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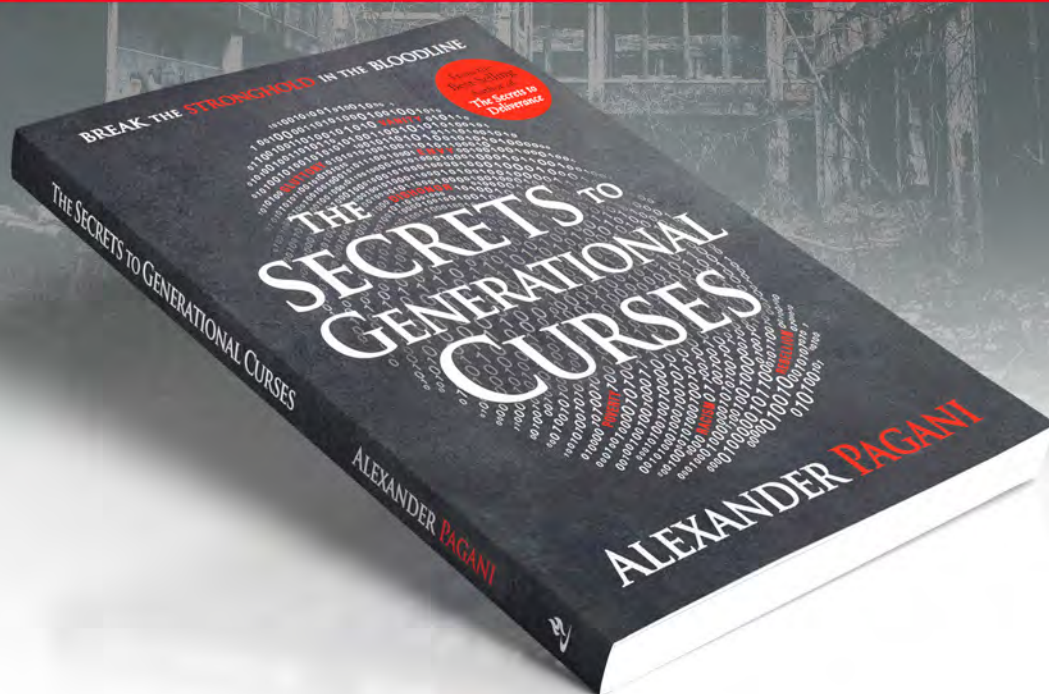


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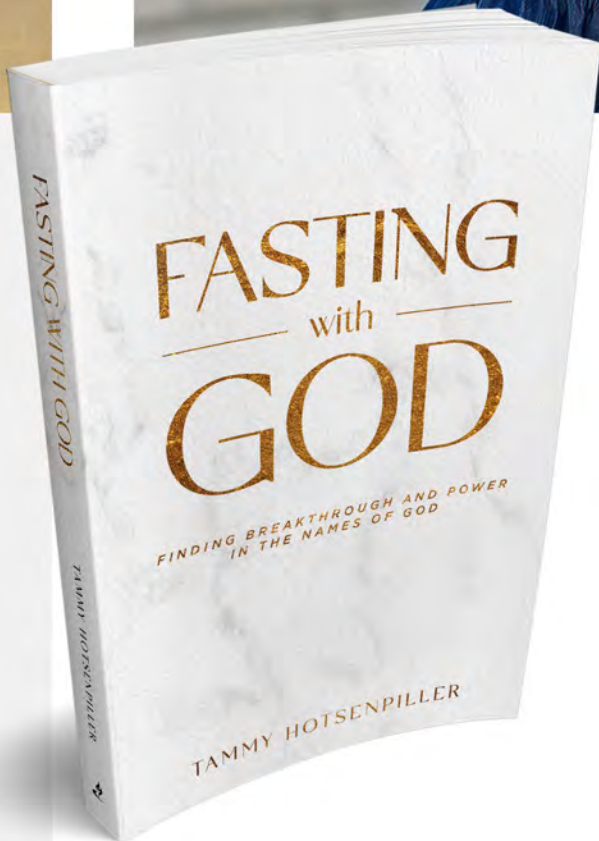
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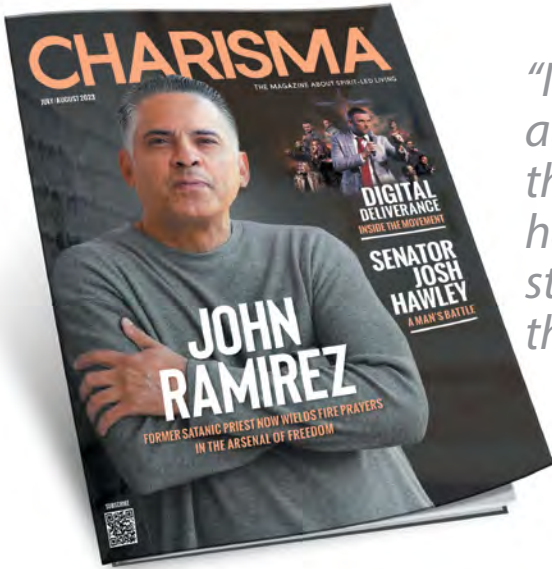
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"It is time we forget about irrational theological hangups and start preaching the full gospel."

—Ken Brown, Rushville, IL

ACTS 2 RESCUES THE UPSIDE-DOWN WORLD

I was baptized in the Holy Spirit as a teenager too many years ago to admit, so Steve Strang's story ("How Do You Lead a Religious Person to Jesus," *Charisma*, May/June 2023) was a terrific study tool and refresher on God's power that He gives us all but regrettably too few actually accept. The "33 Things..." list is great for new believers building the foundation of their faith.

Dale Moready, *Minutavista, MT*

DELIVERANCE CANNOT BE OPTIONAL!

Your July/August issue was/is very timely and powerful! At a time when men are finding themselves in desperate need to be set free from porn addictions, and so few church leaders are stepping up in the way Jesus would, the articles on deliverance are a must-read for every Christian ("Digital Deliverance MegaFeature," *Charisma*, July/August 2023). It is time we forget about irrational theological hangups and start preaching the full gospel.

Ken Brown, *Rushville, IL*

MY NEIGHBOR THE PEW-DWELLER

This is what I've always loved about *Charisma*, along with the timely news and what the Holy Spirit is doing around the world every day, you also include stories like this one ("How Do You Lead a Religious Person to Jesus," *Charisma*, May/June 2023). I have friends, family and neighbors who fit this description, and this story was encouraging and helpful to show me not to give up hope.

Bernice Blanchet, *Steepleville, OH*

THANK YOU CHARISMA

Thank you *Charisma* magazine for covering what the news media are NOT reporting! "Evil triumphs when good men do nothing," (Edmund Burke).

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Stop Limiting the Flow of the Holy Spirit's Oil

A few years ago, the Lord challenged me about my level of spiritual hunger. He showed me that even though I had repeatedly sung the words, “Lord, I want more of You,” I wasn’t as passionate for Him as I thought I was.

My church sponsored a conference about the Holy Spirit. At the close of one service I was lying on the floor near the altar asking God for another touch of His power. Several other people were kneeling at the communion rail and praying quietly.

Suddenly I began to have a vision. In my mind I could see a large pipeline, at least eight feet in diameter, spanning a landscape that looked like the Texas countryside. I was looking at the pipe from the inside, and I could see a shallow stream of golden liquid flowing at the bottom. The oil in the giant pipe was only a few inches deep.

I began a conversation with the Lord. “What are You showing me?” I asked.

“This is a picture of the flow of the Holy Spirit in your life,” He answered.

It was not an encouraging image! The capacity of the pipeline was huge—enough to convey a gushing river of oil. Yet only a trickle of oil was evident. Then I noticed that several large valves were lined up along the sides of the pipeline, and each of them was shut.

I asked the Lord: “What are those valves, and why are they closed?”

His answer stunned me. “Those represent the times when you said no to Me. Why should I increase the level of anointing if you aren’t available to use it?”

The words stung. When had I said no to God?

I was overcome with emotion and began to repent. Then I recalled different excuses I had made and limitations I had placed on how God could use me. I realized that my fears and insecurities were limiting Him.

I had told God that I didn’t want to be in front of crowds because I wasn’t a good speaker. I had told Him that I didn’t want to address certain issues or go certain places. I had placed so many cumbersome conditions on my obedience.

After a while I began to see another vision. I saw myself preaching to a huge crowd of Africans in a large arena.

Nobody had ever asked me to minister in Africa, but I knew at that moment I needed to surrender my will. All I could think to say was the prayer of Isaiah: “Here am I, Lord, send me” from Isaiah 6:8. I told God I would go anywhere and say anything He asked. I laid my insecurities, fears and inhibitions on the altar. I surrendered all limitations.

Less than two years later I stood at a pulpit inside a sports arena in Port Harcourt, Nigeria. As I addressed a crowd of 8,000 pastors who had assembled there for a training conference, I remembered seeing their faces in that vision. And I realized that God had opened a new valve in my life that day.

Because I had said yes, He had increased the flow of His oil so that it could reach thousands.

Many of us have a habit of asking for more of God’s power and anointing. But what do we use it for? He doesn’t send more oil just to make us feel good. He doesn’t give us rivers of oil to waste on our own agendas. He releases the oil when we are willing to use it for His will and purpose.

I’m afraid some of us are soaking up the Spirit’s anointing without ever giving it away. Our charismatic experience has become inward and selfish. We fall on the floor; then we get up and live however we want to. That is not true surrender.

When I raise my hands to Him, I am saying, essentially: “Lord, I belong to You. My life is Yours. I don’t want to run my life on my own—I want You to direct me. I don’t want to control my relationships, my money, my career path or my future—I want to follow Your will and purpose. I am Yours, Lord.”

Can you say those words to God? It is only when we empty our lives that we can be filled with Him. Full surrender leads to a full overflow.

If we truly want to be empowered, we must offer God an unqualified Yes. We must crucify every No. God never called us to be a reservoir with no outlet.

Search your own heart today and see if there are any closed valves in your pipeline. As you surrender them, the locked channels will open and His oil will flow out to a world that craves to know He is real.

“I’m afraid some of us are soaking up the Spirit’s anointing without ever giving it away.”

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Passing Your Tests in Life

Why, God, why?" It's a common question, and one we often ask in the midst of hard times when we feel that we've been forsaken. But I've learned through my own trials and painful experiences that no matter what I'm going through, God is with me through it all (Heb. 13:5) and He will redeem it...He'll make something beautiful out of it. This is true for every single person who puts their trust in God.

Proverbs 3:5-8 says, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil. This will bring health to your body and nourishment to your bones" (NIV). Notice that verse seven says "Do not be wise in your own eyes." In other words, don't ever think you're smart enough to figure out how to solve your problems on your own. And verse eight shows us that if we trust in God and follow His ways, it will bring health to our bodies and nourishment to our bones.

When I look back and think about what I was like years ago before I got serious about growing up spiritually, I can honestly say I am a much different person today. Back then, I believed in Jesus and loved Him as much as I knew how to love Him, but I had every kind of character problem you could possibly have.

I was not a nice person even though I went to church every week and was on the evangelism team. The problem was I was religious but not Christlike! Thankfully, this daily journey with God that I've been taking for more than 45 years now has brought radical transformation to my life in so many ways.

See, it's the challenges we face that God uses to reveal the things in us that need to change, because we can't deal with our weaknesses if we don't know what they are. Then He works through them to transform us into the character of Christ little by little, one day at a time (2 Cor. 3:18.).

These situations are tests that God uses to help us become

everything He has created us to be. Now, I'm not talking about major disasters or crises like sickness, the loss of a loved one or some other kind of evil trauma. The tests God gives show us ways we need to grow spiritually and prepare us to move forward in His plan for our lives.

For example, I used to be a very impatient person. I still get impatient sometimes, but I have grown a lot in this area throughout the years. I remember when I would get so frustrated all the time with people who were slow or with situations that created inconveniences for me. After all, I had important things to do and was always in a hurry.

Well, God used clerks in stores to help me see my bad attitude and work patience into my soul. There was a time when it seemed that whenever I went to the grocery store, I'd get in the slowest line. The person in front of me would have items with no prices on them, so we'd have to wait for someone to look them up, or the customer wouldn't have enough money to cover their total bill and have to decide what to send back.

I finally knew for sure that God had my number when I went to a department store one day and tried to buy something, but I couldn't find a clerk to take my money. I went from slow clerks to no clerks!

These situations taught me that the best thing I can do is decide to have a good attitude and enjoy waiting. Because in God's school of life, we don't fail; we just get to keep taking the same test over and over until we pass it.

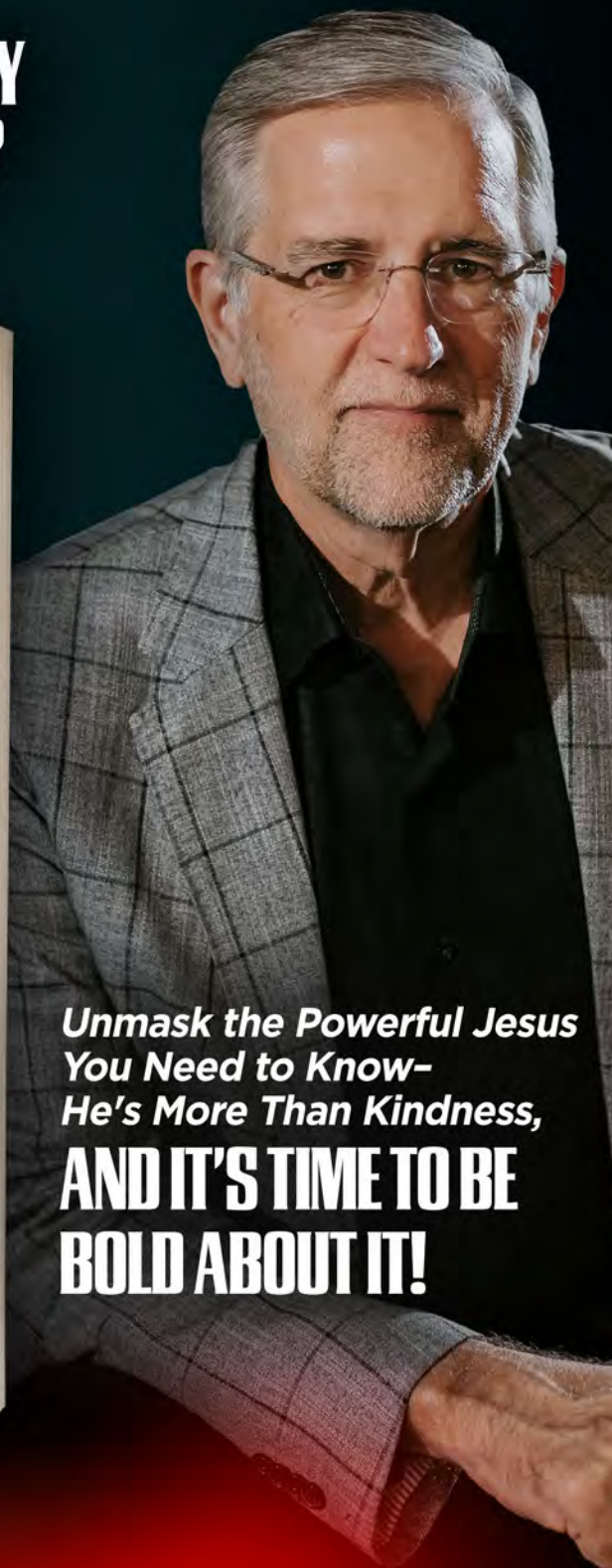
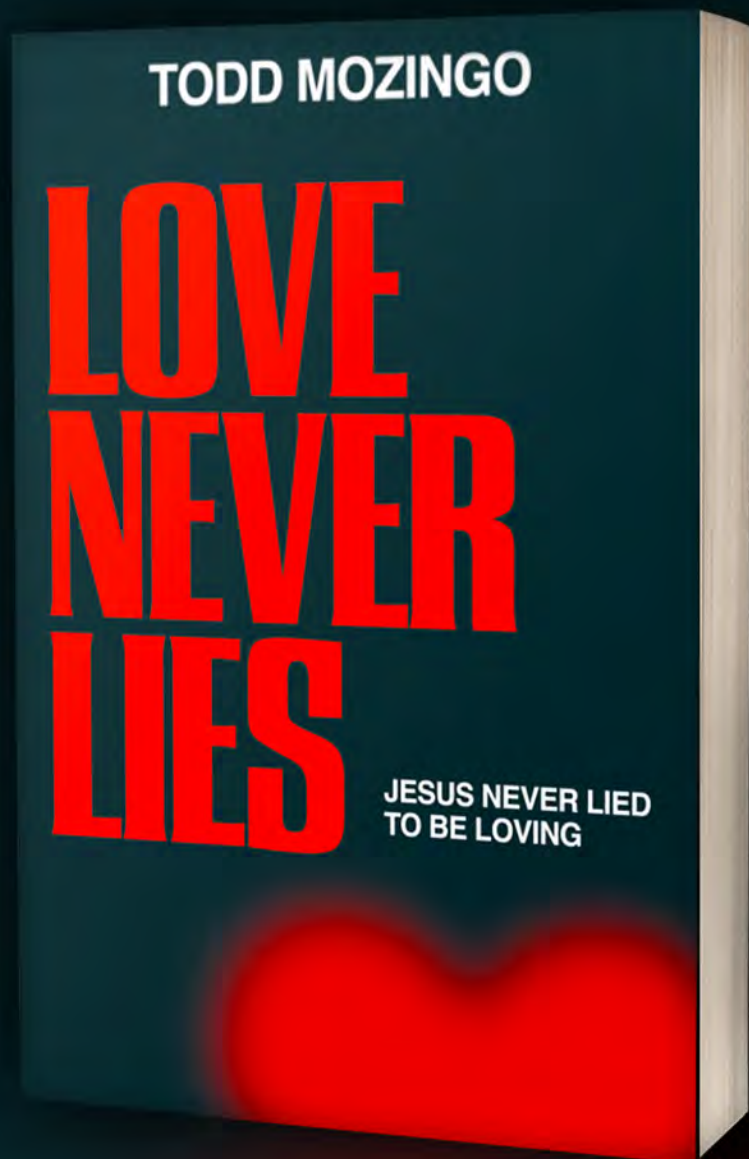
The good news is when we pass our tests, there's a promotion coming! We're changing and being prepared to do bigger and better things for Christ, and we'll have much more peace and joy in our everyday life.

