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Blame

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Beloved:

Only in my DREAMS. Have you ever dreamed what the World would be like if there were NO such thing as BLAME, if Mankind did not have the ability to BLAME? Dream as in THINK about it! Mankind would be IMPOSSIBLE TO BLAME and would therefore be both RESPONSIBLE and ACCOUNTABLE for every Act, Action, Event, Happening, etc. in the World that is MAN-CAUSED. Oh, that Planet Earth could be a BLAME FREE ZONE!

However, I woke from my dream world only to find at the entrance to THE GARDEN of EDEN a sign with these words: "CAUTION, YOU are about to enter A POSSIBILITY TO BLAME ZONE." So now let's let the BIBLE tell the Rest of the Story: "and the Man (Adam) said the Woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat" (Genesis 3:17, KJV). And from that hour to this present moment the world of Mankind has been lost in the SWAMP of BLAME!

Every Person (man or woman) since ADAM has been GUILTY of joining the Planet's FIRST MAN in the attempt of TRANSFERRING THE BLAME in order to LIVE WITH THE GUILT. So, "THE BLAME GAME" is Mankind's attempt to live without GUILT, RESPONSIBILITY or ACCOUNTABILITY. Was the Comedian Flip Wilson the only Person who said: "The devil made me do it"? NOT HARDLY!

Let's FACE IT...As we enter the Year 2013 We find ourselves in ONE Immense, Huge, Colossal SINFUL MESS in our Nation. There is NO Arena or Institution of our National Life that is not drowning in the sewage of the SEWER of SIN. Is this not so of our Government, Economy, Educational System, Family Life, Entertainment Industry, Morality (or lack of it) and last, but certainly not least, the Spiritual Life of our CHURCHES?

And just what do we have for a REMEDY for the SINFUL MESS in America? Why of course it's the "BLAME GAME" that WE ALL play so well. The present President BLAMES the former President, the Democrats BLAME the Republicans and Vice Versa, the House BLAMES the Senate and Vice Versa, the Parents BLAME the Educational System and Vice Versa, Family BLAMES the Entertainment Industry and Vice Versa, the Church BLAMES the Culture and Vice Versa, the Pew BLAMES the Pulpit and Vice Versa, the Conservative BLAMES the Liberals and Vice Versa, and on and on we could go.

And just where will the "BLAME GAME" lead us? Is it not to stand before the Holy God of Scripture who demands RESPONSIBILITY and ACCOUNTABILITY? "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God"(Romans 14:12, KJV).

Thank YOU for all of YOUR Love, Prayers and Gifts of the Past Year. I love YOU dearly as always in Jesus.

Now a Word from HIS WORD: "*For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope*"—**Romans 15:4, KJV.**

Outside the Box

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Beloved:

Have you noticed the American Public is being strongly encouraged to THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX? In the Classroom, in the Marketplace (the world of trade, business, economic affairs, etc.), in Government Agencies, in the Entertainment World, in Medicine, in Ecology Issues, in Church Life, in the World of Energy, in the Military, in Family Life, in the Scientific World and in Politics we find ourselves almost MANDATED by the POWER BROKERS of this Nation...TO THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX.

It is certainly true that THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX is a very Catchy Phrase, but just exactly... WHAT DOES IT MEAN? If it is a FRONT BURNER NECESSITY should we not PROBE (as in investigate) to see what these ELITISTS are referring to?

For instance, What is the BOX and Why is there a need to THINK OUTSIDE of it? Is what's in the BOX obsolete (no longer useful or needed)? Is it too restrictive to the 21st Century Elitist Mindset?...Have we explored, in our thinking, all there is to Think about WITHIN THE BOX? These and many more Serious Questions should be asked before we dare go OUTSIDE THE BOX with our THINKING.

At PRESENT there are TWO GREAT BOXES that we should NEVER GO OUTSIDE OF with our THINKING. The FIRST of these GREAT BOXES concerns our Beloved NATION...the BOX being THE CONSTITUTION of the United States of America and its First Ten Amendments known as THE BILL OF RIGHTS. This DOCUMENT (BOX) we tamper with (think outside of it) at our Peril. BEWARE of any DR. DooFlunkie that would attempt to tell you otherwise.

