

**Articles and Sermons :: Unction from on high, not entertainment from men.**

**Unction from on high, not entertainment from men. - posted by followthelamb (), on: 2017/12/4 20:36**

"Power is placed at the disposal of the Church that can outmaneuver and baffle the very strategy of Hell, and cause death and defeat to vanish before the presence of the Lord of Life. Barrenness is made to feel His fertilizing power.

Yet, how is it that while we make such great claims for the power of the Gospel, we see so little of the supernatural in operation? Is there any reason why the Church today cannot everywhere equal the Church at Pentecost? I feel this is a question we ought to face with an open mind and an honest heart. What did the early Church have that we do not possess today? Nothing but the Holy Spirit, nothing but the power of God. Here I would suggest that one of the main secrets of success in the early Church lay in the fact that the early believers believed in unction from on high and not entertainment from men.

One of the very sad features that characterizes much that goes under the name of evangelism today is the craze for entertainment. Here is an extract from a letter received from a leader in youth work in one of your great cities: "We are at our wits' end to know what to do with the young people who made a profession of conversion recently. They are demanding all sorts of entertainment, and it seems to us that if we fail to provide the entertainment that they want, we are not going to hold them." Yes, the trend of the time in which we live is toward a Christian experience that is light and flippant and fed on entertainment.

....how did they get the people at Pentecost? How did the early Church get the people? By publicity projects, by bills, by posters, by parades, by pictures? No! The people were arrested and drawn together and brought into vital relationship with God, not by sounds from men, but by sounds from heaven. We are in need of more sounds from heaven today.

Pentecost was its own publicity. I love that passage in Acts that tells us that "when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together." What was noised abroad? That men and women were coming under deep conviction. That was God's method of publicity, and until the Church of Jesus Christ rediscovers this and acts upon it, we shall at our best appear to a mad world as a crowd of common people in a common market babbling about common wares. The early Church cried for unction and not for entertainment. Unction is the dire and desperate need of the ministry today.

Further, the early Church put power before influence. The present state of our country presents a challenge to the Christian Church. Those who have eyes to see tell us that at this very hour forces are taking the field that are out to defy every known Christian principle.

In many quarters there is today a growing conviction that unless God moves, unless there is a demonstration of the supernatural in the midst of men, unless we are moved up into the realm of the Divine, we shall soon find ourselves caught up in a counterfeit movement, but a movement that goes under the name of evangelism. There are ominous sighs today that the devil is out to sidetrack us in the sphere of evangelism, and we are going to become satisfied with something less than Heaven wills to give us. Nothing but a Holy Spirit revival will meet the desperate need of the hour.

The early Church, the men of Pentecost, had something beyond mere human influence and human ingenuity. But what do we mean by influence? The sum total of all the forces in our personality--mental, moral, academic, social, and religious. We can have all these, and we can have them at their highest level, and yet be destitute of power. Power, not influence, was the watchword of the early Church....

The Apostles were not men of influence--"not many mighty, not many noble." The Master Himself did not choose to be a man of influence. "He made Himself of no reputation," which is to say that God chose power rather than influence. I sometimes think of Paul and Silas in Philippi. They had not enough influence to keep them out of prison, but possessed the power of God in such a manner that their prayers in prison shook the whole prison to its very foundations. Not influence, but power.

Oh, that the Church today, in our congregations and in our pulpits, would rediscover this truth and get back to the place of God realization, to the place of power. I want to say further that we should seek power even at the expense of influence. What do I mean by that? I mean this: never compromise to accommodate the devil. I hear people say today, "These are different days from the days of the 1859 Revival or the Welsh Revival. We must be tolerant and we must try to accom

modate." The secret of power is separation from all that is unclean. We must seek power even at the expense of influence."

- Duncan Campbell

**Re: Unction from on high, not entertainment from men. - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2017/12/5 6:14**

This is an excellent and true teaching, that ministers are seeking influence more than they are going after the unction from on high. The seeking of influence is seen by pastors equating the spirituality of their church by the numbers game. More people means more money and that means more influence.

The most vital connection that we can make is not with men, but being vitally joined to the Head in whom there is power, anointing, and unction, and He fills and empowers every saint that will hunger and thirst for more of God, and for the true power of the Holy Spirit that gives us unction to function.

**Re: - posted by Gloryandgrace (), on: 2017/12/6 18:51**

Not going to happen.

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Two group says we want power gifts  
One group says...we don't believe in power gifts  
Two group says...we don't believe in your doctrine  
Three group says...we want to laugh in prosperity  
One group says you are false  
Two group says...One is false  
Three group says...two is in unbelief  
One group says...all others are false  
Two and three say...One is false  
Four group says...its all relative  
Three group says...its all faith  
One group says...its all in the Word  
Two group says...one doesn't believe the word  
and on and on and on and on and on and on and on and on...

What will God do to unify all of them? It will not be a kind of ecumenism...none of them want that.  
None of them want power gifts according to another's doctrine  
None of them want doctrine outside their own doctrine  
All of them have experience  
All of them invalidate the others' experiences.

What is necessary is a real work of God that only God can work in us all and through us all.

Though I agree with Duncan...However, it will not be solved by one group just laying down for the other group to assume control. The one assuming control cannot control because they won't die to self in order for their brothers to take the 'first' seat...they want the first seat, they want to sit on Jesus' right hand and his left by reason of their own worthiness. By their doctrine or by their works or by their love or by their compassions or by their faithfulness...they all vie for position and will not humble themselves for the sake of another.

The others grumble...but like Jesus, will they drink the cup he drank? So far they pray..."take this cup from me"

**Re: Not going to happen...unless... - posted by savannah, on: 2017/12/6 19:22**

Not going to happen...until and unless you "Behold Your God."

Start here;

<http://beholdyourgod.org>

**Re: - posted by staff, on: 2017/12/6 21:16**

Hi Glory and Grace,

quote:

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I think thats what most people miss when it comes to end times is exactly this how is God going to unify his people?The answer is He will restore Apostolic Doctrine and Authority and that does it,thats what restores unity,urs staff

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/12/6 22:06**

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Amen brother. We need an experience of God Himself. His presence and power in our midst and a fresh revelation of Jesus Christ. When anything takes the place of Christ even sound doctrine it can become a lifeless idol. It is the PERSON of God who brings life to us and who we worship and obey.

Obedience to a living Master.

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2017/12/6 22:08**

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Duncan Campbell unveils to us a secret of revival in his closing words. The discerning from what is holy and profane. God will not dwell with uncleanness and unholiness. Revival makes people holy, it changes them from the inside out.

As Charles Finney said we need a revival of obedience to God.

**Re: Unction from on high, not entertainment from men. - posted by Elibeth, on: 2017/12/7 12:20**

Brandy,

A joy to read this truth by Duncan Campbell,..a real blessing,...

Where is this 'way' now,..? this Living now,..?..this teaching now ? Help us Lord....

Refreshing,...

Thank you,...

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