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What do you think about this word about the end times? - posted by anonymity, on: 2009/8/31 17:16

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eLZpsepaVcM>

In it you will hear of 3 trumpets. Someone recently said in light of this that the US has received 3 wake up calls, alarms, t rumpets. The 3 being September 11th, Katrina, and the Economic Collapse.

One reason I ask is because I think it is important. Think of what the collapse of the US would mean. The most Christian influenced nation with also the most power financially militarily ect.

Re: What do you think about this word about the end times?, on: 2009/8/31 18:21

I would likke to comment on that video. I have been going to IHOP for six months now. Many of you on this site know wh ere I am coming from. I can only say that time and time again I have been blessed there. Mike Bickle actually does not p reach all that often, but every time he has, I have been greatly blessed. And I am sure many out there know of past asso ciations and things that would give them pause to stop and think, and I would agree about the stoping and the pausing a nd the thinking, yet I can only report what I have saw and heard over a six month period. Amangst that particular group, I have to say that they are among the most aware of the present day state, the lateness of the hour and the neccesity of not doing "business as usual." This particular video I found to be a blessing and a witness in my spirit.....Frank

Re: What do you think about this word about the end times? - posted by janny2006, on: 2009/8/31 18:32

Bless your heart !

I have been to IHOP for 2 times. (20 day each time)
I feel so impressed by the day and night prayer and worship !
I am totally persuaded by Pastor Mike Bickle 's teaching !

Re: - posted by White_Stone (), on: 2009/8/31 19:00

Was the name of the man in that video Pastor Mike Bickle?

I would have been much more inclined to believe him if he has spoken calmly and without the theatrics.

I do believe the times he spoke of are just around the corner.

Sadly, it is this manner of speaking that drove me out of Housed churches. That and the hypocrisy.

Why do they have to put on such a show? Just say what God gives you to share without the yelling and arm waving.

Tanks on the horizon I can see without a 'vision.'

Thank God for our Lord,
Praise Jesus

Re: , on: 2009/8/31 20:04

White_STONE,

You have lived a very sheltered life if you think that was theatrics :) LOL Many of the featured sermons on this site has w ay more theatrics :) I do think that many men have genuine passion and its not theatrical, Keith Daniel's would be one su ch preacher. Ian Paisley would be another, there are too many to mention.
Yes, the man in this video was theatrical.....Frank

My revelation of america and the end times..., on: 2009/8/31 22:53

"What do you think about this word about the end times?"...anonymity

I have an association with Mike Bickle also; and was a part of the prayer movement there, and lived there also, in the early 90's. I shared this with Mike, in a limited way, but clearly a few years ago.

I trust Mike as a man of integrity, but do not agree with many of his monastic creations. I do believe, however, that he has a revelatory and apostolic calling yet to be lived in his life.

This is what I think is coming. Mike saw a part of it. as I did.

Justice and Glory

by Thomas Watkins

If this were my very last article that I ever wrote, or last encouragement, or warning, before my death, this would be it. It is the most valuable thing that I have to give, to serve the body of Christ. We must be prepared for the holocaust that is riding these winds of judgment, and realize that this is from the Lord Jesus. We are waking up, even those of us who love slumber.

Over many years, the Lord has given me several interlocking revelations about His church in America. One important piece of that is THE END OF THE AMERICAN DREAM! The Lord spoke that phrase, and revealed to me it would center around a "greed mortgage craze", and there would be massive homelessness from the middle class, and riot like anger within the black and minority community. This was in 2003. A HOLY COMPANY WOULD THEN APPEAR. HERE:

<http://pjmiller.wordpress.com/2009/01/03/guest-author-the-end-of-the-american-dream/>

But this is only a small portion of what we can expect to come, both in Glory, and in Judgment.

The end of the American dream is about the holiest company ever assembled in this country, emerging within the greatest financial judgment ever to be in this country. There are two types of judgment. One has Mercy mixed in with it; a type of discipline that gives way to the possibility of repentance, of turning back to God's way, away from our own, and being restored, healed by our tender Father. Most of judgment is in this vein, because the Father is most merciful and gracious, and desires all to come to Him. He takes no pleasure in the death and destruction of the wicked. This financial judgment has mercy mixed in it, and God is leaving space for the Church, and America to repent, and believe.

The other type of judgment is a judgment when all mercies are depleted.

This is called Wrath. Consider Jeremiah's many, many, ignored pleadings with Jerusalem, and then one of them was his last; for the Babylonian warriors broke through the wall and proceeded to rape, murder and plunder; and not even sparing the toddlers and infants. It was a holocaust; a horror beyond thought; but it was real. One could argue that America was once the cradle of the FREE church of our Lord, maybe foremost in all of the Earth...in the days of her youth. If we have not become the "Great Whore who sits upon many waters", I assure you that we are a part of her.

We despise Jesus, we mock Him, and MOST of our churches have a mere form of Christianity, but reject the power to become agents of His love and mercy. We are enamored with our own happiness, and promote our wills and lives. God has turned her over to the wolves. "The prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?"

The Lord is defining Apostasy here. This is the "what" and "how" of why People fall away. God's people have fell in love with their own lives. God has become an inconvenience, a burden, a slave master; and they will resist bending to Him or ANYONE, over their dead bodies. THE ONLY MINISTERS THAT THEY ACCEPT ARE THE ONES THAT SPEAK OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY! We are seeing a flood of sorcerers and magicians and Usurpers that would be

unimaginable 10 years ago; and our "Main Line" churches too! A form of godliness wrapped in dead form; Void of the Spirit, yet glorying in doctrine and political correctness. This is why America as a country is being judged. "If the salt has lost its saltiness, WHAT IS IT GOOD FOR?" "TO BE CAST UPON THE DUNGHILL!"

That's wrath; utter rejection derived from utter rebellion. In 2001, I was caught up in the Spirit with the Lord. It was a though I was traveling around the Earth with Jahweh; sailing high above, and watching the continents below. There were no rivers, cities, or wilderness; only a massive wheat field. The sun was shining, the wheat shimmered in a gentle wind. The wheat was mature and golden; the sky was a Robin's egg blue. It completely covered every bit of surface on these continents; the inhabited ones. Out of the substance of the Earth and the Sun and the Wheat the Lord Spoke; "IT'S HARVEST TIME!"... the vision ended.

For years I had misconceptions of the harvest as being a time of worldwide sweeping revival. I now know that it is not. The Harvest is the "End of the AGE!" The Harvest is the time of exposure, of light revealing and separating the darkness. The Harvest is a time of separation; a time when the evil look alike wheat is exposed for what it really is. POISON!

Matthew 13; verses: 24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25; But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away. 26; But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also. 27; The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' 28; And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?' 29; But he said, 'No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30; Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, 'First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Remember this; "and the enemy who sowed them is the devil, and the HARVEST IS THE END OF THE AGE!"; and the reapers are angels."..vs:39

WE ARE SOON TO ENTER TRIBULATION. We are now experiencing the very beginning of the birth Pains of it. I will now share a very troubling set of visions that I was given, about the wrath part. I was shown the INVASION of AMERICA by foreign armies. In the first vision, I was in the Spirit, and was peering through the reeds, on a bluff above the ocean, on American Soil.

I heard a terrifying thunder of a massive and numerous army marching. I heard the cadence of boots marching in step, so many that the earth shook. I trembled, yet I watched on. Out of the ocean, close to my hiding spot in the reeds, a foreign army arose right out of the sea. These were foot soldiers, dressed in the camouflage stripes of another nation. They all had back packs, and assault weapons, but were staged to fight light, and mobile. They were terrifying in their sheer numbers and power.

A voice spoke to me over my right shoulder; a voice that I know. It was the voice of God, the Lord Jesus. He just said; "20 million." I understood that this was the number of the invading army. I understood that they were an occupying and an invading army; and their goal was to blitzkrieg to the heart of the cities in overwhelming numbers, and once there, they would be impregnable. Once inside of a city, with perhaps 500,000 men, we would be helpless. This would of course be a sneak attack; and would happen suddenly.

The corresponding vision I had several years before, was about an AIR WAR, on American soil, for AIR superiority before the main body is set to advance. This was near the exact area that I saw the armies rise. I saw a bombing war, with multitudes of attack planes. I saw the enemy with waves and waves; and when we think we have a chance, another and another wave of fighters and bombers dive in. I watched this war for a very, very long time, and as I saw it continue, I watched a very small object spinning out of the war, towards me. It was a tree, and as it approached me, it became larger and larger until I saw that it was a tree sent from God. It was covered perfectly in most beautiful leaves; It was, "The tree for healing for all nations" spoken of in the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

It is maturity in the Church. It is Jesus Himself alive in this end times Church, right here in America. The day is coming, when we will no longer be impotent, and lackadaisical. Healing, and power over all of the work of the enemy will be deeds that are commonplace, and it will be the day of instant fruit the Amos prophesied of, when the treader of grapes would be overcome by he who sows the seed. It will be the fullness of Jesus in His bride; It will be the Overcoming

church; the Remnant Bride that has endured to the end, that loved Jesus more than her own way, her own life.

The very sad thing about this, is imminent judgment that must come. I believe that prior to this invasion we will be nuked, along with every military base in the world, and every nuclear ship, and missile base. I believe that this will primarily occur on the East coast, and some cities in the west. The Midwest will be left for food production. I was not shown this by the Lord; this is my own judgment, but I believe that this horror will leave 100 MILLION Americans dead before the end...TWO FOR ONE, FOR EVERY INNOCENT LIFE MURDERED THROUGH ABORTION! This is Wrath on the unrepentant. I saw this invasion take place on the TEXAS COASTLINE and New Orleans area, on the same path as KATRINA.

It will be a time of horror, hand in hand with the Glory of the ages.

This is me; I was not shown this by the Lord, but I believe when this happens, we will be very close to the MIDDLE of this Great Tribulation. There will be 42 months, at least, to go. Jesus will rescue Israel, and the believers in all of the world then. We will then begin our eternity, as will the many damned, who hate God and his Christ.

I want to give you some signs upon the way, that the Lord has shown me.

