

# Is the Barrier Between Heaven and Earth Breaking? Experts Warn of Supernatural Signs

Christians around the world are walking into what Perry Stone calls “the hour of testing,” a divinely permitted season of intense trials designed to expose what’s truly within a person.

In a recent episode of Manna-Fest, Stone declared, “We’re going to explore that subject today... millions are entering the hour of testing.” Drawing from Revelation 3, he emphasized Jesus’ words to the church of Philadelphia: “Because you have kept my command to persevere, I will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world to test those who dwell on the earth.”

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According to Stone, the phrase “hour of testing” doesn’t just refer to the Great Tribulation but can also apply to severe personal seasons of suffering. “A temptation is a piercing that comes to you and a test that comes to you which actually reveals what is on the inside of you,” he said. “You know, a lot of people boast on how strong they are in the Lord until something happens that puts them through a real test.”

Stone gave examples from Scripture, pointing to Jesus’ own “hour” in the Gospels. “Before it happened, a ship couldn’t drown Him. A storm couldn’t drown Him. They could not stone

Him. No one could kill Him. No one could harm Him because he was under a supernatural divine protection from His Father," he explained. But when Jesus' hour came, "He is arrested... He's publicly humiliated... He's publicly crucified."

In today's world, many believers may feel that "all hell has broken loose." Stone warned, "The test or trial that you're in is so weird and so intense that you have never seen anything like it." He added, "Good people will go through an hour of testing."

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To those who mock or persecute others during such times, Stone gave a stern warning: "Let me just tell you... your hour is coming. You are going to reap what you have sown."

But for the faithful, Stone listed three purposes of this difficult hour:

**1. God lays the axe to the root.**

"There's some things on your tree that shouldn't be there, and He starts cutting down the tree."

**2. There has to be a purging.**

"The chaff, which is just the trash and the junk hanging on—it's got to come off, it's got to be put away, it's got to be burnt."

**3. He trims the vine.**

"A vine that does not produce fruit will be trimmed... not to harm you. It is to purge you, to make you white, to refine you in the fire."

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Despite the hardship, Stone offered hope: "I'm going to come

out like pure gold. I'm going to come out with a better prayer life. I'm going to come out trusting God in a greater way."

For those who feel the weight of the hour of testing, trust God in the fire. He's working, often unseen, on your behalf.

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## Is God Angry?

I grew up in an angry, unstable home. My father was very angry most of the time, and I didn't always understand what he was angry about. When I accepted Christ as my Savior, I took this experience with my father into my relationship with God. I believed God loved me and forgave me of my sin, but I still had this vague feeling that He wasn't pleased with me and He was just a little bit angry with me most of the time. I lived this way for years until I finally realized the truth: God is not mad at me!

I believe many people feel like God is mad at them. One day I put a post on Facebook that said, "God is not mad at you." Within a few hours, we literally had thousands of positive responses from people saying things like, "That is exactly what I needed to hear today." Obviously, this is a message we need to hear.

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So where does this concept of God come from? Maybe it's because of an angry parent who was difficult to please. Or maybe it's due to the pain of rejection from parents or friends who didn't know how to give unconditional love. Or it

could be the influence of a church or individual who has pressured you to follow rules and regulations in order to make you acceptable to God.

We want to be good and please God, and we may be able to follow the rules for a while, but when we mess up, we feel guilty and condemned again. Because we can't be good enough and do everything right in our own effort and strength. "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8 NIV). Notice this says "while we were still sinners."

Galatians 3:10 (NIV) says, "For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: 'Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law.'" What are you relying on to make you right with God? Are you depending on rules and regulations that you follow or try to keep?

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Now I realize you can't live a healthy, productive life without having some guidelines, but this scripture is saying that we will have serious problems if we think our worth and value as human beings are based on following rules and regulations. We are only made right with God through the blood of Jesus. And life is marvelous when you know the true character of God and who you are in Christ! That's when you feel good about yourself deep down in your heart, not because you do everything right, but because you know you are special to God and He loves you—unconditionally, constantly, completely.

I do want to be clear about something here: Although God loves us unconditionally, He does get angry at sin, wickedness, and evil. But He is not an angry God. God hates sin, but He loves sinners! He will never approve of sin in your life, but He always loves you and wants to work with you to make progress in living a holy life in Christ.

Psalm 103:8 (NIV) says, "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love." God is compassionate—that's His character. He's gracious—that means He's good. And God is slow to anger.

People who don't know the true character of God—who don't believe He is compassionate, gracious, and slow to anger—can never have a close, personal, intimate relationship with Him. It grieves me to think there are so many who live in the darkness of constantly feeling guilty and condemned when God is longing to have relationship with them.

The truth is God created us to have relationship with us. He wants to love us and take care of us, and He wants us to love Him. That's where our walk with Christ has to start.

We need to be obedient to God and do the good works He has for us to do, but first we need to understand and believe He loves us. Then we can have a relationship with Him and live by faith in Him with the power of the Holy Spirit in us, giving us the ability to live the way God is calling us to live.

