

The Sudden Appearing of Christ

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The Lord's sudden appearing brings conviction and purification, refining us to be more like Christ.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the sudden appearing of Christ, drawing parallels from the Old Testament temple encounters with God. It highlights the need for a deep inner working of the Holy Spirit, challenging prayerlessness, self-indulgence, and ungodly practices, leading to a transformation where Christ's glory is manifested. The message focuses on the cleansing, healing, and empowering work of Christ in our lives, leading to a childlike worship and a desire for God's name to be glorified through us.

Transcript

I want to talk to you this morning about the sudden appearing of Christ. When Jesus Christ suddenly comes, now it can be in the Old Testament, we're going to look at a type today, a pattern from the book of Malachi, when he came suddenly or was promised to come suddenly to the temple. Now that was an Old Testament temple.

Writers agree, most that study this book agree that in the spirit Malachi wrote a panoramic view as it is. Now his writings incorporated in several places including the passage I'm going to read this morning, the first coming of Christ and the second coming of Christ and everything in between because there are various visitations of God. I've been a student of revival for many years now and there have been visitations of God in various countries.

Now I'm talking about genuine visitations. There have been claims of visitation but any claim of God's visitation must be able to pass the blueprint test of scripture. The Lord does not change, he says.

I'm the same yesterday, today and forever and if you and I want to know what it's really like when the Spirit of God comes into a place and visits you, maybe personally or me personally or visits a congregation in a new way, a supernatural way or perhaps a city or a state or an entire country. It has happened in days gone by. You'll see when we read this text that the way that the Lord visits doesn't change.

It will always be the same. Let's go to Malachi chapter 3 please if you're already there, last book in the Old Testament. The sudden appearing of Christ.

I might also have called this message when Jesus comes to the hungry heart. Father, thank you Lord for the anointing of the Holy Spirit. I thank you God for strength, supernatural strength far beyond any ability that I could ever hope to have.

I thank you for wisdom. I thank you for the ability to speak simply and to speak in the Spirit. I'm asking oh God that you lift me now and enable me to take these words that you put on my heart and express them in a way that you can come behind it and back it Lord and bear witness to it that this is truth.

It's from your heart. I thank you God that we are living in a sovereign time that you have ordained to do something supernatural in our generation. Help us to hear it.

Help me to speak about it. God all I can do is yield my body to you for your purpose this day and ask you in mercy to take me, quicken me, and speak through me. Give your people open ears and hungry hearts.

I ask this in Jesus name. Amen. Now the question I want to ask today is what's it like when the Lord comes to his temple? Now in the Old Testament you remember we read about Solomon's temple when the prayer of dedication was prayed and when the second time when the sacrifice was placed on the altar the glory of the Lord came into that temple.

The first time the scripture says the priests could not stand. No flesh could stand. Nobody could stand to minister in the presence of the Lord.

The second time the glory came in that particular time the people couldn't even enter into the house of God. All of the people present and there would be thousands at that time fell on their faces on the it was called the pavement. That was the exterior portion of the temple.

They just fell to their faces because the glory of God the fire of God had come into the temple. The glory of God was in the temple. Now we are the temple of the Holy Spirit.

We are the new temple of God. The temple of God is no longer a building. The temple of God is a body of believers called the church of Jesus Christ.

On the day of Pentecost that same glory came into a group of people and when they left the upper room and stepped into the marketplace of their generation it seemed that nothing could stand against it at that moment. All of the hardness, the anger, all of the opinions about God, everything that had outside it of the experience of God had formed a religious opinion had to bend its knee and 3,000 mouths that day confessed that Jesus Christ was Lord. Amazing moment in history.

Malachi chapter 3 he says, behold verse 1, I send my messenger and he shall prepare the way before me and the Lord whom you seek shall suddenly come to his temple. Even the messenger of the covenant whom you delight in behold he shall come saith the Lord of hosts. But who may abide the day of his coming? And who shall stand when he appears? For he's like a refiner's fire and like fuller's soap.

He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver and he shall purify the sons of Levi and purge them as gold and silver that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness. Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. And I will come near

to you to judgment and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against false swearers, against those that oppress the hireling in his wages, the widow and the fatherless and that turn aside the right the stranger from his right.

