

CHRIST THE ANSWER

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"And I will show wonders in the heavens, and in the earth, blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of Jehovah." Ω Joel 2:30-31

Today is Good Friday and as I wrote on Facebook earlier in the week when Passover began that I believe this to be a very significant Passover and Easter year. I think that this is also borne out in the fact that the evening Passover began was marked with a Blood Moon. Also, we must make note of the fact that the Feast of Tabernacles this year likewise will be marked by a Blood Moon. Now as most of you know, the day of Christ's return will be during the time of the Feast of Tabernacles or *sukkot*, the Hebrew word used by the Jews because on this seventh (remember, the number 7 means completion) feast God gave to Israel—a type of the Church—the people were commanded to build a small hut (*sukkot*), to commemorate their wilderness wanderings. It is celebrated for 8 days in Israel and as we know 8 is the number of “new beginnings.” Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Sunday, the first or in the case of the Resurrection we might say eighth day of the week. As the “Second Adam” Jesus created a new

race of spirit beings by merging sinful, fallen man with God. This whole plan of God is so awesome and majestic that, like the concept of the Trinity, it's difficult for us to get our minds around it.

I was traveling through Wyoming during Passover and happened to be having breakfast at a hotel when they showed an atheist group's banner that had been set up at the state capitol in Wisconsin saying "Jesus is a Myth" and "Nobody Died for Our Sins." I laughed out loud. The networks interviewed a Christian woman who basically said that they have a right to display this but as usual nobody challenged the rhetoric of the sign. Jesus is not a myth. They may not believe that He died for their sins—though they will one day when they stand in judgment—but to say "Jesus is a myth" should be challenged because it's like saying, "There was no holocaust." There is plenty of historical evidence outside the Bible to support Jesus' actual birth and life.

When Eve and I ministered at a convention in Johannesburg, South Africa, back in 1996 I shared in my message that the Church by virtue of the Great Commission has a three-fold missionary call from the Scriptures.

First, there is the call from hell and we find this call outlined in Jesus' testimony about Lazarus and the rich man given in Luke 16. This "certain rich man" had died and gone to hell yet he had concern for his five brothers who were still living so he begged the Lord to **"send Lazarus to my father's house ... let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment."**

Second, there is the missionary call from Heaven given in Isaiah 6 and I've seen this many times in the Throne Room when people receive their ministry call and I've actually taken people there in the spirit to receive this exact same call because although the Lord calls each of us to certain ministries and tasks, unlike Satan, He does not try to force us to do His will:

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’”

God wants to save, heal and help people but He needs Christians that He can trust who will “go for” Him and be His voice and His hands in this physical world. Remember, you’re not responsible for whether or not they believe or receive; you are only responsible to be obedient and “go into all the world and preach (and demonstrate) the gospel.”

Third, and this is the point behind the signs in the heavens and the Blood Moons, there is the call from the heathen. We see this call quite clearly in Paul’s testimony in the Book of Acts where he was “forbidden by the Spirit” to preach the gospel in Asia so he was praying about what to do and where to go. Then God gave Paul a night vision in Acts 16:

“And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, ‘Come over to Macedonia and help us.’”

And these signs in heaven of the blood moons and soon the sun turning dark in the middle of the day are for the unbelieving, the gentiles as the Scriptures would define them. God is saying: “Believe in Me and believe my Word. I’m giving you these signs and if you will just “call on the Name of the Lord” you will be saved because I said so in my Word.

Now I’d like to spend more time discussing Israel and the Blood Moons because it is obvious from this “sign” of 2014-2015 that war is coming to Israel; however, the Lord wants the emphasis to be not on upcoming prophetic events but more for the Church and the world as well as Israel because you should note these signs as being from God and a confirmation that He is what the Word says He is and likewise He will *do* what He said He will do in His Word. And if we understood the character and nature of God then we would understand hell,

Heaven, salvation, etc. much better. But the world can never understand this because it must be discerned by the Spirit and they don't have the Spirit so they can never have True Wisdom.