I saw the company of real messengers, Apostles, that the Lord has ordained for America. They are broken and filled with holiness, and possessed with more authority than man could imagine. They hate the usurpers, nicolaitans, and false apostles like the NAR and such, and will lay their lives down for the least of the brethren, whoever that those may be. They are filled with humility and love.

One of the signs that they have manifested is when we see, "AN AMERICAN BAND OF MARTYRS"...These will be saints that will go in the face of death and martyrdom to carry the gospel to foreign shores. They will be butchered, and slaughtered, but behind them many more will follow, and this will be a pleasing aroma before the Lord. When you see and read of this, then you will know that real Godly apostles are here too, to shepherd the American flock through this tribulation and unto Jesus alone.

The second sign will be harder to perceive, but just as real.

We will begin to see saints that we would consider dead, destroyed and fallen away, restored. Many of them will have been wounded in the current WAR in the church, between an emerging humanist-new age gospel and "apostle" mindset that denies the CROSS, both as Jesus as the only way to God, and the cross that the individual MUST bear DAILY, as he dies to himself, to live to God, and learns how to love. People that you would not imagine, will return to the Love of Jesus, and become a blaze for God. It will be amazing, similar to Ezekiel's "DRY BONES" vision...right here, in America.

There are TEN Virgins: All wake up, but all don't survive. What is the keystone for the survivors?, and what did the victims of blindness lack? Oil for the lamps. It is the Holy Spirit flowing in relationship with He who stands among the candlesticks. Everyone assumed they possessed it, but really only some did. This is the most important possession in your entire life, even for Eternity. Do you fellowship with Jesus? Do you know Him? Do you worship Him, in Spirit and in truth, or do you just have an idea of that, or a form of that? Only one thing we will possess in this soon coming trouble is FAITH, a quiet assurance that we know Him who we have rested our soul upon.

Hebrews 11 33 who by faith conquered kingdoms, performed acts of righteousness, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, from weakness were made strong, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. 35 Women received back their dead by resurrection; and others were tortured, not accepting their release, so that they might obtain a better resurrection; 36 and others experienced mockings and scourgings, yes, also chains and imprisonment. 37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were tempted, they were put to death with the sword; they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated 38 (men of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves and holes in the ground. 39 And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised, 40 because God had provided something better for us, so that apart from us they would not be made perfect.

This was not written apart from us, even today, and it is more than a historical encouragement, it is a code, a living testament about how true saints will react to extreme hardship and persecution. Do not be deceived into thinking that a farm in Idaho or a large storehouse will succor you in this time. It will not, and you will be very disappointed. As then, as

now, Only a living faith in Jesus, sustained by daily bread, will enable you to endure unto the end; and the end for some of us will surely be martyrdom.

I see the church as a resurrected remnant; a little flock. I see her in twos and threes, where glory falls as well in many, many home churches and personal groups where real relationship will and is able to be cultured. We are now yet in a time of grace where we all can repent, and return to our first loves; where we can determine a life "All for Jesus, No matter the COST!"...We have space, but I promise you as I warn you; THE DOOR IS CLOSING!

Also, there is yet space where we can pray for America. Will she repent? Probably not, but Abraham wasn't slowed up for SODOM, before the Lord with that probability, was he? It is possible that the number of that occupying force and army may be diminished, but not without repentance. Remember Nineveh.

We will need each other much more in the future, and Jesus most of all.

We will seek him continually in these times of trouble, and it is written; "The Lord has NEVER forsaken ANY who seek after Him." This is the difference in having oil for your lamps, and being left without it, in the most dire of nights. Jesus is Lord and Creator, and Satan, and every one of his devil angels that followed him, are nothing, and less than nothing before His glorious power. They are together less than a drop falling into a cavernous 55 gallon drum, and united less than a match head of chaff, in a forest fire. Jesus is but using the devil, and anti-Christ, to prove his purposes, and His faithful, and His Faithfulness. when Jesus is done using him, he will be cast headlong into the lake of fire, where he will burn for eternity, along with his brother angels.... We are also a part of this trial, that will encompass the entire earth. We overcome by faith.

"BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB, THE WORD OF OUR TESTIMONY, AND BY NOT LOVING OUR OWN SELF LIVE S, EVEN UNTO DEATH!"

John said, in Revelation, "Your brother, in tribulation and patience." That's how it has to be.

* brother Tom Watkins

Re: My revelation of america and the end times.. - posted by ccchhrrriiss (), on: 2009/8/31 23:07

I don't know much about Mike Bickle, so I can't vouch for him or testify on his behalf in any way (pro or con). However, I always recommend to the brethren to NEVER take a man's "prophetic word" on face value or as an "unquestionable" word.

Why?

They are just men. I have men and/or known some great men of God...many of whom I knew loved the Lord. I admire many of these men and agree with many of the words that they spoke. However, I am very aware that these are just...men. I admire Leonard Ravenhill...Dave Wilkerson...Paris Reidhead...etc... I've even met with Brother Ravenhill in his home (shortly before he passed away) when I was just a young teenager. But even he reminded me that he is a "mere man."

I am very hesitant to quickly "heed" the "prophetic words" or "visions" when I am told to "heed" them.

This short video doesn't change anything in my mind. I already know the end will come. I already know to be prepared for the end. I already know to trust God throughout that end (no matter how it takes place). So, I'll consider that as just a "vision" that this particular man, Mike Bickle, claims to have had. Is it true? Did this man truly have this "vision?" I don't even pretend to know! More importantly, it doesn't change anything for those of us who already know to be ready for the end.

:-)

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2009/9/1 4:56

Mike Bickle and friends are all false prophets.

The biggesst threat to you is not tanks, martial law and the likes it's "**DECEPTION**"

Matt 24:3 And as he sat upon the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy coming, and of the end of the world?

What is Jesus's answer **Take heed that no man deceive you** Matt 24:4.

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2009/9/1 7:42

Quote:

"Mike Bickle and friends are all false prophets."

You are wrong about this my friend, and just because Mike Bickle has associated himself with certain men that are questionable does not make him a false prophet. I have seen these accusations made repeatedly by certain individuals who lack discernment and are in league with the accuser of the brethren.

The first time I ever heard a teaching by Mike Bickle, the Holy Spirit bore witness with my spirit. The teachings that I have heard my Mike Bickle have been in line with the Word of God.

You can't call everyone that has ever been involved in the prophetic movement a false prophet until you examine their life and ministry. You can't call everyone that has ever been involved in the Word of Faith movement a false teacher, until you check out their teaching.

The Word of God says that we are to prove all things and hold fast to that which is good.

There are people on these forums that love to nick pick and are looking for any kind of error so that they can label a man as being false. I have seen it done to men like Leonard Ravenhill, A.W. Tozer, and Paul Washer. We need not only to check out the words that men speak but the lives that they live. If men are living godly lives and bearing the fruit of the Spirit then they are of God. The Pharisees said all the right words but Jesus said that they were like white washed tombs full of dead men's bones.

Mike

Re: , on: 2009/9/1 7:43

Quote:

-----I am totally persuaded by Pastor Mike Bickle 's teaching

That's a dangerous place to be.

Me, I am totally persuaded by the **Word of God**, not some dude.

Years ago when I first arrived at this forum we discussed "teachers" like Bickle, IHOP, MorningStar, Rick Joyner, The Latter Rain Movement, Manifest Sons of God doctrine, Bob Jones (the so-called prophet, not the college), etc etc.

Many of us showed them to be the false teachers that they are... using their own words and comparing them to the teachings of the Word of God.

They are not prophets, especially Bob Jones... who I was personally "prophecied" over when I was deceived and into all of that junk.

I'll not sit in judgement of their salvation, but I will certainly weigh their teachings and so-called prophecies against the Word of God.

They have been weighed and shown to be lacking.

Whenever I hear ANYONE say "I am totally persuaded by so-and-so's teaching" I just cringe!!

NO NO NO!! Be fully convinced of the teachings of the Bible! Not some dude!

Wake up!

Krispy

Re: , on: 2009/9/1 7:49

Quote:

-----The first time I ever heard a teaching by Mike Bickle, the Holy Spirit bore witness with my spirit.

Interject the name "Joseph Smith" into that sentence and this is **exactly** what the Mormons say.

And by the way, brother, I have studied Bickle's teaching... I used to be a student of his teachings, and Joyner, etc. We used to belong to a Morning Star associated church. I've met Bickle and sat under his teachings.

You say: "just because Mike Bickle has associated himself with certain men that are questionable does not make him a false prophet."

I say: Who is lacking in discernment?

You say: "I have seen these accusations made repeatedly by certain individuals who lack discernment and are in league with the accuser of the brethren."

I say: that's a cheap way to shut up anyone who you disagree with. Call them names, accuse them of lacking discernment, and call them satanic.

Instead of debating the issues, doctrines, whatever... you simply call people names.

Way to go.

Notice I called Bickle a false teacher, which sincerely believe him to be. I did not call him names, did not question his salvation. Did not call his followers names.

Unlike you... who generalized anyone who may disagree with you, called them names, said they were in league with Satan (i.e. judged their very salvation), etc.

That's just wrong and **sinful** on so many different levels.

Krispy

Re: - posted by hmmhmm (), on: 2009/9/1 8:06

dont know about this man, but even if he was to be a false prophet, i would caution people to call out such thing without present some reasons why we should make such a judgment. To just plainly state, this man is a false prophet... and add no information or quotes from his false prophesies presented with clear scriptures...it makes it a bit fuzzy so to speak, w hether he is or is not false i dont know.

Re: , on: 2009/9/1 8:16

I agree... unfortunately I do not have time today to go into it all. It has been discussed previously to the point of nausea on this forum and is available for all to research. I recommend people avail themselves of all that has been discussed simply by searching.

My main point here tho is that people who support their favorite minister/prophet can not handle any criticism of their hero. When doctrines or prophecies are questioned... instead of honest discussions about it... they turn to name calling, judgmentalism and bating.

This ought not to be.