So, what bugs you? What really grates on your nerves and causes you to get frustrated, stealing your peace and joy? I want to encourage you to remember Proverbs 3:5-8 and use it as a practical guide in these situations. Let the tests you take make you better—more like Christ—and keep moving forward in every good plan God has for your life!

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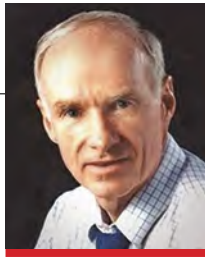
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Good News Is News Also (September 1983)

The Legacy News Media's Legacy of Double-Standards

One of America's leading journalists, George Cornell, ripped into some of his fellow editors at a gathering of the Associated Press managing editors. "Why," he asked, "do most newspapers carry an entire section of sports events daily, but only one page of religious news weekly?"

Is the news that one man bashed in the face of another man in a boxing ring really more important, or even more interesting, than the news of a young man who had an opportunity to cheat on his wife, but chose to remain faithful by relying on the power of the Holy Spirit?

That's not to say newspapers and magazines don't report on religious events. Last week when the pastor of a Pentecostal church in Indiana built a bonfire behind the church to burn rock records, and let the fire get away from him until it burned down not only the church but the local barber shop, it was reported on both NBC and CBS.

If a pastor loses his temper and goes after the bank president (who is chairman of his board) with the jawbone of an ass, then that's considered news. Or, as recently happened, if a prominent minister is found guilty of shoplifting a copy of *Playboy* magazine from an airport newsstand, then that too makes the pages of the newspaper at some time other than in the Saturday religious page.

Seldom does the press report on the words of a preacher, even if he is speaking prophetically. In other words, what comes from Washington, D.C. or Hollywood is considered more important than what comes from heaven.

There are exceptions, of course. The press loves to quote Billy Graham out of context. Reporters are notorious for editing the remarks of folks like Rex Humbard to make them sound like fools rather than prophets. When James Robison was being attacked by homosexuals for his remarks on TV, it made every major newspaper in the nation. But when Robison publicly apologized for having been hypercritical of his Christian brothers, no one seemed to care.

And if a politician does say something with spiritual meaning, the media including the folks who edit TV tapes, have a way of dropping

that part from the published remarks.

For several years I worked for a religious magazine that edited out all references to the supernatural. Their rationale: "We'll lose credibility if we categorically state that God heals or if we mention things like speaking in tongues or miracles."

Poppycock! Americans are hungry for someone to tell them the truth about spiritual matters. Airport book racks are filled with books about the occult and demons. And newspapers know they'll lose subscribers if they don't run the horoscopes. Why, then, this conspiracy to relegate spiritual news to the religion page?

This is not just a condemnation of the news media. It is also a sad commentary on the fact that in most churches there isn't enough happening that is worth reporting.

"Poppycock! Americans are hungry for someone to tell them the truth about spiritual matters."

It's when there is genuine news taking place, and that news is ignored, that I get irritated. For instance, about a month ago a young Christian housewife stopped by to visit a friend who, three times in the week before, had attempted suicide. The friend she was visiting was in deep depression. Her husband was considering having her committed to an institution.

The young Christian housewife stood outside on the front walk and called on the authority of Jesus Christ. She cast out demons of depression and suicide which she felt had invaded the house and, going to her friend's bedroom, laid her hand on the woman's shoulder and prayed in tongues.

There was instant deliverance. The woman testified she felt light sweep into her mind, replacing darkness. Now the house is filled with joy. Unfortunately, that did not make the newspapers. Not even the Saturday religion page.

The news on national TV the next morning was filled with dark stories of tornadoes, nuclear threats and murders. No one seemed interested in the power of the Holy Spirit to heal a sick woman.

There is a lot of good news. If Christians would do what God told them to do—publish the glad tidings—we just might [turn this wicked world right-side up](#).

Don't write me. Write your local newspaper. They just might print your story.

Jamie Buckingham wrote 153 columns for *Charisma* over 13 years, first known as "Dry Bones" but later as its most recognized "Last Word." His writing brought his singular voice that was animated by a heart for Jesus that was baptized in the power of the Holy Spirit in 1967 at a Full Gospel Businessmen's convention. Buckingham provided a steadying force during the scandals of the 1980s, penning the seminal article on the PTL scandal, "God Is Shaking His Church" in May 1986.

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The Holy Spirit Is Moving in Nigeria Today

KADUNA, NIGERIA—The pandemic has not affected church life in Nigeria as more churches are birthed and attendance is soaring, however, the question on the lips of believers and non-believers alike is, why has the reputation of corruption stuck in Nigeria for decades?

I was privileged a few weeks ago to visit with 88-year-old Ruth Elton, the daughter of Pa S.G. Elton, the pioneer Pentecostal missionary who gave the famous prophecy that Nigeria will be known for righteousness. This is Pa Sydney Granville Elton’s prophecy: “Nigeria and Nigerians will be known all over the world for corruption. Your name, Nigeria, will stink for corruption, but after a while, a new phase will come, a phase of righteousness. People from the nations of the earth will hold up Nigeria and say, ‘We want to follow you to your nation to go and learn righteousness.’”

In answering my question about when the prophecy on righteousness will be fulfilled in Nigeria, she said, “God is using people from here to go all over the world, Nigeria has been corrupt but the kingdom has been going from here to other places.” Ruth Elton believes the prophecy of her father is being fulfilled in part already, in the sense that ministers of Nigerian origin are extending the frontiers of the kingdom of Christ globally.

The stories of persecution in the north of Nigeria have not deterred brave soul winners and missionaries from pressing forward. New churches are planted every month, with new frontiers taken. As a ministry that is into frontline missions in the north of Nigeria and sub-Saharan Africa, it is refreshing to note that there is a paradigm shift in mission. The new approach of raising and using local missionaries to reach their own unreached people has been a revolution in missions. Potential missionary pastors and evangelists are recruited, they could

be trained at home or away from home. They return later as missionaries to their respective home communities among their own kith and kin.

The advantages are numerous and it has brought about faster harvests. The benefits among others include the indigenous missionary’s knowledge of the language, his acquaintance with his people, low and cheaper operational cost, mastery of the terrain, and lower risk factors, which are relative. This principle has helped to multiply churches on the frontline exponentially.

On university campuses, the embers of revival are being fanned. There is a genuine hunger for more of God. Young people are gathering to pray for hours on end. The soul-winning push includes knocking on doors, praying for the sick and getting people filled with the Holy Spirit. These are exciting times! There is palpable hunger for the supernatural, large numbers of young people are engaged in long fastings and prayers, they are reading their Bibles from cover to cover. They are desperate for a move of God.

The present move of God on campuses is reminiscent of the great non-denominational move of the Word and the Holy Spirit in the early 1980s on university campuses in Nigeria. I was privileged to be one of the pioneers of that move. Deep hunger and passion for God drove many of us to prayers, studying the Word, fasting, deep worship, soul winning, and we saw the supernatural everywhere from cafeterias to bars, hostels and on the streets around our campuses. The same fire is rising afresh and youths are being enlisted into a similar flow, which produced many ministers of the gospel.

Some will opine that there are extremes in this movement, but better to have a little fire than no fire at all. The intercession of the saints will bring the full manifestation.

Nigeria is at the threshold of revival and national rebirth.

“Some will opine that there are extremes in this movement, but better to have a little fire than no fire at all.”

Rev. Dr. Tunde Bolanta is founder and Apostolic Overseer of Restoration Ministries Worldwide, based in Kaduna, Nigeria, since 1987. In a vision, the Lord Jesus told him, “I have come to open the sheep gate,” after which there has been a quantum leap in the planting of hundreds of churches on mission front lines in the Muslim north of Nigeria and other Muslim nations, which he oversees. He has ministered extensively on the continents of Africa, Europe, America and Asia. He is married for over 35 years to Rev. Tina Bolanta, a full-time minister and their union is blessed with three children. His book, *Spiritual Brokenness*, was published by Charisma Media’s Creation House imprint in 2011.

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The Calling Of The Lord Jesus Christ Upon Pastor Anwar Fazal is to win souls worldwide and to move in this calling. God has blessed Pastor Fazal with the spiritual gift of healing which has impacted millions worldwide.

Eternal Life Ministries of Pakistan and Issac TV Channel, are Holy Spirit ministries that God has given to Pastor Fazal. The Holy Spirit has provided the vision to reach the world with the Gospel of Christ.

The News Anchor of CBS News Live, James Brown, interviewed Marilyn Hickey and asked her about her visit to Pakistan. He called Pastor Anwar Fazal the “**Billy Graham of Pakistan**”. Another famous Bishop of Pakistan said: “The world should know, that we also have Billy Graham in Pakistan, his name is Pastor Anwar Fazal”.

With humble beginnings, Pastor Anwar began Eternal Life Ministries of Pakistan with only four people. God began manifesting himself through Pastor Anwar with mighty signs and wonders. The ministry grew exponentially and by the grace of God now more than 40,000 people attend Sunday and Wednesday healing services weekly in person in Lahore and millions attend online globally. Furthermore, millions of people have experienced healing from various diseases and physical ailments, resulting in an unprecedented amount of deliverance and salvations’.

The ministry also provides Healing Crusades in various cities of Pakistan. Countless people attend these making this the biggest healing service in all of Pakistan. Pastor Anwar being a faithful servant of God, took a bold step of faith and through the guidance of The Holy Spirit launched “ISAAC TELEVISION” the first Christian satellite television station in Pakistan. The slogan for ISAAC TV is “Hope for the Nation” and has given that very hope to Christians and non-Christians alike. Isaac television broadcasts to more than 70 countries throughout Asia, the Middle East, and many other un-reached areas.

Pastor Anwar has started a channel named “Eternal Life Television Network”. Eternal Life Television is an English-speaking channel reaching America, Canada, Europe, Africa and many other countries. The channel broadcasts compelling and anointed preachers with teachings, worship songs and children’s programs. Eternal Life Television network is winning souls, changing lives and expanding the kingdom of God.

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***Sound of Freedom* Surpasses \$175 Million, Begins International Distribution**

Distributor Angel Studios hopes to build on incredible U.S. momentum

Sound of Freedom, the Angel Studios film that shines a light on the horrors of child sex trafficking, reached the \$175 million mark in box office receipts, per CBN News. The faith-focused film, which finished No. 1 on opening weekend and No. 2 its second weekend, is “doing exactly what Director Alejandro Monteverde hoped it would: starting the conversation on the horrors of human trafficking,” per Angel Studios. It continues its rise up the charts with an international release that began Aug. 18 in South Africa, with more countries added weekly.

“Since *Sound of Freedom* launched in the U.S.,

demand has been building around the world in dozens of regions,” says Jared Geesey, senior vice president of global distribution for Angel Studios. “Child trafficking is a global issue, and we hope to build on the incredible momentum here in the States and share the film’s powerful message worldwide.”

The movie is based on the real-life story of former government agent Tim Ballard, who quit his job to go and rescue a little girl from sex traffickers in the jungles of Colombia, saving 123 people—55 of whom are children—from one mission alone. *The Passion of the Christ* star Jim Caviezel plays Ballard, with Academy Award winner Mira Sorvino in a supporting role.



Conversation Between Benny Hinn, Controversial Pastor Greg Locke Goes Viral

Neither longtime healing evangelist Benny Hinn nor Pastor Greg Locke of Mount Juliet, Tennessee, is a stranger to controversy. But [a recent meeting](#) between the two, arranged by Charisma Media founder and CEO Steve Strang, has garnered more than 21,000 views on YouTube and generated a conversation all its own.

Strang, who has often served as a connector in the charismatic community, learned that Locke wanted to apologize to Hinn for his previous criticism, including a book he published 20 years ago titled, *Blinded by Benny*. The former hardcore cessationist who believed the gifts of the Holy Spirit had died with the apostles found himself transformed when he and his wife began exploring the power of the Spirit and watched their church undergo supernatural transformation. In the process, his wife experienced a miraculous healing from a severe spinal condition. His blockbuster movie, *Come Out in Jesus Name* details more of this experience.

“It was in that moment I realized I had missed out on 30 years of setting people free because I was bound by the law,” Locke says. “I was bound by religion.”

In the now-viral interview, Hinn shares his own introduction to the power of the Holy Spirit, and [the two agree on the urgent need for deliverance ministry today](#).

PETA Uses Chat GPT to Rewrite Genesis

The animal-rights organization is promoting its version as a “cruelty-free story of creation”

Animal rights organization People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals has used artificial intelligence text generator tools to rewrite the Bible’s book of Genesis to make it more animal friendly and “vegan.”

In a May 3 news release, PETA said it has given the Bible a “modern makeover” to send a “can’t-be-missed animal rights message filled with vegan teachings.” Revisions have also included referring to animals as “beings” rather than “beasts” or “creatures,” using plant fibers such as hemp and bamboo in place of animal skins for clothing and having Abraham befriend a gentle lamb rather than slaughter it as a sacrifice. In the PETA version of their story, Abraham and Sarah then also adopt a dog named Herbie.

“As they walked with Herbie, Sarah and Abraham thought of the importance of adopting dogs from shelters and rescue organizations rather than purchasing them from breeders,” reads PETA’s version of the Genesis account. “They spoke of how buying a dog or cat from a breeder or pet shop contributes to the companion animal overpopulation crisis, as countless dogs and cats in shelters await loving homes while breeders continue to produce more puppies and kittens for profit.”

“The Bible has long been used to justify all forms of oppression, so we’ve used ChatGPT to make it clear that a loving God would never endorse exploitation of or cruelty to animals,” PETA President Ingrid Newkirk says.

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Despite Satanic Opposition, Feucht's 50-State Tour Presses On

In recent months while continuing his 50-state tour, Sean Feucht has faced everything from [a stolen guitar in Washington state](#) to condemnation from local church and civic leaders to an alleged assault on a 16-year-old girl attending one of his events. But the musician and "Let Us Worship" activist refuses to back down.

After Christians were attacked at one of his "Kingdom to the Capitol" events in Boise, Idaho, many in the press asked Feucht for a statement. His response, in typical Feucht style, came in a tweet: "When you're doing something BIG for the kingdom of God, the opposition is LITERALLY Satan. The good news is that GOD WINS."

He had additional comments about the attack, also via Twitter: "That is what Satanists do. They are violent, angry, perverse and they manifest the demonic. Now they will pay the price. But they encountered a church that refuses to back down today in Idaho."

