

Scriptures and Doctrine :: Revival is at the Door, Can you see the cloud?

Revival is at the Door, Can you see the cloud?, on: 2008/3/6 14:24

Hi Guys....below is a word that I sent out to my church e-mail list on 10/26/2004.(I posted it on sermon last year) I find it interesting that when God withheld the rain in Elijah's time, it was withheld for three and a half years. I personally feel in my spirit that the rain is coming back.

If we, as a church, as a people are willing to declare to the Lord who we will serve, and see the "worship of Baal," destroyed in our lives, then He will be faithful to restore the rain. That's not to say that He has not been faithful and given us measures of revival in our bondage, but now, if we will surrender to Him, He is ready to take us out of our bondage.

1Ki 8:35 When the heavens are restrained, and there is no rain because they have sinned against You, if they pray toward this place and confess Your name, and turn from their sin when You afflict them, then hear in Heaven and forgive the sin of Your servants, and of Your people Israel, for You shall teach them the good way in which they should walk, and give rain on Your land which You have given to Your people for an inheritance. Here is the word the Lord gave me three and a half years ago.....

Ezra 9:8 "And now for a little while grace has been shown from the Lord our God, to leave a remnant to escape, to give us a peg (nail) in His holy place that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage."

Ezra has returned to Jerusalem, completely unprepared for what he is to find. He comes across a people going about their business. Everything seems as it should be, then he is informed that the people have mingled with the gentiles of the surrounding areas.

In all the history of Israel, it never failed that when they mingled with others, when they joined themselves to those of the world, they began to lose their distinctiveness, and soon after would regress to idolatry.

Right now, the 'Church,' is in a similar situation to those Israelites of Ezra's period. We have joined ourselves to the world, and we have lost our distinctiveness. It is no surprise that the world cannot tell us apart from them. In 9:12 The Holy Spirit speaks prophetically through the priest and says "Now therefore, do not give your daughters as wives for their sons, nor take their daughters to your sons, and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land and leave it as an inheritance to your children forever."

We, as the church here on earth have given our children, sons and daughters in marriage to the world. We have sought peace by giving up our principles and turning from the word of God. We have sought prosperity and the things of the world and we are not strong. We are entering into the days of the Lord's indignation. God says to us in Ezekiel 22:24 "You are a land that is not cleansed or rained on in the day of indignation. The conspiracy of her prophets in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey, they have devoured people: 26: Her priests have violated My law and profaned My Holy things, they have not distinguished between the holy and the unholy. 27: " Her leaders are like wolves tearing the preyto get dishonest gain."

Yes brothers and sisters, we are entering a time of judgment, and judgment will absolutely begin at the house of the Lord. The Lord will begin to tear down that which is unclean, that which has one foot in the world and one foot in the church. He will begin by withdrawing His rain. A city of old without rain was a dirty city. The longer the city went without the clean sing rain the stronger the smell became. That which passes for the church will begin to suffer a similar fate as the Lord withholds the rains of His presence and what is left begins to grow foul. Where would any of us be without His presence?

And yet, as always, there will be a remnant, this is the Lord's way and it has always been so. Ezra 9:8 "And now for a little while grace has been shown from the Lord our God, to leave a remnant to escape and to give us a peg(nail) in His Holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage."

What is this peg, this nail? A nail, in this context is "a time of peace." It is a sure place, a nail bears weight and burden. Isaiah 22:22-23 "The key of the house of David I will lay on his shoulder, so he shall open and no one will shut. And he shall shut and no one shall open. I will fasten him as a nail in a secure place and he will become a glorious throne to his father's house."

athers house." Although this is referencing Eliakim, it is prophetic of the Lord Jesus . Rev 3:7" "He who is holy, He who is true , He who has the Key of David, He who opens and no one shuts and no one opens."

This key on the shoulder of Jesus is the cross itself. The cross of Calvary has become the key to victory, the key to life itself, the key to the throne room of heaven where we access all the treasure of the lord our God.

The scriptures reference Jesus as the nail. He is our secure place. The key of Eliakim was an actual key that opened the doors of all the precious things, the silver and the gold, it also opened the house of armor and all the treasures. Our place of peace, our nail, our Jesus opens the doors of the treasures of heaven through the cross of Calvary. The silver and the gold of the throne room of heaven are the purified saints, cleansed in the furnace of the Lords making. Jesus opens the doors with the key of David to all the treasures of heaven, the treasures of love and joy and peace. He opens the doors to forgiveness and sanctification. He opens the doors of the armory and equips us with the truth, with the breastplate of righteousness, He gives us shoes to walk in the Gospel of peace, He gives each and every one of us a shield with which we quench the fiery darts of the wicked one. He covers our head with His salvation and He gives us a mighty sword, which by the Spirit is the word of God.

