

Life in the Spirit

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Gerhard Du Toit's sermon emphasizes the transformative power of living in the Spirit and the necessity of revival in the believer's life.

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Description

Gerhard Du Toit emphasizes the transformative power of living a life in the Spirit, urging believers to recognize the deep work of God's Spirit in their hearts. He highlights the importance of boldness in approaching God, the necessity of prayer, and the anticipation of revival as essential elements of a Spirit-filled life. Du Toit calls for a return to the glory of God, encouraging believers to seek a deeper relationship with Him and to be open to the convicting presence of the Holy Spirit. He reminds the congregation that true revival begins with personal conviction and a longing for God's presence, leading to a life that manifests His glory.

Transcript

Let's pray, shall we? Our Father, as we come again this evening, is there a sense in which we recognise that this has been the last night that God has given unto us, and Father, many of our hearts this week has been broken on very, very deep levels, and Father, the Spirit of God has done a very deep and a precious work in our hearts. And Lord, there is a sense this night in which we recognise that because of the workings of God's Spirit in our hearts that that we as Thy people feel so absolutely ignorant and insignificant. You have done such tremendous things in the lives of these men.

Father, and we accept tonight the fact that because of what God has done is there a sense that many of these men are going to be exposed to attacks in the days to come upon every little thing that they have trusted God for. And Lord God, we come to Thee tonight on the behalf of these men. And Father, we ask of You in Jesus' name that You will come to their hearts by Your Spirit in such a way.

And Father, I pray again that You will pour into our hearts such a tremendous burden to pray for these men that in the days to come as they go back that they would know that there are those of us who are interceding for them at the throne of God. Lord, we thank You tonight that You are the God of revival. And Father, in our hearts do we long for God to send such an outpouring of His Spirit upon us.

And Father, we do not know tonight if maybe You have chosen as we will spend some time in prayer after this service to come to us by Your Spirit in such a way that it will change our lives for time and for eternity. Lord, I thank You for Your Word. And Lord, I feel so absolutely inadequate to stand here this evening to share the wonders of God's Word.

And Father, as I was listening to these testimonies, there have been other messages that have been flooding through my heart. But we thank You for the wonders of God's Word. And we pray this evening as we approach it that You will break our hearts again.

Lord, I pray that those of us who have been in so many meetings this week, Father, I pray in Jesus' name that You will quicken our hearts once more. Father, I pray that there will be such a hush upon this gathering tonight. And Father God, I pray for these precious babies that are in our service tonight that we ask that the Holy Spirit of God will come to their hearts and bring a silence and a quietness that is from Thyself.

We commit ourselves to Thee because we ask it in Jesus' name. Amen. You know, as the service continues tonight, I have been sitting there and it's been one of those services that as you listen to what's going on, you begin to say to yourself, have I really got the right mercy? And, I mean, if you are a pastor and you've never been in a situation like that, God needs to have mercy on your soul.

But I want us to turn to what I really felt God has laid upon my heart for this final night. And I want you to turn with me, if you will, in your Bible to Hebrews chapter 10. And then I also would like us to read a few verses from Hebrews chapter 11.

Hebrews chapter 10 and also Hebrews chapter 11, if you will. Hebrews chapter 10, verse number 19. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and a living way which ye have consecrated for us through the veil, that is to say His flesh, and having an high priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering, for He is faithful, that promised, and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and also unto good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another in so much the more as ye see the day approaching. For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sin, but a certain fearful looking for a judgment and a fiery indignation which shall devour the adversary. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses.

Of how much more sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be fought worthy who hath prodded under the foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of a covenant, wherewith he hath sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace. For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, and I will recompense, saith the Lord, and again the Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a living God.

In chapter 11, verse number 4, By faith able art thou to God a more excellent sacrifice, than came by which he obtained witness that he was righteous God, testifying of his gifts, and by it he being dead yet speaketh. By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had translated him for, before his translation he had this testimony that he pleased God. Verse 7, By

faith Noah being warned of God, having not seen it yet, moved with fear, preparing now to the saving of his house, by which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.

By faith Abram, when he was called to go out into a place, which he should after he see for an inheritance, obeyed, and he went out not knowing whether he went. By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and with Jacob. The heirs to him are the same promise, for he looked for a city, which are foundations, his builder and maker is God.

Through faith also Sarah herself received strength, to conceive, seed, and with the liver of a child, when she was passed away, because she judged unfaithful to her promise. Therefore sprang there even of one, and he must do his death, so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the seashore innumerable. These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and they confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.

For they that say such things declare plainly that they seek a country." You know it's quite significant if you and I would study the New Testament epistles, that we very very quickly will begin to recognize that there is a tremendous message that is coming to us as the people of God in those New Testament epistles. And one of the most dominant themes, and I'm sure that you are aware of the fact, my brother, my sister, that every one of those New Testament epistles were not written for unbelievers, but they were written for the people of God. And as you and I would begin to ponder and study them, there are scenes in which we will discover that one of the great themes that is coming through in these New Testament epistles is simply this, that the plan for God, or the plan of God for our lives, is a life that you and I as a believer will know something of the abundance of the presence of God's Spirit in our relationships with Him.

