

## WHAT'S BEEN SHUT UP, OPENS UP

Taking Over Jericho for a Time Of Revelation



Since July of this year at our church ministry I have been sharing with our people their call to enter into what the Lord has for the Body of Christ for the next 100 years. I've been talking about the need for them to cross their Jordan; in effect, to see past wounds and issues healed and dealt with by the Holy Spirit in order to go on and take the promises of God held by their enemies by taking their spiritual Jericho. Before this discussion began to unfold I had a stirring in my spirit that this was a time of the breaking

of a seal from the Lord for revelation to God's people in the corporate body of Christ. If you will remember we had been talking about the prophetic ability of the word of God to stir, ignite and birth creativity in the mind of mankind to think differently, to see new life-saving and Godly technologies. I believe that over the next few months as we reach out in faith and do what it is God is telling us to do we will send up a shout to the Lord and walls which have blocked our way will come crashing down and we will be able to capture those things which have been shut up or hidden. This will originate with God in the heavenlies as He opens things that have been sealed to mankind thereby giving us revelation that will solve problems and give us new horizons for positive change.

Before the Israelites could even think about taking a walled city they had to come to a place of deep healing in their own generation. If you look at the Jordan Valley from space you will see a deep gash or fault line in the earth. We know this tectonic activity is still ongoing just because of the deposits that are left on the landscape. It is because of the rain and its runoff that scoops up these deposits that the Jordan is a muddy river. God does for them in a few short days what 40 years in the wilderness did not and could not do. Because of their lack of faith the Lord allows a whole generation to perish and begins afresh and anew with the next generation. Yet there were transitional age groups left; namely, those 40 and younger. These had not been circumcised (Joshua 5:1-12). They also had been born relying on

manna and other provisions from the Lord that they now were going to have to work differently for. These would need to be willing to leave the old ways of receiving sustenance from the Lord and have a change of eyesight or heart in order to be able to see God work in a way of human responsibility and obedience to the word of God that they had minimal experience in. It is by faith that they are commanded to go into the waters when it looked as if they would be drowned. It is by faith that they will put the priests and not the soldiers first when they obey the word of the Lord by entering into the waters. It is by faith that they do what seems ridiculous by taking twelve stones and making a memorial to what happened that day that they will be reminded for generations to come of what God did that day. It is by restraining themselves of instant gratification (shouting) as they march around a city that they obey the word of the Lord to allow only the priests to blow the trumpets as they march and wait on a sign from one leader before they can shout.

For us today there are many in the body of Christ that will not be able to receive some of the startling things that God will do in the next 100 years. This unbelief will prevent them from entering into something different for the body of Christ. The wilderness experience of the desert is comforting. The way church has always been done is a source of strength. I do not fault nor malign those. After all, Moses and many other faithful servants who had finished their time on earth were not designed to go on. Each of us has a time that we are born to and a time

that we are done on earth. But for those of us who not only see a time of tremendous revelation coming, but have been given a promise that we will function in it, we must be willing to leave our desert experience, not only acknowledging the muddy nature of the waters, but be willing to look and handle the stony areas of our hearts that have been hidden, and set them aside for all to see what it is the Lord has done with us. The very water that should have turned us muddy, will in effect be rolled back to take away our reproach and set us up for new eyes for warfare, new eyes for living and new eyes for a new approach to winning the lost. We have been willing to halt our own instant gratification for notoriety and attention in order to see the greater purpose and plan of the Lord for all of our lives. Of course this teaching does not always sit well with any generation, never mind the ones that have been born over the last few years. In America we are a country of people that have been taught that the pursuit of instant gratification and happiness are our constitutional right! The Lord let me know a long time ago that if we would not be willing to do this that we would not be able to come along side Him when He saves people that we would think were unable to be saved. We would not be able to see areas that are new to our minds (nothing is new to God) and many would remain stuck in the mud.

As I was sharing this with our folks the Lord clearly gave me a word that I was to share with some of them the nature of first things and the tithe. For example, in the Scriptures

we see that the first of everything belongs to the Lord; the firstborn, the first fruits of our labor, first days and months (the timing for first things) and even first nations. I started to ponder this and realized that that lined up with the word that the Lord gave me the first time He preached this to me in 2002. He said He would begin to save people from first nations that had been captured by seducing teachings of religion. These people worship different, they look different, they act different and they have a very different mindset from our own western culture. As I read on in Joshua I realized that that was the very problem that the Israelites had. Achan took of the first things of what belonged to God in order to keep it for his own. It was after Joshua sought the Lord that he was given revelation as to what to do and then given revelation about future battles. But what struck me even more was this picture of seals being broken and that opening things for people. Obviously I thought of the book of Revelation with all its seals and the results of what takes place after a seal is broken. Yet this seal was specifically for revelation to be given to people for the betterment of the planet, which would extend scientifically as well as theologically. I've always had a sense in my spirit that when Israel comes to Jesus in larger numbers than what we are already seeing, that there will be an explosion in theological revelation that will be deposited into the body of Christ. This is similar to that except that it will eventually extend to many people and is not just limited to theology.