Krispy

Re: , on: 2009/9/1 8:54

We should never debate with flame throwers. There is a sickness in todays modern society and it is tearing the fabric of it apart, led by well known pundits who enrich themselves by trading in hatred. A large part of the professing Christian movement have been swept up in it because it appeals to their philosophy. We then find that they debate their "brothers," with the same venom of their favorite pundits that they watch for endless hours. So, putting all that aside, I agree that any time you are dealing with anyone who calls themselves a prophet, extreme caution should be applied. Many of the people that have been associated with Mike Bickle should be avoided like the plague. Having said that, I have been attending IHOP for several months now, having gone there against my will, being led there by the Lord. I have been continually blessed by powerful sermons that have been right on the money. In all those times I have only heard Mike Bickle speak a few times in those six months, but have been blessed every time I have heard him. To say anything else would just not be true. The only time I have felt uncomfortable was when Lou Engle has spoken. Nothing unscriptural was said by him, but alarm bells ring in my spirit as I listen to him. Anyway, as I said before, the people that I have heard, including Alan Hood, have a firm grasp on the fact that the time is short. While most of the so called church is asleep at the wheel, this group of people at least understand the times in which they live. When I hear false prophecy and unscriptural teaching, I will be glad to share it with you guys, but not so far.....Frank

Re: , on: 2009/9/1 9:04

Frank... no doubt the time is short, I'm with ya there.

But dont you think this strange mixing of error w/ truth is a dangerous thing? Does Bickle issue any warning to the hearers of these people that you admit should be avoided like the plague... as you put it?

Let's say for a moment that I didn't have an issue with any of Bickle's teachings. Don't you think it strange that he would choose to associate himself with rogues? Don't you think that by him not saying anything about the error that he does associate himself with is in effect promoting, even condoning the errors?

Can't have it both ways. We are commanded in scripture to **separate** ourselves from error. In scripture it says to **mark** (point out, warn) and **avoid** (separate, not willing join together with) those who teach false doctrine. We're not even to bid them "godspeed" or let them inside our houses!

So even if I did agree with Bickles teachings... he is clearly disobeying scripture by willingly uniting with those who are clearly false teachers, and not issuing warnings about their teachings.

Krispy

Re: , on: 2009/9/1 9:38

"My main point here tho is that people who support their favorite minister/prophet can not handle any criticism of their hero. When doctrines or prophecies are questioned... instead of honest discussions about it... they turn to name calling, judgmentalism and bating." krispy

Amen. Anyone who 'passed judgment' on a Paul Cain or a Bob Jones would have been treated in similar fashion. Their bad fruit bore them out eventually but there were warnings beforehand. There's a certain amount of integrity involved in coming clean with past connections and condemning the practice of those who are false and fallen. Bickle has cited Paul Cain in prophesy before as I used to have it on tape.... my mother in law kept pushing the IHOP prophets on me with tapes and books. According to Bickle, the prophecy went something like this:

"there will be a new day ahead when there will be no news but GOOD NEWS. Paul Cain said that he had a vision of a news anchor and this anchor started the news with 'there is no news to report but good news'." "He (Paul Cain) said that 'stadium Christianity' will be upon us where we will be filling stadiums to worship God instead of having entertainment events".

Now I paraphrased alot of this but after listening to this tape of Bickle I looked up Paul Cain as I had never heard of him before. Needless to say, I found out all I needed to know on Paul Cain and his background. This 'good news', from what I gathered at that time was the typical 'feel good', 'good news', Gospel that some preachers have staunchly come against. Bickle has managed to stay out of the 'prophetic fray' but I question his lukewarmness in the history of IHOP and those who associated with the ministry. Bickle was also on GOD TV during the Todd Bentley ministry. Bentley was a protégé of Bob Jones who was an associate of IHOP. During that time I never heard much discernment from Bickle on that matter. Like many who were too close to the situation (like Dutch Sheets), he sat on the fence. I know a lot of people are fans of Bickle and trust him. But I believe that he is still holding on to a lot of IHOP baggage. To me, my assessment of Bickle isn't in what he's saying, but what he isn't saying. He may have admitted to some 'mistakes' made during the height of the IHOP ministry but I don't see him outright condemning the false gospel that Paul Cain and Bob Jones have preached, and in the case of Bob Jones still preach.

So I'm with Krispy. We have to be careful of whom we trust. I believe God has shown me this time and time again. That doesn't mean we can't be 'blessed' by a sermon but it does mean that we shouldn't attach ourselves too closely to any one preacher or ministry.

Re: Monasticism and Bickle, on: 2009/9/1 9:46

Really the thread is about Mike's vision of the end times, not about his theology or friends; though I must somewhat agree in general that association with heretics and receiving them as ministers doesn't help your cause to be known as a solid brother.

In defense of Mike, He disciplined Bob Jones... in a biblical manner, with the goal being repentance, long before Bob revealed his true colors and non biblical affiliations and doctrines. Jones rebelled against this; and ended up under the "covering" of Rick Joyner and crew.

Paul Cain suffered the exact same scenario and fate; be it with a different perversion revealed. He rebelled against biblical discipline, ran to Joyner's and ministered there. The three of them were integral... with the demonic manifestations of the likes of Todd Bentley, and supported him and endorsed him at Lakeland last year.

My point is, that Bickle was loyal to these guys long before they showed themselves as heretics, and many, including myself, had a respect for them also. When they sinned, they were confronted. Times have changed, but you cannot fault Mike for being loyal, to his friends, and the Word. I trust Mike, but do not agree with him, and he definitely is not a heretic.

Here is the basis of my disagreement with Mike. He embraced the catholic mystics long ago as those of a higher plane....deeper saints than the norm. He believes in his heart that these mystics found god, and every one of these folks...practiced the "contemplative" model of prayer.

This prayer model is Babylonian, and "Transcendental" in nature...and strangely akin to the eastern occult practices of "focus" and "clearing" your mind to a void, to find revelation. This is practiced at IHOP, and the mystics taught as leaders to obtain the deeper walk with Jesus.

The Catholic mystics were deceived, and the blissful experience satanic, though robed in christian symbols; As the mother, so the daughter. It logically lead to the "Cloister" as the model of the church, and the real disciples...the super devotees.

Herein comes the model of IHOP....a monastic order, protestant version of the MONASTERY. Rote, non inspired repetitious prayer, uninspired but repeated, over and over, and the same with worship and song. It is not prayer nor is it worship unto Jesus, but as the mystics, it has a form of godliness, but no spirit.

It is discipline, and has its roots in the catholic concept that a SACRIFICIAL LIFE is the most important one to God. It is subtle legalism that promotes the energy to become a high spiritual One, and leaving the devotee always struggling for a deeper commitment, while the peer group... both support and energize the fellow elites.

It is "high spirituality" and "cold love", for it can never produce real fruit for God.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/9/1 9:58

Quote:

-----repetitious prayer, uninspired but repeated, over and over, and the same with worship and song.

Ah, yes, this describes contemporary music. Drives me crazy. It is like 'See Dick run, see Dick run fast. He can run.' I think my reading and comprehension skills have progressed since I was in the first grade 56 years ago.

ginnyrose

Re: , on: 2009/9/1 10:09

Hi Krispy,

I agree with your main point. In fact, that would have been a major reason for me not going to IHOP in the past. To me, this is a clear and blatant weakness of Mike Bickle, his refusal to exercise leadership when it comes to Bentley and all those people who are, and I say without reservation, false prophets. And I accept Tom's points about the Catholicism angle, although some of my own personal favorite people were called mystics, whether it be Jean Guyon or even Tozer. I personally believe, that despite Bickle's glaring weakness in this area, that he is used of God and when it comes to the Word of God, I have been greatly blessed by him. These other guys, Bentley included, were so blatantly unscriptural, that it defies reason that people would follow them.

I just want to state again, I have been going to IHOP for six months now, not because I am an IHOPPER, but because I believe that the Lord is about to sweep away the established church and I am just parking it there for the moment, and of course I was compelled to go there by the Spirit :) I can honestly say that I have been blessed every single week by Biblical passionate sermons. I have also enjoyed the worship which has surprised me. I have no doubt that God is using these guys, despite some glaring weaknesses. He seems to have a philosophy that he will not criticize those who call themselves by the name of Jesus. I have heard him say that, which of course I totally disagree with, but putting that disagreement to one side, I have only heard sound Biblical teaching from him, I would be less than honest if I said otherwise..... Frank

Re: Monasticism and Bickle, on: 2009/9/1 10:28

2.]The promotion of hierarchy.

There has always been a hierarchy at KC vineyard/fellowship, as it at IHOP today, that has insulated itself inside of the "movement". It is not a church...and that is important to understand. By dismantling the idea of church, and by this only, can you contrive the biblical mandate of a super army, super disciples, that will turn the world upside down. It creates a venue to become one....a holy and powerful Saint...a "Fore-runner company in the vein of John the Baptist!"

The problem is that it never has worked, nor never will. This began over 25 years ago, when the super spiritual KC prophets emerged, and Mike lead Kansas City Fellowship into a praying church....a radical, devoted fasting group that would fill stadiums and shake the Earth. There was almost a spiritual competition as an energy there, and this created the model and term that I use....HIGH SPIRITUALITY..../ COLD LOVE...

THIS EVENTUALLY MORPHED INTO THE VISION OF THE PURE MONASTERY...WHERE A VERY ELITE AND SELECT GROUP WOULD BE NURTURED....IHOP.

24 hour prayer... 24 hour praise. Pure devotion...and the prideful idea of becoming the "PRAYER MISSIONARY"!... and people were taught to raise their own support... rather than WORK!...to pay their way...

The result is that the weak or pushed out...those with families and poverty and teenagers, jobs, that cannot devote the time the nun does....and the young are recruited...and this has been going on long before IHOP.

High spirituality / cold love. This is what a monastery produces, and is the earmark of Ihop, and KCF..and Mike created it all.

The true church is the only vehicle that will ever lead us to holiness. It is largely made up of the desperate poor...families that must work 6 days a week,,,and teenagers, and suckling babes, and bosses and jobs, and taxes and life..

If the church will not function among the poor of the earth; IT IS NOT THE CHURCH!...and it is Never, never just for the strong, or the elite few, who may pay the price of a forerunner like John the Baptist.

These kids are constantly being flattered and puffed up to believe that they are all that...the spearhead of Jesus, the deeper ones, the powerful few who will pay and be devoted to Jesus 24/7...while they cannot realize that the Lord values mercy and real love above all....not a devoted monastic life.