One of the most fascinating things for me in studying them is simply this, that as you look upon them, that quite often those men who were inspired of God and were inspired by the Spirit of God to write those New Testament epistles sometimes use a terminology to experience or to explain to us the relationship with God that was so unique to the people and the circumstances which they were addressing. For instance, if you and I think of this abundant life in the epistles of the Apostle Paul, is there a sense in which you will discover that he quite often refers to the fullness of God or the fullness of Christ, or the sense that God has taken all condemnation away and that God has given us the freedom as the people of God? If you and I would look at this great life in the little epistle of James, for instance, is there a sense in which you will discover that James referred to the perfect law of liberty? And there is a sense in which I believe that the little epistle of James to me is almost a commentary on the servant and the mount. If you study the first epistle of John, is there a sense in which he is consistently referring to love being made perfect? Would he refer to this great life of God that God has in mind for us as his children? I would like us this evening, in the time that we have available, to turn to what we would consider the light in the Spirit as we see it in the epistle to the Hebrews.

Now, I'm sure those of us who are students of God where maybe you will allow me to suggest to you that the epistle to the Hebrews is the only epistle that we are aware of, that all the Old Testament quotations that is coming to us from Hebrews, and there are about 33 of them in that epistle, are coming from what we would consider as the Greek translation of the Old Testament. It's a very unique epistle and I personally believe that my brother and my sister, there is a sense in which you and I will not be able to understand Hebrews if we can't come to grips with the Old Testament book of Leviticus. But one of the most fascinating things in the epistles is simply this, that it seems to me that the majority of them that were

written is saying to us that God's perspective in those epistles is as doctrine and application.

You see, God's plan for our lives, my friends, it's not that you and I as a believer will move from experience to exposition, because if we move from experience to exposition, it's the things in which we will interpret the Word of God in the light of our experiences, but the biblical pattern is that we move from biblical exposition to experience, and that our experiences with God is as it were, sift through the wonders of the Word of God. If you look at the first ten chapters of the epistle to the Hebrews, we are looking upon some of the tremendous doctrinal truths. In fact, if you and I would look at that great epistle, there are things in which you will discover that in the first almost nine chapters are we looking at what we would consider as a doctrinal dissertation.

And then from chapter 10 onwards, right through to verse number 39, is the writer to the Hebrews referring not just to a doctrinal dissertation, but he's referring to a central exhortation. He's speaking about an exhortation to freedom and to fellowship with God, and he's speaking about an exhortation to patience and perseverance in my relationship with God. And then from chapter 11 onwards are we looking at what we would consider as a practical application, where he's speaking to us about the work of faith, where he's referring to the patience of hope, and he's referring to the labor of love, and right through those 13 tremendous chapters are there six amazing warnings that are coming to us as the people of God.

I want us this evening to look at what we would consider as this practical application. And when the writer to the Hebrews in chapter 10, because he was written to Hebrew believers, and my brother and my sister, there was a number of times in the fourth chapter of the epistle to the Hebrews that he's speaking to them about this rest of God, that he's saying to us that he that has entered into this rest of God is resting from his own works as God has promised in the sixth chapter in that tremendous doctrinal dissertation. He's saying to us that God wants us as the people of God to go on to perfection.

As you and I will look at chapter 10 this evening, is there some tremendous concept of revival that I believe God wants us to consider? Because my brother and my sister, the first thing that we are coming across is simply this, that the writer to the Hebrews is explaining to us what God has prepared for us. And secondly, he wants to explain to us how God has prepared us for us, his people. As you and I look at those verses, the first thing that struck me this evening is simply this, that he is saying unto us, he said, having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest of all.

You see, we are considering what God has prepared for us. And the first thing that I have discovered, and I would like to look upon this as an activity that precedes revival, is that somehow he is referring to the letter worth having. In other words, God is looking upon his people this evening and he is speaking about a sense of action.

And my brother and my sister, he is speaking to the people of God. And he is saying to them, having therefore, brethren, boldness. You see, when we are speaking about this activity that precedes revival, we think something of this tremendous working of the Spirit of God in our hearts, in our lives as the people of God.

One of the first things that I have discovered is simply this, that when the Spirit of God comes to us, there is a tremendous sense of conviction. I am sure that there are many of us this Friday night that are sitting in this gathering, and as you sit here and you are absolutely honest with yourself, is there a sense in which you sit here and you say, Gerard, there have been times this week when I have seen something of the conviction of God's Spirit upon my heart and upon my life. In John chapter 16, the Lord Jesus is saying to

us, he said, when my Spirit comes, he said, my Spirit shall convict the world of sin and of righteousness and of judgment.