And fear not me says the Lord of hosts for I am the Lord and I change not. Therefore you sons of Jacob are not consumed. Now we studied that a few weeks ago and the context of that verse is God is saying because I do not change I have not consumed you because God is merciful.

You remember that in the temple they sang that song for he is good and his mercy endures forever. Because of the mercy of God we have an opportunity to hear these words and to let God come and change us. The Lord tells us in this pattern of Scripture this is how I will always come to the place that I've chosen to glorify my name.

Now this sudden appearing of Christ will come firstly to you as a strong inner voice a conviction that God is about to do something. He says I'll send my messenger and you'll prepare the way before me.

Remember John came on the scene after 400 years roughly of silence this Scripture was fulfilled in its first instance and a messenger came to the scene and this messenger spoke for God and he said to the people prepare a way for the Lord make a straight path as it is for God to come to you to enter into where you are to come into the very center core as it is of your being let all of the crooked places be made straight let their rough places be made plain let the high places be brought down John said he's coming I came to bear witness to the light I you see I came to bear witness to the one who by the word of his mouth dispels darkness he is light in him is no darkness and he is the light of all men every man that comes into the world this Christ is the light that you will always long for

it's every he is everything you've ever longed for he's everything you've ever wanted he's everything you've ever needed he's all that you were created to be it's all found in him and when he is found in you that light begins to be manifested in this temple this physical temple that's why Peter says we're called to give out praises the praises of him who's called us out of darkness and into his marvelous light this comes with a conviction when Jesus is about to visit you if we are living at a time where we're going to experience a visitation of God and I dare say if ever there was a season where we needed a visitation of God it's the one we're living in now but if God chooses to visit in mercy he will always come first to his house he will visit his people first and judgment as it is will

begin in the house of God now John said prepare the way of the Lord and make his way straight he's coming his fan is in his hand John said and he's going to blow away everything that's in his temple that shouldn't be there that only that which is of himself that has weight to it might remain John said he's coming with an axe in his hand and he's going to take an axe to the root of every tree and every tree that does not bear good fruit he's going to hew it down and cast it into the fire when the Holy Spirit comes in great measure to a people we many many have a preconceived notion of what that's going to be like we we our minds go back to uh service time our minds go back to a point of worship where it just seemed like we were leaving earth and heading to the throne of God and we have a

perception in our mind that that's what it's going to be like when God comes in his power when the Holy Spirit visits us we're all just going to be happy we're all just going to clap our hands now that may come eventually but there'll be something that happens first in Isaiah chapter 6 the prophet Isaiah a young prophet of God was in the year King Uzziah died he said I was drawn up he was raised up as it is the Lord drew near to him and he was brought into the presence of a living and a holy God and the very first thing

that happened to Isaiah is that he become aware he said now I know that Isaiah came from a tradition where a lot of religious things were being said there were a lot of words being spoken in the temple of his generation a lot of promises being offered out a lot of

scripture being read a lot of vows being made so many things so many religious things were happening but when Isaiah was drawn into the presence of God he said whoa it's me I'm undone I'm a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips he said for mine eyes have seen the Lord of glory I've seen God in his glory and I realize how incredibly far my speech falls short of what it should be and when God comes when the Holy Spirit comes to the temple when Christ suddenly appears to your heart when there's a work of God begins to go on inside of you you will become aware of everything you speak that is unlike God you'll become aware there'll be this inner conviction it can go into the past can be patterns of speaking that have gotten into your house it can be the way

you're speaking in your place of employment it can be things that you are saying that the scripture says clearly you should not say could be the way you're speaking even of government leaders things that are coming out of your mouth that shouldn't be there and in spite of the praises on Sunday and Tuesday in spite of the vows in spite of the promises in spite of the prayers to be drawn into the presence of the living God you and I will become aware of the unholiness of our speech that has been the pattern that was the pattern in Malachi's day that's been the pattern of every revival of every generation of every church of every place that God's ever visited there's an awareness that all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God that my speech is not what it should be in Daniel if

