

# CRYING OUT TO THE Lord

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**If you've read any of my books or teaching articles or listened to preaching messages you know how much I think of the Bible—how so often I am simply awed by the Scriptures. And as I've said for 30 years, because it's true, there is more scientific proof to support the Bible than any other piece of literature known to man. Now this riles liberals, atheists and people of other religious faiths but it is a scientific fact. One of my pet peeves is listening to liberals and other non-believers in Jesus spout their pet "beliefs" about the Bible when in fact they haven't even read it to any extent.**

**Show me any other book where people are mentioned by name hundreds of years before they are born or, in the case of Daniel the prophet, a person was given a vision of the whole of human history from his time to the end of time which is fast approaching. In addition, every single thing referenced in the Scriptures is supported by archeological findings years after they thought the Bible was incorrect on something.**

**The Lord told me in 1985 that the main reason He left us the Bible was "to meet the needs of mankind." That showed me that every single need you or I will ever have can be met through our belief and faith in the Scriptures—that if we *confess* with our mouths those Scriptures that cover the immediate need we have then God will provide because He "watches over His word to perform it." And I've been privileged to**

**see the Lord do this and many supernatural feats over decades including growing out limbs, opening blind eyes and even raising the dead.**

**And the more time we spend in the Scriptures the more we learn the character and nature of God as well as the principles by which He governs the world and the universe. In addition, we learn that the Lord has *hidden* many facts and things in the Scriptures. Many years ago, the Lord Jesus appeared to me dressed as a simple prophet—He wasn't wearing the bright white linen tunic with the wide gold belt that He normally is wearing when I see Him. On this occasion, he was seated on the sofa in front of me and He was holding the most beautiful, ornamental gold scroll. It was a parchment type scroll such as the prophets wrote on in Old Testament times.**

**Now in this vision, the Lord Jesus said that He wanted to talk to me about the Gift of Working of Miracles—one of the nine Gifts of the Holy Spirit found in 1 Corinthians 12. This gift was one of the dominant spiritual gifts in my life and I had received a great many personal prophecies about great miracles including mass raisings of people from the dead. I had received a prophecy about teaching people on the Gift of Working of Miracles and although I'd seen it work many times I didn't understand how it worked. If I didn't understand how it worked how could I teach others about it?**

**Jesus pulled the ends of the scroll to unroll a portion of it for me to see and He said, "The gifts of healings works like this." Then He looked at me, pulled the scroll apart about another foot and said, "But the Gift of Working of Miracles works like this!" Then He vanished.**

**Like Peter in Acts 10 I was left to contemplate the vision that was in Dark Speech. And the Lord never spoke with me about it again—it was a spiritual puzzle that I had to figure out. About a year later in British Columbia the Holy Spirit began to speak with me about a phrase titled, *The Eye of the Eagle*. Basically, the phrase deals with a person's**

ability to *see* with the Eye of the Eagle. As you know, not only do physical eagles have great eyesight which enables them to soar at thousands of feet and still spot prey, but eagles are also symbolic of the prophetic and even the Lord Jesus Himself who is the Chief Prophet to the Church.

Only those with the Eye of the Eagle during David's day would have known that Saul was no longer king after David had been anointed by Samuel. No matter that Saul was still the physical king to the people; he was no longer king and this is why the Bible says that the Holy Spirit departed from him and rested upon David. Only the *true* king was anointed by the Presence of the Holy Spirit.

Since that time we've learned that there are many spiritual nuggets *hidden* in the Bible that a person can find if they will learn to "pull out the scroll a little further." That is why meditating in the Bible every day is so necessary for a person's spirit man to grow and why Jesus replied to Satan in Mt. 4:4 and Lk. 4:4 one of the most important things that He ever said when queried about being physically hungry after fasting for 40 days: "Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."

### Old Testament a Type of the New

Another interesting fact about the Bible is that the Old Testament scriptures often are a preview of the New Testament—there are many *types* such as when Moses struck the rock and water came forth. This was a spiritual striking of a physical rock that brought forth physical water to a thirsty Israel. But it also symbolized that God would strike the Rock, Jesus Christ, in the New Testament for the sins of the world and from this "striking" the spiritual water of the Holy Spirit was allowed to flow forth to a sin-sick, crying, dying world. That is why

**Moses' sin when he struck the rock a second time was so grievous—the Rock would only be struck once, not twice. Then all we must do is “speak” to the Rock to receive the water of the Spirit.**

**Now I want to share something with you from this *revelation*. It has to do with crying out to the Lord. We find this phrase quite often in the whole Bible so it must be an important one for us to study and learn something about.**