It is with these gifts that we shall stand apart from the world. He will once again cause us to become distinct. Those who refuse, those who look back to the world and long for the things of it, will, like Lots wife, turn to stone. When the rain of His presence is withheld, what is left brothers and sisters? It is only in His presence that we are alive.

There is nothing in this world that is worth more than our relationship with Him. How pale the things of the world are in comparison to an intimate fellowship with our heavenly Father?. He cries out to His people," Come away with me my Bride." Shall we take His hand and walk with Him? In order to do this you must lay down that which you have gathered up.

You may have a handful of stuff, throw it down right now and grab a hold of His hand. Let Him lead you where He will, for what does it matter as long as we hold His hand, we might not know where He is taking us, but we know we are safe when we walk hand in hand with Him. This comfort, this trust, this sure knowledge is our sure place, is our nail on which we can hang all that we have, this is our place of peace and it is without price.

Two thousand years ago, three nails bore the weight and the burden of the whole world. Jesus had become the weight and the burden of the world. And the place of peace is Calvary. As we lift up our eyes to Jesus, then just as in the desert, we are healed. For He bore our burdens and now He promises us peace in the midst of the storm.

Those who seek rest for their weary souls will find it by hanging all their cares upon the nail, for it is well able to bear the weight of anything that is hung upon it. This nail is tried and tested, there is nothing too heavy to hang upon it, for this nail is Jesus Christ.

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Re: Revival is at the Door, Can you see the cloud? - posted by HeartSong, on: 2008/3/6 18:52

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Re:, on: 2008/3/7 11:20

Time to let go of everything and grab on to Him alone.....Frank

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Re:, on: 2008/3/10 7:07

Quote:

appolus wrote:
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Amen Frank

That was a great word.

But I'm a little puzzled that you see a connection with revival in it?

in Him

Jeannette

Re:, on: 2008/3/10 11:27

Hi Jeanette

This post is definately about revival. This shutting up of the rain that God causes is symbolic of the Lord withdrawing His presence. This would be typified by Elijah. Ezra is a good example because the people that he sees is a people who have just come out of bondage and are looking very worldly. The Israelites were in bondage to the Babylonians, Babylon very much represented "the world," much like Egypt did.

I would say that the Church, for at least two generations, has been in bondage to the world, taken captive by the world. Now there have been moments in our bondage, revival in our bondage.....

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Now I believe that the Lord is ready to take us out of Babylon. I believe that it will be a painful extraction, for we have become so worldly, yet for His own purposes He will bring us out and clean us up. Now the cleaning up may be painful (could be recession on a national scale for instance) and on the personal level. I believe that the reason that He is just about to do it is because He so loves the world. The world is in such a state of lostness, and for better or for worse, we, His people, are the vehicles that He uses to reach them, therefore we must be effective. We have ceased to be effective, almost entirely across the board when it comes to touching the lost, the unchurched. So, the drought which has existed for quite a long time now, is ready to be over. The rain represents the Lord's blessing of His presence and brings life with it to those who hunger thirst.....Frank

Re: - posted by destinysweet (), on: 2008/3/11 1:45

Greetings Frank..I was pondering revival and your comments on your blog about desiring to see the thousands coming to Him..Amen!and I remembered the lifestyle that the Holy Spirit set up after the Pentacost..one in which the new believers could be nurtured with an entirely new selfless outlook from the get go..actually being able to leave behind all that they had become entangled with..one that I believe got lost in the shuffle..due to persecution perhaps but I suspect that much of the anointing left with the loss of this heavenly system..I am not a historian so others may know better..but I have felt such a burden on my heart for us all in regards to this,for all the days of my walk with Jesus..some 30 yrs now..He impressed it upon my heart in the beginning.I was always inspired by the way Keith Green sought to establish this in his life and how the Shaeffers came close with L'Abri(sp?)And I ask would we let go of all the things we are so comfortable with in order to reap the last days harvest? I personally have been tested in this all my life and to me it is easy to disengage..I have other things that I have trouble at times letting go of ...so don't think I am boasting..I just recognize the difficulty so some would have giving up their private hard earned kingdoms and do pray that if God decided to restore that which was lost to the body of Christ in the having all things in common..that they would recognize it was time to disengage and obey the leading of God..would God's people reject this or embrace it? I've met quite a few folks over the yrs that felt led by God to go buy large plots of land to 'prepare for the day when He would send to the land His saints'..this theme has shown up again and again in my travels.

