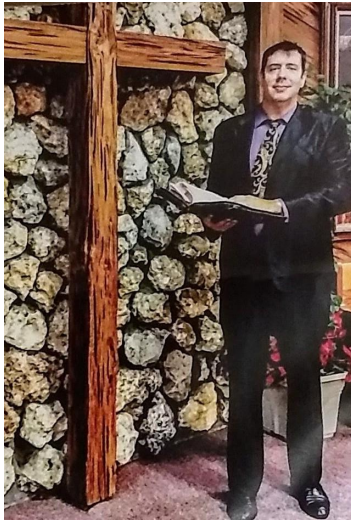


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ACTS 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:



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BY FIRE AND BY HIS SWORD, ISAIAH 66:16

The Ministry of His Spirit and His Word
by Pastor Troy Wiley

There is nothing that can ever compare to the Presence of the Lord. Through time and eternity, his Presence is the original creative power of all things, and his Spirit is the source of all true life. By him were all things made, and without him there was nothing made that was made. The Bible says that our God is a consuming fire, and it is his eternal Word that is his sword. Even the Bible says, The Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

By faith we know that the Lord Jesus Christ is the one true living God, James 2:19, and that he is the consuming fire. The Bible tells us in Revelation that his eyes were like a flame of fire, Revelation 1:14. We know that he is a consuming fire, and we know spiritually that he was the flaming sword that was put at the entrance of the Garden of Eden to keep the way to the Tree of Life, Genesis 3:24.

The Bible says he makes his ministers a flame of fire, Hebrews 1:7. This is prophetic, not only in the one sense that God is a consuming fire, and that the Lord Jesus Christ was represented and manifested in that flaming sword, which turned every way in the book of Genesis after the fall of Man. But it is the fire of God that is able to reach man's spirit, it is the fire of God that penetrates into man's innermost being, and it is the fire of God that quickens man's spirit. The Bible says the Holy Ghost shall quicken your mortal bodies, Romans 8:11.

In the vision found in Revelation chapter 4, John hears a voice that says come up. He sees the Ancient of Days upon the throne, he sees the lamb which was slain from the foundation of the world, and he sees the manifestation of the Holy Ghost before the throne, and he sees seven lamps of fire. The Bible says these are the seven Spirits of God, Revelation 4:5.

By faith we know that John, in this scripture, sees the person of the Holy Ghost manifested spiritually. It was prophesied in the Old Testament, in the book of Isaiah, that Christ would have the Seven

Spirits of God. And he was the seed of the Holy Ghost, Isaiah 11:1-3.

This scripture in Isaiah, our text in chapter 66, is an example of how God has always used the fire of his presence to deal with man, and the Word says that God does not change. He still uses his fire to reveal himself to man. It is the fire of God, even in this day, that burns in his ministers, that calls man to repentance, and ministers to man's spiritual need.

The Bible says this fire must always be burning, and he makes his ministers a flame of fire, Leviticus 6:12-13. It is the fire of God that brings forth the deep purging and deliverance that can only come from the Lord Jesus Christ himself. When he does this work, we become refined in him. The Bible says even a vessel unto honor and meet for the Masters use.

There are some ministers and ministries that are very informed concerning the letter. Meaning that they have quite a bit of knowledge in the legal side of the Word. Perhaps they are very knowledgeable of church doctrines and of the Word. Knowledge is very important, but without the fire of God, knowledge can puff up. It is when the sword, which is the Word of God, and the fire of God's presence works from within and flows without, that revival and ministry take place.

HANDS VEX THE CHURCH, Acts 12:1 by Pastor Troy Wiley

In Acts chapter 12, King Herod, with his physical hands, motions for his servants to kill the Apostle James, brother of John. These brothers had been part of the Lord's 12 disciples, and had become apostles. The church was now about 10 years old. The first verse of this chapter reveals to us these words, " Now about that time, Herod the king stretched forth his hands to vex certain of the church".

Herod is long gone. We read about how the angel of the Lord smote him later in the same chapter and he was eaten of worms, Acts 12:21-23. Even though his life ended, hands are still trying to vex the church today. And how tremendous it is to note, the same

hands that were eaten by worms had been used to try and vex the church. In Psalms 105:15, the Lord said touch not my anointed and do my prophets no harm.

When I think about this person, King Herod, he was a leader who at times would try and do things to please the people. The Bible says he killed the Apostle James with the sword, and he proceeded to take Peter because he saw it pleased the Jews, Acts 12:2-3. This makes me think about the scripture in Paul's letter to the Galatians. He wrote, "For if I yet please man, I should not be the servant of Christ", Galatians 1:10.

Satan's powers seek to influence men who try and harm the church, the body of Christ. Satan seeks to use the hands of man to vex Christians all around the world. To vex, by definition, means to hurt, to harm with evil, to injure. We see and know that this is the work of Satan. For the thief comes not but for to steal, kill and destroy, John 10:10.

