husbands, fathers and citizens—something that is sorely lacking in today’s American culture.

“We are teaching boys to fulfill God’s purpose and obey His commands each time we put them in a situation where they must solve problems and overcome the difficulties life throws at them,” Hancock says. “Whether a rock wall or a pandemic, boys grow and learn through challenge and conquest.

☒ “The same principles apply to developing character and strong faith in Christ. Reading and hearing about God are important, but the muscles of faith are strengthened through action. James 2:17 states, ‘Faith without works is dead.’ As boys experience God through service and adventure, as they rub shoulders with mentors, as they face challenges and pray and see answers, faith becomes personal. Instead of knowing intellectually about God, boys come to actively know God.”

Trail Life USA motivates young men to grow on a personal level to become role models and leaders among their peers. It’s

something that Hancock says young men today aren't getting in a traditional classroom setting.

"There is a time for a book and a desk, and there is time for experience and adventure," he says. {eoa}

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Ex-Teen Witch Delivered from Occult

Ex-teen witch Sarah Sumpolec is warning the body of Christ about the seduction of witchcraft in America today. Not only are impressionable youth submerged with content on social media making witchcraft look appealing and fun, there is hardly any talk against the demonic agenda in the church today.

"My family was kind of a-religious in a lot of ways," Sumpolec says. Her dad introduced her to witchcraft at a young age, telling her about the powers and destiny within her. As a teenager with no identity in Christ, that was powerful to her.

Living in a house with a parent practicing witchcraft opened the doors to the demonic realm. Sumpolec's house was filled with demons and spirits manifesting around her.

For those enveloped in New Age and Witchcraft practices, there is an idea of one kingdom being present. "They pretend there is this neutral middle ground. There is no neutral power. You are either plugged into Jesus or plugged into something else," Sumpolec says.

Right before she left for college, Sumpolec believed the lies of the enemy that her life would be better if she committed suicide. In a miraculous moment, God saved her from that suicide attempt. She left for school and met her two roommates would have an eternal impact on her life.

They invited her to a meeting where she heard her first sermon. It was her Paul on the road to Damascus moment. "It was from not understanding any of it to saying 'I think I've been doing the wrong thing,'" She describes

Sumpolec started reading the Bible and being disciplined by another believer. She had read so much about the world of witchcraft she immediately saw the parallels. Satan takes the truth of God and twists it while he masquerades as an angel of light.

Her encounter with God was so transformative she went on the Tyra Banks show with a panel of witches as the only ex-witch speaking out against the practice.

The body of Christ needs to be open and honest about the dangers of witchcraft facing the church and the young generation. A large portion of Jesus ministry was delivering people from demons and talking about the realities of hell.

"We can't walk around clueless. We have to realize we have an actual enemy who wants to destroy us and keep us from what God has for us," she says.

The problem in America today is biblical illiteracy. How are you supposed to recognize when the enemy is lying to you if you don't know the truth?

Luke 10:19 says, "Look, I give you authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy. And nothing shall by any means hurt you."

Social media is a strong reinforcement of New Age and

witchcraft principles. You may have heard many people you know talking about “manifesting” something in their life. “This idea of manifesting is witchcraft flat and simple. It’s based in this idea that you have the power to create something or have something happen,” she says.

Our words do matter and have the power to produce life and death. “Words are really important but the difference in manifesting is saying that you have that power. You’re demanding something,” Sumpolec says.

Witchcraft is the sin of rebellion. As a witch you don’t need God because you can go and get power yourself because you believe you deserve it.

The Bible says that in the End Times many will be deceived. What can start as a slight manipulation of the truth can open the door to the demonic realm in your life if you don’t arm yourself with the Word of God.

Tune in to the interview to hear how to protect the next generation and the sermon that transformed Sarah’s life forever. {eoa}



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On the Frontlines: How the

Dream Center Is Winning the Spiritual Battle for L.A.

As spiritual warfare is taking place across the globe, there are epicenters of activity that manifest the physical realities. One such place is the “City of Angels,” Los Angeles, California.

For years there have been attempts by Satan to gain complete control over the city, and the state it’s located in, and remove God from within its borders.