So notice what Peter says in Acts when he begins to quote the book of Joel and correlates it with what is occurring on Pentecost:

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit ...I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.”

But notice how Peter ends his quote: “And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

The Blood Moons and “signs” in the heavens are given for the world to know and understand that Jesus is returning soon and Christ is the answer. For those who don't know Jesus and Israel who doesn't yet recognize Him as their Messiah it is time to believe the Scriptures and heed the words of Peter and “call on the name of the Lord” so that they might be saved.

Now for the rest of this article, because this is my main focus and always will be from the Lord, not Israel or the unsaved but rather the Church because Eve and I are sent to the Church, I want to discuss “Christ the Answer” from the standpoint of those who are already believers in Jesus Christ.

And I want to start by making a strong statement. But one that if you will accept it and act upon it your days of defeat, sickness, poverty, and even death will be over. I shared on this website the greatest thing that Jesus in the Person of the Holy Spirit has ever taught me. And that is a revelation into His Name “I AM” that He revealed Himself to Moses as. Jesus is the I AM but that doesn't mean that He is *your* I AM. Understand?

There are millions of Christians who know Jesus the Savior but don't *know* Jesus the Healer for example or Jesus the Miracle Worker. And there are many churches who are being led by the spirit of Antichrist as I wrote last week that *preach* "another Jesus" that Paul referred to in 2 Corinthians 11:4 just like in Paul's day. You see, as the Lord began showing Eve and I 20 years ago when He moved us to Montana regarding this false church—it's not something new—it's been around since the days of the Apostle Paul because it began in Rome not too long after the Roman church was established.

Satan is very smart; he not only has invented many false religions and cults but also established a false church with his own false Five-fold ministers of prophet, apostle, pastor, teacher and evangelist and it's also based on his own version of the Bible. That's why I tell Christians all the time, "What does the Word say?" Satan will use his own version of the Bible that he *twists* a bit against us just like he tried to use it against Jesus during His 40 days of temptation in the wilderness.

"Well, our church teaches this, Brother Timmons, and our church believes that the days of miracles are over and that the days of prophets are over and the days of healing are over because now we have doctors, etc., etc., *ad nauseum*.

Well, who cares what your church teaches? I don't! Don't tell me because I don't care. But you should care lest you be deceived. My pastor, John Osteen, used to say all the time regarding the Catholic church and other churches "false doctrine." Brother John would then wisely say, "What about your false doctrine?" Most people and churches have some false doctrine.

And this has to do with the Lord's desire to have you know the truth—that the Word says He is "the same yesterday, today and forever" and if you can just find one verse in the Bible where Jesus healed somebody then He will heal you today. If you can find one verse of scripture where Jesus grew out a man's arm or opened a blind man's

eyes then He will do the same today. And if your church is preaching and teaching something contrary to this then they are preaching and teaching “another gospel” by “another spirit” and “another Jesus.” I shared this in a message titled, “Another Jesus, Another Spirit,” that the Lord gave me back in 2008. Normally, we wouldn’t accuse, for example, the Methodist or Baptist or Assembly of God churches of preaching “another gospel” by “another spirit” but if that particular church is being led by the spirit of Antichrist then they may well think they are preaching Jesus when in fact they are preaching “another Jesus”—a Jesus contrary to the One of the Scriptures.

So Christ really is “the answer” to any question or problem that you may have or will ever have. Amen! But in order for Him to be “the answer” you have to know the promises found in the Scriptures and then you have to believe them.

Back in the ‘70s and ‘80s I preached more in churches and one of the things I both observed, especially after I received the Baptism of Power in 1978 and began ministering in Charismatic churches, and also commented on in sermons is that most Christians don’t believe the Bible. They always say that they do but their actions demonstrate that they don’t and what is the value of your actions? As the Book of James points out—our actions are the true “tell” about our faith. *IF* we truly believe something then we will act a certain way whereas if we don’t believe then we will act another way. Satan uses this against us when he assumes his role as the accuser of the brethren.

