

Shiloh Messenger

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A Thanksgiving Perspective

"That I may proclaim with the voice of thanksgiving, And tell of all Your wondrous works," Psalms 26:7

Well, it's time for the Holidays again. Most of us will be busy with the preparation of what I consider the best time of the year. It is such an awesome time of the year to give thanks, because of the goodness of our Lord. Deb & I have experienced His faithfulness in our life and ministry. I believe the experience of encounters with the Lord has produced an awareness of His commitment for an excellent outcome for us. We are convinced that we are on a glorious journey that was predestined for us, by the Lord. We were created to live a fulfilled life by the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit dwells in every believer to assist in bringing about a fruitful life and a glorious assignment. The Holy Spirit also blesses our life so we can be conformed to the "image of His Son" (Rom. 8:29). Many strive to become something they were not designed to become. He created us to represent Him as Kingdom sons & daughters in excellence and glory. Romans 9:23 "and that He might make known the riches of His glory on the vessels of mercy, which He had prepared beforehand for glory". In this promise, we should meditate and respond with much thanksgiving to our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ.

I believe we are on a prophetic time clock that is drawing us closer to the catching away of the Church. We have to be in sweet fellowship with the Holy Spirit. He is the One who reveals that we are the Bride of Christ and soon will be attending a marriage supper. "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!' "And he said to me, "These are the true sayings of God" (Revelation 19:7-9). If we are distracted by the world and its cares we could miss the invitation to the marriage supper and the coming of the Bridegroom (Matt. 25:1-13). That will never happen to those who have intimacy with the Lord.

Even though we are secure in Christ and celebrate His goodness, there are those who are not. The whole election process this year has produced fear and anxieties about our economy. My observation is that as a Nation we have sold our Godly heritage for the comfort of the dollar. I believe in the eyes of God it is the same as prostitution. We have sold our God given moral values for the love of money. In this past election, the dominate motivator for getting a vote by the Candidates for President was the economy. There was no discussion about how to fix the dysfunctional family that causes divorce. No one talked about the violence in our Nations streets that has reduced the value of a human life to a pair of Nike shoes. We have had a total breakdown in our priorities. We have to return to God as a Nation, so we can be healed (2 Chron. 7:14).

I am reminded daily about our godly forefathers who founded this country. How they sacrificed everything to have a government that worshiped God openly. How they considered other generations that would come and desired them to know that only God can keep a Nation protected and prosperous. This is the very reason most all government buildings are memorials that testify with inscriptions that "we are a Nation that worships God." Now demonically inspired individuals our conspiring to wipe off the inscriptions that God is "Revered and He is Supreme," over our Nation. Our response to this seduction, as a Church should be an awakening with repentance. We have to humble ourselves and cry out to God, "we have sinned and brought about this great calamity of events! (Jer. 44:23) Have mercy on us God, forgive us for we have allowed the enemy to seduce us into believing that money satisfies everything. Only <u>You</u> can satisfy us, for <u>You</u> are the <u>Fountain</u> that satisfies and brings life to our barren land."

During this upcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas celebration, along with all the days of our life, let them be consecrated (dedicated, sacred) unto Him. Our very existence as a family and a Nation of believers depend upon our dedication and love for God. We no longer can neglect such a great salvation (Heb. 2:3). Our day should begin with, "Good morning Lord, I love You and I give You this day. Please help me to steward it well". We then should ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the Word of God, as we open It to discover It's vast Storehouse of Treasures. Let us become like prospectors mining for gold. For in it will we will find the wisdom of God which is more precious than silver and gold. "All the words of my mouth are with righteousness; Nothing crooked or perverse is in them. They are all plain to him who understands, And right to those who find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver, And knowledge rather than choice gold; For wisdom is better than rubies, And all the things one may desire cannot be compared with her," Proverbs 8:8-11. Last but not least let us become a company of Intercessory Prayer Warriors who will stand up and contend with our adversary and remind him of his defeat. We stand in a place of humility with Authority given to us by the "Captain of our Salvation" (Heb. 2:10). We fight from a "victory all ready won, not to a victory" (Colossians 2:15). It is in this great victory that has been won we take our stand and in the name of Jesus we command the enemy to bow and worship the Lord," (Matt. 4:10). Happy Thanksgiving!

Graduates Testimony

Hello, my name is Brian Nayman & this is my beautiful wife of 30 years, Terri. I graduated Shiloh in January 2010. When I first entered Shiloh, I had been married for 27 yrs with 5 children, spanning from age 11 to 32 yrs. of age. I was used to an active family life. I knew that in order to survive a year in this quest to be free from narcotic pain medications and the life patterns that go with it, I needed God's help. He alone was able (and willing) to deliver me and bring me back to being a free man. From the very start He guided me. He led me to "fast" my family for 1 year in order to hear and be delivered. I knew that I had to not mourn being away from my wife & children so that God could renew my relationship with Himself and my family. I needed to focus. I cannot give credit to any one person or teaching or staff member, but to the fact that the atmosphere was there for the Holy Spirit to work. When I left Shiloh, I was not perfect but I learned that if you have faith in His Grace, you will always come out of any situation an Overcomer! Life is not always easy, but we can always have an inner peace if we trust Him. King David made some really wrong choices and allowed flesh to lead him, but he loved God with his whole heart and turned to repentance each time he missed it. We must do the same. We will make mistakes. We will walk outside of the realm of Love, but if we learn and grow each time, the wrongs



will grow farther apart. If you do not allow time for the Holy Spirit of God to minister to you, you will not lead a consistently victorious life. You cannot figure it out on your own. Be dependent upon HIM. In July of 09, during a time of prayer for our nation, as I thought of how much different our nation would be if we would just obey 1 Timothy 2:1-2, the Holy Spirit spoke to me and I wrote it down. He said, "Busyness, busyness, busyness. Why do you consume your life with things that give no life? I have come that you may have life and that more abundantly. Take time to seek ME. Listen for ME. I will make your life more abundant if you will spend time with ME and listen. Seek ME and you will have everything you desire. Seek ME and you will have true life. Spend time with ME." Does this apply to you? Is your life and time consumed by the world? Most of us have no idea what He wants to do for us and speak to us because we are busy with what we are sure is of top priority. If you are always rushing to one thing and another, trying to please others, you will rarely, if ever, be quiet enough inside to hear the Spirit of God and life will be hit-or-miss at best. I promise you that there are things that you can eliminate. Talk to the Holy Spirit, your counselor today. (Some choose to live by convictions, others by preference. – Selah). I would like to leave you with a prayer principle that God gave to me one day on my way to work in early 2011. I was praying a prayer that I had prayed for many years, probably about 12 - 15 yrs. I was praying, "Father, help me to be the best husband, and the best father I can be." Well, He had been helping me and answering that prayer, but this time He spoke back to me and said, "Your best is not all that good! Why don't you ask Me to work through you and I will make you to be a supernatural husband and supernatural father.?" So that has been my prayer ever since. I realize that it will not be an instant change, but a process. When God tells you He will do something in you, you cannot pay attention to minutes, hours, days, months or even years. God pays no attention to time when maturing the saints. It is the end result He desires. God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way.

Prayer Request

Please be in prayer for these ministry needs:

1. Meat for meal preparation (Hamburger, chicken & pork)

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