I am reminded of one harvest season (in the natural) when I had planted enough for my family and all the neighbors as well, hoping to be able to have such an increase that I could share with others who had need...So as I went about this very large garden...oohing and awwing over the beautiful produce, wondering who was going to help me harvest...could I manage it all by myself...my husband didn't really have the time...I heard the Spirit say "What are you going to do with the harvest?" and I suddenly felt the atmosphere thicken, becoming weighty with His Presence and I saw fields white with harvest and knew that He was referring to a much different harvest... "You will not have to harvest it alone...there will be those to help you when the time comes"! Yes! I knew He was not speaking of the vegetables and fruits...but all the souls my heart desired to help enter the kingdom of my God.

Hardly anyone of the folks I invited to come harvest my natural garden came to even walk in it...nor did any but the very most needy single mother's who were struggling to feed their children come to harvest the fresh food...I happily took produce to the doors of all I knew and those I didn't to share the bounty, realizing that they had much busier lives than I did...their priorities were different, and so nothing was wasted...but yrs later the Lord would say to me again as I was traveling about bringing His word to the lost sheep who'd been wounded in the church and those who'd never known Him... "What are you going to do with the harvest?" And I would ask Him back... 'I don't know Lord what are You going to provide for us to do with the great harvest of souls I believe are ripe for the picking? I don't even know what to do with the ones you give me now...what will we do then?' How many souls had I sown seed and/or watered, weeded or led into receiving Christ Jesus confessing their sins and me not being from the area did not know the local churches...I had found them in the trenches or the streets/market or gatherings...I had no place to send them that I could knowingly vouch for that would not destroy their budding faith with controlling legalism or libertine off the wallisms...I could only entrust them to God staying with them as long as God allowed, to strengthen them as I poured the Word into them the best I knew...God's grace is sufficient...they are His...He is able to save to the uttermost! He often brings all these faces to me while we pray together and we rejoice together for their growing faith...in faith!

Yet still this subject of the lost lifestyle of the first century church has always been one I have discussed with Him in our communion. Just thought I'd get that out there see what has been impressed upon your hearts concerning this.

I have been thinking about the laying down of what we are holding...and I was impressed to consider the things I had laid down for Him to purify and scrutinize for me over the last few yrs...knowing how important this is...even to our most precious experiences...letting these go so as not to wear them as badges...and in doing so...this laying down is not always so easy to do...giving back to Him our gifts and talents to purify our hearts in regards to the sharing of these things for a more perfect communication. I believe He has been handing them back to me saying "Lay it all down in writing now, if you will do this now I am pleased to release these." And so I am asking for prayer in this...that I would know the difference between what I have successfully laid down or not fully and that He has truly searched and found worthy and edifying...good medicine for others to read...thanks

Re:, on: 2008/3/11 15:13

I believe that those who gather in the last days harvest, will be of a single accord. The unchurched world has never been so untouched as it is now in the West. Unity of Spirit and truth and purpose will be the mark of those that the Lord of the Harvest will use.....Frank

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Re: Revival is at the Door, Can you see the cloud?, on: 2008/3/11 23:49

Brother Frank,

I haven't been able to read your whole thread, but the title brought this hymn to mind, and since the conference being planned in Greenock I sense a real intention of the Spirit to move in a real way. It is interesting that Duncan Campbell came from Argyll. My grandfather inherited some of those who had been converted under his ministry before he went to Lewis. It may be that there is a heritage of the Lord in the west of Scotland just waiting to be kindled again, in a way that other parts of the UK, lack.

This is by Charles Wesley. Tune: St George's (Windsor)

See how great a flame aspires,
Kindled by a spark of grace!
Jesus' love the nations fires,
Sets the kingdoms on a blaze:
To bring fire on earth He came;
Kindled in some hearts it is:
O that all might catch the flame,
All partake the glorious bliss!

When He first the work begun,
Small and feeble was His day:
Now the word doth swiftly run;
Now it wins its widening way:
More and more it spread and grows,
Ever mighty to prevail;
Sin's strongholds it now o'erthrows,
Shakes the trembling gates of hell.