you put a marker in Malachi and go back to Daniel right after the book of Ezekiel Isaiah Jeremiah Lamentations Ezekiel then you'll have the book of Daniel now Daniel chapter 10 Daniel is a righteous man he's he's made a lot of proper decisions in his life he has stood firm when others have compromised he's had knowledge when others have been confused but listen to this thing that happened to Daniel when the Lord came to him and Daniel chapter 10 verse 8 he says therefore I was left alone and saw this great vision and there remained no strength in me for my comeliness turned in me into corruption and I retained no strength yet I this is what happened to Daniel Daniel said God came to me I had a visitation of the Lord and my self-image died at that moment everything I thought I was when

he says my comeliness that means the things that I thought were good in me things that I had achieved places where I thought I was strong I had been drawn in to the presence of God and everything in me became corruption and I retained no strength to have God come to you in great measure is to become aware that we are all together other than he is and apart from his mercy and grace you and I don't have any hope for the future it's his life in us that gives us the strength to go forward it's his grace that causes us to be saved in the first place there's nothing in us that can come to him and offer any atonement for ourselves he said yet I heard the voice of his words and when I heard the voice of his words in Daniel 10 verse 9 then I was in a deep sleep on my face and my face toward the

ground and behold a hand touched me and set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands and he said to me oh Daniel a man greatly beloved understand the words that I speak unto thee and stand upright for unto thee am I now sent and we had spoken this word I stood trembling and then he said to me fear not Daniel for from the first day that you did set your heart to understand and to chasing yourself before thy God thy words were heard and I'm come for thy words now you and I don't anticipate that the Holy Spirit coming to us that God coming anew to us and touching us is going to produce this kind of an experience and Daniel was a young man who was saying God I've walked with you I've done certain

things but Lord I want a deeper walk with you and how many of you have prayed that prayer

in the last year or so you've said God I want I want your heart I want your life I want walk with you and I want you to walk with me I want to know you in the fullness of who you are and God says I've heard that cry and I've come down to answer that cry and I'm going to come into the temple in a way that you've never known me before but when I come into the temple you're going to experience certain emotions Charles Finney the great evangelist who years ago preached here in New York City said it this way the man who's very far from God feels very good about himself in his own religion that he's created all around himself but the man who's actually drawing into the presence of God the closer he gets the more undone he's beginning to feel the more he becomes aware of his frailty he becomes

aware of his inability in himself that is to do anything that can please God he becomes aware that it's all by grace it's all by the goodness of God it's all by the mercy of God that I stand the message turns from how away from strategies to please God to how God has chosen to please his own heart by coming down and paying the price for my sin on the cross and coming into my life and drawing me in his mercy unto himself there's no other reason that I should be in the presence of God than by the mercy of God we learn when the I want to show you a New Testament one in Revelation chapter one please if you go there last book in the New Testament I'm doing this to build a base and just to prove a point to you now think about this for a moment this is the apostle John this is the same young man

who leaned on the breast of Jesus at the last supper this is the apostle who refers to himself as the disciple whom Jesus loved now you and I would think that he's now probably about 80 years old and you and I would think that seeing Jesus again after all these years that things would just kind of take up where they left off you and I would think that John would jump up to his feet and say my my friend that stays closer than a brother now there's a measure of that no doubt but look exactly what happens here when the Lord comes to him Revelation chapter 1 verse 12 he said I turned to see the voice that spake with me and being turned I saw seven golden candlesticks and in the midst of the seven candlesticks one likened to the son of man clothed with a garment down to the foot and girt about

the pops with a golden girdle his head and hairs were white like wool as white as snow and his eyes were as a flame of fire and his feet like undefined brass as if they burned in a furnace and his voice is the sound of many waters he had in his right hand seven stars and out of his mouth went a sharp two-edged sword and his countenance was as the sun shining in his strength and when I saw him I fell at his feet as dead and he laid his hand upon me his right hand upon me saying fear not I am the first and the last I am he that liveth and was dead and behold I'm alive forevermore amen and have the keys of hell and death now we would say that even though John even though he's a wonderful friend and he was a wonderful friend to we sing that chorus I'm a friend of God and that's wonderful to