**One of the most prominent things we learn from the Gospels is how Jesus the Son of God was so often “moved by compassion.” Jesus had a tremendous heart of compassion for the human race. And if we study the Lamb and the Lion from the Scriptures we learn an important fact—the Lord prefers to deal with people with mercy! He only moves in judgment when He is forced to through heinous sin and people's refusal to repent. The Bible says that “mercy triumphs over judgment” and that's a fact. But because God is also a God of justice, He must move in judgment to make things right when people refuse to repent of sin.**

**But now this is where crying out to the Lord becomes important. Turn to Exodus 1-2 and you'll read about the increasingly burdensome slavery of a people that God had used to save Egypt during the time of Joseph. In fact, it became so bad that the Pharaoh instructed the women to kill their own newborn babies if they were a male. And of course, as we know, Satan often sees things spiritually as well as he was waiting for the birth of the Messiah so he was the force behind the murdering of these babies. But it wasn't until the people began to cry out to God (2:23-25).**

**And as I've said many times, when God wants to change history He births a baby. Moses had already been birthed during this time and God was working with him to develop the ministry character traits, especially humility, that are required to successfully minister for the Lord Jesus.**

**So why did the people have to cry out to the Lord in great numbers before He began to move on their behalf? The Bible says that David was “a man after God’s own heart” and yet David had to cry out to the Lord many times for deliverance from danger and his enemies. We read many of these Psalms that he wrote to see this truth and in 2 Samuel 22:7, “In my distress I called upon the Lord; to my God I called. From his temple he heard my voice, and my cry came to his ears.”**

**When we faithfully serve the Lord, He always hears our cries when we pray but there are special ways to cry out to the Lord and I learned this back in 1981 when praying for the salvation of my dad. The scripture that the Lord directed me to was James 5:16-17. He showed me that’s there is a great deal of difference between praying and praying *fervently* (KJV, ESV) or *earnestly* (NKJV). I had been praying for my dad’s salvation since I was a child but when I began to cry out to God that day *earnestly, fervently* with great tears he got saved in 6 months! There was a difference in the way I changed my praying and crying out to God.**

**In Mark 10: 46-52 we read the testimony of blind Bartimaeus, a beggar who sat by the roadside begging for a living. After all, in those days if you were blind you had no government to support you and you couldn’t do any type job. Now notice from the text that while Bartimaeus was sitting there (v. 47) “he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was walking by.” The word says that “he began to cry out and say, ‘Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!’”**

**But of course there were many there who became irritated that this blind beggar was crying out to the Lord. After all, it’s very humiliating to do this, right? Admit that we cannot control the future ourselves or provide for ourselves or heal ourselves? Many people, even in the Church, are too prideful to cry out to God and that’s too bad because they are entitled to the promises as much as any other person in covenant.**

**But we learn something from Bartimaeus that will help us in our own spiritual journey on this earth—he didn't have any quitting sense! He had faith! He knew that if he could just get the Lord's attention that the compassion in Jesus would heal him. So as he was crying out louder and louder the Bible says that "Many rebuked him, telling him to be silent." Did Bartimaeus listen to them? No! The Word says, "But he cried out all the more, 'Son of David, have mercy on me!'"**

**Now the key scripture I want you to take away from this teaching and meditate on day and night is found in Luke 18:7, "And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry out to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?"**

**We are living in a day and in world and now even in a land where there is no justice. The "leaders" of America have begun to call good evil and evil good as Isaiah prophesied in his day (5:20). Even in the Supreme Court there is no justice anymore; the justices interpret the law to their own political leanings. That was the meaning of a vision I received back in 2005 when justices Alito and Roberts were nominated to the Supreme Court. It was during their confirmation hearings that I was praying in our living room in Libby, Montana, for them that I received a vision of huge wildly flowing river of blood coming out the doors of the Supreme Court building and down the steps washing out onto the busy streets of Washington.**

**On one corner of the Supreme Court steps there is a statue of Lady Justice who is quite notably "blind." But this is no longer the case. At first I thought the vision pertained to the Roe v. Wade decision on abortion that opened the floodgates to mass murder in the USA but as I meditated I learned that this was not the major meaning of the vision. While it is true that this decision has led to much bloodshed in our country of the weak and innocent by the pilgrims of profit who are now committing felonies without fear of prosecution by selling baby parts, but the vision dealt with much more. It dealt with the fact that**

**there is no longer justice from the Supreme Court and we've seen this come to pass abundantly in some recent decisions and we are going to see more of it as Christians continue to experience increased persecution.**

**The Lord told me early last year that “the greatest persecution against Christianity was going to come in the United States.”**

**This is where I want to end this teaching article. Because, like Israel before us, the Church must give up her pride and begin to cry out to the Lord for deliverance when this becomes all oppressive to the followers of Jesus.**

**Remember, it was when Israel began to cry out to the Lord that they were delivered “out of Egypt.” And just as the Head of the Church was “called out of Egypt” so, too, must His body be called forth out of Egypt. And it is the cries and intercession of the Church that will birth this deliverance that will lead to the rapture of the Church.**

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