It is not only the Spirit of God that is bringing conviction in this activity, but it is the Spirit of God that is bringing to us a sense of the presence of God. And I wonder tonight, my brother and my sister, if you would allow me to ask you, as you sit in this service this evening, as there have been times this week that you have been aware of a sense of the presence of God. That is something that has searched our hearts.

That is something that is so tremendously lacking today in the lives of so many of God's people. The writer to the Hebrews is saying to us that God has prepared for us the nativity, but you know what that discovery does not only refer to a sense of God's presence, but that he is speaking out to us about the spirit of restitution. And I wonder how many of us this Friday night have sat at some of these tremendous stations as the people of God.

And God has brought to our minds things that He wants us to put right. I'm sure that there are many of these men that are sitting here this evening and you sat through these sessions and there have been times that you have phoned your wife and there were things that you put right in your relationship with your wife and in your relationship with God. One of the most amazing things in this activity that precedes revival is that there is not only a sense of restitution, but my brother and my sister, there is a deep sense of the searching of the Spirit of God in our lives.

I wonder tonight if you would allow me, there are about 40 pastors who are in this Friday night service. And I wonder, my brethren, if you would allow me to ask you this evening, are you going back to your church in the days to come exactly the same as you came to this conference? Are you maybe sitting there this night in this service and you look upon your life and you say, as I get back next week and I'm going to stand in my pulpit, I'm going to share some of the tremendous theology of the Word of God. And yet the unction of God's Spirit is not there.

There is not only what we would consider the activity that precedes revival, but my brother and my sister, there is something more. There is the anticipation that prevails in revival. You know the Bible is saying to us, having therefore brethren boldness.

And I wonder this evening if you realize that if you and I look at that letter word, boldness, I was so fascinated by this in the early hours of this morning because I was looking at that letter word and I discovered that in the Greek New Testament where there are about 31 words, where we find exactly that Greek word there now, and in our English translation of the Bible, are there about seven words that is trying to explain to us this concept of the boldness of God. One of the most amazing things that I discovered was simply that that little word boldness can also be translated by an openness in the presence of God. Would you allow me to ask you this Friday night in our service, my brother and my sister, have you been open in the presence of God? Or maybe have there been times during this week as you were exposed to the Word of God and the Spirit of God began to search your heart and God was dealing with areas in your life and as God began to break open those areas of your life, was there a sense that you say, I can't do this? What are the cries that have been upon my heart this day as simply this God, or there may be someone tonight in this Friday night service and they will not be able to say that God has touched my life.

They will not be able to say this God that I am serving as I go back tomorrow or as I come back to this service on Sunday, that thereupon my life there is not a spirit of prayer, there is not the unction of God's

Spirit, there is not an openness in the presence of God. God is speaking to us about boldness. He is speaking to us not only about boldness, but you know what I have discovered? He is also speaking about a sense of freedom to come to God.

Oh, my brother and my sister, I wonder tonight if you would allow me to ask you, what is the degree of freedom that you are serving God with? I was thinking about these tremendous promises of revival, these great words that are flowing from the heart of God, where He is saying to us, I will pour water upon him that is thirsty. And He said, I will pour water upon dry ground. God is saying to us tonight as His people that I want you to have a freedom when it comes to these promises.

And I wonder, my brother and my sister, do you and I know that freedom? I wonder this Friday night, the God that you and I are serving, this sovereign, precious, holy, omnipotent God, somehow will come into this sanctuary and He will open the roof of this sanctuary and descend upon us as His people. I wonder how many of us would be able to stand and say, God, I've got a sense of freedom. He is speaking to us about a plainness.

My experience of revivals of religion and the reading of them and the two opportunities that I had in my life. And oh, my brother and my sister, if we have been in revival, if you and I have known something of the greatness and the preciousness of God, we are spoiled for life. One of the most amazing things that happened in revival is simply this, that there is a plainness and there is a boldness and there is an honesty.

You see, we can't explain this in one sense of the word because when God poured out His Spirit upon His people, there are those that are possessed with a sense of confidence. And there are those that are on a such deep conviction. And there are those that are possessed with a sense of tremendous boldness as they find themselves standing on the promises of God.

And I wonder if, probably not, if you are sitting here in this service and you have lost the vision of revival. And you've got such a misconception of revival because, my brother and my sister, you see revival as a series of special services where maybe God is going to come and do something. But you don't realize that when God is referring to revival, that He is speaking to us about an organized disorder.

I can't help but think of the great Jonathan Edwards and, I mean, what a blessing his life has been to my own life and reading it. And I can't help but being reminded of Edwards standing under a tree, holding on to listen to the great George Whitefield. Whitefield came to the United States of America.

In fact, Whitefield was absolutely against what we would consider as open air preaching. But there was a man across in the British Isles with the name of Wesley. And Wesley was preaching in the open air in the South of Ireland.

And as he was preaching in the open air, Whitefield was asked to go and listen to him. And when he went to listen to Wesley, you know what he said? He said he was like a wild Frenchman swinging his arms like a windmill. But there was a moment when the Spirit of God got hold of Whitefield.