The SECOND of these GREAT BOXES also concerns our BELOVED NATION. The Second Great Box we should NEVER GO OUTSIDE OF with our THINKING is none other than THE BIBLE (The Inerrant – Infallible WORD OF GOD). KNOW THIS...any attempt by any person or group of people who would suggest to TAKE AWAY or ADD TO THE WORD OF GOD is a spokesperson for the devil himself.

Dear Ones...We live in a NATION where Both of these GREAT BOXES are being QUESTIONED and CHALLENGED as never before...so here is the KEY that I use when faced with THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX. I will agree to do so, as long as I am allowed to THINK INSIDE THE SCRIPTURE!

Thank YOU for YOUR Faithfulness. Our Lord uses YOUR Support of Love, Prayers and Gifts to sustain us in this Ministry of REVIVAL. I love YOU in JESUS.

Now a Word from HIS WORD: *“It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man”—**Psalm 118:8, KJV.***

Bottom Line or Cutting Edge?

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Beloved:

Today, in many places in CHURCH LIFE a GREAT EXCHANGE is taking place. It is showing up in our WORSHIP, WORK and WITNESS. And because WORSHIP is ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL to our Work and Witness, I will limit this PROCLAIMER Message to THE GREAT EXCHANGE involving WORSHIP.

There is no doubt in my mind that the CAUSE of the WORSHIP WAR, which is raging in a GREAT NUMBER of LOCAL CHURCHES across this nation, is the RESULT of this GREAT EXCHANGE. Churches are, at this present hour, being TORN ASUNDER because of it.

And just what is this GREAT EXCHANGE to which I make reference? It is the EXCHANGE of the BOTTOM LINE for the CUTTING EDGE. Allow me to explain. The BOTTOM LINE I have reference to is CHANGELESS while the CUTTING EDGE is CONSTANT CHANGE. The BOTTOM LINE in regards to WORSHIP is simply this: WILL GOD ACCEPT IT? (Please read Genesis 4:1-7.) Prior to his death in 1963, Dr. A.W. Tozer said: “Worship ACCEPTABLE to GOD is the MISSING CROWN JEWEL in Evangelical Christianity.”

What happens in WORSHIP when we EXCHANGE the BOTTOM LINE of WILL GOD ACCEPT IT for the CUTTING EDGE of CONSTANT CHANGE and PERPETUAL INNOVATION? That’s right, we end up with UNACCEPTABLE WORSHIP.

Example. Recently I received in my mail an invitation to attend the LAUNCH of a new Church in our area called the Connect Church. Its advertisement states it’s a place where WORSHIP IS FUN! Sad but so, WORSHIP in many BAPTIST Churches today is GREATLY INFLUENCED by the T.V. Religious Entertainment Worship of the Charismatic Movement, The Rock Music Culture, The Market Driven Consumer FIRST Seeker Sensitive Worship Mentality and, last but not least, Unsound Doctrine (Unsound as in Unhealthy).

Beloved, if it means we must SURRENDER the BOTTOM LINE for the CUTTING EDGE in regards to WORSHIP, then our ANSWER to this SURRENDER is...NEVER!!!

Please be in prayer for me as I will be preaching Easter A.M. at Cornerstone Baptist Church in Auburn, Kentucky and Easter P.M. at Glendale Baptist Church in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Thank YOU Dear Ones for ALL YOUR HELP. I pray YOU know I love YOU dearly in our BLESSED LORD JESUS.

Now a Word from HIS WORD: “Give unto the Lord the glory due His name: bring an offering, and come before Him: worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness”—**I Chronicles 16:29, KJV.**

Preachers and Preachers

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Beloved:

THE POWER OF THE PULPIT... “It is NOT the duty of the Preacher to blunt the sharpness, to soften the hammer, to quench the fire. Woe tACo the Preacher who protects the people from the Word that kills, because he protects them also from being made alive—truly and forever alive. Woe to the Preacher who acts as a buffer, deflecting the force of the Scriptures to soften the blow, because in protecting the people from the stroke, he prevents their healing.’

“If his labors in the pulpit amount to a lifetime of standing between the people and the Word of God, reducing its effect, taming it and making it polite, presentable, and harmless, he will have nothing to show for it in the end but wood, hay, and stubble, instead of gold, silver, and precious stones.’

