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There is very fascinating part of the history...

When Julius Caesar was in his prime, he had a man by the name of Pompey who was superior general. And they became very contentious and envious of each other. And the best thing that this man could do was to ship this man to a far country.

And happened that and so he sent this fellow Pompey there. And Pompey arrived, like his name pompously. Soldiers got off their boats. They had wonderful horse

They took him around the town to show him what Jerusalem was. And they pointed the historic places to him, and finally he said:

"What's that building"

Oh..they said...you can't go near that. You are regarded as a heathen.

He said: "No, I'm the most powerful man in the world" -

"No you can't go near to it" -

"Why not?"

"Because God is there"

"God? We have hundreds of gods in Rome. What God is this, name that God"

And he told him that it Jehovah God. He made heaven and earth. He hung the stars in the sky, He put the light, He gave everything. This is the God Lord God Almighty. As we would say,

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

This man was furious. "I have the right to go in there"

"You can't go there"

And he said: "Tomorrow afternoon I shall enter this temple."

And they said "You won't"

So, he came down in the main street with all his soldiers behind him, two thousand people. And this man was actually going to the temple, and people were making barrier, but he would be crushed down by the horses. And they said:

"You can't go there, that's dangerous, GOD is there!"

This man goes ... into the temple, and he refused to be driven back. But when he got there

Here is this arrogant man coming.

"I have a military power, I have money, I have the Roman Empire behind me and who is GOD? I will show you what I can do!"

Again as he goes in they stand against him. He comes swiping through the outside part of the temple.

This great display of power, has never been seen in that part of the world, they have never seen a man with breast plates, they have never seen a man on a horse back, they have never seen all this panoply. And they stood a gasp to see coming down the street moving towards the secret place.

And Pompeii came through the outer courts of the gentiles, and then he came through the court of Israel, and then he came through the court of women, and then he came through the courts of priests, he came to the division of the temple, the holy place, went a bit further, broke his way through there, came to the Holy of Holies with the curtain. And there's that tremendous curtain.

"I don't see anything different here! These different courts, means nothing to me!"

"NO, GOD is behind that shield of the curtain! THE HOLY ONE!"

And this arrogant man said:

"I don't care, there is nothing secret to me! I am going in there, I've come all this way and I must see your God"

"You can't go in! He dwells in light! If you step into His presence, you will go blind!"

If you get in there, you will be the most uncomfortable you have ever been in your life. The Majesty of God is there!"

He came to altar, there was nothing, the gentile court, Israel court, now he comes against this barrier, just one great big curtain and behind it, God Almighty lives.

So finally He told his men, "You take your swords and cut through there, I am going in!"

And they pull the curtain on one side, and there was pitch dark.

And he burst into anger, and screamed!

"YOU LIED TO ME, you told to me that it was blinding lightening, but IT IS DARKNESS"

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"YOU LIARS, Your God has no more power, than my god!"

I translated that in this way:

We went to a church few years ago to preach, and the church was 35 acres of land, there were tennis courts, and I don't know what kind of courts were there. And I visualize: instead of this brilliant young military man coming here into the temple of old, some young people in America if come, they come to the outside, they pass the tennis courts, they pass the volleyball courts, they pass all the tennis courts and everything, and finally they come to the the temple, and they say:

"WHERE IS YOUR GOD?"

Is not that what the people are asking today?

"Where is the Lord God of the Elijah?"

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Re: You told me THE LIVING GOD IS THERE, but there is NOBODY THERE! - posted by RobertW (), on: 2008/1/29 15:24

I think in a lot of ways it is because men are seeking they know not what. Today, God does not dwell in temples made with hands. God desires to abide in the assembly of believers as they meet together in fellowship. God shows up in scenerios that have been outlawed or neglected by 98% of the churches. The book of I Corinthians tells us about church life and God 'showing up' in an assembly. Men did not cry "God is not here" when folk prophesied by the Spirit; they said, "Of a truth God is among you."

An ongoing point of stumbling, I think, is that in seeking for revival too often a point is made to somehow display *our* holiness and piety. God resists the proud and gives grace to the humble. When we are willing to admit that we are helpless sinners God will start to show up. But why should he come to see us set our piety on display? He is coming to show us *our need* of Him. That is a exceedingly important point, I think.