Feucht continues to rely on the prayers and support of the faithful. As he recounts in another tweet: "In the rotunda of the Idaho state capitol, leaders, pastors and legislators across the region laid hands on me and released a blessing (1 Tim 4:14). Their prayers washed away weariness, fatigue and discouragement. Thank you thank you thank you to everyone who has prayed for me over the last few years in every city—THERE ARE WAY TOO MANY TO COUNT!"



Regent University Appoints Gordon Robertson as Chancellor

He succeeds his father, Pat Robertson, who died June 8

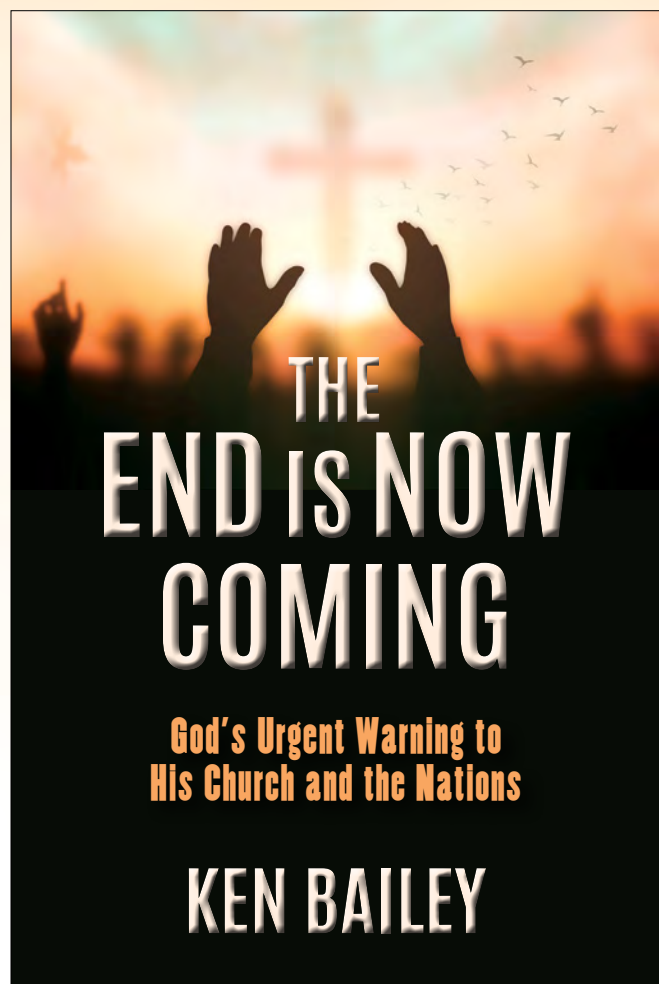


The Regent University board of trustees has named Gordon Robertson as the university's chancellor. Robertson succeeds his father, [M.G. "Pat" Robertson, who died June 8, 2023](#). In addition to his new role, Gordon Robertson will continue to serve as president and CEO of the Christian Broadcasting Network Inc. and as president of Operation Blessing, a nonprofit humanitarian organization.

"We are thrilled to appoint Gordon Robertson as the chancellor of Regent University," said Phil Walker, chairman of the university's board of trustees. "He is uniquely equipped to carry on the mission and vision of Regent and the legacy of his father, Dr. Pat Robertson. Under Gordon's leadership, Regent will continue to impact future generations."

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THE JOSIAH MANIFESTO

What you need to know to survive, stand
and prevail in the days ahead

BY JONATHAN CAHN

What does the future hold? Is America heading for calamity? Is the world? Is there hope? Have we been given a last chance? And is it possible to change history?

Is It Possible?

Is it possible that behind the world-shaking events of recent times there lies a mystery that goes back to ancient times, to the prophet Jeremiah, a valley of darkness, and an ancient law and calendar that foretold it all? It is possible that in this mystery, God has revealed the answer, the key and a blueprint for the days ahead, and what you need to know to survive, to stand and to prevail in view of what's coming? Possibly even a guide to the end times?

Could a 3,000-year-old calendar of appointed days provide the secret to the most dramatic year of our lives, even ordaining a plague, a national lockdown, days of fire and the changing of the Supreme Court? Could an ancient temple, an ominous prayer and a mysterious template lie behind the event that overtook Capitol Hill and shook the nation?

Could an enigmatic ancient king reveal the secret of a modern American president, and even the secret of January 6? Could an ordinance given in the middle of a desert 3,000 years ago have determined the rise and fall of a Latin American dictator? Could an array of ancient mysteries from the Middle East have converged on Washington D.C. in a single hour to completely change the history of America?

A Prophetic Journey

These are some of the mysteries and revelations that will be revealed in my newest book *The Josiah Manifesto*. This is a book I knew I had to write for this hour. I believe it is one of the most important books I could have possibly written. It will not only uncover the amazing, awesome and precise hand of God upon recent events and our lives—it brings hope, a way, answers and a specific guide to the days ahead. *The Josiah Manifesto* takes you on a prophetic journey from a Caribbean island to Washington D.C., the ancient Valley of Hinnom, the U.S. Supreme Court, an ancient

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Middle Eastern temple and the gates of America to uncover an ancient puzzle that lies behind the [events that have turned our lives upside down](#) in these recent tumultuous years.

The Island of Mysteries

The Josiah Manifesto begins on the island of Cuba, with a journey of ancient mysteries. We don't have the space here to open them up except to mention one. In my last days on the island, I was given an invitation to enter Fidel Castro's Presidential Palace. I had come to give him a message and an object. They were both linked to the ancient Jubilee of God, the year that brings reversal, undoing and nullification—every 50 years. The object and the message were prophetic. They would mark the exact time that Castro had left to rule. A number of years after I gave them to him, Castro's reign over Cuba came to an end in the year of Jubilee—in the 50th year and 50th day to the exact hour his reign began! The ancient mystery would hold even larger ramifications for America.

The Day of Entrance

Could there be an ancient mystery that lies behind the plague that came upon America in 2020—COVID? The prophet Jeremiah stood over the Valley of Hinnom, where the people of Israel had offered up

their children as sacrifices. He warned them that the death of their children would be answered with their own deaths. In *The Josiah Manifesto*, this ancient principle, combined with the mystery of the Jubilee, opens up some of the most stunning revelations concerning the mystery of COVID.

America began taking the life of its children in 1970 as abortion on demand began. The timing of the Jubilee pinpoints the year 2020, the Jubilee of abortion—and the year that the plague came upon the land. As we had taken life, so life was now taken.

The mystery goes still deeper. Abortion came to the American continent through New York. It began its entrance in the form of a bill in the New York legislature introduced on Jan. 20, 1970. The mystery of the Jubilee would thus lead us to the day Jan. 20, 2020. Could anything of significance have taken place on that day? It was on Jan. 20, 2020, that the plague officially came to America, the day Patient Zero, the first official case of the virus on American soil, was identified in Seattle.

COVID entered the land exactly one Jubilee after abortion entered the land—50 years to the exact day!

The Day that Changed Everything

One day above all days during the pandemic gained the name “the day that changed everything.” It was the day that

the plague fell full force on the nation, and the president addressed the country announcing the quarantines and widespread lockdowns. That day was Mar. 11, 2020. What happens when one goes back one Jubilee, 50 years? It pinpoints the day Mar. 11, 1970. Did anything significant happen on that day? The day that abortion on demand was actually legalized and began on American soil was Mar. 11, 1970. So, the plague fell on America in force 50 years, one Jubilee, after abortion fell on the land!

The Genetic Witnesses

These are only two of the mysteries that manifested with the coming of COVID. There are many more. There is the mystery that was revealed through the genetic markers of the virus. The markers point to two places: the Eastern Gate and the Western Gate. These were the two entrance points through which the plague entered America. Fifty years before, it was this same Eastern and Western Gate through which abortion entered America.

Another of the stunning mysteries concerning the virus revealed in *The Josiah Manifesto* centers on the actual numbers of babies killed in the three-year window of abortion's entrance into America and the three-year window of the plague some 50 years later—they are exactly the same!

The Mystery of January 6th

One might not imagine that there could be a mystery behind what happened on Capitol Hill on Jan. 6, but there is. It concerns an ancient template from the Bible. The mystery is great and manifold. The template involves a king who calls for an assembly in the capitol city. The assembly centers on a great capitol building. While proceedings are taking place in the capitol building, the men of the king surround the building. And then lay siege to it and invade its precincts.

Four years before Jan. 6, 2021, I identified the ancient king as a prototype of a modern president—Donald Trump. On Jan. 6, it all manifested.

When that week ended, the capitol police announced the number of those arrested for the siege. The number made headlines—80 people. In the Bible, the number of people who laid siege to Israel's great capitol building is given as 80 men!

The Ancient Calendar

Could there be an ancient calendar behind the greatest shakings of recent days? There is. The calendar was given by God on Mount Sinai. It contains His sacred and appointed holy days. The first is a feast that concerns a plague and a national lockdown. It was the mystery that marked and lay behind the coming of COVID and the lockdown of America. The second appointed day would be manifested in the shaking of the nation that concerned both breath and fire. That shaking would explode onto the nation on the very day that the ancient feast began. The third concerns God's heavenly and high court and His passing of judgment. It would be manifested in an event that struck America's high court, altered the court and led to the altering of America.

The Amazing Days

There are days given in the Bible on which God altered the courses of nations. The amazing thing is that God used those same ancient days on which to turn the course of America. On one of those days, a decree was issued to nullify an earlier decree

of death and destruction. The day it was issued was Sivan 23. Sivan 23 became the day on the biblical calendar to pray for the undoing of evil decrees. In 2020, the case that would overturn *Roe v. Wade* was sent forth to the Supreme Court. It was June 15. But on the biblical calendar it was Sivan 23, the day appointed for the overturning of evil decrees!

What about the day that *Roe v. Wade* was actually struck down? That happened on another ancient day given in the Bible that identifies evil decrees of death and destruction. *Roe v. Wade* received its hearing in the Supreme Court on the day when curses are broken!

The Moment that Changed America

Unlike any other book I've ever written, *The Josiah Manifesto* contains mysteries to which I was an eyewitness. One of them concerns the day that America's course was changed—a day of turning. It happened on the National Mall in Washington D.C. The day on which it happened turned out to be an ancient Hebrew day known as "the Day of Turning." The President of the



United States was involved with it and yet had no idea that he was. It was the day on which the turning of America began. And it wasn't just the day! The turning took place on the exact hour, the exact minute and the exact second—at 5:04:33 p.m., 4 minutes and 33 seconds past the hour of 5 p.m.! It was all part of a biblical mystery and it has literally altered the nation's course.

The Ancient Mystery and End-Time Blueprint

The Josiah Manifesto is also unique in that it contains what I believe God has given as an answer—the manifesto, the blueprint for the future, the guide for the end times. It was revealed in the appearing of an ancient object, a symbol and a sign given in the Bible of warning, hope and a last chance—and in this, for America. It is this sign that will reveal the keys that I believe we need to know in order to survive, stand and prevail in the days ahead.

How do we live? How do we protect our families? What is God's will for us in the last days? What is our calling, our destiny, our powers, the strategy, the secret to overcoming? Is our nation and world heading for judgment? Can there be revival? Can we alter a nation's course?

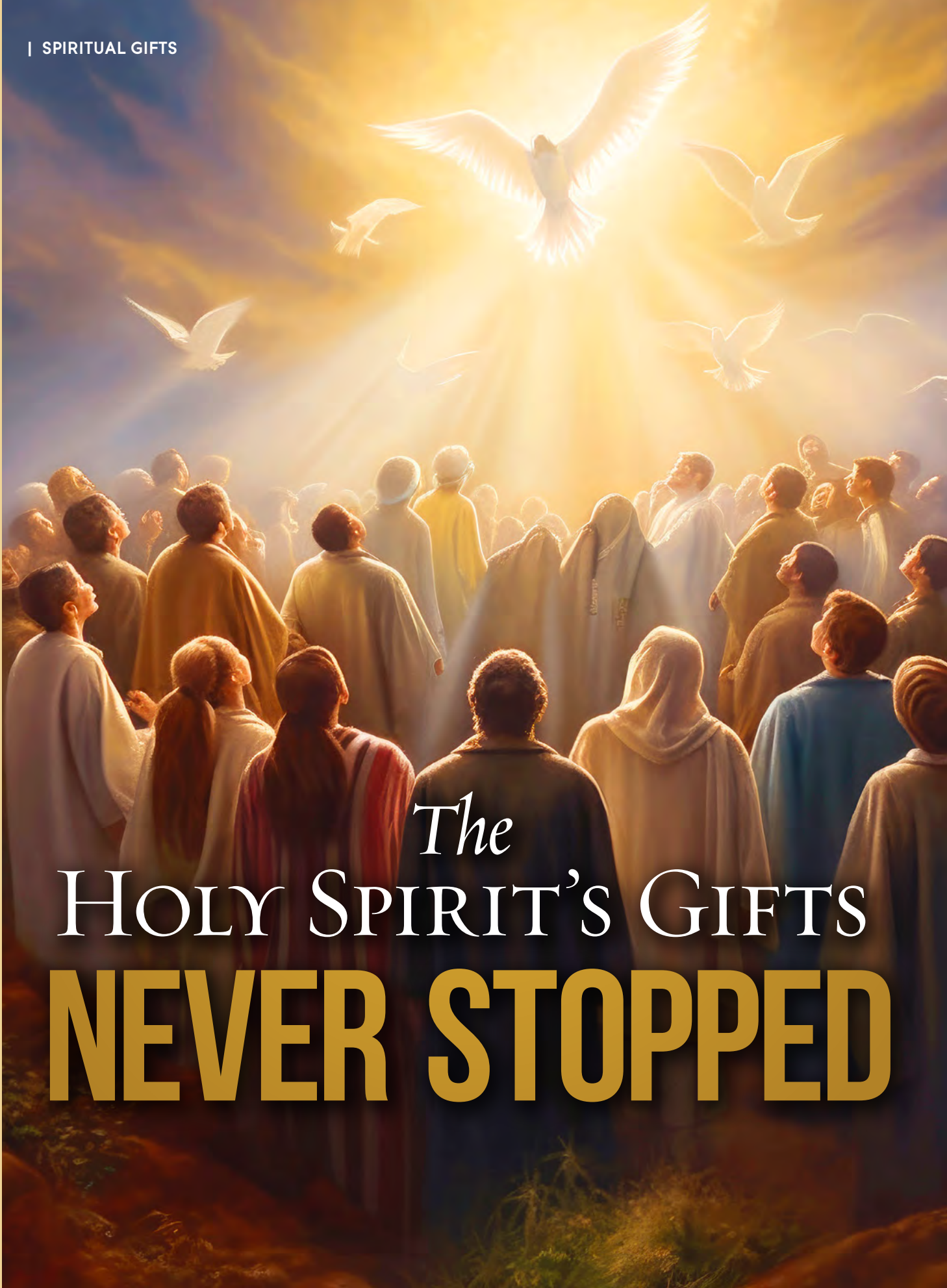
Is there hope?

What We Can Do

It is for each of these reasons that I knew I had to write *The Josiah Manifesto*. It will not only reveal the mysteries of God and the critical nature of the hour—but it brings hope, equips and gives real answers and guidance for the days ahead. For though the days will be challenging for God's people, we are called to stand and prevail.

This is our Josiah moment. ◀

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HOLY SPIRIT'S GIFTS
NEVER STOPPED



The gifts of the Spirit did not “cease” after the book of Acts, here’s why “cessationism” is a false and misguided doctrine

BY RYAN JACKSON

More and more Christians today seem to be struggling with the ongoing, present working of the Holy Spirit. There seems to be an increase of attention to teaching that suggests the gifts of the Spirit ended with the days of the early apostles. I believe we need the Holy Spirit’s gifts today like never before. But how do we address those who insist that God’s power is no longer available to us?

Ceasing What?

Cessationism is the belief that some (if not all) the miracle gifts (like healing) and the revelatory gifts (like tongues and prophecy) ceased with the age of the apostles. Popular cessationist Bible teachers like John MacArthur even go so far as to argue that the Pentecostal/charismatic movement is a blasphemous aberration of biblical teaching and that it has done more damage to the body of Christ than any other movement in history. The opposite view—that the gifts of the Spirit continue and are available to believers today—is called continuationism.