“If the passages that have been read speak of life and death, then elaborate on life and death. If they speak of repentance, then preach that men should repent. When they encourage faith, proclaim faith. When they warn of hell and the judgment to come, then blow the trumpet as a faithful watchman on the walls. When they comfort, speak as a pastor who feeds the sheep.’

“Let the meaning of the Scriptures be expounded to their full effect: proclaim from them the truth that affects the eternal destiny of the souls in your care. It is far easier to preach if a man will ride the Scriptures like a wave, letting them make their own point and arrive at their own destination.” (Robert Hart, Touchstone Magazine, Vol.20, No.5).

As A. W. Tozer once said: “We who preach the Gospel must not think of ourselves as public relations agents sent to establish good-will between Christ and the world. We must not imagine ourselves commissioned to make Christ acceptable to big business, the press, or the world of sports or modern entertainment. We are not diplomats, but prophets, and our message is not a compromise but an ultimatum.”

“To me the work of preaching is the highest and greatest and the most glorious calling to which anyone can ever be called” (D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones).

Bless and Thank YOU for your continued HELP. Know that YOU are loved by this preacher.

Now a word from His Word: “*I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the WORD; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine*”—**II Timothy 4:1-2, KJV.**

The Key

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Beloved:

In his book, "REVIVAL: A PEOPLE SATURATED WITH GOD", Brian H. Edwards says: "The PRESENCE of GOD is THE KEY to understanding what REVIVAL is. If there is ONE aspect of WORSHIP today that is LACKING, it is the FELT Presence of God. Whatever our label or style, whatever our claims or convictions, CHRISTIAN CHURCHES today are NOT generally noted for the OVERWHELMING SENSE of the PRESENCE OF GOD. This is WHY we can BEHAVE SO CARELESSLY in WORSHIP.'

"The deep work of the HOLY SPIRIT IN REVIVAL IS ALWAYS noted for the EXPERIENCE THAT CONVINCES US THAT GOD IS PRESENT. Of course we believe the Promise of God that HE is always with us, and especially when Christians meet together even WITHOUT a SENSE OF HIS PRESENCE. However, REVIVAL is altogether DIFFERENT! GOD is KNOWN to be there and even THE UNBELIEVER is compelled to acknowledge such (I Corinthians 14:25). In REVIVAL the Presence of God becomes A TANGIBLE FELT EXPERIENCE."

BELOVED, this FELT PRESENCE OF GOD DEFIES HUMAN EXPLANATION and therefore CANNOT be created by HUMAN DEVICES. It is as DUNCAN CAMPBELL has stated: "This AWARENESS of GOD is THE CRYING NEED OF THE CHURCHES TODAY..." AMEN! and AMEN!

Thank YOU for YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT in these days of such CONSPICUOUS ABSENCE OF THE FELT PRESENCE OF GOD. I love YOU dearly in HIM.

Now a Word from HIS WORD: "*And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and thy people have found grace in thy sight? Is it not in that thou goest with us?*"—**Exodus 33:14-16**.

Conformed or Transformed?

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Beloved:

The enclosed article from the Miami Herald newspaper confirms what has been happening for a number of years among the people called SOUTHERN BAPTIST, as well as other Baptist Fellowships. The FALSE god of CONTEMPORARY CULTURE sits enthroned in the minds and hearts of the present generation and seemingly has even the churches in America marching to its drumbeat.

But You say: "Preacher, how did this horrible wholesale slippage come about in Church Life?" The ANSWER to the Question is located in two MAJOR Problem Areas. The FIRST Problem Area is LEADERSHIP FAILURE, while the SECOND Problem Area is KNOWLEDGE FAILURE.

FIRST: The problem of Leadership Failure. It has been said: "Everything rises or falls with Leadership." We should realize (know) we have a Leadership Problem when our leaders, be they Pastors or Denominational bureaucrats, seek the counsel of Consultants and Polls (so-called studies) in making their decisions. For far too long leadership has gone to the WORLD for ADVICE as to how best minister to the multitudes.