And God said, Whitefield, I want you to do the same. And my brother and my sister, there is a place in Scotland with the name of Cambus Lane where George Whitefield preached to 125,000 people without the microphone. And he was preaching in the United States.

And Jonathan Edwards heard about this. And people were in the meetings. And as they were in those meetings, they were visibly affected by the presence of God.

Someone went up to Mr. Edwards and said, Sir, I think you should go. And because of his background in theology, he resisted that. But the Spirit of God began to work in his heart.

And my brother and my sister, he found himself in a distance while Whitefield was preaching. He found himself in a distance. He listened to the great George Whitefield.

And as he listened to him, something of this amazing boldness in the sense of the presence of God came upon the life of this man. And there was a hunger and a searching. And Jonathan Edwards found himself being driven into his study.

He found himself for a number of days on his face as it were before God. God gave him a sermon. And the title of his sermon was Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God.

Jonathan Edwards was one of the greatest Christian philosophers that ever lived. But I don't consider Jonathan Edwards, and I believe he was a great expositor, but I don't consider him necessarily as a dynamic preacher. That Sunday morning came and Edwards came into his pulpit.

And he had a church of about 850 people. And my brother and my sister when something of this boldness of the presence of God somehow took possession of his life, they were standing in his pulpit like this and just reading sermons. And as they read it, suddenly something happened.

Suddenly there was an invasion from God. Suddenly the eyes of the people were taken away from Edwards as he stood there because there was this cyclone of the presence of God that came upon that gathering. And as he was reading his sermon, those people sat there and they said, it was as if we were looking into the eyes of God.

And one Sunday morning sermon, 437 people were swept into the kingdom of God. I would like to say to you this Friday night, my brother and my sister, I think one of the great failures of the church of the Lord Jesus is that you are sitting in this Friday night service and there upon your heart is there no sense of boldness when it comes to revival. And there are so many of us that are sitting here and maybe so many of us who are pastors and you sit here this Friday night and you say, I've read about revival, I've had special services, but somehow I've lost the vision of God.

And you sit here tonight and you need to confess the sin of not even praying for revival anymore. This is me. It's lost the vision.

Ah, I see a prophet. I see a prophet in the Old Testament that left his heart to God. And I sing to let the word go.

And I sing to cry that is coming from the heart of this man when he says, Oh, that thou would revive us again. Oh, my brother and my sister, may I ask you this Friday night, how dare you and I be satisfied with anything less than some of these great promises of God. Ah, you say, Pastor, what will happen when God will come? Some of these promises of God saying that there is a sound of the abundance of rain.

These promises of God coming and saying in the last days, I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh. Suddenly our heart will be possessed with a conviction that God can come and do it again. You sit here

tonight and you've lost the vision.

The Spirit of God is being so grief and revival. There is a God tonight in heaven whose heart and whose arms is open. And it's looking down to the lives of these people.

And He's saying to them, if my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, He said, I will hear from heaven and I will forgive their sin and I will heal their land. And I find myself in that beautiful land of Canada. And I can't tell you how many times has God been breaking my heart for this country.

A country that is absolutely God forsaken. A country that if I preach the way that I preached this week, the majority of the apostles would just about drop down dead of a heart attack. A country where men and women say you shouldn't be so serious of God because you've lost the vision.

Oh, my brother and my sister, I want to say to you this Friday night in this service, when the Spirit of God will come to the lives of these people and I've seen it happen. I remember in the islands in the highlands of Scotland when in the island of Skye they began to spend nights in prayer and they began to seek the face of God and there were no special services but somehow they were possessed of the conviction and there was a spirit of prayer. You see, there are some wonderful stages in the revival in Ezekiel chapter 47 and God said the first thing that is taking place is that you are entering to these waters and He said it will be waters to the ankles.

My brother and my sister, what is it? That's when God begins to meet with these people. And I believe that there are some of us this week, those who have been exposed to the work of God, many of us who were on Tuesday and Wednesday night and some of us last night who somehow sought our hearts out before God. And my brother and my sister, if we have sought our hearts out before God, the consequences of that is going to be that my heart and my life is going to be possessed of a sense of boldness.

That God is going to come to our lives and He began to lift out these amazing, amazing movements of His Spirit. And the days gone by as He visited these people. So many of us at last, are we open before God this evening? You sit here this Friday night and you think night after night I've been exposed to the work of God.

God has done so many things in my life and He has broken my heart and He has searched my being and I've been so, looking so much into things that God has to do. And God is saying to you this Friday night it's time to look out. It's time to see the possibilities of what I'll be able to do.

Oh, my brother and my sister, I've seen it in the hearts of people. When somehow God comes to His people and God meets with them in revival and God cleanses His people and God sends the fire of His Spirit and there is this purifying work of the Spirit of God taking place in the lives of people. And after God has done that and He has met with His people He began to focus their eyes upon great things that He is able to do.

