Shiloh Messenger

The Great Sacrifice

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29.

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Before the writing of this month's newsletter, I paused and asked the Lord what is on your Heart regarding the content for this months Newsletter? My thought is, this month is the time when Christians celebrate the birth of our Savior, King. But what is your thoughts Lord, on the birth of The Savior King? As I meditated, prayed and waited on the Holy Spirit, I felt impressed by The Lord to use John 1:29 as the reference verse. This verse resounds with prophecy fulfillment. John the Baptist is described by Jesus as the last and the greatest of the Old Testament Prophets (Matt. 11:11). In verse 29 of John 1, John is an Anointed Seer and see's, the True Identity of the One who is the Sacrifice to take away humanities sin and destroy the fear of death, hell and the grave (1Cor. 15:51-57). Imagine the fear that gripped satan when he heard the prophets decree and then saw "The Lamb of God." It only reminded him of his impending defeat that was pronounced by God.

Thousands of generations have passed since the first prophecy spoken by God Himself about The Seed of a woman that would strike the head of satan ("I will cause hostility between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed. He will strike your head, and you will strike His heel.") Gen. 3:15. Ever since the curse spoken by God to the devil, he has been observing how, when and where the Seed would come. All through The Old Testament we read and see through the Lens of the Holy Spirit, God using His Angels and The Holy Spirit working through Israel's prophets, judges, priest and kings. God was moving in awesome signs and wonders thru yielded vessels, while we see satan using ideology to deceive and to demonize people groups (Egyptians, Moabites, Philistines, Amalekites & etc.....) to cut off the promise Seed.

How is it satan thought he could make war against his Creator and win? Pride! (Is. 14:13-15). Pride always blinds and never lets one see their foolishness and the impending doom. It breeds jealousy and insist on being recognized and manifest rage when it cannot have its way, this always leads to destruction and fall! (Prov. 16:18). Satan is now confused and blinded by his pride and he continues his onslaught of stealing, robbing, mayhem and murder. But still he is only a delegated role player in Gods master plan to bring freedom to humanity through the birth of a Savior King (Matt. 2:2, Luke 2:30-32).

Some may ask why does God permit such evil by allowing satan to play a role in a Passion Drama (John 17, Heb. 12:2)? Could not God just thump satan with His finger and strike his head to kill him? Yes, He could, but it was Adam's failure in obedience that caused the fall, it would take God (Jesus) becoming man, full of The Holy Spirit power (Acts 10:38), being obedient, to gain back what was lost by Adam. God's love was expressed by giving man a free will. Love is demonstrated in freedom of choice, not control. Well we know what happened, Adam chose to believe the voice of a stranger in the garden and sin entered the earth. Satan gained it by deception in order to control the world (2Cor. 4:4). The prophecy of the Seed in Genesis 3:15 would bring the Second Adam, Jesus (1Cor. 15:47) to fulfill the Word that brings Salvation in order to restore man back to fellowship. Salvation could only come thru a sinless "Sacrifice" (Rom. 3:23-26, 2Cor. 5:21) becoming the propitation (*atoning sacrifice) in order to redeem man (Rom. 3:25). What love expressed!

The Christmas story is more than a baby named Jesus being born in a manger in Bethlehem. It is the arrival of a Savior King whose passion is to see the Nations come under His Righteous Domain. In 1 John 5:19, the Apostle John writes that the whole world is under the sway (*demonic lullaby) of the evil one. If the whole world is under the control of a satanic influence, then the rulers of Nations are also seduced and blinded to hate what is right and love what is wrong. They then pass laws that inhibit righteousness from flourishing and persecute the Church. But the Lord laughs at their plans and warns them thru His prophetic Decree, "Now then, you kings, act wisely! Be warned, you rulers of the earth! Serve the LORD with reverent fear, and rejoice with trembling. Submit to God's royal son, or he will become angry, and you will be destroyed in the midst of all your activities—for his anger flares up in an instant. But what joy for all who take refuge in him!" Psalms 2:10-12.

What amazing Love God has demonstrated to the world that He gave His One and only Son Jesus to redeem people from their sin and make them righteous (John 3:16, Rom. 3:22-25)! The world can only be made righteous by people who receive Jesus Christ by faith (Eph.2:8). Then, we who have received Him by faith are adopted into His family and called sons and daughters (Rom. 8:15). Oh, the wonderful and marvelous life that The Heavenly Father has destined us for! "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him," I Cor. 2:9. I believe The Holy Spirt desires to stir our affections more towards Jesus, not only at Christmas, but throughout our He here on earth. If we will just yield more and more to the Holy Spirit, He will lead us to discover in The Word of God all that He has finished and finalized in Christ Jesus. He is the Gift that keeps on giving! Have a Blessed Christmas everyone!

Graduates Testimony

My name is Joshua Miles and I was born in Beaumont, TX. I grew up in a loving family with two sisters and from childhood, we were involved in church. The Word of God was not foreign to me, whether it was vacation bible school, Royal Ambassadors, choir, plays, you name it I was a part of it. Up until the age of 17, it was truly a part of me. I experimented with alcohol for the first time my sophomore year of High School. I'm thankful I did not have steady access to it, however a seed was planted when I felt the effects it had on me. A few years passed and I would begin to drink every chance possible because of how good it made me feel; little did I know that every embrace of a bottle, I was adding another brick to the stronghold being built to my mind by the enemy. In March of 2008, I graduated from high school, and left for the Marine Corps, I was eighteen years old and ready to bust the world wide open. There was just one problem, the Marines were a little stricter than I had planned on, and after the third instance of getting fined for underage drinking, I made the decision to grab hold of a loop hole and had myself removed from the Corps. I battled with shame because of my poor decision about leaving the Corps, which led to an extreme time with drug and alcohol abuse. At the age of 21 I had a "Damascus Road" experience and I finally reached for help. My mom and sister found Shiloh Ministries, and it was there that my life was transformed by The Holy Spirit revealing The Word of God to me. I want to thank Pastor Rocky and Sister Debbie for their faithfulness to God in being Good Shepherds of Shiloh Ministries. I also want to thank everyone who gives financially into this good ground so that God can continue to

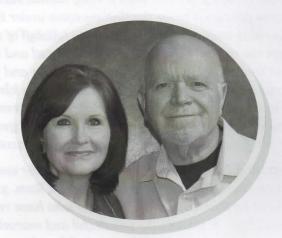


produce good harvest of men to carry out their assignments. But most of all I want to Thank and Glorify God the Father for loving me enough to send me to Shiloh Ministries to be restored back unto Him.

We want to thank everyone who financially partner with us. It is because of special people like you, men have the opportunity to encounter the "Presence of God." Since the year 2000, we have been participating with the Lord in seeing men restored back to Him, so their destiny can be fulfilled. We are thrilled to hear from our graduates testifying about their experiences of advancing the Kingdom of God in their families, the market places and foreign countries where many are serving as missionaries. We would also like to invite others to help us financially in this ministry of reconciliation for restoration. Please consider Shiloh Ministries as good ground for your financial seed. We would also like to ask Pastor's for the opportunity for the students to come & share with their congregation. We invite everyone to come and take a tour of the Shiloh Campus, if you are in the Liberty area (located 45 miles east of downtown Houston). We would be glad to meet you and show you what extraordinary things the Lord is doing at Shiloh. Thanks again, for co-laboring with us and prayerfully considering financially supporting The Lord's Ministry at Shiloh.

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