



***Be Surprised by Revelation!
Continuing the 21-Day Prophetic Focus!
Revival Weekend Ahead!***



Wednesday, August 7, 2013

Dear Focused Ones:

This is an exciting week here at the Global Spheres Center. Earlier today we had our Kingdom Force Institute course on ***Partnering with the Angelic!*** ***Marty Cassady*** continued teaching on awakening our senses to discern and respond to the presence of Holy Spirit. You can watch the [webcast replay](#) through next Tuesday.

Beginning tomorrow (Thursday) night, we begin our Weekend of Revival Gatherings:

- ***Thursday Night: Special Worship Gathering with Paul Wilbur***
- ***Friday from 9 AM – 5 PM: Kingdom Force Institute course on Perception*** with *Barbie Breathitt, Venner Alston, Robert Heidler and Chuck Pierce*
- ***Friday night – Sunday morning: Empowered to Overcome!*** with *Judy Jacobs, Kent Mattox, Jeff Jansen, Robert Heidler and Chuck Pierce*

We are expectant for how the Spirit of God will move, and hope many of you will be able to join us for this entire weekend! Go to www.gloryofzion.org for more details.

Continuing our 21-Day Focus to Receive Revelation for the Season Ahead!

We continue to press in for the incredible release of revelation that will be needed in days ahead to maneuver in each of our fields of responsibility. Our services and teachings have focused on partnering with the angelic assistance the Lord provides His people, as well establishing a portal for His glory and revelation to be established in our midst. I believe it's vital we continue interceding through this 21-day time frame so we move in revelation in a new way and come into agreement with the fullness of His plans and purposes. Below are two more devotions that Linda Heidler helped develop from Matthew 16. Continue to seek first His Kingdom!

Day 4: What Rock Are You Standing On?

In the three previous devotionals the main issue has been going beyond natural revelation into revelation by the Holy Spirit. Jesus demonstrated to His disciples how the Pharisees operated in only natural revelation in discerning the signs in the sky and how they the disciples themselves went only as far as natural revelation could take them in understanding what Jesus was saying about leaven. Finally, Peter broke through into the realm of spiritual revelation when he said that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus acknowledges this breakthrough and in Matthew 16:18-19 declares what will result from Peter receiving this revelation. The first thing that happened was that Peter was changed. He

went from Simon, the reed, in verse 17 to Peter, the rock, in verse 18. Receiving revelation from God always changes us. It is not just accessing information from a higher source. It is a personal encounter with God that reveals the truth about us and how God sees us. God saw the reed as the rock and Simon became Peter.

After establishing Peter in his new identity, Jesus then prophesies the destiny that goes with his new identity. Jesus declares, "On this Rock I will build My church." This was revelation of a concept unknown up until this time, the church. The disciples had no expectation that there would ever be a different system of worship than the Temple and the synagogue. Jesus did not expound on the concept of the church because it was something the disciples were already familiar with.

In the Roman world when they wanted to establish a colony in a new area, they would send a group of men and their families to that area to create the culture and government of Rome. They were called the "ecclesia", the same word that Jesus used for "church". The disciples would have understood that Jesus was going to establish the culture and government of the kingdom of heaven through His "ecclesia".

One of the things the ecclesia did was to rule on what was permitted to be done and what was denied access in the territory they had authority over. They could "bind" and they could "loose". Jesus was conferring this same authority to His ecclesia. His promise to them was that they would have the keys to unlock the kingdom of heaven on the earth and would operate is such power and authority that even hell would not be able to withstand them.

All of this was the result of Peter looking beyond the natural and tapping into the realm of spiritual revelation. He was given a new identity and a new destiny. Revelation of a new manifestation of the kingdom of God was released along with the power and authority to administrate it.

Today ask yourself what revelation God has released to you. How has it changed your identity? How has it defined your destiny? How has it given you new power and authority to release the Kingdom of Heaven into the earth? This is what revelation should do in your life. When you receive revelation then look for these things to take place on your life so that you gain the full blessing God has for you.

Day 5: Be Surprised by Revelation!

In Matthew 16, Jesus commended Simon Peter for looking beyond the physical and gaining spiritual revelation. Based on this, Jesus began to unfold a whole new concept, the church. One principle of revelation is that it is progressive. One new revelation leads to the next. Peter's revelation of Jesus as the Messiah is the foundation stone of the revelation of the church.

Many times new revelation is an "Ah ha" moment when many things begin to make sense. Other times new revelation is an "Uh oh" moment when nothing makes sense. The next new revelation that Jesus brought to the disciples was an "Uh oh" moment for them. He told them that He would go to Jerusalem and be killed but then raised back to life on the third day.

This caused problems because there were two schools of thought among the rabbis concerning the Messiah. One school taught that He would come to suffer and die for the sins of the people. The other taught that He would come to overthrow the oppressive Roman government and set up an earthly kingdom. Peter evidently held the second view so when Jesus said that He was

going to Jerusalem to die, Peter tried to set Him straight. He thought that Jesus needed to get his theology on the right track.

Unfortunately for Peter, Jesus was not open to discussing the issue. As a matter of fact, He rebuked Peter, calling him "Satan"! Jesus recognized the same voice that had tempted Him in the wilderness by offering Him a kingdom without the cross. Peter's current belief system limited his ability to receive new revelation.

This is often the case with us. We want to have everything worked out so that it all fits nicely together. When something comes along that does not fit into our system, we cannot receive it. The problem is that God's revelation continues to unfold. We cannot have all the answers because we do not have all of the revelation yet. There is revelation, like that in Daniel 12:4, that is held back for the right time. In Acts 15 the revelation that Gentiles could be saved without first converting to Judaism was received. Paul describes how the revelation of the One New Man was hidden until it was revealed to the apostles. The test for us is whether we will shift our belief system to line up with the new revelation God brings or whether we will reject it.

There are several tests for determining if new revelation is from God or if it is just flakey. First, does it line up with scripture? Every time I hear of someone who has calculated the day Jesus will come back, I know it is not right because it does not line up with scripture. Jesus said that no one except the Father knows when He will return. Second, does it clarify the identity and destiny of God's people? Third does it bring greater understanding of how God is moving His Kingdom forward in this time and season? Fourth, does it give direction and strategy for how to move forward?

Jesus wanted His disciples to see beyond an earthly kingdom. He said that His kingdom was not of this world. He promised that some of them would not die until they saw His kingdom, and a few days later took Peter, James and John with Him up the mountain to pray. There He was transfigured and appeared in His kingdom glory. He wanted them to gain vision for the kind of Kingdom He would bring.

He wanted them to see that the true nature of His Kingdom was spiritual and from that understanding they would see how His Kingdom could come on earth as it is in heaven. Many times we get caught up in trying to gain revelation that does nothing to bring the Kingdom of Heaven into the earth realm. We try to figure out who the anti-Christ is or what 666 means when God would rather have us looking for ways to do the works of Jesus in the earth. When the time comes, the anti-Christ will be evident to those who know God. But until that time, there is revelation we need for advancing the Kingdom now.

Ask God to give you eyes to see like Jesus so that you gain revelation of what the Father is doing in the earth today. Ask for ears to hear what the Spirit is saying to the church. Ask for a heart and mind to receive unfolding revelation.

Blessings,
Chuck D. Pierce

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