This has been going on for many years at KCF/Ihop, and it has always, and always will fail. The church is for the we

aking, buttressed by mercy and grace, and empowered by God's true love among us, and the weak cannot perform like the strong ones can. this is where you divide the "spiritual" ones, in Mike's eyes, and it is gross error.

This is the reason the "Prophetic" was elevated...The "Kansas City Prophets" syndrome, and why Mike has a penchant for the Mystics....they are super spiritual, and that to him is the call!... become super committed and super spiritual, and the modus operandi the monastery, or, "the Call", or any number of titled venues that support this false idea of a deeper commitment.

The restoration of the fallen tabernacle of David is not 24/7 prophetic devotion or the cloister...it is the simple church established locally throughout the church...with all of her weakness, distresses, and needs. It is here that we learn to cope in a fallen world, and how to love and restore our brothers and sisters likewise in need; not marching along with an army of super saints.

God's heart in us among the weak will teach us how to love, and this pleases Him the most.

Re: Mike Bickle, on: 2009/9/1 10:35

Having posted my opinions, I wanted to add that I am not at all hostile to Mike Bickle; quite the contrary. I know he belongs to the Lord, and believe he will break out of his current ideas about extreme devotion, and the Babylonian mystics.

When he sees the harm he has done, i pray he will be broken and repent. I believe he has a high calling with the Lord.

PS:...I thoroughly believe his vision of the tanks coming. We will be invaded by foreign armies.

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That's a good word.

Re: - posted by Leo_Grace, on: 2009/9/1 11:28

In the Bible we have all that we need to live according to God's will. We must focus on reading, understanding and meditating on the Word in order to draw closer to God and to live our lives according to his plan.

All extra-biblical teaching and all extra-biblical revelation must be held suspect.

Quote:
-----NO NO NO!! Be fully convinced of the teachings of the Bible! Not some dude!

I couldn't agree more.

Re: , on: 2009/9/1 11:37

Amen Brothertom. You summed IHOP up fairly, accurately, and in sincerity.

What I took from what my mother in law gave me from certain IHOP individuals was that they were very willing to give you THEIR instructions on what to do. One particular 'devotion' was thirty some odd pages of what scriptures to study, when to fast, for what purpose this is done etc... as if you were following a MONTHLY regiment that came from God, to them, to you. Coming from the Catholic church myself it had that 'tinge' of methodology. Do this, pray this, fast this, and we will have revival. It seemed like it was more about their method than it was about God and it seemed more about quantity of people than the quality of the heartfelt prayer. I also noticed that they promoted each other. Go to 'so and so's' gathering... read such and such's book.... support this person's cause etc... It was very exclusive and had an element of pomp that just didn't seem right.

Re: - posted by rnieman, on: 2009/9/1 12:11

Did anyone mention Mike's interpretation(perversion) of the Song of Songs and his whole bridal paradigm that he came up with, where people are being ravished by Jesus in some type of sensual way???? I guess, where do we draw the line?

Re: , on: 2009/9/1 12:46

This had the potential to become a train wreck, yet this has actually turned into a good conversation, brothers.

I will say one positive thing about IHOP... they have great pancakes.

Krispy

Re: good pancakes..., on: 2009/9/1 13:34

Hey krispy! It's me. Did you know that there is a IHOP pancake house near the religious lhop, that is so enamored in the sharing of their ICONS, they'll give anyone a 10% discount with the Id of any hopper or conference attendee?

The omlettes are the best!...and it's a cool place to wind down and fellowship.

There sure are a lot of seekers and genuine believers that come there...

Re: , on: 2009/9/1 13:51

The Bible is objective truth, the Bible is revelation, yet outside of illumination one cannot rightly divide it. Illumination comes through the Holy Spirit and therein lies most of the disagreements, whether it is between "mystics," or whoever. Scripture alone is not enough, if it were, then the most spiritual people would be the pharisees. One must actually "know," Jesus, as opposed to having a head knowledge of the Scriptures. Now, we have had that debate a thousand times on sermonindex and I do not want to derail the topic at hand, but this subject is never far away. What some people consider "super-spiritual," to others it would just be "Absolute surrender."

As has been said before by many of the giants of the faith, Christianity is not a mental assent to an abstract truth. The supernatural element, whether it is prophecy or any gifts of the Spirit will keep us debating until Jesus returns. Yet this we know, everything will fall between the walls of Scripture, and Scripture can rightly teach us about the supernatural elements of Christianity. So many of the so called prophets clearly could be discerned by a rudimentary knowledge of the God.

My own rule of thumb is, if you proclaim yourself as a prophet, then you are most likely not one.....Frank

Re: , on: 2009/9/1 13:52

I love their country omlettes.

10% discount on pancakes and omlettes?? Biblical discernment to the wind! lol

Krispy

Re: , on: 2009/9/1 13:55

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True.

If you speak prophecy, yet most of it never comes true... you are not one. (I didnt say that, God did)

Krispy

Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2009/9/1 14:00

Recently, I posted a thread about the book 23 MINUTES IN HELL. My wife was given this book by the owner of the Christian private school where she teaches in the hope that they could have a Bible study and discussion (the teachers...not the students) about it later.

My issue isn't with whether or not the author's claim that God sent him to visit Hell was true or not. I have read several different books from men and women who claimed to have visited either Heaven or Hell. Ironically, they all tend to paint a picture of how terrible Hell will be (or how great Heaven will be). Yet the specifics of their stories all tend to contradict on

e another. Who (if any of them) is telling the truth?

When I was a teenager, I remember going with some people to a Benny Hinn "crusade." I felt very, very uncomfortable, even though I knew little about Mr. Hinn. However, I remember how he blew his breath into the microphone and in the direction of people sitting around the arena, telling them that the "anointing of the Holy Ghost was going to get them." Sure enough, most of the people in the crowd of thousands were "slain in the spirit." Of course, I was left standing there (along with my sister next to me). We didn't fall down. In fact, we didn't feel a thing! Yet the people all around us fell down. However, I remember that many of the people immediately got up. The people behind us immediately started talking about where they were going to eat lunch and which movie they were going to watch at the theater.

Since I wrote the initial post in the 23 MINUTES IN HELL thread, I have been wondering about those claims. I just think that if someone TRULY had a vision of God, it would have an immediate and noticeable impact in their lives. I doubt people would go on with their typical mundane lives -- like those people who were behind us at the Benny Hinn meeting. If God truly and supernaturally knocked you down..."slew" you in the spirit...don't you think that the first thing to come out of your mouth would NOT be a question about lunch or a movie?

I've seen people who uttered "prophetic words" during a meeting. Yet many of those same people were unchanged! They lived their lives as they always did...some of them in sin (that would be revealed later). You would think that people who had their mouths supposedly possessed by God or who had such supernatural visions would be humbled by them...and impacted for the better!

Do I believe in visions...dreams...and prophetic words? Yes. I just don't believe in man. Why? Because I know myself. I know that I love the Lord...and I have seen and experienced awesome things (even unbelievable things) that I never really talk about here on SermonIndex. Yet even as much as those things have impacted my life, I am keenly aware of my own flaws. I would not want to gather anyone's trust...simply because of what God has done for me.

I have met many, many men and women who either claim to be a prophet...or who try their best to appear as one. Are they really? All I can say is that, with most of them, you would think that there would be more humility and brokenness of spirit with people who are so possessed by words and knowledge from God. Many of them are actually upset when people don't "heed" their "words." Yet, I Corinthians 13:1-7 comes to mind. Do those "prophets" exhibit such a definition of love?

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Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2009/9/1 17:37

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Can we find anywhere in scripture what Mike is promoting "the defeat of the antichrist's end time false worship movement"

I can't.

Rev 13:7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them.

Re: - posted by Leo_Grace, on: 2009/9/1 18:49

Dear appolus,

I agree with most of your post, and I thank you for it. However, I felt the need to clarify the portion below:

Quote:

-----Scripture alone is not enough, if it were, then the most spiritual people would be the pharisees.

There is a danger that readers who accept this statement may equate devoted study of scripture with the negative image of being "like a Pharisee". Nothing could be further from the truth.

Jesus rebuked the Pharisees not for their knowledge of scripture, but for their hypocrisy. They followed scripture outwardly, but were totally depraved and corrupt inwardly. That was why Jesus called them "white-washed tombs".

Lk 11:39 Then the Lord said to him, "Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also?"

Jesus could see right through their pretense.

Lk 11:42 "Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone."

So diligently studying scripture and knowledge of scripture is good, but not taking it to heart and putting it into practice as God intended is bad.

2Ti 3:16-17 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

I daresay that without sincere knowledge and obedience to scripture, an aspiring believer would be lost. Without scripture, one would be seriously ignorant of God's commands and His will. Without this knowledge, how could one obey?

Jn 14:21 Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

Just wanted to make this clear. :-)

Re: , on: 2009/9/1 20:18

Hi LEO,

Appreciate your comments. This topic has been debated many times. I agree with what you say. The statement is not about not reading, in fact devouring scripture, its about the importance of "knowing," Jesus and being filled with His Holy Spirit without which no amount of Scripture reading will benefit the reader.....Frank

Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2009/9/1 20:43

Hi Frank...

Quote:

appolus wrote:

...the importance of "knowing," Jesus and being filled with His Holy Spirit without which no amount of Scripture reading will benefit the reader.....Frank

True, but the opposite is also true: No amount of "experiences" and/or "revelations" matter if those things contradict or in correctly add to what is already found written in the Word of God.

Otherwise, like Krispy pointed out, the Mormons...Jehovah's Witnesses...and even the the most off-the-wall prosperity charismatics (like what happened with Todd Bentley or the Toronto Airport Vineyard) could be justified.

Re: , on: 2009/9/1 23:05

brother, that is why the Scriptures are at the heart of the man who knows Jesus, for the Holy Spirit illuminates the Scriptures was my point. This is why I used the word "devour." The people that you mentioned have nothing to do with the genuine, still supernatural God. The points still stand brother. Genuinely "knowing Jesus," is all that saves. One can know the Scriptures and not know Jesus, one cannot know Jesus and not know Scripture.....brother Frank

Re: - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2009/9/2 0:11

Talk about devouring the Scriptures... I love the Scriptures, and if I could get them into me more fully by doing so, I would literally eat my Bible. I love the Bible.