Sons of God, your Savior praise!
He the door hath opened wide!
He hath given the word of grace,
Jesus' word is glorified;
Jesus, mighty to redeem,
He alone the work hath wrought;
Worthy is the work of Him,
Him Who spake a world from naught.

**Saw ye not the cloud arise,
Little as a human hand?
Now it spreads along the skies,
Hangs o'er all the thirsty land:
Lo! the promise of a shower
Drops already from above;
But the Lord will shortly pour
All the spirit of His love.**

(<http://www.hymnsite.com/lyrics/umh694.sht>) <http://www.hymnsite.com/lyrics/umh694.sht>

(<http://www.oremus.org/hymnal/s/s264c.html>) <http://www.oremus.org/hymnal/s/s264c.html>

Re:, on: 2008/3/12 0:30

Awesome Dorcas. I love the Wesley brothers anyway and this hymn goes to the heart of it.

Let me tell you what is neat about all of this revival conference that is taking place in Greenock , Scotland. It is totally a work of the Holy Spirit. I am so excited in my spirit because I "know," that it is of the Lord. It was in the middle of January that I was there, in Greenock, my home town. I had went home to deal with a very sick sister, put her in a mental hospital . Going home this time was one of the lowest points in my Christian walk.

I experienced rejection from my closest family members, including my dad. I was in a bed and breakfast that looked out over the whole valley, and it was gale force winds and rain, probably about 70 miles an hour, night after night. And night after night I would cry out to God that He would touch my land, that He would fill up the valley with His presence. I reminded the Lord of how myself and a small group of Christians ascended all the high points of the hills ten years previous, week after week and cry out to God to touch a land that seemed forsaken.

I was in the midst of a spiritual battle and I knew it and I hung on to the Lord :) Well, I felt led in my spirit to seek out men of God of influence on this trip. I met a couple of guys who had started a group called the "Inverclyde Initiative." A group of about 23 small churches working together for the Lord. I really connected in the spirit with this one particular man. When I got back to the States, I got on sermonindex to check out a couple of posts of mine, and I saw that they were thinking about doing a conference in England , but it was not going to work out.

I contacted Greg and suggested that he have the conference in Greenock , in Scotland and gave him the name and number of this man that I had connected with. I called that guy and told him about the conference and that Greg may contact him. Well the rest is history and obviously now they are going to have the conference there. So you see, this is a total work of the Spirit. He has set it up from the beginning, it is all His doing. As I am sure we all know, the Lord does not do things for nothing :) If you check out this link<http://scottishwarriors.wordpress.com/scotland-is-on-fire-a-vision> you will read about a vision this awesome woman of the Lord had about Scotland. It touched her so much that her and her husband moved there to minister !

God is going to move guys.....Frank

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/3/12 12:47

The apostles forsook everything but revival came through the Holy Spirit.

I am no revival history expert but from what i have learned revival usually comes through one man, and it is most always a move of the Holy Spirit.

When Jesus was born wise men came to worship him

Herod also wanted the anointing, but for a different reason.....to kill it.

Wherever you find the anointing you also find Herod.

The unprecedented recent moves of God through his mighty Holy Spirit have barely raised even a grunt from most modern believers.

Just as it was in Jesus and the apostles time the presence and move of God is only recognised by a few.

in the Brownsville revival I saw multitudes offended by the Holy Spirit.

This is one mark of revivalThat the Holy Spirit offends.

I was greatly offended by the "laughing revival"

.....Until i attended a meeting.

Wow was I wrong!!! The power of God was there!!

My point isIf you are offended by certain moves of God, you are not alone, just look deeper and see for yourself.

Your discernment and trusting teachers to tell you what is of God and what's not will make you miss other revivals.

David

Re:, on: 2008/3/12 13:20

I am not really sure as to what David is alluding to. I think he may be raising points in this thread that is another subject, or perhaps seems a little disgruntled that I or others have not mentioned the "revivals," that he talks of. David says

"Your discernment and trusting teachers to tell you what is of God and what's not will make you miss other revivals."

Now I am not sure if David is talking to me, but just in case it is me he is referring to let me reply and let me apologize up front if it is not me.