He gives us a sense of boldness. What is the boldness that we are speaking about? What is the Bible saying? The Word of God is saying to us having therefore brethren boldness to enter into the holiest. What was the holiest? The holiest in the Old Testament was the place where the high priest was allowed to enter in once a year.

God is saying to us he was allowed to enter in once a year. And my brother and sister he was allowed to enter in somehow once a year. And the Word of God is saying to us why did he do that? The Word of God is saying to us that he entered in to make reconciliation for the sins of the people of God.

And the Word of God is saying to us that as he entered in that he was not allowed to enter in without blood. In fact in the Old Testament when you discover that as the high priest went into the holiest of all and my brother and my sister he was a man who was morally blameless. He was a man who was physically blamed with.

And he was a man in his relationship with God who was absolutely blameless in the Old Testament sense of the word. The Bible says that as he entered in there were bells on his garment and there was a rope around him for the simple reason that it was a kind of glory of God who had struck him in the holiest of all. That no one who was able to go in there was able, they were able to pull him out of that.

And can you imagine the people of Israel standing around the tabernacle of God once a year on that great day of the atonement as he entered in and as he entered in he was making reconciliation for the sins of the people of God. You say, how does that relate to my life? You remember there was a moment when Jesus died. My brother and my sister what happened? The Word of God is saying to us that the veil of the temple was wrinkled from the top to the bottom.

It was the veil that separates the holy place from the holiest of all. It was the veil that they say to us was so thick that if they would have put three animals on both sides to try and tear it apart that somehow, somehow it was not going to happen. But my brother and my sister there was a moment when Christ died and he uttered that amazing Greek word and suddenly God came and God wrinkled the veil of the temple from the top to the bottom.

And the way into the holiest has been opened. What do we find in the holiest of all? There was there was the ark of the covenant and within the ark of the covenant was the was the law of the ten commandments of God. And upon the ark of the covenant was the mercy seat and the mercy seat was covered with blood and once a year as he was entering there he would enter and he would sprinkle the blood and as he sprinkled the blood he was making reconciliation for for the sins of the people of God.

But Jesus Christ died and the moment when he died the Bible says the veil was ringed. Do you know what that's saying to me this Friday evening? My brother and my sister it's saying to me that that our inheritance is the people of God. God is saying to us having therefore brethren boldness to enter in.

To the holiest of all. You sit here tonight as a child of God and you say to me Gerard when the Bible is speaking to us about the life and the holiest of all can you give us some example of someone that lived that kind of a lifestyle? Is there somewhere in the New Testament or somewhere in the Gospels is there is there some example of of someone in some way that found me the possibility to live a life within the holiest of all I want to take you to John chapter 17. And the Son of God found himself in the very holiest of all in the presence of his disciples and my and my brother and my sister were really praying.

They said Father they said I have glorified thy name. My brother and my sister would you allow me to suggest to you tonight somehow in this service if you sit here and there is a longing in your heart for this this sense of this kind of glory that is coming out of the holiest of all God said what did he say about his son? He said Father I have glorified thy name. And I wonder this evening if you would if I may ask you are you concerned about the glory of God? Ah you say what are we what is the glory of God?

You remember you remember those amazing Old Testament examples of the glory of God and my brother and sister it seems to me that sometimes when we are looking upon the glory of God I think of that man with the name of Uzzah you remember when the Ark of the Covenant was taken amongst the people of Philistine and they thought well if we've got the Ark of the Covenant and maybe something is going to happen but there was tragedy and there was a moment that they were sending the Ark of the Covenant back and there was a man with the name of Uzzah and the Word of God and he was saying to us that as the Ark of the Covenant was coming towards the people of Israel he saw and he realized what was happening and he was afraid that something could happen to the Ark of the Covenant and he ran and the

moment that he touched it he was dead there are so many of us tonight that are sitting in the service and we are so concerned we long to see revival and my brother and sister we long to see God revealing himself in revival and yet my brother and sister when we are speaking about the glory of God we are referring to the greatness of some of our judgments of God you know what God is saying to us in his Word he said I will glory I will give my glory to no man I would go so far this Friday night as to suggest to you that I think one of the reasons we have no concept we have no concern about the glory of God oh I remember Solomon at the dedication of the temple and you remember David wanted to build a temple for God and God said David you have been a man of war you have been a man of blood and

God said David you can't do that but your son Solomon and Solomon built the temple of God and as the temple was built as he was doing that thing and there was the dedication of the temple and the Bible is saying to us that when Solomon came to an end of praying the glory of God filled the temple Jesus looked to his Father and he said Father he said I have glorified thy name may I ask you this Friday night are you concerned about the glory of God I remember in my own life the first time when I was exposed to a little insight in the glory of God was at the camp convention in South Africa I was converted in a theological school and Easter came and there was this camp convention about 600 people gathered and these were men and women who were absolutely serious of God oh I mean they came and