But I see in my Bible that God spoke to men, revealed Himself to men directly, time and again. He revealed Himself to Abraham, spoke to Abraham. That's in Scripture. He revealed Himself to Moses in the burning bush. To David, to Isaiah, Ezekiel... He revealed Himself, spoke to them, gave them direction. And countless others, speaking to them directly, or through someone else, a prophet perhaps.

And He revealed Himself to the disciples, spoke to them "in Son" (Heb. 1.2). To Peter, James and John. To Paul... That's in the Bible.

I am not necessarily endorsing the men being spoken about on this thread, whom I know very little about.

I am just saying, we have the comfort and assurance of Holy Scripture that God has spoken to His people directly time and time again... and will continue to do so.

Always, of course, such revelation will be in complete harmony with Scripture. If Scripture doesn't bear witness with a word or revelation supposedly from God, that word or revelation is false.

Of course... this might take some real heart searching at times. There might be veils on our heart that hinder us seeing what is actually there in Scripture.

AD

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Manifest Sons of God, or Latter Rain is what I sat under back in my early walk with the Lord... when I was completely Biblically ignorant. Actually it was a hybrid mix of Latter Rain and Word of Faith.

Manifest Sons of God is as heretical as Word of Faith. It has many similarities to WOF, but the main difference is that M SoG teaches that things will get better, not worse... and that the church (their version of it) will eventually defeat the anti-Christ and set up Christ's Kingdom on earth.

What's the problem with that? Quite simply the Bible is clear that CHRIST will defeat the anti-Christ... not us. Things won't get better on this earth, they will get worse until the coming of Christ.

There is so much more, and I don't have time right now, but it's available for all to read and investigate for yourselves.

Krispy

Re: - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2009/9/2 10:25

Quote:

-----Manifest Sons of God is as heretical as Word of Faith.

Over the years, from time to time I'd hear of groups who claimed they were manifest sons of God. I heard of one such group who claimed they would never die.

It's a grief that this kind of thing happens, "by whom the way of truth is evil spoken of" (1 Pt. 2.2). Yet Peter prophesied it would happen.

And I always like to remember that our Lord was numbered among the transgressors.

There is beautiful truth concerning the manifestation of the sons of God; in fact all creation is waiting for this (Rom. 8.19) ...and very solid teachers like T. Austin Sparks and George Warnock bring this teaching forth.

The same with the "word of faith." That phrase is actually scriptural (Rom. 10.8).

But it often happens that the Devil, when he is afraid of a certain aspect of truth that is very powerful, he seeks to defile it and contaminate it, thus attempting to turn the minds of the saints against it.

We are not ignorant of his devices.

Let's be careful we don't get cheated out of some beautiful facet of truth just because it has been twisted and distorted by the foolish.

AD

Re: , on: 2009/9/2 11:20

by murrclor on 2009/9/1 13:37:28

Murrclor: thanks for the quote. Yes, it is this elitist "forerunner" spirit that stokes the flames of monasticism and the pride of living a more "sacrificial life", in order to please the Lord more fully, that Mike has and does espouse. It is error, and separates the body from the weak to the strong. Mike says that only a minuscule percentage....1/10th of 1%...maybe...are called to the life of IHOP!

Jesus said; "ALL OF YOU THAT LABOR AND ARE HEAVY LADEN COME UNTO ME!"...not the elite few who can cut it and handle the rigor of a separate Elijah, as a forerunner. That's everybody who will come. "Compel them!"..He said.

This most earnest pride creates the "High Spirituality".../"Cold Love" phenomena that all monasteries do. The church is called to the meek and the weak, and commanded to condescend to men of low estate...the lepers and outcasts, and dispense mercy as living waters to the needy. An Elijah band of forerunners who subtly dub themselves as "The most powerful worship movement in history" may not see the need to change diapers and actually work with their hands to support the weak in the church.

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Many movements that are now in error were brought about through revelation of certain truths that the Lord was restoring to the Church. Some men got out of balance with these truths and so many Christians threw out the baby with the bath water.

Mike

Re: , on: 2009/9/2 11:42

Amen Mike, it happens time and time again, where the focus is on the error and not the truth and the baby gets thrown out with the bath water.....Frank

Re: - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2009/9/2 12:23

Quote:
-----Many movements that are now in error were brought about through revelation of certain truths that the Lord was restoring to the Church.

Yes, and sadly, something that is a very precious truth gets tarred and feathered and ridden out of town on a rail... along with the heresy.

"He was numbered with the transgressors" (Isa. 53.12).

This is an area where, I think, we have been duped by our Adversary, because as it turns out, sometimes we actually are ignorant of his devices.

AD

Re: Mixture...some of God....some of the other..., on: 2009/9/2 12:24

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A little leaven leavens the whole lump. Error must be focused upon or you will not have purity and holiness, but thereby deception and corruption.

Satan does not defile the church with a flood of black robed goats, but a subtle whisper of "Has God Said?" Pride and elitism, coupled with unscriptural mandates and doctrines have devastated the church more than all of the evil satanic covens combined.

This is not throwing the baby out with the bathwater, but simply identifying the error that will kill the baby.

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Actually, I think it is just a little different. I wouldn't drink water if there is a toad (or something like that) floating in it. I certainly don't want to drink out of a pitcher of water than has just a little poison in it.

Do you see the problem? These sort of false teachers often mix some poison with their truth. Worse -- they often insist that men must "heed" their "prophetic words" or "visions" (since they insist that they are straight from God). What is needed now more than ever are people who will take someone's "prophetic word" or "vision" and RIGHTLY DIVIDE IT by inspecting it with the pure light of God's Word.

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It isn't really throwing out the "baby with the bathwater." It is simply being aware that the person giving the "prophetic word" or sharing his supposed "vision" is just a man who may or may not be telling the truth. I think that any REAL man of God will be happy to have fellow believers "rightly divide" their words by using the Word of God as the primer.

I do think that there is a difference between those people who teach something (like a Bible-based doctrine) that they *think* to be true...and people who claim to have "visions" or "prophetic words" that are proven to not be true at all.

The first person is acting under a clear conscience. Even if that person is wrong, he taught from what he felt to be true. Of course, it would be better than such a person does NOT teach things that are false (or so quick to teach things that he might think are a "new revelation" from God's Word). The second person, however, is in danger of Hell fire. Why? The conscience of a man must be seared if he so easily and freely misquotes God or claims visions that are meant to propagate a belief.

In regard to the "vision" of the man mentioned in this thread, it is either true...or he is a liar. This is true with all such men who publicly claim "visions" or "prophetic words." It isn't enough to say that such men can "miss it" when they "prophecy." They are literally FALSE PROPHETS...and this should not be taken lightly. The Benny Hinns of the world often will defend themselves as "missing it" because they are "human." The problem is that they are blaming their "prophetic words" on the Holy Spirit! They are bearing false witness against God Himself! If they can't tell the difference between a "vision" and an "imagination" -- if they cannot tell the difference between a "prophetic word" and a "whim" -- then they shouldn't be in public ministry.

Of course, I think that we would all be in agreement with this. Unfortunately, men like Benny Hinn -- who have given false prophecies over and over again -- are excused because of the supposed "good things" that come out of their ministries. It isn't a baby in the bathwater. It is poison in the well.

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Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2009/9/2 13:04

This concept is not new.

Many years ago, 40 years perhaps, I heard a liberal Mennonite who believed the church will usher in a world of peace so therefore the church must be active in 'peacemaking' among the kingdoms of this world. This philosophy gave rise to compromise like you never seen before. It meant discounting everything orthodoxy deemed essential, like the virgin birth, the blood of Jesus; they embrace practicing homosexuals. Back then they adhered to the ammillenium view of the end times. Don't know what they call it now.

Just thought I would throw this in for your information.

ginnyrose

Re: , on: 2009/9/2 13:07

Hi Chris,

I think what Mike is getting at, and please correct me if I am wrong Mike, is that every single time anything supernatural is mentioned, whether it is simply someone saying God spoke to me, or someone talks about "knowing Jesus," intimately in an experiential way in accordance with Scriptures, someone stands up and shouts "Benny Hinn." Even although Mike or myself or others could have posted 10 different posts telling people that Benny Hinn or Todd Bentley or others are false prophets and not to follow them, the second we were to post something about being intimate with Jesus or its not enough to know Scriptures, you have to know Jesus personally, you can actually hear the plug being pulled and the bathwater draining out and the baby whistling as he flies through the air:).....Frank

Re: - posted by ccchhhrrriiisss (), on: 2009/9/2 13:18

Hi Frank...

That wasn't my intention at all. I am not standing up and shouting "Benny Hinn." However, it is an interesting sidenote in the context of this thread. A man (Mike Bickle) stands up and claims to have a "vision" from God. Even the title of this thread indicates our opinion about this man's "word."

The problem with many of the Benny Hinn's of this world are that they ALSO include many great truths with their words. They talk about the importance of "knowing Jesus" or being "intimate with God" or reading the "Word of God." However, they constantly introduce supernatural "visions," "prophetic words" and "prophecies" too.

At what level are we supposed to sift through those words?

I truly believe that any TRUE man of God would not be disappointed if believers questioned or scrutinized their words. Why? Because they must be keenly aware that they are flawed human beings. And, if they truly received a "word" or "vision" from God, then it will withstand any scope of honest Scriptural scrutiny.

Staying away from men like Benny Hinn or scrutinizing the words of other would-be prophets is not akin to throwing the baby out with the bath water...but taking the baby OUT of the bath water in order to make sure that there is, in fact, pure water in the tub.

Does that make a little more sense?

Re: , on: 2009/9/2 13:43

If lies were not disguised as truths no one would get deceived.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Leo_Grace, on: 2009/9/2 13:51

Dear AbideinHim,

Quote:
-----"But it often happens that the Devil, when he is afraid of a certain aspect of truth that is very powerful, he seeks to defile it and contaminate it, thus attempting to turn the minds of the saints against it."