It is well known that Martin Luther actually did not believe the Book of James should have been in the New Testament Canon and the reason he believed that has to do with James’ treatment of *faith*. You must remember that Luther, as a Catholic clergyman, got the revelation of “Justification by faith” or salvation by faith alone and not works. Yet as I’ve read his biography and writings it’s obvious to me that the reason Luther held his feeling toward the Book of James the way he

did is precisely the same reason I found in my own life before receiving the Baptism of Power. Whenever I heard the word, faith, I immediately thought about salvation. In other words, being a Baptist at the time I only knew about saving faith so I equated the word “faith” with “salvation.”

Yet James is dealing with faith as a spiritual substance and there is much more to faith than merely saving faith. James is presenting in his epistle the fact that “faith without corresponding action is dead.” In other words, and he elaborates much on this, if you can’t demonstrate your faith by your actions then it’s probably not really faith—it’s dead faith. That’s why we must put action, always, to our faith. Sometimes it may be something simple, or so it seems, yet the devil will contest any action we put to faith. For example, a few years ago I gave a prophecy to a man who’d been diagnosed with terminal cancer that he was to go on a cruise in the next few months and it was confirmed by the pastor and others that he’d been invited along with his wife on such a cruise by the pastor yet he did not go.

Eve and I have noticed regarding praying for miracles for people many years ago that every single person or couple that we prayed for to have a child did in fact conceive. I began to pray into this because I knew that there was a principle here that would apply to people being delivered from cancer, diabetes or other evil *servient* spirits just like they were from barrenness. I saw that the reason they always conceived wasn’t because we had some special anointing, although the Gift of Working of Miracles has always operated through us to a high degree, but rather the main reason was the instruction that we always gave them after we prayed over them. We would always tell them, “Well, we prayed, God heard us so you expect to receive right?” They would say, “Yes.” Then we would simply say, “Okay, the baby’s on the way so you need to get ready for that baby. Buy a high chair, a baby bed, get the baby’s room ready by hanging some pictures and curtains, etc.” In other words, show action in line with your faith.

The Lord began to show me that this is precisely where many ministers (Christians) *miss* the Spirit of the Lord so that they don't see the desired results being prayed for. And I'm going to give you an example and then I'm also going to prove it to you from the Scriptures.

Now the example is a person confined (I like that term by the world) to a wheel chair. We've prayed for hundreds or even thousands because I don't know how many people have been at large crusades who got up and walked out of wheel chairs on their own when the Gift of Faith was operating. Where most ministers "miss" the Spirit is that they don't have the person demonstrate, by faith, that they've received. And a person in a wheel chair is normally tied in with a seat belt so you have to loosen that belt and then raise them up with your hand. In other words, when I do this I'm encouraging their faith because I believe they've received. After all the Word says that God's Word "will not return void but will surely accomplish," amen?

God also said that "without faith it's impossible to please Him" so we must demonstrate our faith by our actions. Look at how many times Jesus Himself demonstrated this principle in the Gospels by His actions and by what He said like, "According to your faith, be it done unto you."

But if you just pray for that person and then look at them sitting there in that wheel chair they will stay in that wheel chair. No, we prayed, we believe, you receive. It's that simple. Now I said I would prove it from the Scriptures so let's turn to Acts 3:6

"Then Peter said, 'Silver and gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.'"

But notice the Scriptures don't stop here. Notice verse 7, "Taking him by the right hand, he raised him up ..." See it? I remember ministering to a pastor's wife at some meetings we were having in West Virginia a few years back. She had some extreme spinal injury and was

somewhat similar to the woman with the issue of blood in Mark 5 except that she'd been prayed for before and had always been taken out of the building in an ambulance in extreme pain. She relayed this to me at the altar after I prayed for her and asked her to bend over and touch her toes. I could see that there was a spirit of fear there so I rebuked it silently in the Name of Jesus and simply said, "It will be different this time. Just do what you couldn't do before and bend over, touch your toes because you believe you are healed."

