



Devotional Thoughts :: What if church was more like this?

What if church was more like this? - posted by BrokenOne (), on: 2007/8/12 20:31

Lev 9:22-24 Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the people, blessed them, and came down from offering the sin offering, the burnt offering, and peace offerings. And Moses and Aaron went into the tabernacle of meeting, and came out and blessed the people. Then the glory of the LORD appeared to all the people, and fire came out from before the LORD and consumed the burnt offering and the fat on the altar. When all the people saw it, they shouted and fell on their faces.

2 Chronicles 5:11-14 And it came to pass when the priests came out of the Most Holy Place (for all the priests who were present had sanctified themselves, without keeping to their divisions), and the Levites who were the singers, all those of Asaph and Heman and Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, stood at the east end of the altar, clothed in white linen, having cymbals, stringed instruments and harps, and with them one hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets-- indeed it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD, and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of music, and praised the LORD, saying:

"For He is good,
For His mercy endures forever,"

that the house, the house of the LORD, was filled with a cloud, so that the priests could not continue ministering because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of God.

2 Chronicles 7:1-3 When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house. When all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed their faces to the ground on the pavement, and worshiped and praised the LORD, saying:

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For His mercy endures forever."

Nehemiah 8:5-12 And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. And Ezra blessed the LORD, And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. Also Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodijah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, helped the people to understand the Law; and the people stood in their place. So they read distinctly from the book, in the Law of God; and they gave the sense, and helped them to understand the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn nor weep." For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat, drink the sweet, and send portions to those for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not sorrow, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." So the Levites quieted all the people, saying, "Be still, for the day is holy; do not be grieved." And all the people went their way to eat and drink, to send portions and rejoice greatly, because they understood the words that were declared to them.

Nehemiah 9:1-3 Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, in sackcloth, and with dust on their heads. Then those of Israelite lineage separated themselves from all foreigners; and they stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God for one-fourth of the day; and for another fourth they confessed and worshiped the LORD their God.

Re: What if church was more like this? - posted by BrokenOne (), on: 2007/8/12 20:32

I wrote this in my journal today:

This morning in church, during the worship, I kept thinking about what it would be like if the glory of God REALLY showed up. I feel a growing dissatisfaction for church as usual. I have always loved my church but there is now a realization that something is missing. Sometimes I feel very alone in our worship services because of these thoughts. But I wonder who else may be secretly pondering these same things -- and hurting inside for the lack of something heavenly in our midst.

Re:, on: 2007/8/12 22:10

BrokenOne-

Be the revival.. lay down anything that would hinder (including religious tradition) and take it to the highway, byway and hedges. The glory of God and the presence of the Holy Spirit was powerful this past Wed night at the rescue mission and on the streets of Detroit among the addicts. (and there were only two or three gathered in His name)

Blessings to you - Jim

Re: - posted by running2win (), on: 2007/8/13 8:49

I have been in the same frame of mind for the past few months. Thank you for posting this sister.

Re:, on: 2007/8/13 9:54

If church was like that, there would be about 10 people in attendance. Not enough glitz and entertainment for folks...

Matthew 7:13-14 *Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and **many** there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and **few** there be that find it.*

Krispy

Re: - posted by BrokenOne (), on: 2007/8/13 18:36

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Brother, these words kept me awake for hours last night. All day today, every time my mind wasn't occupied, I heard those words.

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Here's a few more:

Love. Charity. Compassion. Longsuffering.