I'm so grateful God opened my eyes to the truth! He has taught me to believe by faith that He is pleased with me, not because I do everything right, but because I believe in Him and trust Him. And this is just as true for you as it is for me.

If you struggle with feeling that God is disappointed in you

or angry because you don't do everything right, I want to encourage you to take hold of this truth today and believe it: God is not mad at you!

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## **Pastor Calls Out the Spirit of Religion: 'They Still Hate Jesus Today'**

Jesus did not come for the healthy, but for the sick. However, many today are still stuck in the mindset that God is after our religiosity instead of our hearts.

In a recent sermon, Pastor Greg Locke of Global Vision Bible

Church drew a sharp distinction between authentic faith in Christ and the bondage of man-made religion. Preaching from Mark 2, Locke challenged the traditions that often replace true relationship with Jesus, declaring, "Religion and Jesus are not Siamese twins. They are not compatible in the Bible. Never have been, never will be."

In a recent message of encouragement, Rabbi Kirt Schneider reminded believers of the powerful promise found in Philippians 1:6: "I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will complete it." These words from the apostle Paul offer deep reassurance that God is not only the initiator of our faith, but the one who sees it through to completion.

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"Aren't you thankful to know that God that began a good work in your life is going to complete it?" Schneider asked. "We can trust Him, beloved friend, to finish what He's begun in us."

This message centers on one key truth: our walk with God depends not on our strength, but on His faithfulness. "I'm so happy that it's not up to me. Aren't you?" he continued. "If it was up to me, I would have failed a long time ago... I'm depending on God."

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Schneider emphasized that God is the author and finisher of

our faith, and that He takes an active role in our spiritual journey—guiding us, correcting us, and lifting us when we fall. “He’s the one that keeps us walking the straight and narrow path,” he said. “He’s the one that disciplines us... the one that’s at work in our life, both to will and do for His good pleasure.”

This reminder is not just about God’s power—it’s about His deep love. “We didn’t choose Him, He chose us,” Schneider said. “And He’s going to complete for His glory the good work that He began in your life and in my life.”

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No matter what season you’re in—whether you’re thriving or barely holding on—remember this unshakable truth: God is not finished with you. The One who called you, chose you, and began a good work in you will be faithful to complete it. Rest in His promise, trust His process and know that your story is still unfolding—for His glory.

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## **Franklin Graham Declares War on Soft Christianity: ‘Preach the Whole Gospel’**

Would you have the faith to believe God for a miracle?

In an interview with Deep Believer’s Jennifer Bagnaschi, John Green shares the tips Christians need to pray bold and

effective prayers that move both heaven and earth.

“When you go into a home, a hospital, a university or work,” Green began, “you’re going to hear you in front of your face, ‘I am not well.’ And as simple as that is, sometimes Christians hear this and they do nothing.”

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So, why do so many believers hesitate?

“We don’t know what to do... or we’ve never been taught how to.”



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Green says that like others, he used to be this way until the Holy Spirit taught him the key to healing while praying for others: compassion.

“My Lord is telling me to feel something that I knew I didn’t have... His compassion.” Green described this as a holy fire that swelled within him: “It hits my midsection just below my stomach. It swells up and comes through me... I’m fully aware of what’s happening.”

This compassion led him to pray powerfully and effectively for a sick woman. “I began to cry profusely... It wasn’t a crying of saying, ‘Poor person, they’re sick.’ No. This was the love of God for the person.” He recalled Jesus’ words in the Gospels: “When the Lord saw the crowds, He had compassion for them... They were like sheep without a shepherd.”

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This moment became a foundational principle: “Before even He

approached them and prayed for them, He felt that compassion. This is so important and so vital for you to learn and me to learn.”

Another profound moment for Green was when he prayed over a pastor who the doctors had declared doom over. However, God had the final say. “The doctor said he won’t pass through this.” But while driving to the hospital, Green prayed, “Lord, this is going to be awesome. Your glory is going to come down. Your compassion to flow.”

When he entered the ICU room, the atmosphere changed. “I just looked at them... and said, ‘Stop crying. The Lord is here.’” God’s presence filled the room. “I went to the bed and gently placed my hand on his chest and said, ‘Coma, in Jesus’ name, you’re going to leave him right now.’” As Green prayed, “Tears were rolling down [the patient’s] face... and a beautiful smile came upon him.” That same afternoon, the man woke up and asked for food. “He’s still pastoring. This happened about 12 years ago.”

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Ultimately, before we ever lay hands, before we speak healing, Jesus invites us to feel what He feels. The power doesn’t begin with our words; it begins with the attitude of the heart. When we pause and let His compassion flood our spirit, we’re no longer ministering from emotion or duty, but from divine love. That’s where miracles begin.

If we want to see lives transformed, we must first be transformed by His love. Then, and only then, will the glory of God move through us—and the sick will rise.