So she bent over, touched her toes. Then she did it again and again and again and again! Wow! The power of God hit that place. Now what do you suppose would have been the result if she'd not relented and demonstrated her faith? Well the Scriptures are clear. She would not have received. As I shared in MSDK, *faith* is the spiritual substance—the bridge as I described—that links the spirit realm to the physical in this world. And because the spirit realm dominates the physical realm then faith will always be able to dominate any physical thing that the enemy sends against you. Praise God!

So, yes, Christ is the answer to any problem or desire that you may have, but in order for you to receive then you simply must believe the Bible and exercise your faith. That's why it's extremely important for you to develop your faith just like you would your physical muscles. My older brother and I began weight lifting as teenagers but I didn't go the first time with those Olympic weights and bench press 400 pounds. No, it took years of building the muscle mass in order to bench press 400 pounds and squat 650 pounds. The same is true for faith.

We see this clearly pictured in the life of David. He had developed his faith with the lion and the bear and now he was ready for Goliath even though he was a mere youth of about 15. Remember, every other soldier in Israel was in covenant with God and could have fought Goliath expecting to be victorious but no. What was the difference?

They had not developed their faith; therefore, the soulish passion of fear was too strong for their faith.

But if you will develop your faith and counteract any fear with “What does the Word say, Lord, because I know that the Scriptures cannot be broken?” Then you can be victorious over all the attacks of the enemy in your lifetime. But you must demonstrate your faith by your actions. Remember, many Christians, for example who believe that Jesus can heal them become deceived and *believe* that they have faith for God to heal them and are trusting in Him but their actions paint a different picture. Their version of Jesus healing them is normally the ones we hear at churches in prayers like, “Jesus, just guide the surgeon’s hands.” So, in reality, they are trusting the doctors and not Jesus and as we know, most of the time if it’s a deadly disease like cancer the outcome is not good and they die.

I remember a man who had been given less than a week to live who phoned us in Montana and left a message on the ministry recorder. I remember lying on his living room floor praying early in the morning a few days later when the Lord Jesus walked into the room and came over to me on the floor praying and He said: “If his faith doesn’t fail, I will heal him.”

We see it a lot and it’s a sad fact about ministry but probably over 50% of people who receive healing or a miracle from God lose it because their faith fails when the devil counterattacks as he always does. Remember, the enemy always attacks in the realm of the soul—the mind and emotions. That is why if your faith is not strong you will give in to his attacks and begin to doubt. We’ve seen it from people who the doctors had confirmed were healed of terminal diseases or people who were walking around that had been confined to a wheel chair. But guess what? The devil convinced them otherwise and they didn’t believe the Bible. They thought that they were believing but they didn’t believe the Bible. Jesus Himself said, and I repeat it over and over

again on this web site and in my messages, **“The Scriptures cannot be broken.”** That means Jeremiah 1:8. God said, **“I watch over my word to perform it.”**

Remember, in the Gospel of John the Greek for believe means “keep on believing”; it’s present tense. That means it always has to be “present”; you always have to keep on believing that Jesus is your savior, healer, resurrection, deliverer, etc.

Remember this important fact that Jesus told me. Satan is after the control of our wills because unless he can deceive you into believing something that is contrary to real faith he cannot harm you or kill you. God created each of us for a purpose and so as David wrote in the Psalms, “My times are in your hands” (Psalm 31:15) and unless you get into gross sin or unbelief Satan cannot kill you before your allotted time.

So remember, when the enemy attacks you in any form, that Jesus Christ is the answer. Trust Him. Believe His Word and you will be victorious over all Satan’s attacks.