

Articles and Sermons :: David Ravenhill

David Ravenhill, on: 2004/9/1 16:38

I met with David Ravenhill yesterday at his house and he said some interesting things I thought I'd share. He is trying to get a book published called The Jesus Letters. Its on the application of the letters in revelation to the church today. In all the seven letters, Jesus never, not even once, commended a church for its size. He said churches are very large in size and yet very shallow. If we went to a preachers conference and meet each other the conversation would usually go like this: "So Jesse, how many are you running now?" and I would say "200. How many are you running Dave?" He might say "700". Then a third guy would come in and say "Oh yes I remember when we hit the 700 point. Now we are running 15 hundred." This is how the modern church measures success, how ever it tells us nothing about the church. The church might be sleeping with each other and living in carnality and having doubts etc.

Mr David Ravenhill went on to say that if you sent some of the prosperity preachers over to the church of the Laodiceans they would come back and report that they are strong in faith because they are driving around in Mercedes and Beemers. But Jesus said "Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked." However if you sent those guys to the church of Smyrna they would report that they are letting Satan rob them because they are poor. However Jesus said "I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich)"

Our measuring system is all messed up. I spoke to Nancy (Davids wife) and she told me that he wants his ministry to decrease because thats what happened to Jesus.

The whole conversation was powerful. He made some very enlightening points. I recorded it and will have it on www.sermonindex.net and my site shortly for anyone to hear.

Re: David Ravenhill - posted by disciplejosh (), on: 2004/9/1 17:00

Praise God for you being moved there, Jesse, and that you were given the opportunity to fellowship with David.

Greg had mentioned that you were going to talk with him and I have been praying and waiting for the chance to glean.

Thanks, bro. Looking forward to hearing it.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/9/1 17:45

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Praise God thank you so much Jesse I know its going to bless many people. I have some more David Ravenhill videos I will be getting up on the site shortly also. I think its great to hear the things he is saying it really appears God is taking him down some paths not well-trodden.

Re:, on: 2004/9/1 18:13

I am highly looking forward to his next book "The Jesus Letters". He touches on topics like the prosperity gospel, the charismatic movement, etc. It should be excellent.

Thanks for your prayers. Doors are opening up for me to be able to speak with other Christian leaders. Please pray that the Lord uses those times greatly. I will try to record them so others could listen.

Re: - posted by todd, on: 2004/9/1 20:57

Hey just to let you know that book was published last year and you can get it at amazon.com.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/9/1 21:06

(http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/tg/detail/-/076842173X/qid1094087112/sr8-3/refsr_8_xs_ap_i3_xgl14/002-9677324-3491212?vglance&sbooks&n507846) Jesus Letters by David Ravenhill on amazon.com

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Yes it does appear its in print.. perhaps hes working on another book?

Re:, on: 2004/9/1 21:19

It may be another book, he may be republishing it.

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/9/1 21:26

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Yes either way it seems a very worthwhile book to get this 'the jesus letters' I am intrigued and I think I will get it with the newer reprint of Why Revival Tarries.. Praise God.

heres a helpful short bio of mr david ravenhill: David Ravenhill, who is engaged in a full time itinerant ministry, established Spikenard Ministries to reflect his desire to see extravagant worship, intimacy, and maturity brought to the Body of Christ. His teachings and preaching have taken him across the nation and around the world. David resides in Lindale, Texas with his wife, Nancy.

Re:, on: 2004/9/1 21:41

It deffinatly is worth getting. I'm still chewing and pondering on his insights for those letters.

Re: - posted by todd, on: 2004/9/1 22:44

Yeah, I've had it for awhile now but have only flipped through some of it and read some parts at random . Now you've sparked my interest to read it properly, thanks.

Are you going to buy it Jesse? And yeah, maybe David was talking about a reprint or a new book. If he was talking about a new book I'd be interested to know what it is. Please share if you find out. That's great you got to meet him.

Re:, on: 2004/9/2 15:51

I certainly do plan on buying it. My library is growing and I am not able to keep up with it but thats ok. From what he told me about the Jesus letters and his thoughts on them I am really anticipating buying and reading the book.

jesse