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## “The Economy”

I know very little about the mechanics of our American economy but I do have somewhat of an understanding of the people who live in it. From all the accounts that I see on TV and things that I see locally, we are in a pickle. I don't think that I would be wrong to say that greed has taken us to where we are. Man has come to the place of caring only for himself. Mankind has become self-sufficient and depends little on the Lord but when things begin to collapse, he cries out for help. Thank God for his Mercy and Grace. As a Christian, I must learn to trust God in these trying times. Often I am asked where the hand of the Lord is in this crisis and I must honestly answer that I don't know. One thing that I do know is that God is never taken by surprise. Personally, I think that we will come through these trying times with a deeper appreciation of what we have and a deeper trust in our Father. Don't allow the media to corrupt your faith with their Godless concepts of life. Press into the Lord and remain strong and faithful. Believe God for His Covenant Blessings that He has promised us even in trying times.

Pastor George Ferrington

## THE SUPERNATURAL POWER OF A TRANSFORMED MIND

### “Putting the Will of God on Display”

### Revelation Shapes the World through You

Pastor Bill Johnson says it this way: **“That encounter with God will not only shape the world around you, it will shape the world through you.”** I agree with his statement. It is a fact, the most revered people in the Old Testament were the prophets. Why? It was because they operated with the spirit of revelation, and they shaped people and nations around them. Even the Kings of Israel feared them. They knew that they could not do anything in secret because the prophets would know. The above idea is supported in Amos 3:7; **“Surely the Lord God does nothing, unless He reveals His secrets to His servants the prophets.”** The good news now is that the spirit of revelation is not limited to people with unique gifts. It is available to all who will pursue and ask!

In Hosea 6:3 we are told; **“Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the Lord.”** When we press to know the Lord, we are seeking an encounter with God. This encounter with God launches us into the spirit of revelation that brings a new awareness of how life is to be lived. The encounter that Hosea had with God brought him to the place of revelation that compelled him to tell us to press toward God—no, let's hunt down and chase an encounter with God. This is the kind of relentless pursuit each believer should have if he or she desires to be established as a disciple. This is supported by Paul in Romans 16:25: **“Now to him that is of power to establish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began, V26, But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the**

**prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith.” We need revelation to renew our minds, and help us prove the will of God on earth as it is in heaven. The Apostle Paul clearly tells us how he received the mysteries of God in Galatians 1:12, “For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.”**

**“PAUL’S PRAYER FOR CHRISTIANS”**—Paul reveals his prayer for Christians in Ephesians 1:17-18, **“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him, V18, The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of his calling, and what is the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.”** First and foremost is the prayer that through your quest God would give to you the spirit (your spirit) of wisdom and revelation. We may ask, wisdom and revelation of what? The answer abounds in power, “the knowledge of Him.” How will this take place? God will open the believer’s spiritual eyes to understanding that is brought about by the enlightening of revelation. What are the results? You will come to know **“. . . the hope of his calling, and the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.”** The Amplified Bible says it this way, **“By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints (His set-apart ones).”** Paul continues his prayer and explains further in verse 19 AMP, **“And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength.”** Now we can understand what the hope of His calling is. Is it not our glorious inheritance to know and understand the **“...unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength.”**

Going back and reviewing, I ask again, how do we receive the hope of our calling? The answer is found in Ephesians 1:17, **“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.”** Paul continues in verses 20-22 AMP version to say, **“Which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places]. V21, Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred], not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come.”** Father God moved in power to establish Jesus above all rule and authority. Why? In order that God’s power working through Jesus would extend to the Church as seen in verse 22, **“And He put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church].”** Why? Paul answers this in verse 23, **“Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself].”**

Without a doubt, it is the revelation of Jesus Christ that shapes the world around us.

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Associate Pastor

**DON’T FORGET TO PRAY FOR SISTER BESS AS SHE IS AWAY ON A MISSIONARY JOURNEY TO BRAZIL. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!**

## KNOWING THE SAVIOR

We who are the recipients of the great gift of salvation many times find it inconceivable that others could reject such a great gift. Yet every day multitudes reject the promise of eternal life. Why? Because they are deceived—they think that God is dead, or that He never existed—or that He is lost in His own ramblings and does not concern Himself with this present world. If He did, then why would He let the world get in the shape it now is in. So if there is a God, He does not care, so why should we? What do the Scriptures say about this Savior? Let's see.

**“Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, That everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whosoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.”** (John 3:14-18)

**“For just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, even so the Son gives life to whom he is pleased to give it. Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, That all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him. I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son to have life in himself. And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.”** (John 5:21-27)

**“My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has give them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one.”** (John 10:27-28)

**“Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’”** (John 11:25-26)

These are just a few scriptures pertaining to the Savior. We who know Jesus as a personal Savior understand the greatness of that relationship. It is a power for life that fuels our existence day by day. Perhaps that helps us understand how the lost must flail about in the world system in order to find a purpose for existing. And that explains why satan can so easily confound and deceive them into doing his will. Why is the world so evil and filled with such pain and destruction? When sin runs rampant, then so does the will of the enemy, and thus we see death and destruction on a grand scale.

On the other hand, we who know the truth have been set free. We are in the world, but not of the world. By trusting in Him, we draw our resources from a heavenly storehouse, and we are not moved by earthly circumstances. Even as Christians, if we become fearful, then we have allowed doors to be opened. This is not God's highest and best. He has made us more than conquerors through Jesus our Lord.

To know Jesus is to know His Word. The Holy Spirit makes the Word alive within us. To have eternal life is to have the life of Jesus within us. That is the presence of the Spirit making God's life to be manifest by the washing and renewing of the Word, day by day. We are made alive in Him. Alive to what? Alive to eternal existence, even in a mortal body. How is that possible? We have an eternity mentality in a temporal body, so that even though the body is weak, we do not consider ourselves weak, because He that empowers us is not subject to the weakness of the flesh. Then we allow that power and anointing to flow outward toward others, so that the witness of Jesus and the Holy Spirit can touch their lives. To know Him is to have Him in you and through you toward others.

Mike Woods

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Thanksgiving Dinner at the Church will be on November 9<sup>th</sup>, Sunday after the morning services. Bring your dish (with something in it) and join the fellowship as we praise God and give thanks for His goodness in our lives.**

**The Children's Church will have a Pizza Party and Fun Day on November 30<sup>th</sup>. This will be at the regular 11:30 meeting time during Sunday Morning Services. Parents, encourage your kids to come enjoy.**

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**It is a good thing to  
give thanks unto  
the Lord!!!**