If cessationism seems to be gaining some ground, there may be multiple reasons for this. First, we have to admit that some Pentecostals and charismatics have demonstrated serious spiritual immaturity and lack of understanding of the Word of God. Extremes and abuses distract from the genuine work of the Spirit. Yet, even in ancient Corinth, where there were many abuses of spiritual giftings, the apostle Paul not only tolerated but encouraged Christians to pursue the gifts of the Spirit. We’ll return to this idea later.

Second, some people are drawn to the intellectual presentation of the faith. This should be welcomed and celebrated, but we should avoid reducing the faith to only loving God with the mind. Jesus instructs us there is more to knowing and loving God than that. In the words of J.K.A. Smith, “The way we ‘know’ is more like a dance than deduction.”

Third, many cessationists have a very high view of Scripture. This brings a welcome corrective to false teaching that finds its way into the church. However, elevating Scripture to the place of God Himself is a subtle form of idolatry. It misunderstands the nature and work of the Holy Spirit and leads inadvertently to a misconstrual of the Trinity as “Father, Son and Holy Scripture.” The Holy Spirit is a person—an eternal person. And He longs for genuine relationship and ongoing communion with His people.

The great irony is that the Bible itself never articulates the fundamental premise of cessationism. To

the contrary, the Bible affirms and encourages the fullness of the work of the Spirit in the lives of believers without hesitation or apology. The overwhelming witness of the New Testament supports a continuationist view of Scripture. Given the continual, consistent testimony of the early church in the book of Acts, we would need unmistakable apostolic teaching to alter the self-evident nature of the Spirit-filled community demonstrated there. That teaching simply does not exist in the Bible.

Let's begin by noting some of cessationism's major objections to the current functioning of the miracle/revelatory gifts of the Spirit.

Ephesians 2:20

This passage is a go-to text for cessationists. It teaches that the church is "built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets." After the foundation is laid, cessationism argues there is no further need for continued foundational work. The foundation of faith taught by the original apostles was the "faith that was once for all delivered to the saints," (Jude 3).

We agree that the prophetic work of the apostles was foundational to the establishment of the church. However, Ephesians 2:20 does not require us to hold that once

the church has been laid. However, this is not an assertion of the text itself. Just because apostles were used by God to found the church doesn't mean that was their only function.

Later in Ephesians, we hear another function of the apostolic and prophetic giftings of the Spirit. In Ephesians 4:11-12, we are told that God gives these gifts to the church to "equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ." Here, Paul lists apostles and prophets along with evangelists, shepherds and teachers. He makes no division in his list of gifts in Ephesians 4. He gives no indication that one part of the list would still be valid while the other is not.

Using the same building metaphor, he had employed earlier, Paul explicitly speaks to the roles of apostles and prophets not just as foundational but also as important for the continuation of the building. Unless we are to believe that the building was completed in the first century, the most straightforward reading of this text is that both apostles and prophets, like evangelists, pastors (shepherds) and teachers, continue to be used by God to equip and edify the church for its missional work in the world.

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the gift was used to establish the church the gift ceased to function. It merely asserts that the gift was used foundationally.

Consider this example. We might argue that the intense intellectual giftings of America's founding fathers were foundational for the nation. However, we wouldn't also be implying by that assertion that after the nation's birth their intellectual gifts no longer operated or were not useful for the furtherance of the new country's expansion.

Likewise, Ephesians 2:20 is sometimes used to argue that the apostles themselves were foundational and are therefore no longer needed since the foundation of

Hebrews 2:3-4

Cessationists point out the progression of revelation in this passage. It was: 1) declared at first by the Lord; 2) attested to us by those who heard; and, 3) borne witness by signs, wonders, miracles and gifts of the Spirit. This progression is obvious and agreed upon, but it's the next logical leap that is problematic. Some cessationists argue from this progression that since the signs, wonders, miracles and gifts served to confirm the ministry of the apostles, once their ministry was attested (past tense), there would be no further need for these functions. However, this logic is strained at best.

The word *contested* in Hebrews 2:3 means, "to confirm or establish." As we argued above, just because these supernatural operations were foundational doesn't mean that they must cease when the foundation is laid. Perhaps the most condemning argument against the cessationist interpretation of this verse is that the text does not specify who is performing the signs, wonders, miracles and gifts. To limit the application of these miraculous manifestations to the foundational apostles goes beyond the clear expression of the text itself as well as beyond the actual history of the early Christian communities.

A grammatical clue from verse four contributes to this line of thinking. Hebrews 2:4 reads, "God also bore witness," by miraculous manifestations. In the English Standard Version, "bore witness" is translated in the past tense. However, "bore witness" is translated from a Greek present active participle, which can imply continuous action. A past tense English translation of the participle isn't inaccurate, but at the very least, continuous action is implied by the verbal form. In other words, Hebrews 2:3-4 in no way limits the ongoing distribution of the Spirit's gifts in the lives of believers.

First Corinthians 13:8-12

This passage clearly says that prophecies and tongues will "pass away" and "cease" (respectively). Paul is extolling the superior virtue of love to the Corinthian believers, and in doing so he instructs us that when "the perfect comes, the partial will pass away." Some cessationists seize upon this text as a final nail in the coffin of the continuationist view of the gifts of the Spirit.

Cessationists argue that the "perfect" to which Paul refers in 1 Corinthians 13:10 is *either* the text of the New Testament itself or the maturity of the Christian community. The idea is that once we have the Scripture, we no longer need the gifts. Going far beyond the intentions of the apostle Paul, it is sometimes argued that when the church "grows up," there is no longer any need for the kinds of Spirit manifestations that were going on in Corinth. But, upon closer examination, this interpretation completely disintegrates.

Paul's reference to "the perfect" here is neither a reference to the New Testament canon nor to the more mature Christian

community. Most scholars (even some cessationist ones) understand the “perfect” here to be a reference to the final consummation when believers will no longer see through a glass darkly—a reality that will only be in full effect at the Second Coming of Christ. So, the most these verses could say would be that we won’t need tongues and prophecy in heaven—but we will still have love. This is confirmed in verse 12 where it is made explicit that the time when the spiritual gifts will cease will be the time when we see Christ face to face.

The Gospel and the Gifts

At this point, several caveats would be helpful for those who believe in the continuity of the Spirit’s giftings. First, we should beware allowing the gifts to become sources of spiritual pride. From a biblical perspective, the fruits are way more important than the gifts in determining our level of maturity. Fruit without gifts may be powerless, but gifts without fruit are pointless—they miss their God-directed purpose.

Second, we should be aware that while we can affirm that the Holy Spirit still speaks to and through us today, we must always distinguish between contemporary words from God and the written Word of God. The Bible is the changeless, timeless revelation of God’s truth. Any contemporary revelation must align with and be subject to the authority of Scripture.

Likewise, though the gift of apostleship continues in the life of the church today, the original apostles played a unique role in the foundation of the church. Because of their foundational role in the drama of redemption, their words have unique authority and importance for the general church. A simple way of thinking of this point is to remember that whatever God says today will always align with what He has said yesterday (in the Word). Humans are fallible and transient, but the Word of God will stand forever.

Finally, the gifts of the Spirit must never distract us from the central message of the gospel itself. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians is telling in this regard. After an in-depth discussion of spiritual gifts in 1 Corinthians 12-14, the apostle focuses his readers back to the gospel, which he said was, “of first importance,” (1 Cor. 15:3). In other words, the gifts are important,

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even necessary in the life of the church, but they can never be the central point of focus. When the gifts become the goal, the church is unhealthy.

In an unexpected way, how Paul deals with the unruly, chaotic, worldly church at Corinth provides a strong argument for the continuation of the Spirit’s giftings in the church. With all the disorder happening in Corinth, we might expect Paul completely to disavow the operation of the giftings in the church. Yet even though Paul corrects the ungodly views and behaviors of the Corinthian believers (idolatry, factionalism, disunity, sexual immorality, disorderly worship, arrogance, spiritual pride, etc.), he doesn’t even come close to stopping their exercise of the gifts of the Spirit in worship.

Instead, rather than shut down the move of the Spirit in Corinth, Paul encourages them (and by extension us) to earnestly desire the gifts (1 Cor. 12:31; 14:1, 12, 39). He expresses his wish that everyone would speak in tongues and prophesy (1 Cor. 14:5). These admonitions would be strange and confusing if the biblical message meant to curtail the gifts altogether.

For Paul and the other New Testament writers, the gifts and the gospel went hand in hand. Of course, Paul’s understanding of the gospel is a much grander vision than we typically hear in the church today. The old terminology for this, “full gospel,” might be a bit off-putting. However, there is profound truth to the reality that the

gospel is not just about justification of sinners by faith. That is an indispensable part of it. But, Jesus declared a gospel of the kingdom.

Jesus’ proclamation of the gospel had not only to do with the salvation of individual sinners but also with His Lordship and His invasion of the realms of darkness with the light of His truth. The gifts and the reality of the life of the Spirit are merely reflections of the future life of the kingdom of God manifest in the present. Spiritual gifts that may seem out of the ordinary for us reflect the fundamental reality of the new creation. This is the overwhelming testimony of the early church, the New Testament documents and church history.

Gifts for Kingdom Building Today

The most straightforward, honest reading of the New Testament depicts a church that is effervescent with the gifts and operation of the Spirit. If the miraculous gifts were to have ended with the apostles, we could trust that God would have made that clear in the biblical revelation. With Paul, let me encourage you to eagerly desire the gifts. Eagerly pursue the Spirit. Earnestly seek God for His empowering presence, and breathe deeply the future air of the consummate kingdom of God, the fullness of the gospel, in this present age. ◀

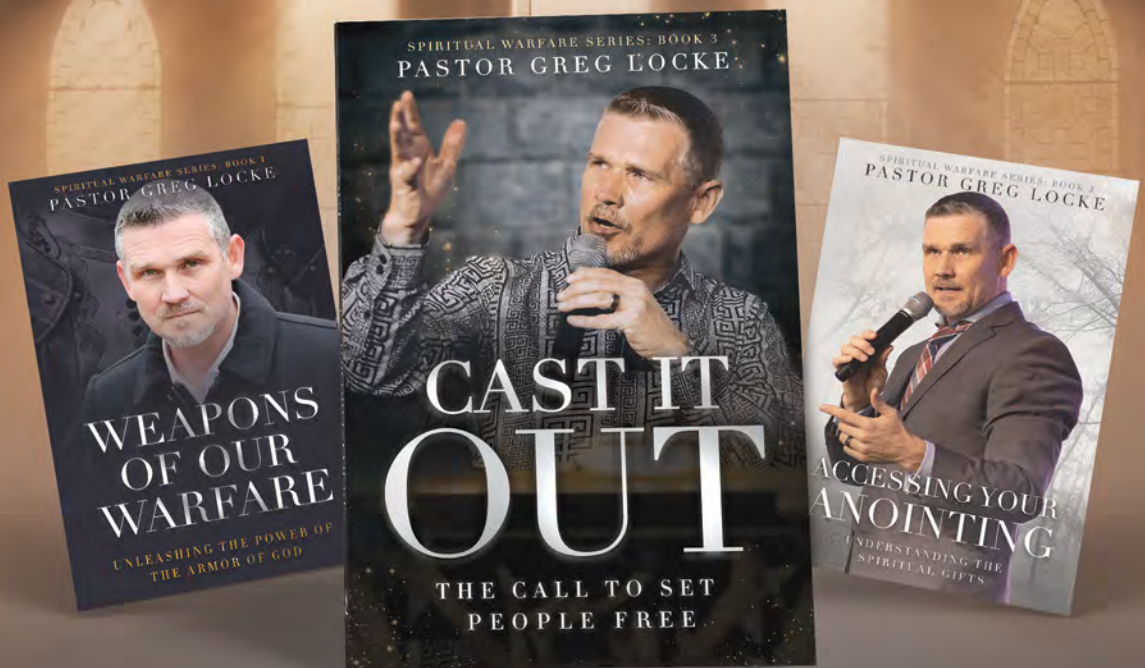
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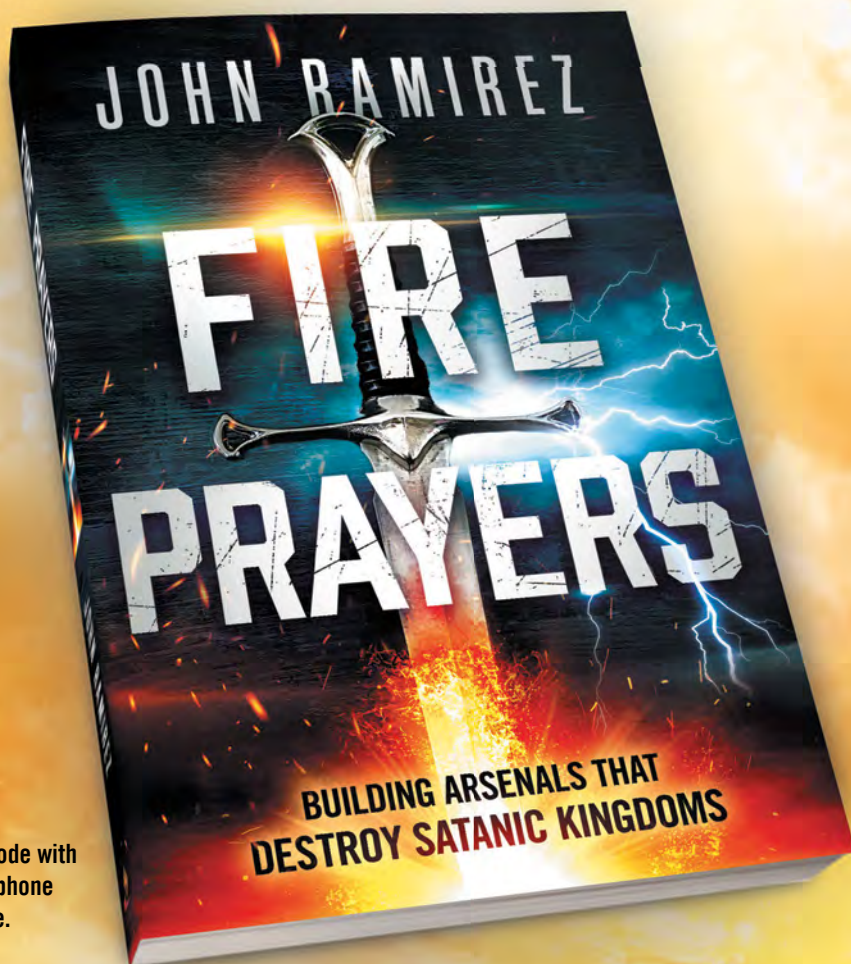
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DEFEATING
THE
SPIRIT
OF
ANGER



Learning to release anger to God's care and guidance

BY JAMES LASHER

Do you often find yourself being emotionally set off by every little thing that gets on your nerves?

You are not alone in this struggle if you do.

Anger has seeped into cultures across the world, and all too often people do not have the emotional intelligence or spiritual maturity to combat it.

Everywhere you look in American society today, on the television, on social media, in person and on and on, people are blowing up in anger. Many times, they feel their outbursts are warranted and they are in fact righteously indignant.

Yet most of the time, that simply is not true. For Christians, the fight against anger is an especially important one, due to the fact they carry the name of Jesus in their identity. And yes, the Bible does record Jesus getting angry at the merchants who were desecrating the Lord's temple in John 2:15-17, but that does not justify many Christians' outbursts today who are suffering under the spirit of anger.

Anger Spirit's Roots

Anger can arise in a person's life through various means.

Perhaps anger stemmed from being hurt by someone or some event in your life and now has taken root in your heart. Perhaps you grew up with a parent who took out their anger on you in abusive ways and now you struggle with that very same spirit.

However, the spirit of anger took root in your life, if you hope to get rid of it there must be one particular thing that you must do when it comes to battling the spirit in your life: intentionality.

We always must be intentional in our actions when it comes to spiritual warfare. We must take control through the power of the Holy Spirit over this spirit affecting our lives and intentionally cast it out.

Easier said than done, right?

With that intentionality must come perseverance. James 1:12 says, "Blessed is the man who endures temptation, for when he is tried, he will receive the crown of life, which the Lord has promised to those who love Him."

The temptation to be angry is going to be there, but the perseverance through that trial is what will bring the blessing after the trial.

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Practice Makes the Patience Muscle Stronger

Look, this is not going to be an easy, walk-in-the-park change that takes place overnight. Some days are easier than others, some people are easier to deal with than others, sometimes in life we just feel like we have more control over our emotions than days when it feels like every little thing irritates us and piles up until it eventually boils over.