That statement is so true that the devil will always attempt to get us to looking at the most extreme elements of a movement, teaching or individual so that the focus would be on the error and not the truth.

I beg to disagree. Isn't it the Holy Spirit, through scripture, that seeks to show us the error in any false teaching or movement? Why would the devil do this? Would he not rather celebrate in knowing that many are drawn to him through unrevealed error?

It is God who reveals such error, and call us to have nothing to do with such false prophets and to expose them.

Eph 5:11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

All false teachers will incorporate elements of truth in their message in order to deceive. Would it be wise to remain with them because of the occasional truth that they may throw in? Of course not! We should denounce them lest we be a help to them in their deception.

If God had a new and true revelation for man (let us say for argument's sake that this new truth cannot be found in the Bible, and thus is inaccessible to believers otherwise), would he choose Benny Hinn to reveal this new truth and expect us to sift through the junk to find it? Of course not! If God wanted to reveal a new truth to his followers, he would choose a faithful man to do it, not a known deceiver. God is holy --- he can not abide sinfulness.

Re: , on: 2009/9/2 14:24

"A little leaven leavens the whole lump. Error must be focused upon or you will not have purity and holiness, but thereby deception and corruption.

Satan does not defile the church with a flood of black robed goats, but a subtle whisper of "Has God Said?" Pride and elitism, coupled with unscriptural mandates and doctrines have devastated the church more than all of the evil satanic covens combined.

This is not throwing the baby out with the bathwater, but simply identifying the error that will kill the baby." Brothertom

Amen!!! You summed it up right there. If the extreme elements of a ministry are unbiblical then there is nothing devilish in exposing it. The KC Prophets and the Ihop ministry has been proven to have a history of unbiblical claims and revelations. The fact is that KC prophets and Ihop got away with this for so long because for years practically NO ONE was looking at the negative or the 'extreme'. It's not like we don't have hindsight in some of our discernment along with scripture. The past 15 years have been absolutely FILLED with false gospels, prophets, and teachings. And guess what? They mixed a lot of truth in between and people were deceived. The bible is clear, the last days will be filled with no-so-sound doctrine and many false prophets.....

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I believe we are in these last days and I take heed to the multitude of warnings for they are there for a reason. That doesn't mean we go 'heresy hunting' or critique every little interpretation of scripture. It does mean that we should be vigilant in recognizing blatantly obvious theologies that claim revelations that are unbiblical and take heed to those who are, or were, associated with those movements. Some who speak here speak with the experience of being involved in, or were once close to (to some degree) with false movements. I believe Krispy went to some events involving Paul Cain, I know Brothertom is familiar with the KC prophets and Ihop and I have also been to conferences with those on the 'fringe' of these movements. So it's not like the discernment is strictly subjective and ignorant. I believe God put me in situations early on as a young christian to show me the various nuances of such movements. Also, I know David Wilkerson has had the relationship with God that has allowed him to speak on certain matters that could be considered prophetic. I have not spoken against him because he hasn't got caught up in fringe movements that stray away from sound scripture. But if someone wants to be critical of Pastor Wilkerson I won't begrudge them this. Time will bear us all out.

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It is God who reveals such error, and call us to have nothing to do with such false prophets and to expose them."

You are right brother. God has indeed given us the Spirit of truth to lead us and guide us into all truth, and the anointing will teach us what is truth and what is error, but the mistake that so many make is to label anyone that is in any kind of error as a false prophet or a false teacher.

Here are some quotes from John Lucas in his article on "Heresy Hunters"

"Paul put his stamp of approval on Peter's ministry before he brought up the example of the heresy of law observance that Peter propagated. Peter, like us, operated in human frailty. He had revelation of Jesus as the Christ and denied Him moments later, because he did not have a revelation of a suffering Messiah. Peter also took his sword and cut off the ear of Malchus thinking he was going to assist Jesus. We also many times thinking that we are assisting Jesus, will take His Word and cut off a few ears. When we do this, we show no compassion or mercy on others who preach the truth but who fail in an area of doctrine or character. We tend to magnify the error and highlight it and sometimes we never qualify it with the truth. This is the spirit of Satan as the accuser of the brethren. We are dangerous to those that hear us when we act like this. If we will give others the name of the minister, the church, the ministry, the movement or the denomination and label them as associated with false doctrine then the hearer may deny them categorically and miss out on something God may be trying to teach them. We focus on the things we see that are in error concerning our brother and that is all we see, but in reality there are many areas that may be right – we cannot cause someone to categorically reject another's ministry until we know that God has categorically rejected their ministry. Even then we can only speak as we have heard Him say.

Titus 3:2

To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men. (KJV)

We tend to focus on the small percentage of someone else's false doctrine as if we have no false doctrine of our own. Many times one can show you the leaven of someone else, all the while presenting their own leaven of false doctrine. You must present the Truth that sets others free. True statements about others can lead to bondage. In fact many in the church are acting like daytime talk shows that we see in the world. We commit spiritual adultery in our immaturity and are still willing to cast the first stone. Not even the accusers of the adulteress were so spiritually proud. WATCH the words that proceed out of your mouth.

Prov 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. (KJV)

Be careful about judging entire moves of God, denominations, ministries based on the most extreme element of something you disagree with – you can cause fear of reproach. This is a reproach that can cause others to be afraid to even use certain biblical terminology because of the damage that was caused. You may spot an error and make it known to others and categorically state that the entire ministry is deceptive, when in fact the deception that may exist is only a fraction of what is preached in that ministry. We see this activity in the world when we observe journalism. This same spirit can come into the church and it can be quite dangerous.

The natural mind will reason with us, "well the intention is good, to stamp out the evil of heresy". Heresy is sin, heresy is "thought processes" that are separated from God; but we must be careful when we take it upon ourselves to stamp out heresy because we can easily do it in our own strength. I see the oppression of God's people because of heresy and I myself have been tempted of Satan to do something about it on my own, but let me give you a couple of truths that will help. Moses also saw the oppression of the people of God when an Egyptian beat Moses' brethren, and Moses slew that oppressor. But it was not on God's authority, it was not God's way, it was not God's time; though Moses' intention was true. Moses afterwards spent 40 years in the desert and had totally resolved in himself, that in himself he could never do anything about the oppression of his brethren. This is when God can really use us, and when we see Moses used of God you will notice it was a method where only God could get glory and not the servant of God. Men can bring attention to themselves when they speak; Jesus said this of the learned scribes who knew scriptures in the head and not the spirit. When

we do these things we have unfortunately abandoned the ministry of reconciliation to which we were really called and are now being used by the enemy to subvert anyone who listens to us.

We are not to be God's Holy Exposers!

We are not to listen to anyone who thinks they are!

Guard Your Heart!

You must sow mercy to receive it. All of us have missed the mark and fallen short in our growth to manifest Jesus in pure and sound doctrine. The book of James says that he that controls his tongue is a perfect man. The plan of God is to be perfect and control our tongue, and may we show mercy to others as we walk towards that perfection; because we need to obtain mercy for that which we speak because our speech will also miss the mark of representing Jesus Christ until that day of maturity.

If you were to avoid false doctrine then you would have to be removed from the earth. False doctrine is anything that misrepresents Jesus, whether His character or His plan and at least a small element can be found in most messages. If you were to isolate yourself from the apostles, prophets, pastors, evangelists, and teachers, then you would not be perfected, equipped, and edified. What we must do is receive only what the anointing in us is teaching.

If we teach truth it will expose ANY darkness.

If we teach truth then the body of Christ will learn to discern for themselves.

We do not have to be the discerners or exposer for others. For example if I tell you the name of ministries that I discern as in error, you may avoid them, but the next new one will be in line to take its place. I would also be destroying that ministry and its ministers, even though they might be called of God and have been temporarily misled like Peter was. Again Paul did address some deceivers by name, but it was deceivers that were wolves in sheep's clothing and his audience was churches he had fathered in the faith. You better be hearing from heaven when you step out and expose a name in public. It is scriptural to do so but then so is thrusting out the money changers from our temples, and many other activities are scriptural in public ministry but you never have the RIGHT TO DO THEM. You have no rights in God's kingdom; you gave all your rights up when you made Jesus your Lord over every action of your life. You decide as He bids you to decide. You reveal to others as He gives you permission. You expose only when He exposes, then it is not you exposing, it is Jesus bringing light to darkness. The result will be pleasing to God and will cause unity. If you do the same activity apart from relationship, on your authority— it will always condemn and provide no answer from heaven.

This is Satan's strategy revealed. Satan as the accuser of the brethren will come to you to condemn you. He will show you the parts of your life that do not look like Jesus, but he does so to condemn and judge your spiritual man. He has passed the sentence of death on you and if you accept his sayings, you will shut off your heart from manifesting Jesus to the world. Your soul will become hard as unplowed rocky soil, you will keep that sprout of life from breaking through the soil.

ell of the seed; you will have placed a bushel over the light of His Presence in you.

The Holy Spirit will come to you as well, also to judge and to condemn; but He CONDEMNS THE NATURAL MAN. He reveals the parts of you that do not look like Jesus, for the purpose of letting it become consumed with fire on the altar. The Holy Spirit gives grace and ability to put to death our ways that are evil and allow that within us to break forth and sprout life, to shine, to manifest the Love which is found in Christ."

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Again the warnings are clear. Jesus was not speaking evil towards the Pharisees when he called them hypocrites. Jesus was not speaking evil of false prophets and imposters by calling them what they were and warning us. Speaking evil of someone and challenging their unbiblical theologies are two different things. God does leave room for rebuke and correction. If this is speaking evil then we are all in big trouble. Are people like Paul Washer not to challenge Jehovah Witnesses if they espouse their unbiblical views?? Is he speaking evil of them if he does so?? False gospels and teaching have not been challenged enough the past 20 years because those same people who are misleading the flock pull out the 'speak no evil' and 'don't judge' card. I don't see anyone here speaking evil as if they are personalizing their condemnation in hate and anger. I do see logical conclusions based on past history as well as Berean type discernment that holds some theologies up to the light of God's word and drawing a conclusion which is not unbiblical or 'heresy hunting'.

