

THE PROCLAIMER

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As God has moved us into another new year, so much has happened in the last few weeks. It is a new sunrise into a new time and things we have never in history observed.

Our first black president took the oath of office, and the largest crowd that Washington, DC has ever held made news. Upheavals in weather patterns unlike we have seen before, including record breaking temperatures and snowfalls. Every day so far this new year, there is an event happening somewhere in our country that is a first, and is happening suddenly. We will see many suddenlies this year and in every area and situation of human life.

It seems as if time has speeded up all around us. Nothing we once counted on is a sure thing anymore. The economy seems to be in great turmoil, people without jobs, medical insurance and losing their homes and life savings. What is happening? Americans have been lulled to sleep over a period of time. We have allowed ourselves to depend on salaries, jobs, living with the best, finest and most extravagant of everything. Where is God in all this mess? He's been right here all the time, waiting for people to reach out to Him.

Bible prophecy is being fulfilled at such an accelerated rate that even Bible scholars find it next to impossible to keep up with the every day details. Every word in the prophecies, will come to pass just as God said they would. The times we are living in are the most exciting of all to be alive and the Lord can only be a few years or even months away.

More and more I hear Christians saying the Lord is dealing with them about their purpose and moving on in what He has called them to do. Some still say they aren't sure what that purpose is and question the Lord as to why they don't know. Purpose takes prayer. We have to develop a relationship with the Father and spend time with Him in order to know what He is calling to do on an everyday basis. He doesn't always give us years down the road either. Sometimes, it's only a day or two at a time. If we are obedient in that, He will give us more and more until His plan and purpose for us stretches further ahead.

Proverbs 3: 5-6 tells us, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct your paths." We must lean on the Lord's wisdom and if we're waiting on something else to give us direction or purpose then is when we become frustrated. It's only when you are being directed by the Lord that your life will become exciting. Your purpose is unique.....Ask Him.....Seek Him.....He is so waiting to tell you.

2009 A Year of Great Purpose

Despite all the sayings of what is coming or not coming this year, God can be in control of our lives if we allow Him to be. We must first of all cry out for wisdom in every decision we make and only do it after much prayer. Proverbs 4:7 says, “The beginning of wisdom is: get wisdom, skillful and Godly wisdom. For skillful and Godly wisdom is the principal thing”. Learning to lean on His wisdom, will become more necessary as the days go by. Purposes and plans of God will be revealed to us as we seek Him for everything we do, whether it seem small or great.

This year, God wants to take us further, to launch us out into the deep water. He wants to disrupt us from what is familiar so we can reach out to Him for that wisdom and purpose. We cannot continue being content “playing church”. We have to believe the Lord for a path before us, although unfamiliar, yet what He has for us. His last day purpose for the Church is quickly coming to pass. It is UNITY of the Body of Christ. It is no big, no little, no male or female. It is just all the parts joining together to seek the Lord with all their hearts, crying out for His purpose in their lives, and in the life of this nation and the whole earth.

If you seek the Lord, then get ready for great encounters with Him this year and you will see divine purpose in your life begin to take shape or thrust you even further into His Kingdom purposes for you to fulfill.

A Dividing Line

A dividing line in the Body of Christ is being drawn. It is a line that will separate the worldly Christians from the believers who are selling out to the Lord and holding nothing back. This will become a year that it is more obvious to see the difference between those who love the world or love Jesus.

The “straddling the fence” days are over! Either you will sell out to Jesus or you will sell out to the world. No longer can you do both. Life will literally require us to make choices and the choices we make will determine our future and how we live it. The only sure thing today and tomorrow is Jesus. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. What kind of decision are you going to make? Are you willing to let go of things in your life that have held you back from becoming all the Lord has created you to be. All you have to do is let go and let God. He’s right there waiting for you. Step across that line.....He’ll take your hand.

Words from My Heart

I am so truly thankful that God's mercy and grace are still in operation today. I have experienced them in such an awesome way over the last months. Having lived with my husband for 43 wonderful years, at his homegoing I felt as if half of me had been cut away. Knowing where he is made it easier but not easy. Vulnerability is always an open door for the enemy to step through. He loves to find your weak spots and then throws those darts hoping to destroy you and keep you from God's best always. However, the devil is a liar. He comes to kill, steal and destroy, but when the Word of God is greater in you, he is a defeated foe.



The joy of the Lord is truly my strength and the zeal of God is flowing through my veins. My very heart beat is to serve notice to the devil that I am back. I am back to declare the "glory of the Lord" and "His saving grace".

Things have speeded up, and we must speed up with it and get on with what the Lord has called us to do. That is exactly what I am doing, getting on with what the Lord has given me to do.

This newsletter is a short one but more will follow with the meat of God's Word. Watch the Point of Interest area of our website for updated materials.

I ask for your continued prayers for this ministry that we may reach people from all walks of life with teaching and uplifting words from God's word and that lives will be changed forever.

God bless you for coming to this site and I pray that you will always be blessed and uplifted when you do.

Just get ready for God to move mightily in your life this year. He is certainly ready.....the rest depends on you.

With Love and Prayers for You

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