With time, faith and practice, come experience, maturity and strength. These are all great things to aspire to, but what are we supposed to do in the meantime when it feels like this burden just will not

leave us alone?

We need to do the very thing our flesh hates to do, what we all too often “just don’t feel like doing,” and that is spending our valuable time in the Word of God and in prayer with our God.

It almost sounds too easy to the ear. Yet do we believe that society would become what it has today if people were spending the necessary amount of time in Scripture, prayer and fasting?

Probably not.

This is not meant to cast blame on any one thing or person, this is simply to point out that we will still endure trials such as dealing with our anger

even when we read the Bible, pray and fast. But we will be stronger and better prepared to deny our flesh what it really wants to do, and instead act out of the power of the Holy Spirit.

The devil and his minions are not going to let go that easy however, as they often lie in wait for one of those life moments where we just hit a low spot. The valleys are there, and the enemy knows, but thankfully so does God.

Mastering Your Flesh

One of the hardest things to do when overcoming anger is to deny that rising pressure within us as we just want to unload words that tear down instead of build up. Whether in the car, at home, at work or any location in our lives, it is never easy to stop simply and say, “Jesus, I lay this anger down at Your altar. I do not want it and I cast it out of my life in Your holy name.”

It is achievable, however, and should be a goal, an intentional goal, for someone who is both suffering from anger and wants to remove it from their life.


Not only is the goal achievable, it is a desirable goal to have, especially when one takes into account just how many verses in the Bible are about anger and controlling it.

King Solomon, widely considered to be the wisest ruler in the history of the world, wrote extensively in the book of Proverbs about the benefits of controlling one’s anger and the wisdom in doing so. Proverbs 29:11 highlights excellently the wisdom in controlling one’s anger and emotions in general: “A fool utters all his mind, but a wise man keeps it in until afterwards.” This is such an excellent verse in that it highlights the wisdom of God and the foolishness of Satan.

A wise person does not ignore the anger as though it were not there, but instead they recognize it, they are intentional in their handling of it, and deal with it in a healthy way at a time that is conducive for it.

God is a God of order, of design. He is longsuffering, steadfast and patient with His sons and daughters. Just look at the history of the Israelites as told across the Old Testament!

God does not lash out in an

A photograph of a man from behind, wearing a dark hoodie and glasses, looking out at a bright sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm, golden glow. The background is slightly blurred, showing some foliage.

“One particular thing that you must do when it comes to battling the spirit of anger in your life: INTENTIONALITY.”

“It is our job not only to be ready for these attacks, but to counter-attack with the power of the Holy Spirit and defeat Satan and his forces on the spiritual battlefield.”



unrestrained matter the instant His perfect heart is grieved by the actions of His creation. He controls it, like He controls everything in existence, and the Bible says His anger is stirred at sin, yet whenever His punishments on cities or people are eventually doled out, it is after attempts are made at having the offending parties repent of and turn from their ways.

Not so with the enemy of God, Satan.

Prowling Enemy to Defeat

Satan irrationally lashed out as Lucifer in the misguided notion that he was as worthy of praise as God Himself. His anger was so great after his expulsion from heaven he attempted to take as many servants of God with him out of paradise. Then, in his anger, humiliation and resentment toward God, he began an eternal campaign

against God and His creation.

Satan riled up Cain's anger against his own brother Abel to commit the first recorded murder in humanity's history. Over the years, Satan has mastered manipulating the anger of men and women to commit atrocities that make Cain's crime pale in comparison.

Christians today can see this visceral, spiritual reaction in those who do not have Jesus Christ in their lives when His name is uttered.

Jesus told His disciples in John 15:18-20: "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own. But because you are not of the world, since I chose you out of the world, the world therefore hates you."

When the world bares its fangs against Christians, which is occurring

with more and more frequency, believers must be prepared for the coming trials.

Emotions flare when we are personally attacked, or worse, those we love are threatened with some form of harm or intimidation. Many believe that we are in the preparation phases of the end times, and if that is correct, it is more important than ever that Christians bear true witness of Jesus Christ in love, not in anger.

The enemy is coming and will continue targeting Christians to get them to react in ways that are detrimental to the gospel message. It is our job not only to be ready for these attacks, but to counter-attack with the power of the Holy Spirit and defeat Satan and his forces on the spiritual battlefield. ♦

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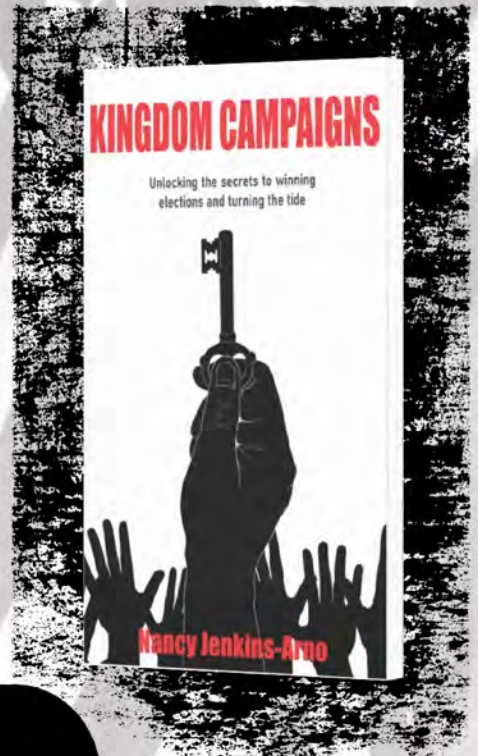
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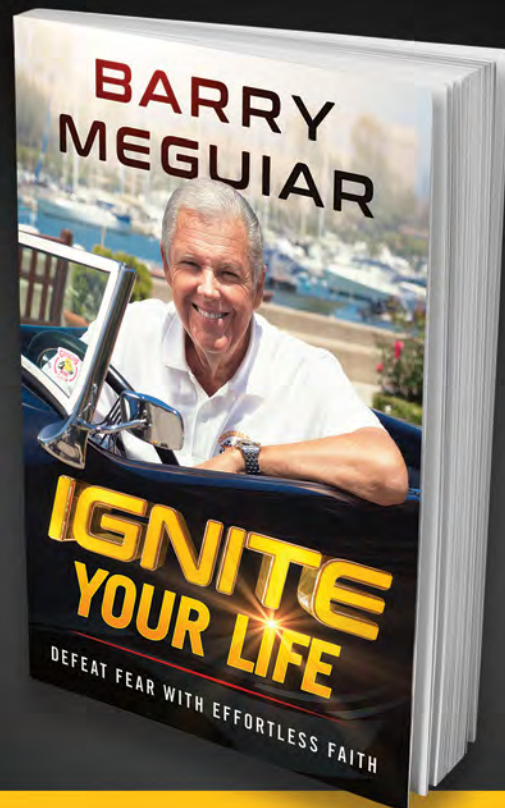


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**Take hold of Holy Spirit revelation,
discernment and vision for
transformation ahead**

BY SHAWN BOLZ

When you look at the landscape of the world in politics, big tech, big pharma or big box stores, identity politics, recent church and ministry failures, and the economic collapse, it is exhausting. People are tired of living through what feels like historic world events every day. There are no human tools that can bring people through this confusion together, but we are in a divine set up.

“Ears that hear and eyes that see—the Lord has made them both,” (Prov. 20:12, NIV).

We have been watching a very unique set of spiritual events unfold, and if you look with your spiritual eyes you will start to have hope that God is leading us into something.

The Year So Far

Let’s take a look at America as an example.

First we had Asbury revival or outpouring, which was when a group of Generation Z young people began to cry out after a prayer meeting in repentance and response to the tugging of the Spirit on their hearts. Tens of thousands showed up within weeks.

At the same time, a movie that should have had the normal success of a small well-done independent movie blew up: *Jesus Revolution*, the story of the Jesus People movement which was the last great revival in American history where many of the Christian leaders who are pastoring in America today got saved.

Around this time during the height of a three-strand cord of identity politics, national rebellion politically and

religious intolerance something happened on an NFL field. A player named Damar Hamlin fell down dead, and both teams and everyone watching began to pray to Jesus for his life. We saw something together on national TV that no one had seen before. Then Damar came back. The episode spurred prayer meetings in the NFL and chaplaincy one on ones with many players, some making a first time decision for Christ in a very vocal way.

Damar had a miraculous recovery that even people reporting for ESPN—which is typically very woke—praised God for. It was no longer the narrative, “Let’s send good energy his way.” But ESPN commentators, one of whom even said, “Lets all pray to Jesus for his healing,” in a live broadcast, and Hamlin was healed in front of all of culture.

Then we started to see a conservative root system in America activate toward people who wanted to indoctrinate children. Whether woke corporations like Disney, which lost over two-thirds of its market value, or the Target boycott for “tuck friendly” bathing suits that ran as small as mens xxxs, which only can fit boys—but they said they weren’t for children. We watched the everyman start to rise up and say, “I am not spending money here. . .you are taking away my rights by enforcing your.” It seemed to have started the first-ever modern culture skirmish on an insidious agenda against households that conservatives seem to be winning for the first time since they were told it was wrong to fight by mainstream news media and specialty groups.

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Elsewhere In the Culture

At the same time these things were taking place, God began to move through the Supreme Court. There have been huge wins for prayer in school, *Roe v. Wade* being overturned, businesses not being forced into oblivion, the cutting off of affirmative action in colleges, and suspending the unfair student loan forgiveness plan which would have created even more recession.

Then an entertainment studio emerged, Angel Studios, who somehow broke records for its small independent group in the theaters for both crowd-funding their new cartoon classic, *David*, and releasing an anti human-trafficking movie, *The Sound of Freedom*, which beat the legendary Indiana Jones Disney franchise in its opening day.

What Else is the Lord Showing Us?

God has been on the move in 2023 in ways that are both obvious but also like a trail of breadcrumbs leading to something He has in store for us right now.

It is so easy to see what the enemy is doing in culture right now, and what the fruit of man's failures are causing in society all around us. It is a dark day but in the midst of that, God wants you to train your eyes to see what He is doing.

In the beginning of this new year, I heard the Lord say "The enemy thinks he has humanity in check...." I saw a huge chessboard and the pieces were all set up for humanity's loss. But then the Lord spoke again and said, "But I have the enemy in *checkmate* and I am going to transition people all over the world in their geography, careers, churches and relationships to divinely set them up to set the stage for this move."

Ever since then I have felt an urgency that God wants us to open our spiritual eyes and look past the human failures and demonic assignments and look at God. What is He doing and how to do train our eyes to it?

Guidance and Equipping

I don't know if you have ever gone to a good leader, manager or even parent with a problem that felt so huge that you couldn't see through it. Then they brought comfort and resolve in a way that you just didn't have the understanding to bring yourself. But this is what God does for us. He is leading and He sees the big picture and as we learn to look at Him, through both the Word and also through His Spirit, we are going to have that comfort.

Part of it is that we recognize what we are discerning. Discernment as both a gift and a spiritual awareness was meant by God to train our spiritual senses to His spiritual realm. Many people have downgraded this gift or underrated it to be something that keeps us focused on discerning humanity's failures and the enemy's strategies. Although these things can be discerned, this isn't what discernment is about at all. Discernment is when we can look at very hard circumstances and know or discern God's thoughts and perceptions about these very real matters.

doing it brings clarity and blows away confusion.

For those who are looking with God's eyes, you will see there are more of these "wins" and "breadcrumbs" coming all through the rest of 2023. You will feel it is Him leading us into something that He has been planning for a very long time, a wonderful move of His Spirit for salvation but also transformation that I believe we are right on the precipice of. Another Jesus People Movement, but one that will affect not just people, but industries, nations, church movements and the environment.

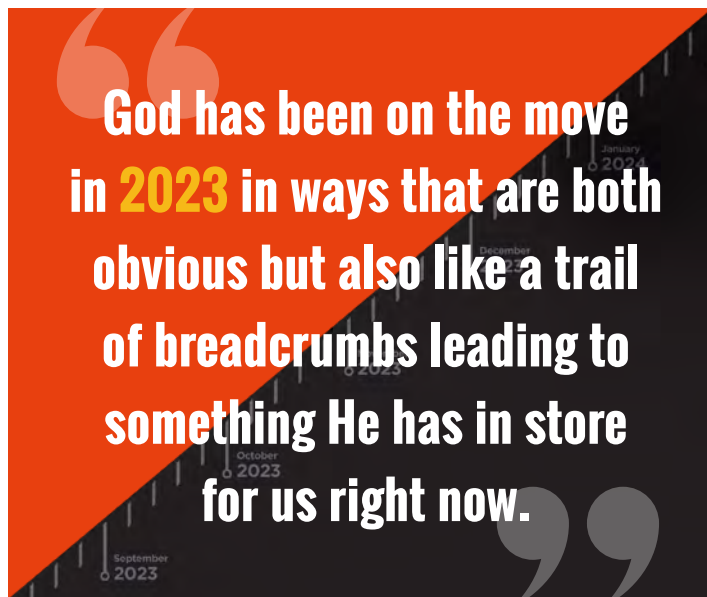
This is a time to strengthen your spiritual vision by looking for what God is doing in your own life, family, career, church, city, region and country. As you learn how to focus on what He is doing you will put other things that are hard circumstances and even war tactics of our enemy into perspective and you will truly feel like you are winning.

"Keep your thoughts continually fixed on all that is authentic and real, honorable and admirable, beautiful and respectful, pure and holy, merciful and kind. And fasten your thoughts on every glorious work of God, praising him always," (Phil. 4:8, TPT).

Here's What You Can Do

So how do we bring this down to our own responsibility to look with our spiritual eyes and see the potential of what God wants to do in our life right now?

First, we have to cleanse our pallet. Meaning, we are living in an information age and we are digesting negative and new information at a rate that no other generation would have understood. News media and social media are assaulting us with new subjects to be afraid of or to be offended by. To really create space for discerning what God is doing in your own life and in culture, you need to fast from the negativity and the offensive information that you are being bombarded with. Do a media fast, an entertainment fast, set



We hear the perceptions of Christ over the world that He died for, and we see the thread of His resurrected thoughts in everything we look at.

Discernment and opening our spiritual eyes to what God is seeing is the antidote to a lot of the poison that is flooding media and social influence right now. When you talk about what God is

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some boundaries on relationships that are focused more on negative than positive. Spend 30 days resetting and each day ask the Holy Spirit to show you what He is doing in the very same issues that have been so important but also so unresolved in your life or in the world and areas that you have passion for.

Next, don't allow your focus to be on a problem or a negative aspect of something. Do you care about racism? Don't focus on the injustice but ask God what He wants to do and look actively online and locally for people who are seeing solutions and bringing God's redemptive plan there. Are you passionate about anti human trafficking? Fast from the negative part or the impact of the injustice and start to look for the dream of God and the potential resolution. Are you devastated by a loss of relationship or by some of the choices someone is making who you are still in deep connection with? Don't focus on what is wrong in the situation, ask God to show you what He loves about them, about your connection to them, about your relational capacity for others and strengthen yourself in Jesus and His perspective.

Don't just try and pray off the hard or bad things, but look to replace the bad with the will of Jesus in heaven. What does He want to bring? How is His help manifesting or going to increase? When we just rehearse the problems over and over each time we pray, we don't make room for the vision to lead us into our eternal hope through Jesus.

Also, be intentional in your relationships right now. Press into friendships with other Christians who are not stuck or polarized over issues. Look for people who have a lot of hope, an abundance of fruit and who have ambition to see what God can do in lives. Relationships that form around negative agreements are not difficult to attain. But relationships formed around hope and faith take more effort. Reorganize your relational priorities around people who are living from a positive vantage point.

Finally, spend some time in your prayer life asking God questions and doing some listening prayer. Expect answers even if they don't come in the moment, but come through conversations throughout the week, what people preach at the services you go to, through

media, podcasts or videos you watch. God is looking for you to make room for His voice and then to listen and recognize when He is coming.

Our Road Ahead

If we are going to look up the road to where these breadcrumbs of divine activities are leading us, we are going to start to get a vision for how big God wants to move in our generation. We are going to also be able to live with that as an atmosphere of greater hope around us.

God has given us everything we need through connection to Him to do it, so let's look for what God wants the rest of 2023. ◀

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A portrait of Dr. Alveda King, a woman with glasses and a blue top, looking slightly to the right. The background is a blurred image of a man's face.

AMERICA AGREES: WE MUST PROTECT MOTHERS AND THEIR BABIES.