Standing against the forces of darkness and harmful manifestations of poor public policy such as homelessness, addiction, poverty and sex trafficking, the Dream Center led by Pastors Matthew and Caroline Barnett has been the light on a hill in L.A. since 1994.



In response to the recent pandemic and lockdowns that ensued, ministries like the Dream Center were put into emergency mode, and are still working to find what their new normal looks like post-lockdowns.

“I think the days are done of the former Dream Center,” Pastor Matthew shared with Charisma News in an exclusive interview. “We’ve been in emergency mode for three years, where every day feels like an emergency.

“I just walked up to my people [are] lined up everywhere, just trying to get into the rehab program. And that happens now before the office doors are even open. People are lined up down the street, strung out on we’re never going to be the same again.”

With recent legislative decisions from the state government in

California, many crimes are no longer enforced or have reduced punishments. This lack of enforcement has led to a boom of prostitution, homelessness and addiction within L.A.

“[The lack of enforcement] definitely manifests itself in the obvious: more crimes,” Barnett lamented. “There’s that feeling in the mindset that people really can’t be delivered.

“But I think the greatest danger of all is mindset of, ‘We’ve just kind of given up, given up believing people can come off of drugs, that we can enforce the law’...lawlessness rules the day,” he continued. “That’s my major concern more than ‘s just kind of a city really gone wild with a lack of faith and belief that it can become more post lockdown.”

Pastor Matthew shines light on the oppressive spirit that is taking hold of people’s hearts all around the world. There is no passion within them, and they are accepting much less than what they are capable of. This spirit fills them with fear, doubt, depression, anxiety and so much more, but the best antidote for it is the love of Christ manifesting in their hearts and igniting a passion to follow Him for the rest of their days.

Even while local and state governments attempt to limit what churches can or can’t do, to the extreme point of regulating giving away food on the street, Barnett continues the successful blueprint of giving practical aid to those in need, but forming lasting relationships with the community first and foremost.



“If there’s ever an urgency to build relationships with people, to be in their life over and over again [it’s now]. That’s the only way people will really make long-lasting change, otherwise they’re just going to keep doing what they’re doing,” Barnett explained.

“Maybe it’s in the four walls of a house, and it’s off the street. Typically, surprisingly, a lot of people that are in the housing first, they end up living on the streets, despite the fact they have a little unit or something you build for them. It’s a mindset. It’s really a spiritual thing that has to be broken,” he continued.

This is the crux of the matter that government intervention simply cannot fix. The spiritual hold that principalities have over peoples’ lives can’t be fixed by throwing government programs and money at the problem.

In the wake of the lockdowns, Pastor Barnett revealed new problems that the Dream Center is encountering within their community, and sadly, communities all across the country.

“The issue of teenagers is out of control,” Barnett shared. “A lot of these kids, they were locked down in projects, and exposed to a lot. We’re finding a lot of physical abuse or sexual abuse, a lot of horrible things that happened to them during that era.

“And a lot of them learned to go online and discover how to find drugs, a lot of them join ‘s got to happen.”

Crises like these, and so many more, are still just the tip of the iceberg with what the citizens of cities like L.A. all over the world are experiencing. Thankfully, there are outreaches and ministries like the Dream Center who are answering the Great Commission that Jesus gave to His followers and are making a tremendous impact on the daily lives of the people around them. Both here on earth and in heaven.

To hear the full interview with Pastor Matthew Barnett, click [here](#).

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GenZers Preach, Prophecy to Spark Revival in Texas High Schools

Many, even in the Christian world, would like to give the impression that today's generation of youth, Gen Z, is running away from God. They like to paint a picture that there is little hope for the future of America.

Studies, surveys and polls would suggest that GenZers are the first truly "post-Christian" generation.

The people who conducted the studies and surveys obviously have not spoken with the youth at New Life Church in Corpus Christi, Texas. New Life Senior Pastor Mike Fehlauer and Youth Pastor Mario Carrete say the young people in that city are "truly on fire" for God, much like what is now taking place on college campuses like Asbury University in Kentucky and Lee University in Tennessee.

Since 2022, the youth group at New Life has established Bible clubs at 20 different high schools in the Corpus Christi Bay area. And, with very little pushback from school administration, students have been bringing the gospel to those schools for a year now.