they wanted to meet with God and Saturday night before Easter Sunday morning service we had a half night of prayer and that half night of prayer I was just a young fellow in college and just being converted for about I would say maybe about two or three or four months or so and there was this half night of prayer and it became a night of prayer and the spirit of God began to breathe upon this camp and Sunday morning came Easter Sunday morning and somehow in the early hours of that Sunday morning God helped us to pray through and we were possessed of a conviction that God was going to break into the services and Easter Sunday morning came and that morning service came and I was just a young, young fellow and I remember I sit at the door of a stent that seated around six hundred people or

so very conservative God fearing born again Dutch Reformed people and there was a moment that Sunday morning when the glory of God fell upon the people and I stood there in absolute amazement and as I stood there there was an elderly man that was standing next to me and I saw people just bending under the presence of God and I saw strong, strong Germans and strong South Africans as the Spirit of God as the glory of God the heaviness and the awesomeness and the judgment and the amazingness of the presence and the glory of God as it began to descend I saw all these people they were bending and sobbing and prevailing and wailing in the presence of God and as a young fellow I stood next to this elderly man and he looked at me and he said to me young man he said God has come oh my brother my

sister I wonder how many of us are satisfied just by going on in our relationships with God and we've lost the concept of the glory of God you see when the glory of God descends upon the people of God they lose

sight of one another every single little place where you and I will sit as a believer becomes a counseling room and suddenly God would turn up on the scene I wonder this Friday night if God would have done it in this Friday night service I wonder how many of us how you and I would have responded to this awesomeness of the presence of God God said I will give my glory to no man and you remember Moses of old I think there was a moment in his life when Moses became so absolutely homesick and he was so sick of the people of Israel and somehow he lifted his heart to God and he said to

God the Father he said God he said I beseech thee he said show me thy glory God in his great love turned to Moses and he said Moses he said no man can see my glory and love and God said I am going to put you in the cliff of the rock and God said as I pass by he said I will allow you to see my back because he said no man can see me and love I'm sure maybe most of us who sit here tonight there has been times that you and I had a little glimpse of the glory of God my brother my sister you know what God's glory is doing to my life it crushes and crumbles me in the presence of God it breaks my heart and I wonder what will happen in the little areas where you and I are coming from God in his glory his glory will descend upon us as his people and the countryside where we are will be full of the

presence of God why is it my brother and my sister that you and I know so little of his presence why is it that sometimes we go through hours of the day and where there are things that are slipping through our minds and the presence of God is such a distance away from us the son of God said father I glorify thy name what else is coming out of this presence of the holiest of all Jesus Christ made a statement he said father he said I have manifested thy name I wonder tonight if you would allow me to suggest to you my brother and my sister it somehow seems to me that the son of God in his flesh that those wonderful sixteen Hebrew names of God in the old testament that somehow it seems that in the humanity of Christ manifesting in the manifestation of the names of his father that those Hebrew

names of God was manifested through the name of the son of God God was able to turn down and look down and say this is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased you remember at the end of the sermon my father sent me he said so sent I you would you allow me to ask you this Friday night my brother and my sister are we in the process of manifesting the name of God you say how do I manifest God's name you remember the Lord Jesus said we are made perfect through suffering I think of the minister who was born maybe for six months she was able to see and wrong medication was prescribed to her mother for some little eye problem that she had and she became blind for the rest of her life and never became bitter against God and became a Christian and served God and at the end of her life a minister

came to her and said Miss Crosby what is the greatest desire of your heart and this man was waiting for her to say that God will give him my eyesight and that I would be able to see before God takes me away and that I would see the beauty of the nature of God and she said the greatest desire of my heart is that I would stay blind for the rest of my life and this man that and she said do you realize my tremendous advantage over you do you realize that the very first person that I will ever focus my eyes upon is going to be Jesus Christ the son of God oh my brother my sister I wonder tonight is God in the process of manifesting his life through her that's what happened in the revival you see when God is pouring out his spirit upon his people wherever you and I will find ourselves going God

will manifest in his presence in our lives as the people of God I was reading the life story of the late Dr.

Andrew Murray some time ago and during the midst of the 1838 revival we discovered that there was a Sunday morning that he came out of the vestry and as he came out of the vestry into his pulpit and he was

dressed as the Dutch reform minister and he had a black gown and a white shirt and a white tie and here was this man in the midst of an amazing movement of the spirit of God and somehow as he came out and he came towards the railing of that pulpit that he had to ascend and as he was coming towards it he just stopped and he paused to pray as they would pray in the Dutch reform church and as he was standing there and he was just praying suddenly there was something that took place suddenly the presence of God came upon him and suddenly there was that manifestation of something of glory

and something of the presence of God and a holy hush fell upon the people and there was a little girl that sat next to her mother and when that sense of the hush of the presence of God fell she somehow pulled in the dress of her mother and her mother bent down and whispered and said what is it my darling and the little finger pointed up and said mummy is that the Lord Jesus Christ you see my brother my sister God has got no other hands than our hands and I wonder tonight if these hands are clean I wonder tonight if you and I and many of us have sung some of these great hymns and what have we done we somehow lift our hands up and we lift our hands to God I tell you I'm scared to death to do it because I wonder if I would stand in the presence of God tonight and God will say to me I want to