be able to say that but you and I must never forget that in spite of the fact that Jesus Christ is a wonderful friend he's also an awesome fearful and a holy God this is what Malachi was speaking about we cry for the Lord to come and visit his temple but when he comes he comes as a refiner's fire he comes in the fullness he cannot dwell with that which is impure he will he will come if we ask him if you open your heart he will come but he will not share any place with any impurity he comes as a refiner's fire and he will purify Malachi said the sons of Levi that's the priesthood you and I are living priests of almighty God in our generation he will purify our worship he will purify our song he will come into us and burn out all of the impurity that is masquerading as something precious in

the sight of God and in the sight of men he will come and he will purge the sons of Levi and he will come as a fuller's soap you remember in Ezekiel chapter 36 he said I'm going to come to you and he said I'm not coming because you've done it right I'm coming for my holy namesake and I'm going to gather you out of all the places where you've been scattered I'm going to gather you to myself and he says I'm going to wash you with clear clean and pure water and he said when you see what you've done when you see how you live he said there's going to be a of yourselves now God doesn't want us to stay there but folks sometimes to grow we have to go there we have to see otherwise we become too light with the things of God we become too light with our Christ we walk too casually into his presence

we treat him like Uzzah did on that parade when David and everyone were playing with all of their might thinking that just with human effort we're be able to bring God as it is back into the center of Jerusalem but Uzzah reached out and touched the ark and God killed him and stopped the parade right on its spot I am a holy God I am an awesome God I am a fearful God I'm not to be taken lightly I'm not to be treated lightly I thank God that I can call Jesus Christ my friend and my savior but I thank God there's a knowledge also in my heart that he is a holy God Paul said knowing therefore the terror of the Lord we persuade men in the New Testament it's written of Christ that he dwells in unapproachable light there's such a purity in God there's such a magnificence of God's glory in Christ

that you and I cannot approach him in anything but through the covering of his mercy through his shed blood on Calvary thanks be to God that we will not lose sight of the holiness of God there's always a cry there's a cry in every generation Lord come to me come to this temple God almighty I want to be used of you I want your glory to be made manifest in me and through me and that has to be a cry in each of our lives when if we are truly born again of the spirit of God now I want you to travel with me into the past now there is a temple the people are gathered and there's a lot of activity going on in this temple there are a lot of opinions about God there are a lot of theories about God there's a lot of talk about God there's been 400 years of silence until the voice of John the Baptist

and then suddenly suddenly God appears people have been talking about the appearance of God and they've developed theories about the appearance of God and this is what God is going to look like and this is what God is going to do it's these theories are based on a lot of Old Testament scripture a lot of personal conjecture some of it is mired in a sense of disappointment as to why has it taken so long we've cried out to you Lord why is it that it's as if you haven't heard me why haven't you come to me and suddenly one day can you imagine having been in that temple that day in the synagogue and suddenly God appears God almighty the one that John said he in him we saw the fullness of the Godhead bodily we saw him full of grace and full of truth the only begotten of the father we saw him he

steps up to the pulpit the scripture is given to him he opens the scroll to the book of the prophet Isaiah and what he simply does he lays out in simple order his work this is who I am this is what I do if you want if you want me to visit you this is where we're going this is what we're going to do folks it's it's so simple it's profound there are so many theories about God in our generation there's so much confusion about who Christ is how he manifests his life among his people but he said to the prophet Malachi I don't change people change churches change circumstances change societies change but I don't change I'm the same yesterday today and forever and he stepped into the synagogue opened the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and began to read the spirit of the Lord is upon me because

he's anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor he sent me to heal the brokenhearted to preach deliverance to the captives to give back sight to those that are blind and to set freer at liberty those that

have been wounded or bruised to preach the acceptable year of the Lord to tell everyone that this is the time that they can't come and can receive this healing and then he said to the people this day is the scripture fulfilled in your ears Amos 3-3 the Lord says how can two walk together except to be agreed and he stood in the pulpit that day and said this is what I do this is why I've been born this is why the spirit of God is upon me this will be the reason why the spirit of God will come upon my church this is what Pentecost is all about this is why we cry out for revival when we