First of all, and this is going to sound arrogant to some, but I know the presence of God. I have moved in it, I have dwelt in it and I have been changed by it. It is the essence of my Christianity. So the notion that someone would "tell me," what is and what is not seems quite bizarre. Nobody can teach you or tell you what that "small still voice is." You either hear it or you do not.

As for the "revivals," that David speaks of, oh dear, that is a can of worms that has probably already been thrashed out to death in these forums.

All I can do is speak from my own experience. All I can also say is that the state of the Church is dire. Perhaps David would disagree with that and then we would have to agree or disagree. It is also my opinion that the state of the Church has nose-dived since the early 1990s. Is there a correlation between what David says and the current state of the Church? Of course that is a judgment call to which I am certain that we would disagree. What I do know about the great awakening, and the second great awakening and the Welsh revival and the Lewis revival is that it changed a generation and generations of Christians for the better. And, as a by-product, changed society for the better also. If David believes that these "revivals," did that, or even if that is the mark of a true revival then fair enough, that is his opinion and we would have to agree to disagree. Here is a post from just a few days ago from a sister, entitled "Manifest presence." This is something that my spirit witnesses with.....

"There was a time when you could go into a church and feel the presence of God.
you would tiptoe in and cry at the altar and tiptoe out.
talk about church all day and at bedtime,
talk to your neighbors about The Lord.

Does anybody know what I'm talking about?

Does your church have God's presence there?

When we witness or tell neighbors about our church, do we tell them about the programs we can offer them, softball team, a free cup of espresso from our espresso bar, or do we say, just come and I guarantee you, your going to meet God, come to him and he will reveal himself to you if you will humble yourself to him,, I see it happen every week, so please come.

I got saved in my 20's and was a professing sinner, then I really got saved about 6 years ago, now I'm in my mid 40's. I hear about the old days, from all the grey headed ladies in church,, most of them will attend the prayer meetings, even most leadership don't show up for that.

I am hungry for God's manifest presence, and I need to know what I'm supposed to do about it.

I pray, I confess, I do not live in any known sin, yet I stumble at times and the holy spirit convicts me and I immediately repent.

I go to the prayer meetings at church, I read my bible, I talk about Christ at work and try to get them to go to my or any church, so they can get their free coffee.. haha.

What are we doing wrong,, or me.

Is my church under judgment, or our nation?

Is there any churches out there experiencing God.

Where the Spirit is moving and people are confessing and changing their lives.

Living for Christ and dying to self and carrying their cross.

These are some of my thoughts and I hope I or we can get some answers.

Jesus please show yourself."

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Re: Revival is at the Door, Can you see the cloud?, on: 2008/3/12 14:19

Hi Frank and David,

I think you two agree with each other, but tell me if I'm wrong. I read this

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(<https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/mydownloads/visit.php?lid5675>) Young Donald McPhail Prays

(Compilation from a sermon in which Duncan Campbell tells about this fire baptized 16 year old who prays in a meeting in the Hebrides revival, and God moves in a mighty way.)

Quote:
-----As for ... "revivals," ... oh dear, that is a can of worms that has probably already been thrashed out to death in these forums.

It has. One thing that I have not noticed being discussed along with them though, is the equipping of the Church for service. Maybe that would follow, once folk have received what they need from God for themselves. (Not trying to be contentious or to change the subject.) The thing I long for revival to bring, is a functioning body of Christ on the earth.

Re:, on: 2008/3/12 14:39

I can see the cloud but I also see alot of other things. The church issues that arise everyday never cease to amaze me as they did Paul. Maybe we will always have these petty issues I don't know. I know in Paul's day it happened throughout the churches.

We had a bible study at our church and it was exactly the same kind of incident I ran into that very same week. It was about favoritism and how christians can sometimes be like cameleons just like Peter with the Jews. Or just like Esau they would sell their birthright just for a bowl of pottage. So many things that are outside of the character of Christ by christians who may even be considered zealous christians.

Why must we constantly have to revisit these very same issues? What we need sometimes I think is more tribulation and persecution. We as christians should be taking advantage of the liberty we have right now in America but instead it is being abused and misused.

Re:, on: 2008/3/12 14:59

Psalm 18 wrote "What we need sometimes I think is more tribulation and persecution." I Could not agree more.

Re:, on: 2008/3/12 15:03

You know what also amazes me is how he used that word "cameleon" to discribe this type of christian and that was th e very same word that came to my mind.

I often wonder what christians in foriegn countries would think of this in light of the suffering and persecution they face from day to day?