If the word BAPTIST is so offensive (disgusting) to "Old Joe Six Pack" in the naming of Baptist Churches, I wonder if the word Baptist is offensive to "Old Joe Six Pack" if his house is torn apart by a tornado and the SOUTHERN BAPTIST DISASTER RELIEF truck pulls up to the remains of his tornado damaged house to offer HELP. Do you really believe he would refuse HELP because the HELP was supplied by SOUTHERN BAPTISTS?

And if the name BAPTIST is so offensive to include it in the naming of our churches should we not consider removing the word BAPTIST from ALL Baptist Entities, just to PLEASE "Old Joe Six Pack" and his Pagan kin?

WAKE UP Southern Baptist Leadership! STOP listening to a culture that has HELL for its mother and DEVIL for its father. As one has stated: "Since the church is God's Creation, it must be ordered and operated according to HIS instructions (God's Word)."

SECOND: The Problem of Knowledge Failure among Baptists is twofold. First, the lack of knowledge concerning Bible Doctrine. Appalling is the only word that comes to mind in regards to the IGNORANCE among Baptists when their lack of knowledge of Bible Doctrine is on display. How can churches be what our Lord desires them to be if His people do not know what HE desires them to be?

Secondly, the Knowledge Failure among Baptists is the lack of Knowledge of our BAPTIST HISTORY. Many Baptist churches are hardly recognizable as Baptist Churches in any historic sense. Our Baptist History and Heritage reveals the Doctrinal Distinctives, which are to be found within the teachings (Doctrines) of the New Testament Church.

We must never lose our Historical BAPTIST IDENTITY else we will cease to be BAPTIST. Could it be that the way FORWARD is back to the PAST, to recover Truths and Practices that we have left behind? God's Word says it best: "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6,

KJV).

Thank YOU for every expression of YOUR Support. I love YOU dearly in our Blessed Lord Jesus.

Now a word from HIS WORD: *“And be not CONFORMED to this world: but be ye TRANSFORMED by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God”*—**Romans 12:2, KJV**.

The Greatest Truth

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Beloved:

What is THE GREATEST TRUTH found in the Bible? With the whole of Scripture being a BOOK OF TRUTHS...what would YOU consider to be the GREATEST OF ALL TRUTHS found in God’s INERRANT-INFALLIBLE Word? As for me...I am THOROUGHLY CONVINCED the Greatest Truth found in The Word of God is—THE PRESENCE OF GOD!

Theologians and Bible Scholars have through the years told God’s People the Bible NEVER attempts to PROVE the EXISTENCE of God. I understand what they are saying, however, the Bible Truth of the Presence of God does indeed PROVE the Existence of God... There could be no Presence of God if God does not exist!

In the Bible GOD’S PRESENCE is revealed in two ways:

1. The OMNIPRESENCE of God — God is EVERYWHERE (Jeremiah 23:23-24, KJV).
2. The MANIFESTED PRESENCE of God — Overwhelming Awareness of God (II Chronicles 7:1-3, KJV).

In times of TRUE REVIVAL and SPIRITUAL AWAKENING there has been, WITHOUT EXCEPTION, the MANIFESTED PRESENCE OF GOD. When God REVEALS Himself in “THIS FASHION” (Mark 2:12) these things always happen:

1. The UNUSUAL is Displayed — “ Business as usual” is drowned in the Sea of THE UNUSUAL in times of TRUE REVIVAL (Exodus 3:1-5, KJV).
2. The UNIQUENESS of God is Revealed — It is NATURAL for God to be SUPERNATURAL: “This was the Lord’s doing, and it is MARVELOUS in our eyes” (Mark 12:11, KJV).
3. The UNEXPENDABLE POWER of God is Demonstrated — It is IMPOSSIBLE for God to go anywhere WITHOUT His Power (Isaiah 64:1-3, KJV).

In a day when the Church is FILLED with MARKETING TECHNIQUES and C.E.O.s (Chief Executive Officers instead of Pastors) we attempt to DISGUISE our FAILURE (Powerlessness) with MAN MADE DEVICES, Plans, Programs, Processes, and Strategies. Regardless of how NOBLE our Religious Leaders Efforts may be, still the REAL QUESTION is: But WHERE IS GOD? While it may have been true of the Church of the Laodiceans (Revelation 3:14-22, KJV) that they THOUGHT they had “need of NOTHING” (v.17), they had indeed need of SOMEONE (v.20). May GOD HELP US to take MOSES’ ADVICE as found in Exodus 33:15. You see THE GREATEST TRUTH (The Presence of God) is also our GREATEST NEED.