Additionally, college-age youth have been spreading the Good News of Jesus on the campus of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi for the past few years through massive community outreach.

“We’re seeing a mighty move of God outside of our four walls, it’s amazing,” Fehlauer says. “We’ve been watching what’s been happening at Asbury and other places, and we’re seeing true revival at those places. It’s incredible and we pray that it continues.

“As for us, we’ve got young people preaching and praying for the sick, ministering the sick. We’ve got student-led preaching and altar calls in numerous schools. They’re not just doing Bible study, and the schools are allowing this to happen.

“There has to be a spirit of repentance, and we’re seeing that a lot among our youth and the youth that are being touched by this ministry,” Fehlauer says. “But it’s not about us. This is only happening because the Holy Spirit has opened the hearts of these kids and you’re seeing true brokenness.”

The student-led services don’t take place during school hours, but they are held on school grounds before classes begin, at lunchtime and after school.

When Carrete took over as youth director at New Life Church in 2019, he said the Lord spoke to him and gave him a vision about the trials and tribulations of today’s youth. A Lifeway Research study revealed in 2019 that 66% of American young adults who attended a protestant church regularly for at least a year as a teenager say they also dropped out for at least a year between the ages of 18 to 22.

“The Holy Spirit dropped a picture on me of what is happening to these kids,” Carrete says. “You look at the percentage of students who fall away from the faith, and it really bothered me, especially as I was walking into youth ministry.

“The Holy Spirit told me that these kids are being fattened up like cattle, like sheep,” Carrete says. “They are being fattened up on the word, but there’s no other avenue for them other than weekly youth group. When they graduate, they are

sent to the slaughter. It's one of the hardest times in life for teens to navigate.

"These Bible clubs give them an avenue to carry on. It helps them to be bold with their faith and to exercise it with enthusiasm and gratitude."

Jorge Garcia of West Oso High School says the boldness students have been showing for Christ has been "nothing less than amazing."

"Students are giving their lives to Christ because of their obedience," Garcia says. "Boldness in the Holy Spirit is here already and will grow only as we move the heart of God in our schools. It's an absolute honor to be leading the West Oso Bible Club, and, not just leading the students, but the teachers, staff and administrators, too."

The Bible clubs go by two different names—Fellowship of Christian Students and Ambassadors of Christ.

When the New Life Youth Group came up with the idea of the Bible clubs, Carrete says, they realize there might be some pushback from the school administrations. But because they allow other before-school and after-school clubs, administrations didn't make a huge fuss about a Christian-based club taking place at their school.

"The second I gave our kids the go-ahead, there was electricity in the room. They were excited," Carrete says. "Four Bible clubs were birthed from that first night. The schools have been fairly agreeable, and we're legally allowed to have this group because we're not forcing it on anyone. We've continued to add more clubs to more schools, and we're encouraging kids to spread the word about them."

"Having a community where people can freely express who Jesus is in such a public setting ... that shows there is an extreme hunger for God in education," says Frances Monayao, a student

at Veterans Memorial High School. “The Lord is taking back His city of Corpus Christi, and it starts with the schools.”

Carrete says the Bible clubs have made a huge impact on each school and in the community. With students leading the way, Carrete sees their kids preaching the Word of God and supernatural things are happening.

The students who attend the Bible club events have not only accepted the supernatural, but they have opened their hearts to it.

☒ “We’ve been seeing Joel 2 fulfilled,” Carrete says. “We are seeing special impartation for the youth to preach and prophesy. Teens, both boys and girls, together are making this work. Scripture says that the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead lives inside each one of us, and these kids are no exception. Through the Holy Spirit they lay hands on the sick. During the services, they walk up to people who have pain and pray for them. I haven’t preached one word in these club outings, but I’ve never experienced anything like it. These kids are amazing.”

Recent revival has not been restricted to college campuses. May the Holy Spirit continue to work in today’s youth! {eoa}

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Disney Star Joshua Bassett

Baptized at Bethel

Joshua Bassett, one of the stars of Disney's "High School Musical: The Musical: The Series," was baptized at Bethel Church located in Redding, California on Sunday.

The singer also shared a video clip on Twitter and Instagram as he gave his confession of faith in Jesus Christ.