see your hands and as God look at my hands will he be able to say there are the blood of people that are lost those works of the flesh that we try to perform in the energy of carnality and God said when the fire came they just disappeared and the Bible says there will be hay stubble there will be hay stubble and wood but he said on the other side there will be silver and gold and precious stones those works of the spirit and I wonder my brother and my sister if you and I would lift up our hands tonight to God when it comes to the greatness of the concept of revival I wonder what God is going to see in our hands is he going to see a people that have lost it I wonder if you realize the tremendous inheritance that we have in the United States of America you come to the land of Canada who has

never been affected by a coast to coast pouring of the spirit of God and it's like a barren heathen field and whenever I find myself in Canada where there has been a place where God just in a little area poured out his spirit I walk in there and I find myself like a weeping prophet because whenever God has visited a place of revival there is something about that place and you sense it and sometimes I survive by just going from place to place you sit tonight in the United States of America a country that God swept in in 1857 and 59 and my brother and my sister we've got a tremendous responsibility because of that I once in my life visited a place in the south coast of Africa where God poured out his spirit and revival and the spirit of God was grief at the place in the south coast of

Africa they were in the midst of revival the spirit of God was working they were farmers that sold their farms and they brought the money and they laid it down and they were building a theological school and the man that God was using in this movement of the spirit of God somehow God was lifting up this man and God was using him and somehow something went wrong and this man fell into adultery and sin and I can take you to the place at Claridge when in the midst of the revival the African people were mixing the cement with their shovels and they were building this Bible school the school of the prophets and when sin came in and this man fell into adultery suddenly the presence of God left and those African believers as they were working on that spot suddenly the presence of God left and

God said, and they stood there in amazement and they thought God is gone and they put those shovels in the cement and they ran back to their cross and if you go to Claridge today those shovels are still standing in the cement because there was a time when God visited and then oh my brother my sister would you may I ask you this evening was there a time in your heart when God had visited you so was there a time in

your life when God sent these stirrings I mean I've been in a wonderful group of people for a solid week and it's been a great blessing and the history of this place there has been times when the spirit of God has moved but you know what Wesley Vermith said he said if God the Holy Spirit does not move into every new generation is there a sense in which it almost becomes

impossible you sit here tonight as a pastor oh my brother may I ask you have you got a burden for revival I'm not asking you tonight if you've got a burden for a series of special services I'm asking you tonight have you got a burden for revival or are you sitting in your church and you say Gerard God is blessing and I'm preaching the word of God and maybe every year five or six or ten people that come to Christ and we look at our administration and we say oh there is a 5% growth and I found myself I got so satisfied with that God is saying to you 20 minutes of an outpouring of my spirit I will probably do more than that which you have trusted me for for the last 20 years you say what is it it's the manifestation of the presence of God and I long for those meetings and I think of charity

Christian fellowship and I tell you there are some of us this week we have soaked and we have saturated ourselves in prayer and I don't want you to misunderstand me but I'm looking at my own insignificant life and I'm asking myself where there may be an hour here or an hour there that I could have given myself more to the place of prayer in the presence of God and some days I've got difficulty to find an hour like that we have changed upon many of our lives a spirit of intercessory prayer but oh my brother and my sister will you allow me to ask you do you and I know what it means to pray through into the presence of God there are so many of us and the burden of God will come upon us we find ourselves interceding and prevailing and persevering and God is saying I'm not speaking about an

hour here I'm speaking about a night or I'm speaking about a day or I'm speaking about days in prayer and fasting and seeking the face of God sometimes it comes so close sometimes those stirrings with it I mentioned last night that I work under a man in Africa before we did anything out in that province we spent 16 days in prayer and I remember after a year like that the beginning of the year we went we spent 16 days in prayer and at the end of that time he sent me into an area and he said I want you to go and look for a place that we have been praying for he said I'm not sure if it's the right time but he said just go and explore the land and I went into that area of a number of deserts and I realized it was not the time of God and as I was driving back to the city I saw a little sign of

a little mine that says I felt the pull of God's spirit in my heart to drive into that little area and I drove into this little village a mining village about maybe two and a half miles or so from the main road to the city and as I drove into that little village the spirit of God witnessed to my heart and I felt God somehow said to me as an evangelist this is the place where I want you to preach.