Beloved, as long as The Church remains in Her condition of the Conspicuously Absent MANIFESTED Presence of God NO EFFORT on the part of Her Leadership will meet with SPIRITUAL Success regardless of how NOBLE the Effort may be. The STRATEGIES of men are NO answers for the TRAGEDY of a SIN-LADEN Church. As Roger Ellsworth states in his book COME DOWN LORD — “we MUST realize that God can do more in a minute with HIS POWER than we can in a LIFETIME

with our STRATEGIES!” Amen and Amen!!

Thanks Dear Ones for all YOU are doing to HELP us in this REVIVAL MINISTRY. I love YOU dearly in our Lord Jesus.

Now a Word from HIS WORD: *“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord”*—**Acts 3:19, KJV.**

What Lies Between?

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Beloved:

What lies BETWEEN THE MICROSCOPE and the TELESCOPE? The ANSWER is that which can be SEEN with THE NAKED EYE — the Naked Eye being the eye of the NATURAL MAN of I Corinthians 2:14 (KJV). The Naked Eye MUST have the MICROSCOPE to view the wonders of the MICRO WORLD and MUST have the TELESCOPE to SEE the Regions Beyond, known as OUTER SPACE. The Naked Eye MUST have the AID of these two Instruments to probe the UNSEEN PHYSICAL WORLDS of the NATURAL MAN. Mankind has PROFITED GREATLY because of these two GREAT INSTRUMENTS.

However, even with these Instruments THE NATURAL MAN (The UNSAVED MAN) cannot SEE SPIRITUAL THINGS! The Lord Jesus says in John 3:3-7 (KJV) that in order for a man to SEE the Kingdom of God, that man MUST be BORN AGAIN. John the Baptist says in John 3:36 (KJV): “And he that believeth NOT the SON (the Lord Jesus) shall NOT SEE [Everlasting] LIFE.”

Just as the NATURAL MAN HAS The NAKED EYE...The SPIRITUAL MAN (THE SAVED MAN) has the EYE OF FAITH (See Hebrews 11:1-40, KJV). Just as the Natural Eye of the Natural Man is AIDED by the Microscope and Telescope, the EYE OF FAITH of the SPIRITUAL MAN is AIDED by THE SCRIPTURES and THE SPIRIT, enabling him to see “The DEEP THINGS OF GOD” (1 Corinthians 2:9-10, KJV). Make no mistake about it! Whenever and Wherever THE WORD OF GOD is PREACHED...FAITH will ALWAYS show up! (Romans 10:17, KJV)

Beloved, the MORE we BELIEVERS are INVOLVED with THE SCRIPTURES and THE SPIRIT (FACTS and FIRE) the MORE we are able to SEE that which our SOVEREIGN GOD has for us! How FAR can YOU SEE by the EYE OF FAITH? The ANSWER to that question depends on YOUR commitment to GOD’S WORD and GOD’S SPIRIT.

My PRAYER for YOU is 2 Peter 3:18 (KJV): “But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”

Deeply Appreciated are YOUR Love, Prayers and Gifts. YOU are dearly Loved by this Preacher.

Now a Word from HIS WORD: “*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him*”—**Hebrews 11:6, KJV.**

Absolutely Essential

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Beloved:

R. Albert Mohler, President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky HAS IT RIGHT when he states: "A BIBLICAL understanding of God is ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL to a PROPER understanding of ourselves, of the Gospel and of Life itself." Dr. Mohler continues, "The ANEMIC view of God held by MANY Church Members is EVIDENT in doctrinal confusion, corrupted worship, compromised evangelism and SPIRITUAL deadness."

A. W. Tozer HAD IT RIGHT when he said years ago: "What comes into our minds when we think ABOUT GOD is the MOST IMPORTANT thing ABOUT US."

John MacArthur HAS IT RIGHT when he states: "If we're not ACCURATELY Proclaiming THE GOD OF SCRIPTURE, then EVERYTHING else we say is utterly IN VAIN."