I started to do some research as to the times and causes of some of the biggest discoveries of our planet and discovered that in many, if not all of the cases that each came as a result of someone who believed in the God of the Bible, regardless of their religious or ethnic backgrounds. Now, to be sure there were many who made discoveries around these folks as a result of their work that were clearly atheists. But in many cases the initial revelation was given to a believer of Yahweh even though that person may have renounced the Lord in later life. One of the most notable was Galileo. For the special gift that he was from God and the tremendous revelation of secrets given to him, the church locked him up and hindered his gift. The Lord was on his side and as a result he was not imprisoned, but it did not make for an easy life. Even if there had been a prophet that could have warned church leaders that they were on shaky ground with the Lord, they probably would not have listened. Their theological thinking was so far from the revelation of the God of the Bible as to be heretical, yet they believed they were the perfect ones. It has always been a sobering reality for me personally that no one has the sum total of what is in the mind of God. Yet during my research I encountered another kind of bias and that was toward those in the scientific realm that believed in the God of the Bible, whether exclusively Old Testament, New Testament or both. It's almost as if someone is trying to rewrite history when it comes to the personal lives of the people God breathed revelation into. One of the most obvious is Darwin. There were quite a few others that

came to a similar observation as he did about biological creatures adapting to their environments, yet they did so within the framework of the creator, God. For their work they are either vilified or mentioned in a more condescending tone. In fact, the proof of Darwin's own conversion and subsequent backsliding and eventual rededication to the Lord has been so maligned and even denounced by his own family that you have to wonder why the truth is so scary for these folks that they have to deny what has become obvious fact.

I've had to wonder how far off the mark we have become by denouncing the God of the Bible in scientific circles. Even in the face of obvious proof of a creator a majority still hold onto the wrong tenets of Darwinian Theory as it relates to the creator because these extremely intelligent people can't figure out how God could have created beings that were able to adapt to their environments in small but profound ways. Like the stampeding herd that can only react to their fears, they just can't seem to get passed the fact that both sides in the beginning of this argument might be a little wrong and a little right. Is it possible that we have missed potential breakthroughs in energy resources by looking exclusively to the earth instead of to the sun and to atomic and subatomic sources? After all, it is the Bible that proclaims that God is light and that He created what is seen by what is not seen (1 John 1:5; Hebrews 11:3). After all, it was not too long ago that medicine thought that different races had different blood. It was a preacher that had to tell somebody

that the Bible says mankind is of one blood (Acts 17:26). I was pondering out loud one day and my husband happened to be the recipient. I wondered why we were still driving cars and buses and trains; in other words, why we were still stuck on wheels and tied to rolling across land when we should be flying. It's at that point that he stopped me midstream and said, "Can you imagine the carnage we would cause if we started to fly?" I asked him what he meant. Very recently before that time our local news had carried a story of a woman who was drunk and out of her mind as she was driving when police tried to pull her over. Instead of stopping she took them on a chase that ended by her literally flying her car through the air and crashing through the roof of a house. It was a Saturday night and a young man, who just so happened to be engaged to be married was watching a sports game with his brother in his room. This woman's car came crashing right in on the bed he was lying on and instantly killed him. My husband reminded me of that story and said, "As a society we are not morally ready yet for the responsibilities you're talking about." And that's when I realized that while the God of the Bible holds secrets and truth in His hand to give us, because of our disobedience and unwillingness to change, many will hold back others that are willing to go forward into the realm of new possibilities.

While it was true in centuries past improper theological thinking tried to thwart some of the revelation God gave to men like Galileo, today it is the small-minded and limited

thinking of what has been called science, but behaves like bias that tries to thwart the minds of people who believe in God and believe so big that they challenge the status quo with their thinking. I love thinking about the possibilities that string theory presents but if it can't understand faith it will never move beyond its own limitations. The same holds true with gene therapies, stem cell research, up-cycled energy and space convergence. If the other side cannot hear the truth that the Holy Spirit makes our genes whole, gives us new building blocks that we should respect and in some cases protect, I think we will miss some of the more important breakthroughs that could come our way so we don't have to harvest rubber tires any more, we might be able to harvest unseen energy cells.

It's not just the BIG ideas that have fascinated God's people over the years. You know those silly little Post-It papers that stick to everything 'necessary' in life? One man at 3M made the glue but it sat for years in a file somewhere until a Christian man was in church singing in the choir and in need of paper to mark his place for notes when he got an idea. He remembered the glue his colleague had made and put it to good use! Along the way I discovered that a guy named Mike Douglas was at one time a choir boy turned singer and had an idea about daytime television. I'm told by historians that it was his idea of bringing people together in a more wholesome and unifying way that changed what people watch on TV during the day. The Bible says that it's the little foxes that spoil the vine

(Song of Songs 2:15). So it's no wonder that believing folks will get ideas that help us in big and small ways alike that can help our proverbial 'vines' to flourish. But if we never get to know the character and nature of Yahweh because of our bias or because we don't like the people that say they serve the God of the Bible, we may never be able to understand how many of the ideas and technologies that we develop have His fingerprints, as it were, all over them. It's important for people to know the character and nature of goodness and mercy and grace. It's because of improper ideas about God that we get into notions and actions of division, immorality and even violence.

Not everyone wants to serve Yahweh (Hebrew word frequently translated as 'Lord' in the Bible). Those that do can be examples of the revelation He gives. When America, Israel and other countries portray that example to the rest of the world of the goodness and blessings of the Lord, it causes them to take notice. Yes, as humans we copy each other sometimes. But that's not such a bad thing when we're displaying the goodness of Jesus to the face of the earth. For the many of you that get a chance to read this article this month I challenge you to think big and let God deposit the revelation you need to accomplish the call you were placed on this earth for. This month you will see a new photo next to this article. Over the last year we have put a house as the art graphic. But recently I was looking out my window one morning and saw a sight. I snapped the picture and decided to put it up this month as our

graphic. What you may not be able to see in the distance is a gate. My husband was getting ready to open it on his way to work. After I loaded the photo onto the computer I realized how much it depicted what I think the Lord has been trying to share with us these last few months. He's getting ready to open a seal or portal. Even though the Lord has made our night peaceful and beautiful, as evidenced by this setting moon, our new day will be filled with abundant revelation as a new sun comes up from the horizon. All we need to do is be willing to look closer and recognize the time of our visitation. Log on next month for more.....

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