The church, the people that make up the church, they are Satan's main target. He knows that they are covered by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. He knows the church is built on the rock of the Word of God, and the Bible says whosoever shall fall upon that stone, shall be broken, but on whosoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder, Luke 20:18.

The Bible says that Satan knows he has but a short time, Revelation 12:12. And this is one reason why the Lord said, "For he will finish the work, and cut it short in righteousness; because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth", Romans 9:28. The Lord Jesus knew that the enemy would seek to vex and destroy as much of the church as he could, the days would have to be shortened. This is why Jesus said, except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved, Matthew 24:22.

Old King Herod was a people pleaser and he, like many others, would seek to secure his position by doing what people wanted him to do. This is part of the spirit of the antichrist, leaders who the world would and will worship. Concerning this King Herod, the Bible says, "Upon a set day Herod, arrayed in royal apparel, sat upon his throne and made an oration unto them", Acts 12:21. When he concluded his speech, the Bible says, and the people

gave a shout, saying it is the voice of a God, and not of man, Acts 12:22.

When the people heard this man's voice, they reacted by saying this is the voice of a god, King Herod was indeed to give God the glory, but the spirit of the antichrist always wants to exalt self. Notice what the Bible says about the antichrist, "So that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God", 2 Thessalonians 2:4. This is why the Bible says, "Little children, it is the last time and ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists, whereby we know that it is the last time, 1 John 2:18.

The spirit that was in the bloodline of King Herod, even the spirit of the antichrist, sought to take out the Christ child. Matthew 2:16 tells us how that Herod was in power some 40 years before the Herod in Acts 12, sent and killed all the children in Bethlehem. There are curses that run in bloodlines, and these curses are there for a reason. The Bible teaches there is no curse without a cause, Proverbs 26:2. Let the student of the Bible notice the satanic power that caused Herod in the 2nd chapter of Matthew to try and destroy Christ, when he was a newborn baby, is the same spirit that stirred up this other Herod, his descendant in Acts 12, to try and vex the church, the body of Christ.

Notice one of Satan's strategies found in the scriptures. This slaughter of these children in Matthew 2, was connected to the time that we call Christmas, the celebration of Christ's birth. And it is Acts 12, Herod was going to deliver Peter up after Easter, or Passover, the Bible says the days of unleavened bread in Acts 12. Satan seeks to take life anytime, but especially during special seasons, with a spiritual emphasis. Stay covered in the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, and no weapon formed against you shall prosper, and no hand of the enemy can touch your soul in Jesus' name.

WOMEN IN THE MINISTRY by Pastor Troy Wiley

How tremendous it is that women in the ministry is a subject that so many people question. Before you think about that too much, you will never get preachers to agree. Unity in Christ is far more important than trying to always be right. Doctrine is important, but love bears all things. The doctrinal teachings of the New Testament, salvation, Divine Healing, eternal security, the Trinity, the Rapture and many others all have their degree of debate, and in the Church Age, there is always the potential for debate. Churches and ministries come and go that are built on doctrines, but the real church is always in the same place, she is founded on the rock and purchased by his blood.

Women in the ministry is a subject of great debate. To approach the subject of women in the ministry, one must consider the word, ministry, used here as a term. What is ministry? Soul winning is vital. Ministry is certainly more than preaching. To minister is to be used of God to bless others who are in need. The church is to always be ministering. And ministry has many parts. If the church is to minister, and women are part of the church, then most definitely, women are to minister. Women in the scripture exemplify ministry. They were the last ones at the cross, and the first at the tomb. A woman was the first person to carry the gospel when Mary Magdalene carried, to the disciples, the message of the Resurrection.

Careful study of the New Testament Greek language reveals that there were a total of 24 individuals mentioned in the New Testament that were referred to as Apostles. This includes of course, the 12 disciples who became apostles, and other individuals mentioned in Paul's writings that were referred to as apostles. Several of the women, who Paul mentioned in his writings were ministers and one was an Apostle.

The New Testament also gives us the example of a lady minister named Phoebe. She is referred to as a servant to the church. In the Greek she was an elder. She had charge of a church, and Paul told the men to assist her in what business she had need of them, Romans 16:1-2.

There must be in the minds of many believers, the question regarding Paul's writing to the believers at Corinth, and telling

them to let their women keep silence in the church. This question is a matter of reference or what we would call scriptural context. Concerning the business meetings in that local assembly, there was much division because there were conversations going on between the husbands and the wives in the business meeting, and there was disorder. If we look further in the same letter, Paul said a woman may prophesy if her head is covered, 1 Corinthians 11:14-17. If he meant that women were to keep silence always in the church, why would he have said that women could also prophesy, 1 Corinthians 14:34-35.

