

The Holy Spirit - Part 1

by Keith Daniel

Keith Daniel emphasizes the critical role of the Holy Spirit in worship and the dangers of worldly influences in the church.

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Scripture: 1 Peter 1:15

Topics: "Holy Spirit", "Spiritual Warfare"

Description

This sermon emphasizes the importance of maintaining holiness and purity in worship, highlighting the potential dangers of allowing worldly influences, especially in music, to infiltrate the church. The speaker urges for a return to a focus on God and His presence, cautioning against the lure of entertainment and secular trends that can dilute the spiritual atmosphere. The call to prayer, intercession, and a deep burden for souls is central to the message, emphasizing the need for genuine spiritual warriors who prioritize seeking God's will above personal desires.

Transcript

And thank you for the dear man that led the meeting singing here. Well the way you led it, sir, was something very precious, and I would love to have got to know you. I was speaking today to our dear brother about how the meeting can be destroyed by the singing, and I would say he bore something in my heart that I'm starting a sermon.

I've written a whole sermon since your conversation, brother. I did not preach that now. If you ever let me back, I'll preach what you bore in my heart this morning or at lunchtime, dear Don.

Brother Don, I agree with you somehow. Today the church has allowed the world into their music, and the man who has the music in his control controls the whole meeting. He can destroy anything God could ever do, from that moment to the day, to the moment the meeting stops, or he could pave the way.

And I wonder what percentage of evangelical churches have no hope of God visiting them because of the very music and those in control of the music. Don't let the world into the church, America. You don't win the world by becoming like the world.

The world wins you always. There's not one case when the world tried to be like the church, like it tried to be like the world, that the world didn't win them. And all we have now is the world and the church, and the

church and the world, tragically, starting off with the music.

The next thing, we look like them, we go to the places, we try and grip them by the way they grip by the world, with their entertainment, their type of music, their type of entertainment. Entertainment is sin in the pulpit of God and in the church. There's no place for it.

Be careful. Be careful. If you're not sure that you are so sanctified by God and through the Holy Ghost and prayed through as much as a preacher before you stand before God's people with a message from God so soaked in prayer and a life that gives you the right to sing it, and you're sure that that's going to make entrance to the preacher's sermon, into the whole atmosphere, into people seeking God, don't ever get up and sing.

Don't ever get up and play any instrument. Go to the theater if you want applause. Why come to the pulpit? Well now, that's a rebuke, isn't it? And I was only going to say thank you.

My wife says, when you're tired, Keith, you go a mile around, and she's not here to remind me that I'm going a mile around tonight. But it's just as well because people are still all arriving, so God knows what he's doing. Thank you sincerely, every one of you who traveled a long, long way, and I bless the Lord for you.

Now, I know the cold hits this area like I don't know what hit me, but I appreciate your braveness, and I appreciate your courage in facing this weather, and still staying on, and coming out into this bitter cold, and the snow, and the ice all over the place, and I think those that have come are those who really want God's best. So I thank you for coming. Can I also just ask you one other thing? My wife sends out a newsletter It's not like American newsletters, you know.

We in Africa don't have the beautiful magazines that you send out as newsletters. We just have a piece of paper. We're from the jungle, you see, and my wife sends it out every couple of months to many, many people all over the world, and these people mostly pray for us daily, and I thank God for that, and I wonder if you'd like to pray for me and my family.

I'll be very grateful. I know that you mustn't put your name and address down if you're not a prayer warrior. If you don't groan before God for souls, please don't give me your name or address.

If you don't groan before God for the church of Christ, for revival, if you don't know what it is to groan before God for others and not yourself, then please don't put your name down, because it'll just be a wasted piece of paper coming to you that you won't want in the end. But if you know what it is to weep for souls, if you know what it is to groan for souls, if you groan, if you're a warrior on your knees for the lost, and not just consumed in prayer about yourself, then I would be deeply grateful. If you would put your name and address on a piece of paper, your postal address, and you just give it to your brother Don, who's trying desperately to let me read something in the back, but he doesn't know I'm half blind.

Oh, there's a piece of paper. Okay, brother. At least I saw the page.

Wonderful, Don. Thank you. I saw the page, but I didn't dare tell you at first that I can't read.

I can't see much anyway. But it's good that I can't see your faces while I'm preaching, you know. I might stop.

Anyway, there's a piece of paper back there at the back, two yellow pages, and if you just take a pen and you'd like to, put your name and address down and give it to our brother. I'm not staying after the meeting, because I've got to get up rather early tomorrow and be in a plane at 6 30, so I won't tell you what time I have to get up then, just to do all the things I have to do. But I have to leave straight away after.

I'm going to perhaps just shake a few of your hands as I walk out. But I want to say thank you now, and God bless you for coming from my heart. I'm deeply grateful for America, giving me so many opportunities to come back here again and again.

And the way they are spreading tapes and videos all over the world. I get letters from China, or so many countries where the Americans have sent videos, and these churches say we've just brought all the people and just sitting down listening to all these messages. And I am grateful the way America and the American Christians have such vision and have given me this great privilege of coming here every now and again.

And then they just spread the messages, hundreds of thousands of tapes all over. I do thank you for that privilege you've given me. Well, God wonderfully bless every single one of you.

I really mean that. Now I'd like to pray and then bring the word God put in my heart, I believe, for our hearts tonight. And if I fail to say thank you to everyone, I should have, please forgive me.

Can we just bow before the dear Lord, please, in a moment of quietness. Our Father, we praise Thee for the wonderful word of God that Thou hast entrusted into our hands and hearts. We thank Thee for the Holy Spirit, and we ask that by Thy grace and mercy tonight Thou would come and make this a holy, sacred place for the hearts of men and women and children, that Thou would wash me now in the blood of Jesus, that I may be clean, that Thou would fill me with the Holy Spirit in grace and mercy, and that Thou would come and keep us under the blood of Christ, safe from the powers of darkness, and cleanse the atmosphere of this place with the blood of Christ.

And pour Thy Spirit here, Lord, upon us, that we may know we have to do with God and not with men. Visit Thou us, Lord, quieten us, fill our hearts and our bodies and our minds. Come now, Lord, in mercy on us, especially on me, and bless this sacred place.

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