That's why I love reading articles such as "Extreme Devotion" because it helps me to stay focused on what is really im portant.

It just goes to show how the same issues I have had lately on my mind are the same on the minds of other christians, so that's a good thing. It also has me thinking about the foolish virgins who had no oil in thier lamps.

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/3/12 15:09

Actually revival itself brings persecution.

It is religious spirits that persecute the anointing

In the Brownsville revival a church in Pensacola actually trained their people to attack us.

Thousands of people saved and set free. You would think they would help us?

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David

Re:, on: 2008/3/12 15:15

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Psalm 18 wrote "What we need sometimes I think is more tribulation and persecution." I Could not agree more.

Amen, that is the absolute truth. I don't think that it is wrong to say "we need" persecution. Some would say that christians should not need persecution in order to be more zealous for the things of God. Yes, we do. God uses suffering and p ersecution so we can see our need for more of Him. We're dumb sheep and it's this suffering that drives us to the feet of Jesus.

The apostle Paul was always thankful for the persecution and hardships he had to endure. Like Jesus said, "...it's my F ather's cup shall I not drink it?"

1 Corinthians 11:1
Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ.

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/3/12 15:19

Persecution is automatic and promised.

If we are not getting our share of it then all we have to do is turn up the heat.

I am posting on a news article here in Corpus Christi. They fried a woman here for her faith. Just read the venom here against Christians.

Google Hannah Overton
Her pastor, Rod, is under tremendous attack.

.....but I don't think that church is in revival.

Persecution can play a role in revival.
In fact if Obama or Clinton get in it could spark a revival.

David

Re:, on: 2008/3/12 15:24

Quote:

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David

That's a shame.

Matthew 10:34

Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword.

Re:, on: 2008/3/12 15:32

Death to self was more of what I was thinking when I talked about trials and persecutions. There has indeed always been a tension between religious folk and genuine Christians. Isaac and Esau is probably the root of it. Let's not be fooled though, some of the most religious people I have seen is people who claim to be "spirit filled."

Rather than love and joy and forgiveness, there is fear and paranoia and attacking and a seeing of demons everywhere. I think that these people may do more damage than your "regular old religious person." And of course, any questioning at all is seen as a mark of the devil coming to get them. You just do not see that kind of behaviour in those who are genuinely filled, and who come into the presence of God. Look at brother Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, words cutting like

a dagger into the hearts of the hearers. "Forgive them." And of course our Saviour Jesus, none more persecuted "Father forgive them for they know not what they do." Love is always the mark of the one who has walked with Him, even for, and especially for those who persecuted them. For as we know, it is easy to love those who love us. On the other hand, distrust, dislike, fear and paranoia is the mark of another kind of spirit. And this other spirit always urges a justifying of itself, yet the Lord was dumb before his accusers, and He did not come down from the cross when the religious folk urged Him to prove Himself. So, if anyone wants a free discernment lesson :) Look for the love, look for the grace, look for the fruit, that is how you will know them.....Frank

Re:, on: 2008/3/12 15:38

Quote:

----- Love is always the mark of the one who has walked with Him, even for, and especially for those who persecuted them.

Amen.

1 John 4:12

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Re:, on: 2008/3/12 15:57

David,

i think you want to reconsider your placement (post here) of Hannah Overton and her pastor as people being persecuted for their "faith."

there just has to be better examples than this.

bub

Re: - posted by psalm1, on: 2008/3/12 21:16

Bubbaguy , I have been talking all day to vile nasty haters of Christians.(on the local blog)

I feel like i need a bath. Ive never seen such hate.

But it also enlightens me to what the apostles must have felt.

As far as me seeking a better example of persecution?

I'm sure the devil and religious "brothers" will fulfill that one in due time.

David

Re:, on: 2008/3/13 9:50

Romans 16:17 (KJV)

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.

2 Timothy 2:23 (KJV)

23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes.

Titus 3:9 (KJV)

9 But avoid foolish questions, and genealogies, and contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain.

Sounds like the local blog is something to avoid, or at least not reply to.....Frank

<http://scottishwarriors.wordpress.com>

Re: Revival is at the Door, Can you see the cloud? - posted by UntoBabes (), on: 2011/8/2 13:44

"And now for a little while grace has been shown from the Lord our God, to leave a remnant to escape and to give us a peg(nail) in His Holy place, that our God may enlighten our eyes and give us a measure of revival in our bondage."

Amen.