Re: - posted by Tears_of_joy, on: 2008/1/29 15:38

Brothers and sisters, is this reality breaks your heart? Or you are indifferent and get to used to?

Has the Lord departed from most of our meetings? Isn't that the world is crying in desperation, and we are offering entertainment, sport, music, drama, theater, music, program, eating, drinking, good seats, multimedia, and different kind of foolishness and abominations and carnality, but where is the glory of GOD? Where is the power of Yahweh in our midst?

Where is the conviction of sin that we robbed His glory and stolen our lives from Him?

I believe His glory is still present in the meetings of our brothers in some villages, towns... some unknown places... I don't know where else.

But the pride of our once so called 'christian' nations has kicked out His presence from most of the places, and changed it with artificial things! What a shame!

What about the glory of GOD?

Are we praying for the glory of our church, nation, group or His glory?

I read this few weeks ago <http://www.awakeningamerica.us/> and broke my heart! The reasons written there for revival, some futures there... I don't think we can mock Him!

Wrong reasons, God is not to be sought for more church attenders to play our games together and to puff our pride more 'we have thousands'! No! We cannot mock Him! He will not allow to use Him, just for our wrong reasons! God is not to be sought for anything else, but just for His face and glory, and He will do whatever He wants and not putting conditions to Him.

Rev 2:5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, **except thou repent.**

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Amen.

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THE LORD DOES NOT PROSTITUTE HIS PRESENCE AROUND

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you” but if we truly longed after God as a starving man longs for food, we would soon have Him. **The Lord does not prostitute His presence around, revealing Himself to everyone who wants a cheap thrill.** But that’s what we want Him to do today. Rather than making ourselves ready for the Bride groom, we want the Lord to come so we can enjoy His presence along with our sins, but **it will never happen.** The **only way** will be if we turn from our sins in humility and seek after the Lord with all our hearts. Hype is no substitute for holiness.

I’m convinced that we have lost our focus and are pouring into methods and techniques **deceiving ourselves** that we are helping when we are truly **hurting this generation.** There are youth groups that have basketball courts and video games and yet there isn’t anyone living holy and seeking after the Lord. The justification is “just ask them, they know the scriptures” but do they know the God of the scriptures? Do they live by the Word? If not then their condemnation will be greater than the kids in the world who don’t even know the bible. It would have been better for some of these youth groups not to even know the scriptures at all than to know them and still walk in disobedience towards God.

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"WHERE IS YOUR GOD?"

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Moses made intercession to God on behalf of rebellious Israel (when he came down from the mount of God he found them in the midst of a big party worshipping the works of their own hands) ...and so he smashed the tablets of the law at the foot of the mount... And God said more or less it was all over: He would not go with this people one step further. Instead He would send an angel to take them to their inheritance. "For I will not go up in the midst of thee" (Ex. 33.3).

But Moses made intercession. "If Thy Presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein shall it be known here that I and Thy people have found grace in Thy sight? Is it not that Thou goest with us? SO (that is, by this distinguishing characteristic) shall we be separated, I and Thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth."

Can we as Christians say that this is the ONE THING that separates us, makes us different, from all other peoples? Go

d's Presence in our midst? Or is it our doctrine, or our knowledge, or our structure, or our denomination... whatever... Where is His PRESENCE?

Have we lost our hunger for His very PRESENCE in our midst? And we just carry on...

"The priests said not, Where is the LORD? And they that handle the law knew me not..." (Jer. 2.8).

It happens too often that those "outside" ask that question. Where is your God? But we ourselves... somehow we shrug it off.

I will not shrug it off. I carry that burden in my heart, and refuse to let go of it. I wish more were carrying it, and would find the honesty and courage to "shut the doors," as Malachi urged... call a halt to it all, set aside the agenda and seek His face, till His Presence is again in our midst.

...The encouraging thing to notice is that God was moved by Moses' intercession: because He greatly longed to abide with His people of old. We today are no different. We too are a stiff-necked people... but if we humble ourselves and seek Him, He will come to us again in His holy Fire and Presence, and make us to be a people who make a DIFFERENCE in the earth.

His great longing and desire is to dwell in our midst.

Oh, can we not hear Him crying in this hour?

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