By Dr. Alveda King

Gratefully, America now bears witness to the one-year anniversary of the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision, which overturned *Roe v. Wade* and held that there is no constitutional right to abortion. Sadly, and not surprisingly, some continue to respond with an apocalyptic tone. Fearful, false and alarmist claims of fascism, a war on women, and systematic inequality due to the Supreme Court's decision still attempt to lead to dozens of violent attacks on pro-life groups across the country.

As it turns out, the anti-life propaganda is false. Thankfully there is a solution to calm the storm. Speak truth to power in a united voice of agape love.

Dobbs didn't lead to a catastrophe for women's rights across the country at all; instead, it merely returned the contentious issue of abortion to the states, where the people could debate the merits of the issue for themselves and elected representatives to reflect their beliefs.

This principle is the core of self-government, which asserts that the people—not the courts—are our nation's true source of authority. But for the pro-life movement, this first anniversary of Dobbs raises a new question: what comes next?

First and foremost, the pro-life movement must turn its efforts to the state level. Already, 15 states have moved to ban abortions either entirely or after the first six weeks of pregnancy, and other abortion restrictions are pending in various other places throughout the country due to legal challenges. Nearly three in four Americans agree that there is not one but two lives at stake in the abortion debate, and these state-level actions are encouraging examples of the American people working through state legislatures to make their voices heard.

Members of the true pro-woman movement understand. We know that the life issue doesn't stop at restricting abortion. Therefore, our goal is to reduce the number of women seeking abortions. Moving forward, our work must be to provide unconditional love and support for all parties involved in the abortion debate: the unborn baby, the mother, and yes, the father. Therefore, our goal is to reduce the number of women seeking abortions; and make abortion unthinkable.

That's why investment in things like foster care, adoption, maternal healthcare, and resources for mothers facing unwanted pregnancy is so essential in the days ahead. Thank God, we have tens of thousands—if not hundreds of thousands—of new lives which will be saved every year going forward, but we also need to be prepared to step up and meet the needs of so many new mothers.

Thankfully hundreds of pregnancy resource centers nationwide are already doing much of this vital work. Today, over 3,000 pregnancy resource centers across the country—staffed almost entirely by volunteers—offer vulnerable women some of the resources they need to take care of their babies.

These services include free or low-cost medical care, consultations, ultrasounds, counseling, childcare resources, and other services women need. In just one year alone, these pregnancy resource centers served nearly 2 million women, with a total value of care at an estimated \$260 million.

Now, a year after the Dobbs decision, we can celebrate the most significant win for life in generations, and the supposed “right” to abortion is no longer enshrined as a substantive right in our Constitution.

Nonetheless, our work is far from over. My uncle, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., famously said, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” While some states have moved boldly to protect life in the past year, there remains much work for us to do to build a comprehensive culture of life and show our love for unborn babies and their vulnerable mothers.

Today, our goal as believers is to cherish all life, in every stage, from the unborn baby to the vulnerable mother, to the elderly and infirmed. When we live this truth in our lives fully, we can then be said to be a culture, as the one blood human race, that values all its children, from the womb to the tomb; into eternity.

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AI AND THE GREAT DECEPTION

Is Artificial Intelligence in Bible prophecy?
Will the Antichrist use AI to take power in this generation?

BY ALAN DIDIO

Elon Musk, probably one of the most powerful personalities in the world of technology, paused for a moment of reflection as he sat before an auditorium filled with people. He took a long, deep breath before making this profoundly prophetic statement: “With AI, we are summoning the demon.”

When I heard this quote myself, it felt less like a metaphor and more like a prophetic utterance. This technological genius, who does not profess to be a Christian, compared artificial

intelligence to “summoning the demon,” and went on to suggest that we might be conjuring something that we think we can control, only to find that it will turn against us. Stephen Hawking also had chimed in, “The development of AI could spell the end of the human race.”

These statements serve as a disturbing reminder of the potential Pandora’s box that has already been opened. We are now burdened with the responsibility of heeding this warning and exercising judgment as we stand on the brink of a brave



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new world. During times of great darkness, it is not uncommon for the church to bury its head in the sand and hope that the storm will blow over. However, we cannot risk letting others seize control of the levers of power because the stakes are too high. We must not remain ignorant or uninfluential in this oncoming AI arms race.

Are We Headed for Singularity Oblivion?

Much like the scientists who worked on the Manhattan Project, AI research centers around the world are trying to understand the implications of what's being created. They are working on developing artificial general intelligence (AGI), which refers to robots or programs that are able to acquire and grasp any intellectual endeavor that a human being is capable of, but with exponentially greater efficiency and capacity.

Technological Singularity is the hypothetical future point in time at which technological growth becomes uncontrollable and irreversible, resulting in unforeseeable changes to human civilization. The term *singularity* is also used to describe what

happens when you cross the threshold into a black hole. All of the known laws of nature break down or even disappear. Sound mystical? It should! This is the realm we're stepping into with AI. With each breakthrough and advancement, the boundaries of human achievement expand, blurring the line between science fiction and reality. continued »

Are We Creating a Modern Day Golem?

The golem, a creature deeply rooted in mystical Jewish folklore and mythology, has long captured the imagination of believers and skeptics alike. The origins of this belief can be traced back to ancient Jewish texts, which gradually gained prominence during the Middle Ages. Legend has it that the golem, a creature fashioned from clay or mud, was said to have been animated through enigmatic rituals and inscriptions. The creation of such artifacts was traditionally entrusted to esteemed rabbis or mystics who possessed deep knowledge and understanding of the sacred name of God.

This demonic portrayal of the golem as a formidable but devoid-of-thought servant, dutifully following the commands of its maker, is both captivating and unsettling. The primary objective for this creature was to safeguard and shield the Jewish community

from imminent threats and relentless persecution. In certain renditions of the ancient legend, the golem is said to have been conjured forth in moments of dire peril and turmoil, assuming the role of a stalwart protector against adversaries and tyrants.

Nevertheless, the golem's remarkable strength coupled with its dearth of human intellect presented a perilous predicament. In the absence of adequate control or limitations, the golem possesses the potential to spiral into an uncontrollable force, unleashing catastrophic havoc upon its surroundings. The narrative surrounding the golem delves into profound themes of

authority, accountability and the ethical ramifications inherent in assuming the role of a deity.

AGI poses a similar threat as the golem and even the atomic bomb. These are comparisons that top tech executives are making. If artificial intelligence were to get into the wrong hands or to get out of control, the repercussions may be catastrophic, far exceeding the harm that could be caused by a bomb or a mythical monster. The development of this kind of AI could result in:

» Economic disparities on a scale

researchers, nearly half of them acknowledged that they believed there was a 10% chance that this tech could result in human extinction.

That's not very comforting.

What does the Bible say about AI? "But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased," (Dan. 12:4). Is Daniel predicting an explosion of knowledge? If so, we are sitting right in the middle of the fulfillment of this prophecy! Consider this:

» In the 1950s, knowledge was doubling every 20-30 years; today knowledge is doubling every 15 months

» Your phone has more tech on it than the first space shuttle

» The average newspaper today has more information than the average person living in the 17th century would come across in their lifetime.

During this knowledge explosion, the Bible speaks of a coming figure who will seek to dominate the world and will perpetuate the greatest deception known to man. The

antichrist will attempt to seize the reins of power by specifically controlling the world economy. For centuries there has been a great deal of speculation as to how he would be able to accomplish this. How could someone control who buys and sells *and* how would one monitor this? Today the answer is simple: A digital currency with a powerful AI superintending over it.

"And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed," (Rev. 13:15). Here the Bible says that this end-time leader will possess an "image", icon or idol that he will "give life" to. Could this be a

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never seen before

» The loss of the right to privacy with mass surveillance

» Deepfake scams that defrauded both individuals and nations

» Unprecedented national security breaches

» Election tampering

» The complete breakdown of interpersonal relationships in society

» The collapse of how we define reality

» The hacking of the human mind

» A dystopian future in which humans are no longer the dominant species.

The last one may seem like a stretch, but in a recent survey of 4,000 AI

reference to an automaton powered by a demonically inspired AI?

It's interesting to note that the first characteristic of the image is that it could "speak." The breakthroughs that we have seen in recent months are in the area of AI language models. Everyone is shocked at how it's able to speak and some are even asserting sentience.

How Should the Church Respond?

Recently a Lutheran church in Germany hosted an AI worship service with four different AI ministers. The sermon lasted about 40 minutes and hundreds lined up to hear it. Though we should not be running to line up and hear an AI preacher, we should also not be running from the technology we've seen so far. We need to be as involved as we can be in this process. We must pray that within these tech companies, God will raise up Spirit-filled programmers to insert truth into these algorithms. We should also help train these modules by using them and inputting as much gospel as we can.

Understanding AI is part of the end-time stewardship Jesus commissioned us to walk in. We must help to ensure, to the best of our ability, that such powerful tools are used ethically and responsibly in ways that glorify God.


We're not in the antichrist system yet, but it is fast approaching. The scaffolding for the great deception is already in place. Some have suggested that we will cross over into the Technical Singularity by 2045. Others think we could have AGI within the next two years. Ultimately, believers must be ready. "Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man," (Luke 21:36, KJV).

These are exciting times! As we see these prophecies being fulfilled, we must see them as an invitation to engage the world around us, increase our influence for the kingdom and occupy till He comes, (see Luke 19:13).

Maranatha! ◀

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“ In the absence of adequate control or limitations, the golem possesses the potential to spiral into an uncontrollable force, unleashing catastrophic havoc upon its surroundings...AGI poses a similar threat as the golem and even the atomic bomb. ”

Maybe we can't say a man is a man or a woman is a woman

Pro-life Leader Frank Pavone, National Director, Priests for Life

I hear it everywhere I go. Our fellow citizens, especially if they are believers, have a distinct feeling that something is different about the divisions in our nation. We've all lived out the battles of Right vs. Left, Conservative vs. Liberal, Democrat vs. Republican, and we are used to that battle.

But what's happening today feels different. People are not just disagreeing, but de-platforming those who disagree. The government is not simply governing either from the Left or the Right; it is punishing those with particular viewpoints. Opposing ideas are not just being aired on campuses, but those with certain ideas are being attacked on campus.

Something is different, too, about what is being disputed.

It used to be that citizens shared a common commitment to virtue, human life and dignity, freedom, faith, family, and the good of our country. We just debated different ways of advancing those values.

Now the dispute is literally about whether those values are good or bad, and whether they should be preserved at all. Family and gender are redefined; America, her history and her symbols are trashed; and we can't seem to even agree that the police should keep our streets peaceful.

Indeed, it is a battle between Common sense and Insanity, and more fundamentally, between Good and Evil.

Good and evil have always been in conflict, from the dawn of time, and from the day "the light came into the world, but some preferred darkness to light" (Jn. 3:19)

But it seems that today, evil has taken off its mask and makes no more pretense to want any "moderate" positions.

Recently, the largest-ever gathering of Satanists took place. The participants in "SatanCon 2023" claimed that they were not worshipping a spiritual being called "Satan," but rather were simply asserting the value of personal freedom.

But when that means I don't have to follow any moral norms outside of what I create as "my own truth" and "my own morality," that's exactly what Satan wants. Anything goes, as long as you don't worship God.

This was the original temptation, "You will be like God, knowing good and evil" (Gen. 3:5). This is why Isaiah called the King of Babylon "Lucifer," "because you said in your heart, 'I will be like the Most High'" (Is. 14:14) This is why, when war broke out in heaven (see Rev. 12), the one who led the battle against the devil was called "Michael" (that is, "Who is like God?"). And this is why the mind of the Holy One, as revealed

by Paul in Philippians 2, is that "Though he was in the form of God, Jesus did not deem equality with God something to be grasped; rather, he emptied himself... becoming obedient ... Therefore God highly exalted him."

It is a denial of creation that is at the heart of the "woke" culture that embraces "critical theory" (including critical race theory), which denies the very existence of truth.

It is a denial of creation that has created a culture in which we can't even say a man is a man or a woman is a woman.

And maybe that's because for fifty years we've been saying a baby is not a baby.

That has been the heart of the abortion culture. Roe vs. Wade, the decision that legalized abortion in 1973, claimed the Supreme Court was "not competent to speculate as to the answer" of when human life begins.

Maybe that's why a Supreme Court Justice today said in her confirmation hearing that she could not define what a woman is.

This is a denial of the truth God has placed in creation. And that confusion about creation is rooted in a denial of the Creator.

If you forget God, you will never understand his creation.

And what's worse, you'll think that you can create it yourself.

This divorce of freedom from truth leads back to tyranny. This was the key concern of our Founding Fathers, who in giving sovereignty to the people warned, in the words of John Adams, "Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other."

Indeed. How can a people govern themselves if they've forgotten the difference between good and evil? That, in a nutshell, defines the moral, cultural, and political battle of our day.

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GOD'S 7 HOLY DAYS and *Jesus Fulfills T*

From Rosh HaShanah to Passover, a guide
through the Jewish religious calendar

BY RABBI KIRT A. SCHNEIDER

The Torah reveals to us God's holy days. Leviticus 23:4 says, "These are the appointed times of the Lord." The seven holy days are:

THE 7 FEASTS OF LEVITICUS 23

- 1) Passover (verse 5)**
- 2) Feast of Unleavened Bread (6-8)**
- 3) Feast of First Fruits (9-14)**
- 4) Feast of Weeks (15-22)**
- 5) Feast of Trumpets (23-25)**
- 6) Day of Atonement (26-32)**
- 7) Feast of Booths (33-43)**

People often think of these as Jewish holidays—and they are—but they are not the unique property of Judaism. First and foremost, they are God's holy days. These holy days were first given to Jewish people, but their significance goes beyond the Jewish people. As Messiah was promised to Israel but was given through Israel to the whole world in order that "all the families of the earth will be blessed" (Gen. 12:3), so too these cherished days have significance for all of God's people, Jew and Gentile alike.

These holy days have dual applications then: they had immediate meaning for the Jewish people in their original historical context, but they are also prophetic shadows of Messiah Jesus and are applicable for believers today.

The Four Feasts Fulfilled by Jesus' First Coming

Every single one of the redemptive acts Yeshua accomplished in His death, burial, Resurrection, and the sending forth of His Spirit were all strategically aimed to take place during the spring holy days. Yeshua was crucified on the Feast of Passover, buried during the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and rose during the Feast of First Fruits. Then after His Resurrection, the Spirit of God came on Shavuot (the Hebrew word for Pentecost). Each of these feasts directly culminated in Messiah and prophetically tell the story of His life and mission.

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1. Passover: Lev. 23:5

Passover in the Old Testament

The first of these feasts is Passover. This is the springtime holy day that commemorates the Israelites' deliverance from Egyptian bondage. In Leviticus 23:5, we read, "In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at twilight is the Lord's Passover." In its original context, the Passover story is about how the Lord used the blood of a Passover lamb to deliver the children of Israel out of bondage in Egypt. Each family would take the blood of an unblemished lamb and apply that blood on the doorpost of their home. When the angel of death, which was God's judgment, passed through the land of Egypt that fateful night, the judgment passed over every home that had been marked by the blood of the lamb.

Jesus's Fulfillment of Passover

The New Testament shouts the proclamation that a new Passover Lamb has come. As Yeshua was about to begin His ministry, John the Baptist saw Him coming toward him and cried out, "Behold, the Lamb of God who

takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). This is bookended in the Book of Revelation—the book of last things—where Yeshua is referred to as the Lamb of God 31 times. From the beginning to the end of the Brit Chadashah (New Testament), Yeshua's role as the Lamb of God is central to understanding who He is and what He came to do.

When Yeshua celebrated that last Passover meal with His disciples, He lifted up the matzo and wine to tell them that His own body was about to be broken and His own blood shed for their salvation. He was their Passover Lamb. Yeshua is the ultimate fulfillment of the feast, which is why Paul says plainly in 1 Corinthians 5:7 that Christ has become our Passover.

2. Feast of Unleavened Bread: Lev. 23:6–8

Unleavened Bread in the Old Testament

Leviticus 23:6 reads, "Then on the fifteenth day of the same month there is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the Lord; for seven days you shall eat unleavened bread." This feast marked

a remembrance of when the children of Israel had to leave Israel in haste. To prepare for this feast, which begins the day after Passover, Jewish families remove all leaven from their homes and eat only unleavened bread, called matzo. As the children of Israel anticipated their deliverance from Egypt, God instructed them, "When you hear My voice, leave in haste and do not wait for the bread to rise." (See Deuteronomy 16:3.) They were to instantly obey and move out. Thus, the Feast of Unleavened Bread speaks of instantaneous and full obedience.

