

November 2019 Newsletter

From Heaven's Heart

***"We Live in a Loud World...and it's Getting Louder"***

You and I live in a loud world. To get someone's attention is no easy task.

Most mornings, I'm setting at a local restaurant with my breakfast buddy's...*mostly* listening. And most mornings, I set quietly just listening. The conversation is *mostly* about sports and politics. And *most* mornings, I will hear a question break the chatter...with this question. Preacher, what do you think? And for a brief moment, I have everyone's attention and they are ready to listen. I've tried to learn a lesson from God. Before I answer, I try to remain silent. I let them wait. Waiting is a very hard thing for these men...yes all men who have a quick answer for everything. So I wait. It's the only time during breakfast that things are not loud. Much like the world you and I live in.

In order to listen...intentionally listen, we must be willing to set everything aside, turn down the radio, turn away from our smart phones and iPad's, turn the corner of the page and set down the book. When someone is willing to silence everything else so they can hear us clearly, it is a privilege and I know you will agree, it is rare. But not for God, He is a good listener.

You can talk to God because God listens. Your voice matters in heaven. He takes you very seriously. When you enter his presence, the attention turns to you to hear your voice. No need to fear that you will be ignored. Even if you stammer or stumble, even if what you have to say impresses no one, it impresses God, and He listens. He listens to the painful plea of the elderly in the rest home. He listens to the gruff confession of the death-row inmate. When the alcoholic begs for mercy, when the spouse seeks guidance, when the businesswoman or man steps off the street into the chapel, God listens.

Intently. Carefully, with the deepest devotion and love and grace He listens. The Bible says, your prayers are honored as precious jewels...your words do not stop until they reach the very throne of God. All the loud noise of the world that is mostly garbage in and garbage out has no affect on God hearing your words...even when they are spoken ever so softly but from the heart.

Your prayers move God to act. And His action will change the world. God wants to change the world. His desire is for everyone to slow down and be still long enough to hear from Him. You may not understand the mystery of prayer or God's power to bring about miraculous change, or how He gives us real hope when things are hopeless from the world's view. You don't need to understand. But this much is clear.

**Actions in Heaven begin when someone prays on earth.** Did you hear this?  
Actions in heaven begin when someone prays on earth. What an amazing truth!

When I pray for some sick, sometimes very sick, I always pray for God's complete and total healing. God promises to heal every believer who has repented of their sins and accepted Christ as their Lord a Savior. And God always answers my prayers for complete and total healing. Silence please!!!

He knows what's best and factors all this into how and when He answers our prayers. His total healing may come by total healing. But what is total healing? Eventually we will get sick again and receive our complete healing in Heaven. No one will live here on earth forever. It's not going to happen. Our time here is going to run out and when it runs out may surprise you but it will not surprise God. He knows it all.

Sometimes He heals us for a short time allowing the family a little more time to get prepared for loosing someone they love and want to hang on too a little longer. God knows the right time for the pain and suffering here to end. So He heals us to spend eternity in Heaven where there is peace and quite. Heaven, where everybody get's along Heaven, where we can worship God without the interference of our jobs, Sunday Ballgames, Golf, and a loud and dangerous world that is becoming more and more agitated with us Christian.

Your voice matters to Heaven. Ask and it shall be given unto you. Knock and THE door will be open. Seek and you will find someone to save you from yourself and from this loud world. He is called Savior. Our Savior. He came to save us. God always listens. Always!