2 Timothy 3:16 (New International Version)

16All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, REBUKING, correcting and training in righteousness,

Matthew 24:24 (New International Version)

24For false Christs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and miracles to deceive even the elect—if that were possible.

....The deception will be so counterfeit that scores of people will be misled. I look at the recent movements and I see this quote above being fulfilled right before my eyes. Great signs, miracle healings, and extraordinary stories of spiritual matters....

Peter 2

False Teachers and Their Destruction

1But there were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. 2Many will follow their shameful ways and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. 3In their greed these teachers will exploit you with stories they have made up. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings; 11yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord. 12But these men blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like brute beasts, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like beasts they too will perish.

13They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you. 14With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed—an accursed brood! 15They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor, who loved the wages of wickedness. 16But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey—a beast without speech—who spoke with a man's voice and restrained the prophet's madness.

17These men are springs without water and mists driven by a storm. Blackest darkness is reserved for them. 18For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. 19They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity—for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him. 20If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. 21It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them. 22Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud."

Re: - posted by Leo_Grace, on: 2009/9/2 15:44

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Dear AbideinHim,

It is true that all of us make mistakes and can teach false doctrine while being sincerely mistaken. That is why we are called to delve deeply into God's Word, and why also we are called to fellowship with each other, that we may test each other and correct each other as brothers in Christ. It is our duty to "test the spirits" in light of God's word and to "correct and rebuke" each other. This is the only way that the church can have "unity in the Spirit".

If anything, it is the hesitation or the failure of Christians to do this that has led to the proliferation of sects, denominations, and movements of various doctrines.

Paul was not led by the devil to correct and rebuke Peter. He was led by the Spirit, even as that same Spirit led Peter to realize his error and repent. In all these things, it is God and his word that serve as the standard by which contenders are led into the truth.

If the rebuke and condemnation is scripturally sound (as was Paul's) then such action is good and of God. And if the receiver of such correction is a true believer, he would repent of his mistake (as Peter did more than once).

Any false teacher, who has been so corrected by brothers, who has been clearly shown to be wrong by scripture, but who persists in his error is not of God.

Such a one does not live to please God, but only himself.

Isa 44:24-25

“This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb:
I am the LORD, who has made all things,
who alone stretched out the heavens,
who spread out the earth by myself,
who foils the signs of false prophets
and makes fools of diviners,...

1Jn 4:1 Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

Re: , on: 2009/9/2 16:45

Hi Leo,

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For me, this is not about Mike Bickle, yes I have been going there for 6 months and I happen to not have a problem with his vision of tanks rolling down the streets, its not that unfamiliar to David Wilkerson's visions. I know all about Mike Bickle and his past, I have lived in Kansas for 20 years. Many of the people that he has associated with I believe to be charlatans. Yet I do not hear heresy taught from his pulpit. I do not agree with much of what he believes in regard to eschatology. Yet, I do not agree with most Christians around the world in that I believe that we are going through the tribulation. It does not mean I would reject them or not work with them if I believed that they genuinely knew Jesus and were sold out to Him. Too often in Christianity we deal with each other the way that Rush Limbaugh would deal with a "Liberal," or Ann Coulter. Maybe that is the spirit of the age?.....Frank

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2009/9/2 17:59

"A little leaven leavens the whole lump. Error must be focused upon or you will not have purity and holiness, but thereby deception and corruption."

Amen! I am in no way implying that we should not deal with error and false doctrine within the church. What I have been referring to is the servants of God that are being called false prophets and false teachers.

Many of you brothers on this forum are Bereans. you check things out as to whether or not they are line with the Word and this is commendable.

I have seen brothers that would call you down in a heartbeat for a doctrinal mistake but the problem was that they did not have a close intimate walk with the Lord. I have known other brothers that loved the Lord and experienced His presence on a daily basis that did not know the Word as well as they should have and were prone to get off into doctrinal error.

We need both the Word and the Spirit. We should be seeking all of the fulness of God.

I was in a Charismatic forum similar to this one where there was a great deal of conversation on experiencing God along with the gifts and manifestations of the Spirit. Their weakness was in exposing error in some of the movements that they were involved in.

In these forums, it is just the opposite, because many of you brothers that hold fast to the Word of God and are quick to point out any kind of doctrinal error but have a real problem acknowledging the prophetic, the gifts of the Spirit, and the supernatural realm in general.

I believe that as Christians that are going on to maturity that we need to walk in the whole council of God, and stay balanced.

There are many brothers in the Body of Christ that love the Lord and maybe through immaturity or other reasons are not always accurate in all of their doctrine. I know that I have been wrong at times, but the Holy Spirit will always lead us into the truth if we have a love for the truth.

I appreciate you brothers that prove all things and hold fast to that which is good, and I would like to treat Krispy to some pancakes at the IHOP by my house, and I promise that I won't mention Mike Bickle.

:-)

Mike

Re: My take on Bickle and the vision, on: 2009/9/2 18:12

Though I do not agree with Mike Bickle line for line, nor about the vision and role of the church, I certainly will not brand him a false teacher or prophet.

I am exposing myself here, but I ask for mercy from some of you who may want to write me off. I lived in Kansas city in 1994, and was a part of Metro vineyard...the revised KCF under John Wimber's organization.

There seemed to be a lot of turmoil and friendlessness, and I began to inwardly accuse Mike Bickle as the source of the attacks. I had a pretty hardy intercessory prayer life then, and I began to pray AGAINST Bickle. I was on my face before the lord, in secret, and the Holy Spirit spoke to me, audibly, in a thundering rebuke. He said; "Who ever touches him, touches the Apple of my Eye!"

I was thrown from off my face, back up onto my knees, trembling with terror. Enough said to state that I never have, nor ever will oppose or speak evil against Mike. This was speaking evil against one of the Lord's. This does not mean that I must receive everything Mike teaches and all of his ideas about the church. I do not, and believe that there is some error, as I have stated down the scroll; but that is much different than marking him.

I have known him to be a man of mercy and integrity; unselfish and yet brilliant in his conceptions of the gospel, and has ministered to me invaluable riches in the area of devotion and intercession.

In 1995 or 1996 I had another Prophetic experience concerning Mike. I saw twin lights, moving up a backdrop of a timeline, that I understood to be the life of Mike Bickle, in direct correspondence with the life of David.

I saw all of the biblical events in David's life, and then similar events in Mike's life, on a close timeline; They related.

This went on for a while, and then the Lord spoke; "In 15 years, Mike Bickle shall enter into his Apostolic calling." Mike

e was 38 years old then. Through it all, I believe that a "paradigm shift" will soon occur in Mike's life, leaning him to a more "local church'ed based gospel" than from his current "movement" mentality.

I also want to say, that I believe Mike's vision IS from God, and here's why I do...

justice and glory...

<http://pjmiller.wordpress.com/2009/08/09/justice-and-glory/#more-6037>

Well, for those of you at sermon index that really want some ammo to hammer me; here it is. LOL...anyway, I am not ashamed of what the Lord has shown me, and I believe Bickle's vision IS from God.

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I wonder if I haven't made the same observation.
(...Spoken with true Canadian boldness.) :-)

AD

Re: - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2009/9/2 21:52

Quote:
-----Well, for those of you at sermon index that really want some ammo to hammer me; here it is.

I liked the spirit of your post, Tom.

AD

Re: Who defeats Antichrist? - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2009/9/2 22:43

Maybe this is a bit off the trail of this thread, but... just some food for thought on a matter that has been referred to a couple of times earlier.

Who defeats Antichrist? Yes, I know. Christ Himself. But...

I have a little book called The Ruin of Antichrist.

Here's a quotation from it. First, the author quotes Paul.

“...For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth (or, hindereth) will let (hinder), until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the Spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy by the brightness of His coming” (2 Thes. 2.7,8).

And then the author says, “...Now, by ‘the Spirit of His mouth’ I understand His Holy Word, which is called ‘the word and breath of His lips, and also ‘the sword of His mouth.’” (The author doesn't give the scriptural references, but these are references to Isa. 11.4 and Rev. 2.16, I believe.)

And he continues, "By 'the brightness of His coming,' I understand, not only His presence, but an increase of light by His Presence, not only to help Christians to bear witness against some parts and pieces of the errors of Antichrist, but until the whole is rooted out of this world.... Not by Himself immediately, but by His Spirit and Word in His church."

I thought this very insightful. I agree that it is Christ Himself who brings down Antichrist... but when Christ moves in and through the Body of Christ, this is no lesser an expression of Himself. "Now ye are the body of CHRIST..." I am reminded of the Lord's words to Paul on the Damascus Road. "Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou ME?"

What a revelation.

(The author of the above passage is one John Bunyan of Pilgrim's Progress fame. Quite a revelation he had, some 350 years ago.)

...Consider also Rom. 16.20. "...Under YOUR feet shortly."

AD

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Amen. I concede this point, and hope that I have not given the impression of encouraging rigidity at the cost of unity.

Col 3:12-17 "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."

Where Mike Bickle is concerned, I will defer to your superior knowledge of him.

In Christ's love,
Leo

Re: - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2009/9/2 23:05

Quote:

Leo_Grace wrote:
Dear appolus,

Where Mike Bickle is concerned, I will defer to your superior knowledge of him.

In Christ's love,
Leo

Now that's a beautiful attitude! Oh for more of this in all of us!

Your whole post was very refreshing, Leo.

AD

Re: - posted by murrcolr (), on: 2009/9/2 23:13

Quote:

Brothertom wrote:
I believe that a "paradigm shift" will soon occur in Mike's life, leaning him to a more "local church'ed based gospel" than from his current "movement" mentality.

Paradigm shift is that your way of saying repent.

Last year in the North East of Scotland there was word going about that a man had a vision of revival that was coming to Scotland. There have been many "words" recorded over the years starting over 40 years ago.

I know that God will do it as he has spoken to me about these things, but that not the point I would like to get across on his post.

So this man comes along sharing his vision it's the same as others have said. The difference this man is also promoting that we are to seek to see the supernatural. You might say nothing wrong with that.

But this is where it starts to get a bit hairy during the meeting the man who is preaching and sharing his vision starts to lose his train of thought and starts to stammer, at the same time I am aware of that there something wrong a feeling of something ungodly and I start to speak in tongues quietly to myself.