I went to see the manager of this little village and as I went to see him I said sir I'm an evangelist and I would like to do an evangelistic crusade in this town and I mean this man, this little village and he must have recognized the need and he said well you're welcome to do that and I said we've got a tent and we have evangelistic services in a tent and I said can I put this tent up somewhere and he took me to the outskirts of this little town and he said now this is where you can put up your tent and I thought well I mean it's wonderful and yet I thought it's not synchronous, we sit there and we kind of look down to the little village and I saw an open lot and I thought that's the place and I turned to him and I said sir can I put my tent up there and he looked at me and he literally

laughed and he said as far as I'm concerned you can put up your tent there but he said you need permission from the woman that's living next to that lot and he said she's a terrible woman but I mean if God is with you I mean God goes before you and I remember I knocked at the door of the house and this woman opened the door and I mean this man was not wrong, she was not only a terrible woman but she was a woman of some area and I stood there in fear and tremble and I said madam I said I'm an evangelist and I want to come and preach the gospel in this village and I said I've got a tent and I said would you mind if we put this tent up next to your house in this lot and she looked at me in amazement she said that's fine I mean I took liberty that I turned to her and I said madam we sit about

60 or 90 people in this tent when it's full and we need electricity and I said would you mind if we use the electricity and I said madam I said we will reimburse you at the end of the crusade she gave us permission and I needed a place to stay and I went back to the manager and I said sir I said do you have a room somewhere in the single quarters where I can stay and he gave me a room and it was just like the Old Testament prophet there was a bed and a table and a chair and I had a place to stay and I began to speak the face of God and I remember when myself and a few African men were putting up their tent one afternoon and these miners came back from their shift and they stopped and I mean they blew their horns and they shouted circus and I thought good night what's going to happen here

and I remember my very first service the very first night there were two people in the service and I preached the gospel of the Lord Jesus but in the single quarters where I stayed I mean these men were drinking and they were living in sin and it was a den of iniquity and I couldn't sleep at night and I prayed one night and I said God I need a place and I didn't know that every night when I had my little gospel service this woman and her husband would come to the corner room and they would turn the electricity the lights off in that room and they opened the windows and they put the chairs through the window and they were listening to the gospel of Jesus Christ and one night she turned to her husband it was the night when I prayed my prayer and she said to her husband if we ask this man to

come and stay in our house she said maybe he can tell us how to find God that was the night when I prayed and I said God can you give me a different place to stay I can't preach and prepare and pray my heart out and not being able to sleep in the hours of the night and the next night to my utter amazement in the back of the tent she and her husband were sitting in the service and I preached the gospel and I mean the dust was rising and at the end of that service she came to me and she said would you like to come and stay with us for the rest of the time and I mean I'm so stupid you know I thought hey boy God surely has answered the cry of my heart and I didn't know that she and her husband she's been saying to him if we can get this man to stay in the house then he can tell us how to find

God and I said madam I would love to come and stay with you and your husband and she said when would you like to come I said in five minutes time I didn't realise what was going on you see I mean I was so ignorant and I got into the house and the next morning when she put the breakfast on the table and I sat at the table and I said madam I said would you mind if I just pray over the food and she said that's fine and I began to pray and the moment that I said Lord Jesus she just broke down and wept like a child and I opened my eyes and I said is there something wrong she said well every night of the service we have been sitting in the corner room listening to what you have been preaching and she said we have been saying to ourselves if you can stay in our house you can help us to find God

you know I have learned through the earth not to point people to Christ left right and centre we used to give him 14 or 17 nights before we make the first invitation so that the spirit of God has done his work of

conviction and I said madam I said we have got about maybe eight or ten days left and I said you come to the services and I give you some literature to read and I said madam I said when it's the time of God I said God is going to save you I said you will know it and I will know it and I would love to explain it to you and you know it was so embarrassing every time when I came to sit at the table and I and she put the food down at the table and I said let's pray and the moment when I said Lord Jesus she would break down and I couldn't pray and I would never forget the Wednesday

night I still remember my message I was preaching on John chapter 16 verse 8 and 9 and that Wednesday night publicly I made a statement and I said the Spirit of God needs to convict that's His word and that night the Spirit of God broke into that service and yet I didn't realize what was taking place and I went home and I didn't see them back into my room and the next morning I came to the breakfast table and she put the food down at the table and I said let's pray and I just said Lord Jesus and she didn't break down I still remember I opened my one eye and I said how are you today and she said I'm wonderful and I said why do you say that and she said I was converted last night and I said did someone pray with you she said no I said what spoke to you in my sermon she said nothing I mean

that straightened me out I said madam I said what happened she said I sat in that service and one moment she said God showed me that it was not only my the actual sin that I need to confess she said it was the state I was left and she said I asked you to save me and she said I was converted and I didn't realize my brother and my sister that that Wednesday night the spirit of God broke into the little village and I was so thrilled the first convert and I crossed the street and knocked at the door of the house and a man opened the door and I stood there and I said good morning sir and he said good morning and I said how are you today and he said I'm wonderful why do you say that he said I was converted last night I said were you in my tent he said no I said how did it happen and he looked

at me and he said sir he said every night when you have your services he said we switched the lights of our house out and we took two folding chairs and we put them outside and he said we sit outside of our house and he made a statement and he said sir I don't need to be in the tent he said I can hear you a mile and a half away and he made a statement and he said last night when we got back into the house something happened and he said we couldn't sleep and he said last night both my wife and myself were converted we're going to spend a half night in prayer and the cry of my heart is that this something will take possession of your heart that something of God breaking into the lives of people

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