Steven J. Lawson, former Pastor of the Dauphin Way Baptist Church in Mobile, Alabama HAS IT RIGHT when he writes: "I believe that what is needed these days more than anything else is a HEAVEN-SENT REVIVAL of the TRUE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD." Lawson goes on to say: "To think of God in any way OTHER THAN how HE has disclosed Himself in THE FULL COUNSEL OF SCRIPTURE is to be GUILTY of the Sin of IDOLATRY."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon HAD IT RIGHT when he said: "IDOLATRY is the GREATEST INSULT the Creature can offer the CREATOR."

Arthur W. Pink HAD IT RIGHT when he wrote: "Divine Sovereignty simply means that GOD IS GOD."

J. I. Packer HAS IT RIGHT when he writes: "God's Wrath is His Righteousness REACTING against unrighteousness."

Martin Luther HAD IT RIGHT when he wrote: "God does not love us because we are valuable, but we are VALUABLE because GOD LOVES US."

R. Bruce Bickel HAS IT RIGHT when he states: "The Basis of EVANGELISM in PURITAN PREACHING was a VIGOROUS BIBLICAL THEISM. The Puritans made NO ASSUMPTION that people knew the God of John 3:16. Thus, their evangelism began with the PROCLAMATION of THE DOCTRINE OF GOD."

Jonathan Edwards HAD IT RIGHT when he wrote: "ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY is what I love to ascribe to God. It has often been my delight to approach God, and ADORE HIM as a SOVEREIGN GOD."

Beloved, we are living in a Day of BIG MAN and small god. Years ago J.B. Phillips wrote a book he entitled...YOUR GOD IS TOO SMALL. I am fearful that the TITLE of Phillip's book is the SAD STORY of TODAY'S CHURCH.

Thank YOU dear ones for YOUR HELP. I love YOU dearly in our Wonderful SOVEREIGN LORD. Now a Word from HIS WORD: "*Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?*"-**Jeremiah 32:27, KJV.**

The Reason Being...

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Beloved:

It takes no ROCKET SCIENTIST to know...in our day there is NO FEAR OF GOD in the LAND (“There is no fear of God before their eyes”—Romans 3:18, KJV). And the REASON BEING...Where the POWER OF GOD is off THE CHURCH, the FEAR OF GOD is off the LAND!

God’s measureless ABILITY is the RESULT of God’s Boundless POWER (“Now unto Him that is ABLE to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the POWER that worketh in us”—Ephesians 3:20 KJV). In other words, the PRICE we are paying today for a POWERLESS CHURCH is the CONSPICUOUS ABSENCE of the FEAR OF GOD. There will be a RETURN of the FEAR OF GOD in the LAND...ONLY when there is a RETURN of the POWER OF GOD in the CHURCH.

If you had to describe the happenings in the BOOK OF ACTS with ONLY ONE WORD, that word would have to be POWER! As A.W. Tozer has written: “The Church began in POWER, moved in POWER, and moved just so long as She had POWER.” Will we (the Church) ever learn that THE POWER OF GOD is not a LUXURY but an ABSOLUTE ESSENTIAL in the life of THE CHURCH? Plain and simple: A church is NOT a New Testament Church without THE POWER OF GOD! Her (the Church) MISSION, MINISTRY, and MANDATE are IMPOSSIBLE TASKS without THE POWER OF GOD.

Call it what you may: (1) UNCTION (“But ye have an UNCTION from the Holy One”—I John 2:20, KJV), (2) ANOINTED (“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He hath ANOINTED Me to preach the gospel to the poor”—Luke 4:18, KJV) or (3) FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT (“And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together: and they were all FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST”—Acts 4:31, KJV). Without GOD’S POWER the CHURCH is USELESS and the FEARLESS FOLLOWERS of the FALSE gods of this age will continue in their pursuit of THE BROAD WAY THAT LEADETH TO DESTRUCTION (“For wide is the gate and broad is the way, that leadeth to DESTRUCTION”—Matthew 7:13, KJV). NO POWER...NO FEAR! God help us!!

You, BELOVED, are a God-sent BLESSING to this REVIVAL MINISTRY. Thank YOU for YOUR Loyal Support. I love YOU dearly in our Powerful (as in Almighty) Lord Jesus.