begin to lose this heart we begin to cry out again God you've got to come to us again you've got to speak simply to us again you've got to come in the power of the Holy Spirit and show us God why you even indwell this temple what is it about why are we left on the earth how are we supposed to bring glory to your name he sets it in order he said this then is my temple this is why the spirit of God comes to anoint us to preach to the poor to anoint us to give us a heart for the poor to be able to tell the poorest of the poor the least of the least the push to the side of every society every generation and every culture that the treasure of God is now yours in Jesus Christ you can come out of whatever spiritual poverty has been inflicted on you whatever has come into your mind that has told

you you'll never amount to anything or never be special or never have anything good to offer in this life you can come out of that poverty the spirit of the Lord is upon us to tell the poorest of the poor that they have a God in heaven a savior who's willing to come and dwell within them it's not all about material things folks there's no greater treasure in the world than to have God living inside of you God almighty living inside of your life he sent me to heal the broken-hearted deliverance to the captives of recovering their sight to the blind and to set at liberty them that are bruised every revival throughout history has been vehemently resisted by those who practice religion without God in it the people in the temple had a choice to make that day they waited 400 years and finally

God has come finally God himself is in the pulpit and they're looking and he's just too ordinary and it's just too simple and it doesn't fit with their religion it doesn't work into their traditions they've just they've gotten this system and somehow God is outside of the system and he's standing in the pulpit and what do they do instead of falling on their faces and saying God is here as they did in Solomon's day in the temple no the scripture says they gnash on him with their teeth it was just too simple this is we didn't we didn't anticipate that God looks like this there's an ordinary looking man we know who his stepfather is we know who his mother is we know what he does for a living and now he's standing here telling us this is what God does it even worse than he is God he's

identifying himself as God through the scripture in Isaiah and they gnashed upon him with their teeth and a religious system will always always always stand against genuine revival when the Lord comes in the conviction of sin when God begins to move among the people when he begins to set things in order that have gotten crooked when the crooked places are made straight when he starts cutting trees that have grown in his house that shouldn't be there and throwing them away into the fire there'll always be a vehement resisting by those who practice religion without God in it but Jesus they took him to the brow of a hill and the scripture says that we're going to throw him off the hill but I love the passage in scripture says he just turned and walked right through the midst of them and

walked away you see God the father gave Christ the power to walk right through this and he will give you the power to walk through it he will give you the power as the Lord begins to move in a sovereign way upon your heart now go to Matthew chapter 21 please if you will I'm going to continue on the thought of when he comes to the temple Matthew chapter 21 and verse 12 when Jesus comes to you he will cast out

prayerlessness the self-indulgent seeking of God and accepted practices of the day which he has rejected Matthew chapter 21 verse 12 and when Jesus went into the temple of God and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple and overthrew the tables of the money changers and the seats of them that sold doves and he said to them it is written my house shall be called the house

of prayer but you have made it a den of thieves when Jesus comes to you he will challenge these things he will challenge prayerlessness he will challenge the seeking of himself which is only it's a self-indulgent seeking now I'm not saying we shouldn't seek God if we have a need in our lives but there can become it can turn to a pattern where that's the only reason we seek God that's why we come into his house it's always to gain some new thing that will prosper us and benefit our own lives and miss the whole point of why we're left here as a church on this earth he will also challenge accepted practices of the day which he has rejected if we want the Holy Spirit to come into this house in the way that I do believe that God wants to visit us there are some things we do that we may not

see and we have to be open to let him challenge them he may have rejected them the selling of doves was just a it was a convenient kind of a thing so the people who were poor could come in and it had a sense of godliness about it but he rejected it because it had turned from what it should have been into something it shouldn't be and in verse 14 of Matthew chapter 21 it says and the blind and the lame came to him in the temple and he healed them now I'm speaking of the temple as you when God comes to you when Christ suddenly appears to you he will challenge everything inside of your heart that is unlike him and then when that is dealt with the areas in your life where there is no vision and no strength will be healed praise God the blind and the lame in the temple I am the temple you are

the temple places where we don't see places where we have no strength immediately if we say God come deal with the prayerlessness in me deal with a seeking of you that is not does not have a a proper focus God deal with things that I'm doing that I think are right but you say are wrong God give me the courage to turn from these things and the moment those crooked places are made straight the moment we have opened our heart to the dealing of God he says I come in and I'm going to give you spiritual vision remember Malachi said there's going to be a return to discernment in the last days people are going to come back to God and he's going to open their eyes they're going to be able to see who serves God and who doesn't serve him in areas where you have no strength will be healed in other