Jesus's Fulfillment of Unleavened Bread

Yeshua was buried during the Feast of Unleavened Bread because He is the absolute fulfillment of it. Jesus is the One who perfectly and immediately obeys the Father. During the last Passover that Yeshua shared with His disciples, He took the matzo, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me" (Luke 22:19). The Feast of Unleavened Bread retains its original meaning but took on its fullest and final meaning when Yeshua Himself, the Bread of heaven, was broken and given unto us! "Let us therefore celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth," (1 Cor. 5:8).

3. Feast of First Fruits: Lev. 23:9–14

First Fruits in the Old Testament

We find this feast described in Leviticus 23:10–11: "Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you enter the land which I am going to give to you and reap its harvest, then you shall bring in the sheaf of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest. He shall wave the sheaf before the Lord for you to be accepted.'" Each individual farmer—each worshipper—was to bring their first sheaf to the priest, who would then lift it up and wave it before the Lord. The Lord would then accept the farmer's entire harvest as being acceptable and dedicated to Him.

Jesus's Fulfillment of First Fruits

The Feast of Passover is related to

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Jesus' death and the Feast of Unleavened Bread to His burial. Now, the Feast of First Fruits will carry us fully into the event of His Resurrection.

Consider that this is a spring feast—the first of the spring harvest. Winter has passed and everything that was once dead is coming to life again. It is like the earth has been raised from the dead.

This all takes on new meaning when we see that Yeshua, who was dead, supernaturally came back to life on this holy day. Then He ascended to heaven as “the first fruits of those raised from the dead.” (See 1 Corinthians 15:20, 23.) Yeshua said in this verse in Revelation 1:17–18, “I am the first and the last, and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore.”

Here again, the timing of this feast too is significant. It took place on the day after the Sabbath, which is Sunday. On which day did Jesus rise from the dead? Sunday! Just as Yeshua Himself actually became the unleavened bread that was broken for us, He became the first fruit of the harvest brought back to life. As the sheaf was lifted up and waved before the priest, so too, Yeshua rose from the dead and presented Himself to the Father. And just as in ancient Israel, God accepted the whole harvest through the first fruits offering, so it is today—we are accepted

by Father God through the first fruits offering of Messiah! Yeshua rose from the dead on the Feast of First Fruits, both fulfilling it and bringing it to its climax.

4. Feast of Weeks— Pentecost: Lev. 23:15–22

Feast of Weeks in the Old Testament

Leviticus 23:15–16 says, “You shall also count for yourselves from the day after the sabbath, from the day when you brought in the sheaf of the wave offering; there shall be seven complete sabbaths. You shall count 50 days to the day after the seventh sabbath.”

Shavuot (Pentecost) was originally an agricultural feast day, but over the years, traditional Judaism associated this day with the day the Lord gave the Law at Mount Sinai. During Shavuot, we remember how God appeared in glory to Israel on Mount Sinai, writing His law on multiple tablets of stone. (See Exodus 19:16–19.)

During this climactic event, the mountain itself shook, and a cosmic shofar began to blast from heaven. As the sound of the trumpet reached a crescendo, the Lord spoke—He “thundered” and “descended upon it in fire.” The people at the mountain were so terrified, they were happy to let Moses go up the mountain. They thought, Moses,

“God can talk just to you, and you can talk to us” for Him.

But a time would come when the Law and the Lawgiver would become much closer. Jeremiah 31:33 says, “‘But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,’ declares the Lord, ‘I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.’” Ezekiel also anticipated this time when he wrote that Yahweh would give His people a new heart and put a new Spirit within them (Ezek. 36:26). The Law that was once written on stone would be etched in our hearts.

Jesus's Fulfillment of Shavuot

Fifty days after Yeshua's Resurrection, 120 of his followers were gathered together in the upper room celebrating Shavuot. As they were there recalling again how God appeared in fire on top of the mountain and gave Moses the laws and commandments for His people, suddenly the living Yahweh appeared to them afresh and anew.

As He did on Sinai, God appeared again in fire right there in the upper room. And it wasn't just one fire this time—an individual tongue of fire appeared over each of the 120 who were sitting there. This encounter inaugurated



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the time when the Lord would no longer speak to His people by writing on tablets of stone. Instead, He was fulfilling the prophecies of Ezekiel and Jeremiah, writing the law on their hearts. This living tongue that brought the fresh fire of God came and filled each of them. They had received the Ruach HaKodesh, the same Spirit that had filled the Messiah they loved and that He had promised to send them.

The Three Feasts Fulfilled by Jesus' Second Coming

All the holy days that we have covered so far, the spring holy days, were fulfilled by Jesus at His first coming. These spring feasts—Passover, Unleavened Bread, First Fruits and Shavuot—happen within just a few months of one another. But interestingly, in the biblical calendar, there is now a long pause between the time when the spring holy days end and fall holy days begin. This gap is prophetic and coincides with the relatively long period of time between Yeshua's first and second coming. In the same way that the spring feasts coincided with Yeshua's first coming, the fall feasts—Feast of Trumpets, Day of Atonement and Tabernacles—coincide with His Second Coming.

5. Feast of Trumpets—Rosh HaShanah: Lev. 23:23–25

Feast of Trumpets in the Old Testament

Leviticus 23:24 says, “In the seventh month on the first of the month you shall have a rest, a reminder by blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation.” Interestingly, there is actually very little about this holy day called the Feast of Trumpets (Yom Teruah) except its timing (it is held on the first day of the seventh month, which in Hebrew is called Tishri) and the fact that it is marked by the blowing of the trumpets.

But what is the blowing of the trumpets to remind Israel of? The Israelites are reminded that the first time they encountered their God, Yahweh, as a nation, the experience was announced with the blowing of a divine trumpet (Exod. 19:10-11, 16-20). In this encounter, the Lord revealed His glory to approximately 3 million Israelites. As the trumpet that Israel heard from the heavens grew louder and louder, Israel, who was not ready to meet their God, just stood at the base of the mountain and trembled. But Moses, who was the humblest man on the earth, was ready. So as the trumpet sounded,

instead of staying at the base of Mount Sinai cowering in fear, Moses ascended the mountain to meet his God.

Jesus's Fulfillment of the Feast of Trumpets

The Feast of Trumpets is a picture of the rapture when Jesus will return with the blowing of a trumpet from heaven. Those who are not prepared to meet Him will tremble in unspeakable fear. But those of us who are ready to meet our God will ascend and meet Messiah in the air just as Moses ascended the mountain to meet our God. In 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17, Paul writes, “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.”

In both the past and future, the blowing of the shofar announces God's manifest presence and kingdom. Next time the Lord's shofar blows it will be to signal the return of the Messiah and His glory will be fully manifested to the entire world!

6. Day of Atonement—Yom Kippur: Lev. 23:26–32

Day of Atonement in the Old Testament

The Feast of Trumpets is followed by the next fall holy day called, Yom Kippur or the Day of Atonement. *Yom* means “day,” and *kippur* means “covering,” so this is literally “the day of covering.” We read about this in Leviticus 23:27, “On exactly the tenth day of this seventh month [still the month of Tishri] is the day of atonement; it shall be a holy convocation for you, and you shall humble your souls and present an offering by fire to the Lord.”

The Day of Atonement was when the high priest would go into the Holy of Holies, where the Ark of the Covenant, which housed the Ten Commandments, was kept. The high priest would take the blood of a bull and the blood of a goat and pour it on top of the Ark of the Covenant. When the Lord saw the blood, He overlooked the sins of His people for a

year. The Day of Atonement is all about the blood that is shed for the forgiveness and covering of sin. The Lord can only be in covenant with humanity, whom He created in His own image, through a blood atonement. “For the life of the flesh is in the blood and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement,” (Lev. 17:11).

Jesus’s Fulfillment of the Day of Atonement

The whole arc of the book of Hebrews is to tell us that Yeshua, in sacrificing His own life, cemented the eternal blood covenant once and for all.

In the old covenant, the high priest had to take the blood of a bull and a goat into the Holy of Holies afresh every year because they could never permanently remove sin. It was just a shadow or a type of the real payment that was coming—the blood of Yeshua, which took away our sin forever.

This is why we read in Matthew 27:51 that when Yeshua was crucified, the veil in the Temple that separated mankind from the Holy of Holies was ripped in two. The blood of the sinless One was shed, opening the way for us to be in relationship with God forever. This feast has been fulfilled, insofar that Yeshua’s blood has already been shed and we are able to be in fellowship with God now.

But there is also a prophetic way that Yom Kippur too will find its ultimate fulfillment yet in the future. This is the turning of the Jewish people to Messiah Yeshua. Zechariah 12:10 says, “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.”

When He returns, He will lift the veil from their eyes! The book of Revelation foretells this glorious event: “Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen,” (Rev. 1:7). He will cover His people and

the kingdom of God will be fully inaugurated in the earth.

7. Feast of Booths— Sukkot: Lev. 23:33–43

Sukkot in the Old Testament

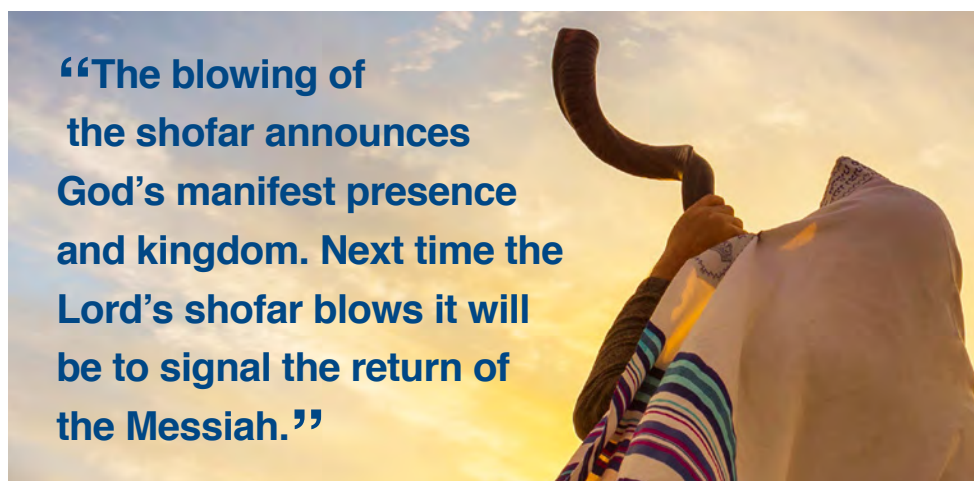
The last of the fall feasts is called Sukkot, the Feast of Tabernacles. This feast is a joyous time of giving thanks to God for His provision. We read about this feast in Leviticus 23:34–42: “On the fifteenth of this seventh month is the Feast of Booths [Tabernacles] for seven days to the Lord...You shall thus celebrate it as a feast to the Lord...It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your

the children of Israel build these temporary shelters to remember the time in the wilderness when He was all they had to cling to.

Jesus’s Fulfillment of Sukkot

Jesus will one day return and tabernacle with His people on the earth once again. And during His 1,000-year reign, all the peoples of the earth will come to celebrate the Feast of Tabernacles every year with Him in Jerusalem (Zech. 14:16).

The Feast of Tabernacles reminds us how the Lord tabernacled with His people. His presence was seen 24-7 each



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generations... You shall live in booths for seven days.”

During this feast, in many Jewish homes and synagogues, a sukkah—meaning a tabernacle or booth—is built out of lumber, grass, or any other natural substance and serves as a temporary structure. It is then decorated with natural materials such as tree branches, leaves, flowers, vegetables and fruit.

In the celebration of Sukkot, many people will eat their meals and sleep in the sukkah for the entire seven days of the feast. While in the sukkah, Jewish people remember how they had nothing in the wilderness but God. They lived in these temporary structures. They had no insurance policies. For 40 years, God supplied their every need. He fed them supernaturally with manna, gave them water out of a rock and caused their clothes not to wear out. They had nothing but God—and He was enough! So now once a year,

and every day as a pillar of fire by night and a glory cloud by day hovering over the tabernacle for the 40 years Israel remained in the wilderness. Similarly, God’s presence is with you and me today wherever we go, even to the end. Yeshua said, “I am with you always, even to the end of the age,” (Matt. 28:20).

This feast will find its ultimate fulfillment when Yeshua reigns throughout eternity as God tabernacles with His people in an eternal new heaven and new earth as these verses attest. ◀

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Will you take a stand for God's precious little ones?

BY PASTOR JOHN K. AMANCHUKWU, SR.

Arnold Glasow said, "One of the tests of leadership is to recognize a problem before it has already become an emergency."

Well, there is a problem. And in some respects, there is an emergency. To a certain degree, there are many leaders who do not recognize that there is a problem and as a result, we are in a state of emergency. And that is why on any given evening, you will find me at a school board meeting around the country, using my allotted time, usually two to three minutes, to passionately speak about and defend the very least of these, our children. I have no qualms, do not mind traveling long distances nor will I

back away from those who may try to misrepresent me as I fight the cultural war which is raging.

At Stake: Our Children's Souls

I realize that what is at stake are the souls of our children; those who usually cannot speak up and fight for themselves. And so, since I decided to make Jesus my choice, I've put on my traveling shoes going from city to city to [turn right side up that which has been turned upside down](#). It is apparent that my appearances have been causing quite a stir in many circles. There are those who support me, but also those who try to detract from what I am doing; in fact, accusing



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me of being everything but a Christian, a man of God. One such accuser says I'm guilty of “harassing school boards in his home state of North Carolina and taking his bigoted show on the road.”

In the face of the detractors and negative rhetoric, I stand resolute and flat-footed. In fact, I see it as more fuel for the fire in this spiritual fight for our children's souls. I see it as another opportunity to take an uncompromising stand on the Lord's side and boldly declare His truth.

An article accused me of anti-gay bigotry, and harassing school board members who support welcoming school environments for all students. It is simply amazing how the true bigots, those who are intolerant of anyone who disagrees with their opinions, set themselves to repeatedly pressure, intimidate and bother us to the point of exhaustion; to the point where we are backed into a corner, pushed off to the sidelines and reminded to stay silent while they accuse us of the very same things that they are guilty of doing. That is their goal: accuse them before they accuse you and keep saying it until you wear them out.

My response is simple: let them keep talking. My impetus comes from the Lord empowering me to do what I do. His Holy Spirit gives me the power I need to stand up for the truth at the school board meetings and everywhere else I am invited to speak. Though I face the accusation,

as Paul did in Acts 16:20, that I am there to disturb the public peace, as they say, with “intentionally inflammatory rhetoric,” I am emboldened even more by the Holy Spirit to do what Paul did in rectifying the injustice that was being done. It is not enough to merely sit by and spectate with some lemonade and popcorn while the battle is being waged against what matters most.

The truth of God is under attack; the war is raging and one of the casualties is our children. We cannot pretend we do not see the signs of the times. Ignorance is not bliss. As Plato said, “Ignorance, the root and stem of every evil.”

Part of my goal is to take away that crutch from so many that see but say that they are unaware, that they did not know. I also want to educate those who really do not know. After realizing the truth, however, there is a responsibility that we have. My question is—Now that you do know, what are you going to do about it?

It is interesting to note that just as the men in Acts 16 used this occasion to come against Paul and Silas, likewise, today, I, a Southern gospel preacher, am being reproached by naysayers

and so will you, once you decide to take a stand.

The Answers for the Battle Ahead

Just recently, I had the wonderful opportunity to appear on Charisma's Stephen Strang's podcast. It was here that I shared with him that allowing students to have access to LGBTQ books is an attack on our children's souls. It is true that we are seeing those who support special interests push their agenda upon children. It is indoctrination. I use that term often; I also call it grooming. It is an ongoing assault, it stains the brain and it robs children of their innocence!

We would not stand idly by and not defend children in harm's way. The question then is why do we think it is OK to mute ourselves while those who stand in opposition to the Word of God take aim at our children, intentionally trying to sexualize them and normalize deviant behavior? In other words, without their consent and well below the age of legal consent, our children are being forcibly inundated with all manner of perverse lifestyles. Why is it that we are distancing ourselves and stepping back into the shadows as their young minds are deluged with ungodly words, pictures,



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thoughts and suggestions? Someone has to say something! Where are we, church? As I heard one prolific pastor, Bishop Patrick L. Wooden, Sr. say, “Is there not a cause? Is there not a thing? Is there not a concern? Is there not a matter? Is there not an answer? Is there not a solution?”