Now a Word from HIS WORD: “*God is my strength and POWER: and He maketh my way perfect*”—**II Samuel 22:33, KJV.**

The Ultimate Search

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Beloved:

Recently, while going through “SECURITY” at several airports, I was reminded once again of such words as SEARCH, INSPECTION and EXAMINE, all three of which come into play when one travels by AIR in today’s World. Although ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, it is the least enjoyable event at any Airport.

However...The SEARCH, INSPECTION, and EXAMINING at the Airports are NOTHING when COMPARED with THE ULTIMATE REQUEST of King David in Psalm 139:23-24 where we find these words:

“SEARCH \me, O God, and know my heart: try me and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way Everlasting.”

What a REQUEST!!

The word for the SEARCH that David is requesting is a VERB (a verb is a word of ACTION or state of BEING). Every Verb must have a SUBJECT...and who is the SUBJECT of the verb SEARCH that King David is REQUESTING? It is none other than THE SOVEREIGN, HOLY GOD of Scripture. God’s SEARCH (David’s REQUEST) is a MINUTE INVESTIGATION and a DIVINE SCRUTINY. In the first eighteen verses of Psalm 139 King David knows that the GOD who will be doing the SEARCHING is (1) OMNISCIENT (all knowing) v. 1-6, (2) OMNIPRESENT (all seeing) v. 7-12, and (3) OMNIPOTENT (all powerful) v. 13-18. Because of these ATTRIBUTES of GOD...CONCEALMENT IS IMPOSSIBLE in regards to GOD’S SEARCH.

In the matter of a GOD-SENT REVIVAL among God’s People, is not King David’s ULTIMATE REQUEST the GREAT NEED of THE HOUR? Dare we ever expect to witness GOD’S FIRES OF REVIVAL within the LOCAL CHURCHES without this SEARCH?

In conclusion may I remind us the Reason for the SEARCH was NOT for God’s BENEFIT but rather for OURS! God’s Searching Questions in the Scripture (see Genesis 3:9) are NEVER for HIS BENEFIT...but for OURS!

Beloved, please know that I pray for YOU and YOURS daily. THANK YOU for all that YOU are doing with YOUR Love, Prayers and Gifts. I Love YOU dearly in our Wonderful Lord Jesus.

Now a Word from HIS WORD: “*Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD*”—**Psalm 27:14, KJV.**

Only One Life

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December 2013

Number 12

Beloved:

CAN IT BE that another year is about to pass into what is known as HISTORY? Many years ago I placed a Plaque outside my front door with this well known and very truthful thought:

‘ONLY ONE LIFE TWILL SOON BE PAST,
ONLY WHAT’S DONE FOR CHRIST WILL LAST.’

The longer I live the more I realize the TRUTHFULNESS of this statement. These past thirty-six years of REVIVAL-EVANGELISM Ministry have passed so swiftly.

So in this 36th year...I say THANK YOU for allowing me to share my HEART’S Burden for Revival with YOU these past twelve months. YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT of LOVE, PRAYERS, and GIFTS continue to overwhelm me. Month after Month I have witnessed OUR WONDERFUL LORD JESUS at work through YOUR FAITHFULNESS. HIS AMAZING PROVISION and YOUR FAITHFULNESS sustain this REVIVAL-EVANGELISM Ministry. Please, Please, know Dear One, YOU play a VITAL ROLE in ALL that is accomplished for HIS GLORY in this MINISTRY OF REVIVAL.

In the coming year of 2014 my long standing FIRM CONVICTION MUST continue to be at the FOREFRONT of ALL that we do here at the B.C.E.A. And what is this Long Standing CONVICTION? ...Simply this, THAT EVANGELISM’S BEST FRIEND IS A REVIVED CHURCH.

Once again Peggy and I use THE PROCLAIMER for our CHRISTMAS GREETING to YOU and YOURS. Our GREETING is really a PRAYER...That YOU may have an IMMANUEL-CENTERED Christmas and that YOU know THE PRESENCE and POWER of HIS PERSON in YOUR LIFE in the NEW YEAR.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: 20TH Meeting with Pastor Bill Hohenstreet and the dear people of the Post Falls Baptist Church, Post Falls, Idaho...January 26-January 31, 2014.

I love YOU dearly in our BLESSED LORD JESUS. Now a Word from HIS WORD: *“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen”*—**Ephesians 3:20-21, KJV.**