words the glory of the Lord begins to be manifested we begin to have a testimony that's not about ourselves it's about another someone other than ourselves that's giving us a newness of life in our heart we begin to stand and leap and dance as many would have done that day inside that old testament synagogue or temple they would have given God the utmost of glory because he was doing what no man of religion had ever done for them false religion will not give you sight and it will not heal you but Christ inside of you will you'll be taken from image to image and glory to glory even as by the spirit of the Lord you will become a new creation in Christ Jesus every morning you will wake up and sing oh God you have so changed that area of my heart you so changed the way I think you so changed

the way I do things you've so given me vision for the future I'm no longer parenting my children out of fear but I see something I see what you're telling me my sons and daughters are going to be God almighty you've strengthened me where I've been weak you've changed me and the testimony of our lives is no longer about how to do anything for God it's about how God has done everything for me praise God in Mark chapter chapter one if you just stay in Matthew for a moment I'll just read it to you in Mark chapter one in the temple the verse 23 it says in their synagogue there was in their synagogue a man with an

unclean spirit and he cried out saying let us alone what have we to do with thee thou Jesus of Nazareth art there come to destroy us I know thee who thou art the Holy One of God but

Jesus rebuked him saying hold your peace and come out of him and when the unclean spirit had torn him and cried with a loud voice he came out of him and they were all amazed in so much that they questioned among themselves saying what thing is this what new doctrine is this for with authority commands he even the unclean spirits and they do obey him and immediately his fame spread abroad throughout all the region round about Galilee folks when Christ comes when the Holy Spirit comes to you when he comes in response to the cry of your heart into this physical temple there will be things in you that cry out to be spared oh God oh God spare me this attitude of heart you know Lord that this I need this you see these are things that thrive in religion but when Christ comes they begin to be

exposed immediately and they begin to cry out for mercy let me stay here let me stay in the temple now you'll notice that Jesus just said be quiet and come out he had no negotiating with these things God let me keep this attitude of heart let me keep this relationship let me keep this financial practice let me keep this way of thinking let me keep this way of speaking and you'll when he comes into the temple everything unclean will start to cry out you will feel you know that's why many of you here today you say what is wrong with me all I've been doing is saying Lord please come to me Lord grip me Lord dwell in me Lord use me and I feel inside like there are goats flying in every direction doves heading out the window there are tables being overturned unholy things are crying out all I

feel is that I'm aware of how unholy my speech is I thought I was pretty good but now I feel I feel less worthy every day I thought Jesus was my best buddy but now I'm on my face and I understand he's a holy God folks that is the man or woman that God has come to that's when he comes to you that's called revival that's called a visitation of the Holy Ghost everything unclean and unlike Christ will cry out for mercy you will beg God to keep certain relationships and he will say no come out you will beg God to keep certain associations alive in your life need to say no come out he will speak and command these things when you give way to the Spirit of God into the center of your heart into this physical temple he will come in and no unholy thing will have any power to stay there unless it

remains by invitation praise be to God praise be to God praise be to God praise God and it says in Matthew 21 verse 15 and when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did and the children crying in the temple and saying hosanna to the son of David they were so displeased children crying out and that's really where it all ends it's it starts out with a confrontation with prayerlessness self-indulgence and accepted practices with which are wrong it moves to areas of blindness and lack of strength becoming healed it goes from there to uncleanness all uncleanness having to go as the we realize we have the temple now the living God and God did not come in to share this temple with anything unclean fame begins to be brought to the name of the Lord and the children begin

to cry out that's why Jesus said unless you become like little children you shall not see the kingdom of God and the word see means you're not intellectually understand it you'll not experience it unless you become like little children and you can see now the culmination of Christ having come into this temple and people are stunned and there's a crowd that has wanted to throw him off the hill and the priests are offended because unclean spirits that were at one time allowed to even appear religious in their midst are crying out for mercy and they're having to leave and now the children are beginning to worship those that are pure in heart are seeing God they're seeing the work of God they're seeing what God does they're seeing how God does it and they're beginning to cry out hosanna to