All the while the church is hooting and laughing at this guy stammering at the front of the church. He then regains his composure he says "My angel Gabriel is standing at the back of the hall he is angry with me. He wants me to tell you that you need to seek to have angelic visions"

So what's my point in this post this man was from fresh fire ministries he came with a vision just like we have heard before but he didn't tell us to humble ourselves before God, confess our sins and seek to be Holy and cry out to God for revival. No his message was seek to have visitations from angels the key for doing this was practicing prayer soaking (contemplative prayer) and guess what the devil got a foothold in many lives.

My friend just because Mike Bickle has had a vision that is like yours doesn't mean that it's from the same spirit.

Oh by the way I haven't heard of Mike Bickle speaking about his friend "Don" or Jesus with different faces for a while.

You can find a mention of "Don" in a Tape Series by Mike Bickle called Visions and Revelations.

Re: , on: 2009/9/3 0:22

Leo writes...

"Where Mike Bickle is concerned, I will defer to your superior knowledge of him."

Brother, that made me smile. I know personally, that I have no superior knowledge on any subject :) And God knows this even better. You have passion brother, and that comes across in your posts. This post of yours was refreshing, I agree. And, just for the record, I am not defending Mike Bickle. I just gave an honest assessment of what I have seen in the last six months. Maybe I am at IHOP to teach them something :) Now wouldn't that be something :).....Frank

Re: Movements, on: 2009/9/3 2:05

Brothertom wrote:

I believe that a "paradigm shift" will soon occur in Mike's life, leaning him to a more "local church'ed based gospel" than from his current "movement" mentality.

Then:

"Paradigm shift"... Is that your way of saying repent!"

....murrclor

Well, in a sense, yes; the caveat being that there is no direct contradiction in the word concerning being in a "movement", rather than the sole ideas and doctrines that are derived from the mindset of ministry in the ancient apostolic and Pauline applications of the local church.

For instance, let us take denominationalism. Most denominations are but the natural progression of a movement; like the Assembly of God headquarters located near me in Springfield, Missouri. This organization was founded in the Pentecostal movement that began at Azusa street, L.A., California, in 1906.

The Christians that are employed there, may or not be involved in a local church; say an office secretary. She sees her livelihood as a ministry also. Is it? Well, it may, or may not be. She is part of the church, but the para-church, in that the practical guidelines of her employment are not necessarily dictated solely by the word and doctrines expounded in the New Testament.

It is the exact same for various missionary organizations...the para church or movement is often completely divorced from the life and activities of the local church anywhere; yet it may be integral for the success of the larger vision and practical vision of supply and order that eventually does serve a local church somewhere. It is the same with bible colleges and printing facilities and translators.

In these movements, such as the "prophetic movement", or the "Prayer movement", the problem emerges when there is no longer any local oversight...and the energy shifts to the cause, rather than the means to obtain the fulfillment of the cause.

Paul the apostle never got so complicated; he kept it simple, direct and pure; All being based around and through the paradigm of the local church, governed by ordained shepherds....., and organized by the leading of the Spirit in each locality. A movement can and does by nature skirt this authority, to obtain the vision of the greater movement or cause.

Re: Movements and the Church, on: 2009/9/3 2:40

2.] continued from below...

Brothertom wrote:

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"Paradigm shift is that your way of saying repent."...murrcoir

Movements are not "shepherded" or "oversaw" by the local assembly; but usually by one leader, or a board under him that is united in the cause. This always tends to produce error. Today, the Prayer movement, the "youth" movement, and the "Prophetic" movement... are good examples. They are in no way churches, nor governed in a biblical, plural manner, but never-the-less, influence the church greatly.

This potential conflict is at the heart of evangelizing the World, of bringing the gospel to each and every nation. I believe that it will eventually boil down to the local church, and the nurturing and establishing of the local church, and here, the DOCTRINES... that PRODUCE fruit, are not so easily and cavalierly sullied.

Here, on the local level, meditative and contemplative prayer would be instantly exposed as Babylonian.....but on the Event level, the Venue of the Prayer movements, it can be easily introduced as a more anointed and deeper path to access the Throne. The Roman Catholic influence, would never be allowed to root here, but, as it is, IS prevalent, but subtle at IHOP, because Prayer has become the crusade, rather than the GOSPEL! I have witnessed Roman Catholic nuns ministering with Mike on stage there!

Why? Because the cause trumped doctrine, which can only occur within a movement!...not the mature plural Eldership adhering to the scripture in a local assembly.

It is the fundamental difference between the ancient Apostolic church, and the whims and winds of whoever takes up the crusade in whatever movement they are identified with. It always bends, and always will, for it is outside of the Lord Jesus' Divine order that begins and ends with the Local church.

I will leave my argument with this one thought. Who did Jesus Yahweh.. address in his last word through the Apostle John, upon revealing Himself?

The seven churches of Asia....the seven LOCAL churches, BY NAME! There is no other authority to address, nor will there ever.

I believe that my word about Mike was from God, so therefore my hope and belief is that Mike Bickle will "shift" from the "movement" mentality unto the local church mentality, which is the only true model anointed by Jesus.

Re: , on: 2009/9/3 8:18

"We need both the Word and the Spirit. We should be seeking all of the fulness of God." Abide

This is true. I believe this wholeheartedly. What I'm suspect of are those self-proclaimed 'super apostles' who focus more on manifestations and prophecy than the cross and Christlike regeneration and duty. It seems to me that, at the forefront of the church, more is said than done. The pulpit has become a stage show for skits, personal opinion, political agendas, unbiblical manifestations, and prophetic boastings about the church. When Paul speaks of the 'super Apostles' of his day, I think he was also speaking prophetically concerning the church. Here Paul is, who represents Christ's church, sitting in jail for preaching and living out truth.... and the 'super apostles' are out and about freely deceiving and getting all kinds of 'amens!' and invites to exclusive dinners. But Paul still had the Spirit and power of God as God's plan bore through Paul, even in chains.

I believe God is doing a hidden work that is going unnoticed by the mainstream stages. Hearts are being transformed, souls hidden in prayer, healings that are not in the newspaper or the church bulletin, a Christlike presence on the streets of the homeless or taking care of the sick, humble servants giving to the less fortunate, revelations that are not quick to be told but will be when the time is right, reluctant servants who don't necessarily want to enter a hornets nest of criticizing a lukewarm church but are pushed forward by God and take their lumps. Much of this is a lonely business. I rarely see a church leader live by example. Dave Wilkerson walked the streets of New York city where no one would dare to go and picked up the spiritually destitute for the glory of God. And all this BEFORE his preaching ministry began. Jim Cymbala lives on the streets of Brooklyn and ministers to urine soaked hobos and drug addicts. His church is open and prays 24hrs a day and not in a pious monastic manner, but in heartfelt sincerity.

The OT prophets and the Apostles were not a real popular bunch, they didn't have a huge following. Their power and the manifestations of God were not to prove God's existence or to boast in the power of the church, they were to further His kingdom. And it was a byproduct of obedience, devotion and Godly living. It was the exception, not the rule. If the mainstream church wasn't so lukewarm and blind I would be more open to spiritual happenings. But the Bible says that sound doctrine will decrease and deception will increase in our time. That doesn't mean the remnant won't have the 'full counsel of God' but it means that God is reserving His power for those who He knows will not abuse it or boast of it. He won't allow it to be a source of mockery and it won't be for those who want 'outward proof' before they believe.

Like the mustard seed, His kingdom starts from the inside out. This is where His power will be manifested and His remnant church built. In a world where morality is a political stance, creationism is curriculum, and healing is a nationwide 'tour' we have a lot of work to do. God won't be mocked, He's looking for those who want to get their hands dirty and pay the price first. Paul didn't get revelation, and Peter didn't heal, just because they 'had the spirit'. They proved their faith and devotion through God's school of hard knocks. We don't want this in America. We want the bells and whistle's just for being a church. I won't say anymore here about Bickle, I believe the conversation concerning him here have been fair. Most of what I say is more of a general observation anyway.

I just challenge our leadership to stop writing their books, skip the speaking engagements, and live by the example of Christ by getting their hands and feet dirty every now and then. Reality wasn't far from Jesus. At every turn there was a need, a groaning majority of hurting, lost, and abandoned people. The leadership of that time abandoned them and insulated themselves from the nuisance. The need has not changed and the church continues to insulate themselves from the glaring reality. They sell their books and write a check to their favorite charity to claim some kind of contribution. Christ was 'hands on' and available. I don't see much of this at all today except in a few ministries that scare people away because they want to do the dirty work.

Re: - posted by AbideinHim (), on: 2009/9/3 8:56

"This is true. I believe this wholeheartedly. What I'm suspect of are those self-proclaimed 'super apostles' who focus more on manifestations and prophecy than the cross and Christlike regeneration and duty."

Good post brother!!

The Word of Faith movement, which I was involved in throughout the 70'S and early 80's had some very good teachings, but what wasn't taught was the cross of Christ, so many men got in pride, and faith became something that was being used to do a lot of personal kingdom building instead of building the kingdom of God.

I am so thankful that even back in those days I was reading Watchman Nee and later T. Austin Sparks, and they helped me to see the reality of the cross of Christ and the purpose of God for the Church.

If the Lord does use us in supernatural manifestations and the gifts and we are not crucified men and women, it is very easy to get puffed up and get set up for a fall. The post on the house churches in China really blessed me, because this is an example of the true Church, men and women that are dead to themselves but alive unto Christ and are manifesting both the fruit and gifts of the Spirit, walking in the anointing and power of the Spirit.

Mike

Re: , on: 2009/9/3 10:28

"I am so thankful that even back in those days I was reading Watchman Nee and later T. Austin Sparks, and they helped me to see the reality of the cross of Christ and the purpose of God for the Church." Abide

Yes, it was men like these who God led me too after I was subjected to the false teachings at first. I knew something was wrong and prayed for God to lead me to those who knew His truth and lived what they preached. I started reading Andrew Murray, Mueller and EM Bounds before I was led to sermonindex. We don't have many like these anointed ones these days, or, perhaps they are hidden until the time is right. Regardless, it's been a blessing.