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# Living the Resurrected Life: What It Looks Like and How to Get There

When Pastor Juan Martinez stepped up to preach on the power of the resurrected life, he wasn't content with just celebrating Easter Sunday. He wanted to show what resurrection power actually looks like in a believer's everyday life—and how to walk in it.

“These are the signs,” Martinez said. “You could come to church and still be living dead.”

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Here are the defining characteristics of a resurrected life:

## 1. Love for Others, Even the Difficult Ones

“You walk in love, genuine love. You're patient, kind towards people, even those who are difficult or challenging.”

This kind of love goes beyond emotions—it's about living like Jesus when it's not easy.

## 2. Boldness in Faith

“You speak and you act bold for Christ even in uncomfortable and intimidating circumstances.”

Martinez challenged the timid: “In the beginning, it’s going to sound kind of crazy. You do it again and again and again and again.”

### 3. Supernatural Peace

“You remain calm and you trust God deeply during trials and uncertainty.”

According to Martinez, this peace isn’t natural—it’s resurrection-level calm in the middle of life’s chaos.



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### 4. Joy in Serving Others

“You volunteer to do unnoticed tasks. You serve behind the scenes. You find joy in simply blessing someone else.”

It’s not about being seen, he said: “It’s a joy for you to do it. It’s not a job.”

### 5. Self-Control Under Pressure

“I listen to him and I look like I have a lot of self-control. Really, he has all the self-control.”

Martinez was clear—discipline isn’t willpower; it’s the fruit of surrendering to Jesus.

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## 6. Joy During Suffering

“Maintaining joy and hoping in Christ even when it’s painful because you reflect trust in God’s sovereignty.”

Resurrection life doesn’t erase pain—it gives purpose in the middle of it.

## 7. Authentic Community and Unity

“You build meaningful relationships marked by vulnerability, transparency, and mutual encouragement.”

He emphasized quick forgiveness and peacemaking: “You’re either dividing or bringing it together.”

## 8. Full Access to Every Room

Martinez compared our lives to a house: “Jesus, You could be like right here. Like, don’t go right. Don’t hold on my relationship. Don’t talk to me about it. It’s messy right now, but I’mma hold it.”

The resurrected life invites Jesus into every corner—especially the parts we try to hide.

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## So How Do You Get There?

Martinez said it starts with surrender. “Holy Spirit, what are You saying to me?” he urged listeners to pray. “Your decision is you actually living the resurrected life.”

This isn’t about achieving perfection. It’s about letting the risen Christ live fully through you, one surrendered step at a time.

“Don’t leave this place exactly how you came in,” Martinez said. “Have an encounter with the living Christ.”

Amen to that.

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## **Even Demons Believe: This Is a Wake-Up Call for Passive Christians**

Corey Russell, a well-known speaker and author, shared a gripping testimony of deliverance and transformation through Jesus during an interview with Pastor Vlad Savchuk.

“I screamed the name Jesus,” Russell recalled, “and it was like God came and breathed inside of me. And all I could say for the next five minutes is, ‘I’ve got air.’” His radical encounter began after a friend who had experienced deliverance told him, “Corey, it’s heaven or hell. You have to make a decision.”

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On Feb. 18, 1997, Russell said he was born again, instantly freed from drugs and sin, and filled with the presence of God. “Get on the pavement and give me your life. You’re mine,” Russell said God told him. That moment would define the rest of his ministry.

# Power in Tongues and the Spirit Realm

Russell emphasized the transformative impact of praying in tongues: "I just said, God, I'm going to pray in tongues until peace comes." He shared that during a season of intense warfare in his family, praying in the Spirit brought healing, peace and restoration. "We would feel presences enter into our room... and I would see peace come on our family."



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Describing his daily practice, Russell said, "I will begin to pray in tongues out loud for about 20 minutes where I am now putting my eyes on the throne room of God... I am magnifying God with my spirit." He called it a "three-part rhythm": bless God, make requests and return to tongues or Scripture.

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## Mysteries and Strength in the Spirit

When it comes to tongues, Russell said many people resist because it "offends the mind" and requires faith: "Possibly look like an idiot for a second." But he insists it unlocks deeper revelation and alignment. "He who prays in tongues edifies himself... that is going to bring into alignment your thought life... your emotions... your desires... and your body."

Pointing to 1 Corinthians 14, he emphasized that tongues is a gift meant to build up the believer, not to be dismissed: "In

no way is he [Paul] removing these gifts and saying they don't matter. He's actually establishing the glory of it."

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## **The Secret to Sustained Fire**

Russell compared the gift of tongues to a spiritual well. "It would well up, but I would not allow it to be released... I was so afraid... that fear, judgment, and pride" became the blockers. But once released, "those wells begin to just spring up... and you're almost like you're living in that fresh first love."

To those hungry for more of God, Russell offered a simple prayer: "Father, I ask you in the name of your son to fill me with the Holy Spirit. I want to speak in tongues. I want to prophesy. I want everything you died for, Jesus."

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