the son of David and another another expression for the word hosanna just is this oh save that's actually what it means in one context oh save God save God you save me save others save to the uttermost save my neighbor save my family save my children God save my enemies Lord save to the uttermost God you've done it for me that's the end result of being visited by the spirit of God is your focus is away from yourself and onto others now oh God the greatness of this salvation that I've come to know let it be spread abroad oh Jesus bring your name to reputation through my life let my heart be one with your heart oh God let my voice be one with yours let my the thoughts of my mind be one with the thoughts of your mind and oh God save to the uttermost save to the uttermost save and you and I

become like children again where we begin to worship in the presence of God and our message is not we're not throwing tracks in somebody's face anymore we're throwing a living experience with the living God in this physical temple our message is simply he has saved me and he can save to the uttermost anyone who comes to him through Jesus Christ and he can change and empower and break all of the bondages of the past and open every prison door and give sight to every blinded eye strength to every area of weakness that becomes the whole message of the gospel of Jesus Christ within us praise be to God now how many here today want a visitation of the Holy Spirit I believe with all my heart that the Lord wants to visit us but we have to be willing to receive his person and the ministry that he

does we have to have an honest heart an open heart we have to be willing to put away practices and opinions that are not godly the Lord will challenge our speech he will challenge everything we do because he is he is light and the light that he is will expose everything that is unlike him I have opened my heart I know to this work of God and I've asked the Lord to take me deeper and farther than I've ever known and I realize I realize that this may not be easy it won't be easy for anyone but it is the way of God and it will prepare us as a church to stand in the coming days because everything that can be shaken will be shaken folks the scripture bears witness to it and we're entering a time and a season that everything that can be shaken and so if the interior workings of your temple are

not built on truth everything in you that can be shaken will be shaken but if all that is left in you and if all that you long for in your heart is a deep inner working of the Holy Spirit then the Christ who died for you and is willing to live his life within this temple will cause this temple to stand you and I will stand we'll make it through whatever fires whatever waters we have to go through we will stand we will go into it and we will still be standing on the other side by the grace of Almighty God I'd like us to go into a moment of worship this morning for the next few minutes and if it's in your heart to say Lord I I want I want this deep visitation of the Holy Spirit I want you God to come and work in my life in a deeper way than I've ever known if it's in your heart to have this

and to let God do this I'm going to ask that you just join those that will be coming to this altar momentarily in the annex you can stand between the screens but consider well what you're doing today when you ask him to come he will come and all your notions of what that means may just go to the wind and suddenly there'll be an inner shaking and you'll be brought through some places you and I need to go to so that Jesus Christ ultimately can be brought to reputation through us you won't shout this morning most likely but you will eventually for glory you'll become like these children in the temple your voice nobody be able to silence you anymore you'll have this glory of God in your soul praise God Father I just thank you Lord for this day I thank you for this word Lord you intend to

visit us Lord it's what you spoke to my heart you intend to come because you said the glory of the latter house will be greater than the former and you're asking us to prepare a way you're asking us Lord to let

you challenge thoughts relationships practices attitudes of heart you're asking us to put away sin you're asking us Lord to let you speak to each heart to every heart and Lord God Almighty we invite you today to do that we know that you're good and you're merciful so we have the strength to allow you to come we know that you'll not cast us away and we know that out of the deep working of the Holy Spirit will come something that truly brings glory to your name and Father we thank you for this with all our hearts in Jesus name now as we stand if the Lord's been speaking to you today

and if in your heart now I'm talking about people who just say Lord I want this deep inner working of the spirit but for some it's as simple as knowing that there are certain things that you need to put away today there are certain sins that you're committing you've got to stop and trust God for the strength you've got to invite him in by making these crooked places straight and you've got to say God take the axe to the root whatever is in me that causes me to do this take the axe to it today cast it into the fire the Lord will do that just make your way and move in very closely to give room to those that are coming we're going to worship together and as we worship you ask the Lord to come in a new way to your heart the Lord breath in the Lord Give the Lord, the Lord alone, the life, the

health and peace.

Give the Lord, give the Lord alone. He's everything I need. He's shining in my life.

Give the Lord, the Lord alone. Give the Lord, the Lord alone. He's righteousness.