The answer is a resounding yes! That is why I will not wave the white flag of surrender to those who use their platform to try and shame me or anyone else who dares to come down on the side of God and what is right. The hypocritical slanderers in today’s culture call right wrong and vice versa and dare us to stand for what we know is right. The ones who labeled me the “book bandit pastor” banned the book that I preach from. They are the original book bandits. They are the same ones who seek to destroy our children.

Disgusting False Equivalence with the Civil Rights Movement

I was invited recently to speak at a local school board meeting in Temecula Valley, where they were discussing a proposed California school curriculum that included content about Harvey Milk, a homosexual activist. As I waited for my turn to speak and listened to all that was being said, I developed a list of “Ten Things that Black Students Don’t Need at School.” This was in response to a liberal

ideology that gives moral equivalence between black and homosexual rights.

It is evident that proponents of the homosexual agenda and those who are in support of this curriculum are trying to say that the Civil Rights Movement’s struggle is tantamount to what the LGBTQ community is going through today as it relates to discrimination. That falsehood had, and still has, to be debunked. Nothing could be further from the truth. It is our duty to protect that which He has set in order.

Over the last year, I have been speaking at school board meetings. As a result, I have amassed over 150 million views across several social media platforms. This is not because there is a trending fad that is taking place, but partly because there is a growing realization that our children are under attack. There is a very real threat, and our response must be quick, sharp and powerful. The well-being of our children depends on it.

The enemy is serious about destroying our seed. Unfortunately, there is no time for pleasantries, but isn’t that how it is in battle? I hope that those who sit on these school boards see the error of their ways. I hope that they stop and consider the harm that is being done to these young minds and their bright futures. I hope that if they don’t know Jesus Christ in the pardon

of their sins, that they will.

But if they do not, we must be prepared to sacrifice our time and attend school board meetings and let our voices be heard.

If we are unable to go, we must put our support behind those who will go in our stead. We must vote not along party lines per se, but the plumbline—that which aligns with the Word of God.

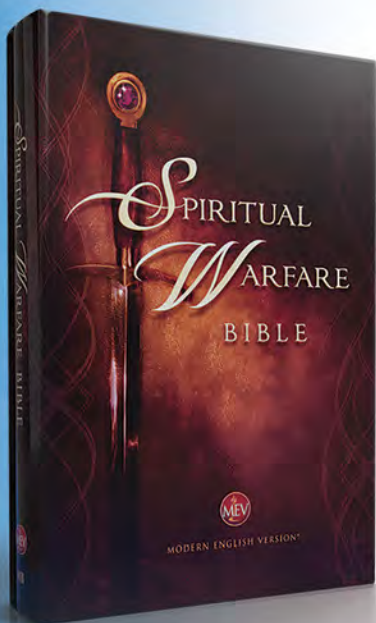
Whatever we do, we must not back down, despite the jabs. We must accept the fact that we will face those who will try to cancel us, shout us down or even turn a deaf ear to us. We must be persistent and resolute in the mission at hand. We must be led by the Spirit of God, sometimes into uncharted territory, even as if the Red Sea was in front of us.

Since we already know that God has us in His hand, let’s get busy being about our Father’s business. There is much work to do. A state of emergency has been declared! The Lord has need of you.

What is your answer to Him? ◀

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Unmasking False Prophets with Mario Murillo

With the modern Pentecostal/charismatic renewal has come the resurgence of Spiritual gifts. In the past few decades, a prophet movement has developed. Men like Bishop Bill Hammond and the late Peter Wagner were well known for teaching on the prophetic and its importance in the life of the church.

One of the gifts of the Spirit is the gift of prophecy. The New Testament is full of stories about prophecy. Paul foretold his own arrest and taught the early church that they must test prophecy.

In my new book *Spirit-Led Living in an Upside-Down World*, I include a chapter about this and give examples of how modern-day prophets have made a huge difference. I also tell some stories of where I've been prophesied to, or have seen prophecies come true.

One of those was the prophecy by Kim Clement that someone like Donald Trump would be elected president for two terms. My book *God and Donald Trump* was my effort to document those prophecies that came true with Trump's election in 2016.

Mixed with accurate prophecies are the false prophecies, or shall I say false prophets. These false prophets have always been with us. Jesus even warned of wolves in sheep's clothing. Paul warned the early church against false prophets. False prophets actually cause Christians to be suspicious of all prophecy. But who warns Christians today?

In our day, and especially in the charismatic movement, few leaders are willing to speak up. They rationalize that the false prophecies are outside their own circles and outside their area of authority. They have a "live and let live" attitude, which is a very American way of seeing things, but is hardly biblical when it comes to false prophecies.

My long-time friend Mario Murillo is one of the few who have spoken up to say enough is enough. He has lost friends and been criticized for calling out prophets he believes are false.

There is another type of prophecy that isn't by a "false prophet," but also can be wrong. It is difficult to determine whether some prophecies come true because the prophecy is not specific or there

is a timing issue. Other times it's clear; for whatever reason, the prophet just missed it.

One young prophet named Jerimiah Johnson rose to prominence because of his dreams and prophecies, some of them about Trump. Before the 2020 election, he had a dream that three things would happen and two did. First, the Los Angeles Dodgers won the World Series. Second, Amy Coney Barrett was named to the U.S. Supreme Court. And finally, that Donald Trump would be re-elected to a second term.

When Trump was not re-elected, Johnson felt the Lord told him to apologize publicly for his wrong prophecy. He shut down his Jeremiah Johnson Ministries and moved to another state and started over.

I recently interviewed him on my Strang Report podcast

and Johnson told me about all the hate mail and attacks he endured. It wasn't from secular people, who don't believe in Christian prophecy, nor was it the radical Left who were his harshest critics. It was mostly Christians who were also rabid Trump supporters who desperately wanted those prophecies about Trump being re-elected to come true. Their attacks weren't so much that his prophecies were wrong but that Johnson had turned his back on Trump.

As I said in my podcast with Johnson, I admire the humility he showed by apologizing. He is now experiencing great blessing because of it.

I'm calling on leaders to say enough is enough and to "police" our own by giving correction as the New Testament says Christian leaders should. The way Paul corrected Peter on preaching a double-standard for Gentile believers living up to Jewish laws rather than being free in Christ.

The time has come for leaders to meet to discuss what to do. In this upside-world, it's more important than ever for the body of Christ to have our act together. We must stand against this attack by Satan on the church trying to throw us off track. We must bring reproach to the body of Christ where needed.

Mario Murrillo has spoken up. Now I'm speaking up. Who will stand with us?

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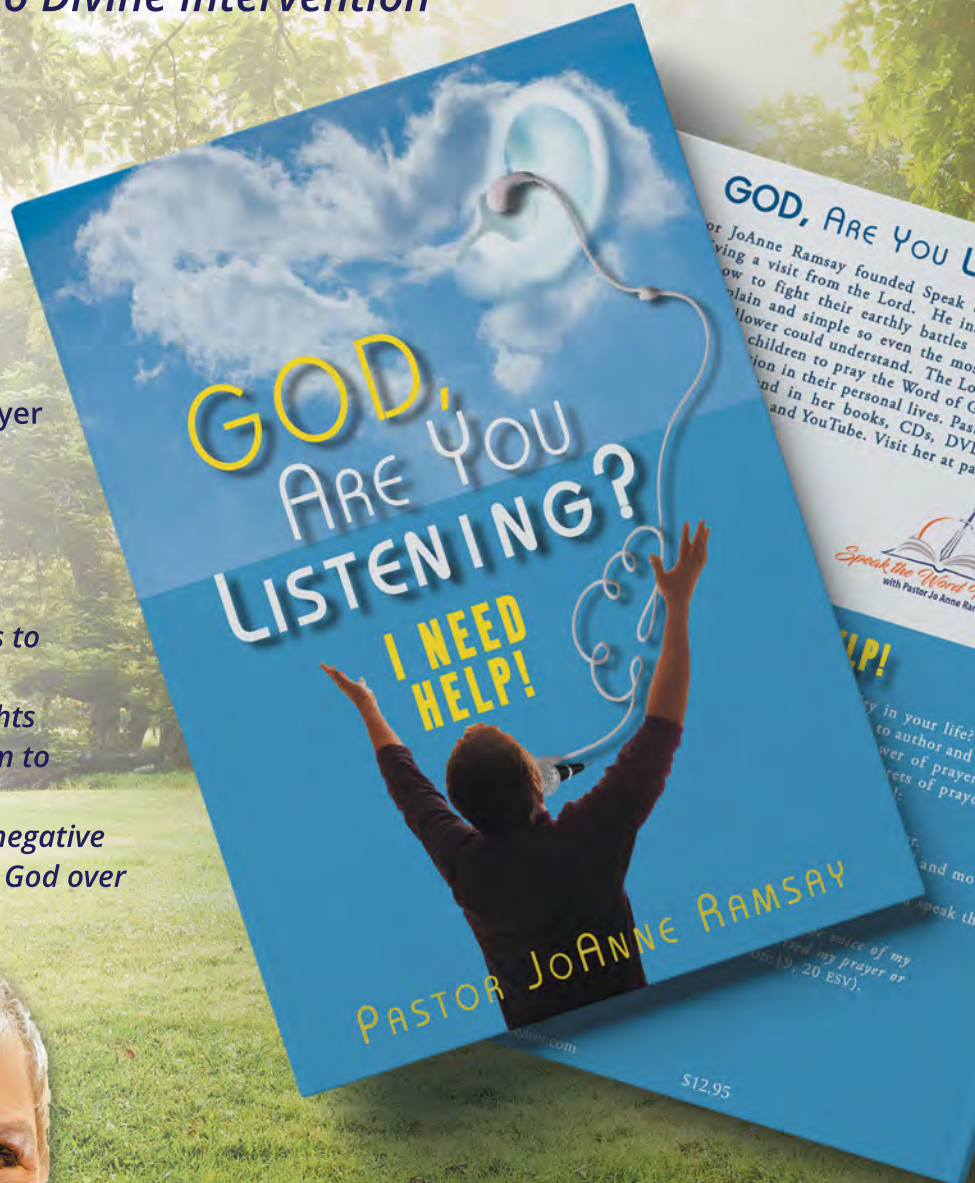
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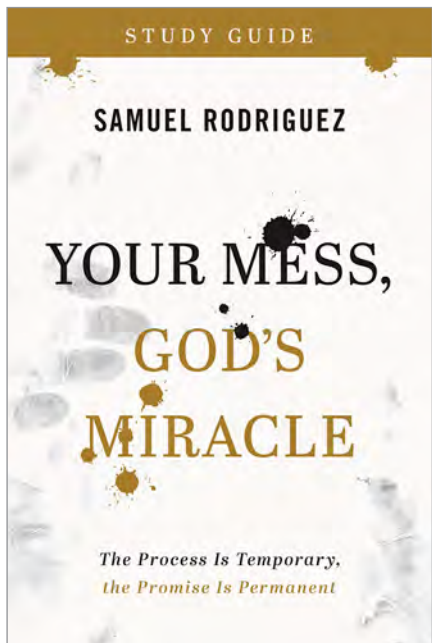
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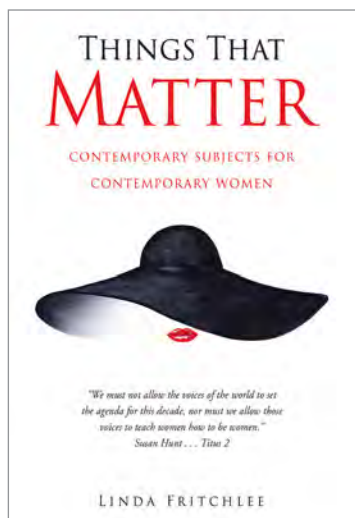
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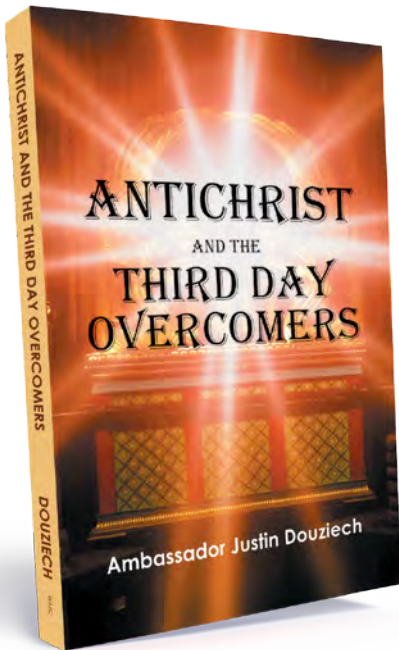
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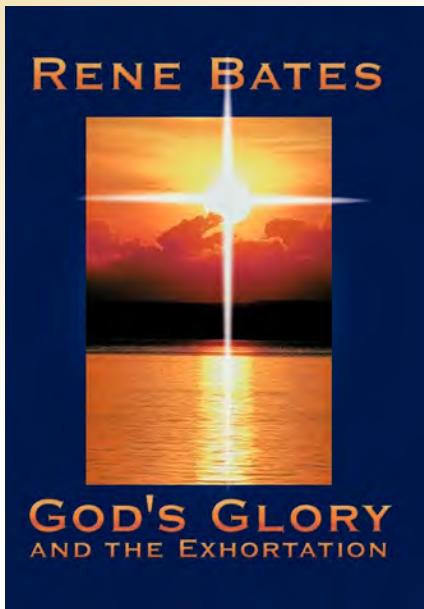


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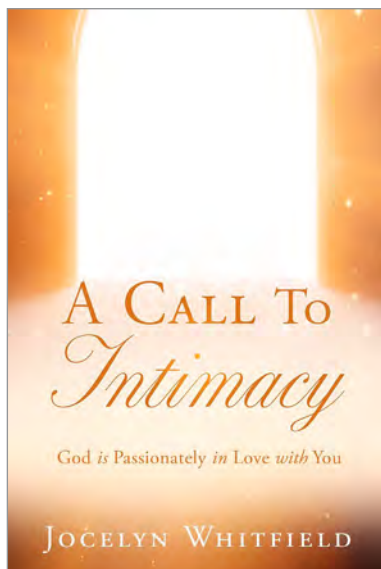
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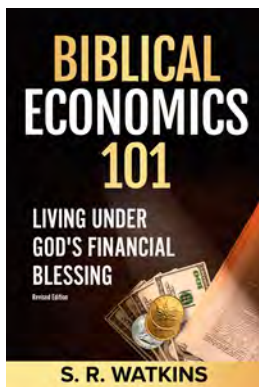
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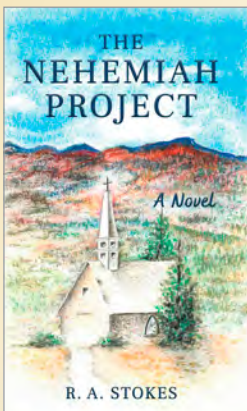
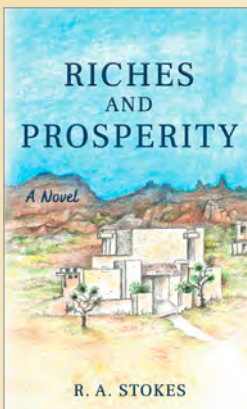
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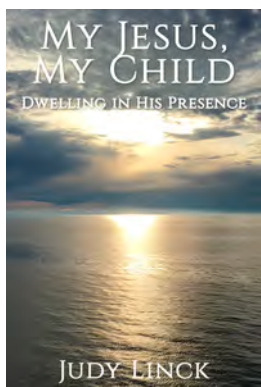
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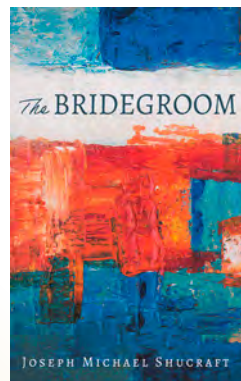
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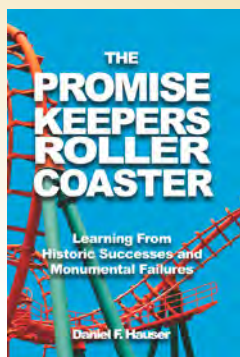
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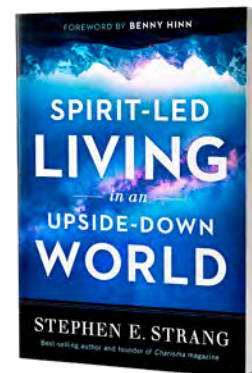
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