Give the Lord, the Lord alone. He's righteousness. Give the Lord, the Lord alone.

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When fears are still, when strivings cease, I come return, my all in all, to Christ dead. Christ alone, took on flesh, pulled us apart in helpless pain. His gift of love and righteousness, taught by the ones He came to save.

To all that was, as Jesus died, the love of God was satisfied. For every sin, a name was made. Here in the end of time, in the ground, His body laid.

God of the world, my God, in mercy born, in glory reign. Come from the grave, He arose again. And as He stands in victory, His grace has lost its grip on me.

For I am His, and He is mine. Come from the grave, He arose again. And as He stands in victory, His grace has lost its grip on me.

For I am His, and He is mine. Born with the precious blood of Christ. No guilt in life, no fear and death.

This is the power of Christ in me. From life's first cry, to the life of prayer, Jesus commands my destiny. The power of hell, no scheme or plan, can ever allow me from His hand.

Till He returns, hallelujah, calls me home. Here in the power of Christ, I stand upon the power of hell. The power of hell, no scheme or plan, can ever allow me from His hand.

Till He returns, hallelujah, calls me home. Here in the power of Christ, I stand upon the power of hell. I was so lost, I should have died.

But You have sent Him from Your side, to be led by Your staff and rod. And I become a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I come, the Holy Lamb of God.

You'll wash me in Your precious blood, like Jesus Christ, forever. No guilt in life, no fear and death. This is the power of Christ in me.

From life's first cry, to the life of prayer, Jesus commands my destiny. The power of hell, no scheme or plan, can ever allow me from His hand. Till He returns, or calls me home.

Here in the power of Christ, I stand. We're so amazed, and we give You praise, that You would save us at such a cost. We're so amazed, and we give You praise, for the power of God the Lord.

We're so amazed, and we give You praise, that You would save us at such a cost. We're so amazed, and we give You praise, for the power of God the Lord. And God Himself shall die for such a cause.

And every day we're changed into Your image, Lord and Lord. Yes, by the cross we've truly been transformed. We're so amazed, and we give You praise, that You would save us at such a cost.

We're so amazed, and we give You praise, for the power of God the Lord. We're so amazed, and we give You praise, that You would save us at such a cost. We're so amazed, and we give You praise, for the power of God the Lord.

We're so amazed, and we give You praise, that You would save us at such a cost. We're so amazed, and we give You praise, that You would save us at such a cost. She is restored for the power.

She is the name of the Lord. Hallelujah. We're so amazed, and we give You praise, that You would save us at such a cost.

We're so amazed, and we give You praise, for the power of God the Lord. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, Jesus.

Thank You, God. Thank You, Lord. Thank You, God.

Thank You, Jesus. Isaiah was given a clearest glimpse of the Old Testament that I'm aware of of the Messiah. Daniel was given understanding of the future, and he saw through even to our day, of the day we're living in right now.

And John was given an understanding of how worship happens in heaven. And all three of these men brought the name of God to reputation in the earth, because they were not afraid of that face-to-face encounter with Him that would bring an understanding of the altogether holiness of God, and the altogether grace of God, the altogether mercy of God, that He would come to you and come to me and

save us. Praise be to God.

And the message, no longer about ourselves, but about Him. It's all about Him. He's brought to reputation in a church that's not afraid to let God come and challenge everything in the temple.

I have to assume, by the stillness here today, that you're ready to do that. The church of our generation needs a visitation of the Holy Spirit, and our cities need God again. Could you lift your hands with me and let's pray together? Lord God, we open our hearts as the temple of the living God.

And we say, come Lord Jesus, come in a new way, a sovereign and a powerful way. And bring your own name to glory through me, through your church. Bring your name to glory.

Leave no area untouched. Challenge me where I need to be challenged. Give me sight where I am blind.

Give me strength where I am weak. And oh God, I do believe that as you do these things, I will sing, I will dance, I will glorify your name. From this day forward until the day you come, I will have an awareness in my heart of the greatness of the salvation that you offer to all men.

I will come into your house, and with upraised hands, I will cry out, O Save, Thou Son of David, Hosanna, Son of David. Now give God glory, just give God glory. Praise God.

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