The Bible says in the last days I will pour my Spirit out upon all flesh, and your sons and daughters will prophesy. The scriptures teach us it is neither male nor female. The only way to be in the church is through Jesus Christ, if we have not his Spirit, we are none of his regardless of gender. Male and female alike are to minister and have leadership roles as long as there is good order.



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THE DEVIL, DEMONS AND THE DEAD, 6 Basic Points
DEMONOLOGY SERIES
by Pastor Troy Wiley

Why was legion out in the graveyard, Mark 5:5. Satan has always tried to be like God, Isaiah 14:12-13, and he is referred to as the god of this world, meaning that he is the object of affection of those who are spiritually dead because of the sin nature. There is the occult, his family. Jesus said, ye are of your father the devil, John 8:44. Demons always want to keep up with dead bodies and the spiritual dead to mock the living God.

The first point I want to make is that Satan was a murderer from the beginning. He has spiritually killed one-third of the angels in

heaven, Revelation 12:4, and he is the one, who spiritually murdered man in the garden, Genesis 3:14. The Bible teaches the sting of sin is death, or that is to say, that sin is the sting of death. Satan was in heaven and his sin, his sting, took out angels and man. Satan was the first person to have this sin or this sting. He had the first spiritual graveyard, and he made possible every graveyard since then, 1 Corinthians 15:55-56, Genesis 2:17.

The second point is that Satan had the power of death for many years, Hebrews 2:14. The first spiritual graveyard was a stronghold, a spiritual prison. This is the way it was, possibly for millions of years, with the angels and the pre-Adamites. The original earth in Genesis 1:1 contained a lost creation. It is referred to in scripture as the world that then was, 2 Peter 3:5-6. Because of Satan's fall, this world flooded and is the chaotic earth of Genesis 1:2. All of that creation perished. Since the fall of man in Genesis 3 until the time of Jesus' Resurrection, Satan had the power of death. This ended when Jesus took the keys.

The third point according to John 8:44 and Romans 6:23, Satan is the original sinner, for the wages of sin is death. He is the first spiritual dead person, so naturally he tries to keep this going by corresponding fallen angels and demon spirits with the dead.

The fourth point, Jude verse 9, Satan tries to make dead bodies part of his occult, and part of his religion, Leviticus 19:28, Deuteronomy 18:11. Satan wanted the body of Moses, Jude verse 9. Satan wanted to take the body of Moses and use it even as the spirit of the Antichrist, in the tribulation, will use an image to speak, Revelation 13:15.

The fifth point concerning unclean bodies, Numbers 19:11-13, the dead body of a human being is considered unclean. There is a connection here because the Bible teaches that we are to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, 2 Corinthians 7:1. Jesus referred to demons as unclean spirits, Matthew 10:1. These demon spirits and demon powers always try to connect with the unclean bodies of the dead.

The sixth point is Matthew 12:43-45, demon spirits are spirits that formerly had bodies, and seek to go back and live again in the

house where they once lived, or to return to their first house. Therefore, demon spirits are always drawn to dead bodies, because many of these dead bodies are the houses they used to live in. These disembodied spirits once lived and dwelt in physical, or natural houses, that were their personal bodies before the flood, when they died. Thus, many times people who are possessed of the devil and or demon controlled, seek to literally dwell in graveyards in the natural, or you can find them hanging around places where there is the stench of spiritual death, because at one time, these disembodied spirits lived in houses, and thus they seek to return to these former residences. Demons in other words lived in bodies prior to the flood.

PASTOR EDITH WARD HEFLIN

by Pastor Troy Wiley

God who is always faithful, and changes not, certainly ordained the ministry of Edith Heflin. Since August is my anniversary in the Lord, I wanted to say a few things about this tremendous Woman in God. For those who would want to read about her life, her 1991 book, "I Serve the God of Miracles", will bless you tremendously.

Her openness to the Spirit of God really set her apart from a lot of other ministers. She sought to always have pure faith, by keeping her heart clean. Paul in Romans chapter 9, talked about a good conscience that could bear witness with the Holy Ghost. She did not ever want to mar her conscience in the Spirit. In other words, whatever she had to do to keep herself where she thought God wanted her, she was always willing to do it.

The explanation of this woman's faith, in part, means that she would give up food and water for days at a time, so she could know that she was open to God's plan for her life. She didn't give up when there was no money, she stayed where she felt like God wanted her, until he sent provision. She sacrificed. Always giving.

In one camp season, the light bill for the campground was over \$9,000.00. The day of the deadline, she opened up her personal mail. A lady who had worked against her years before repented

and sent an offering. The need was met in the last minute because Sister Heflin left her enemies in the hands of God.

Once when her daughter Ruth was ministering overseas, Sister Heflin told the Lord she would fast and pray for her daughter until the Lord brought her daughter home. Six months later, when Ruth landed at the airport, Sister Heflin had only lived off liquids for the whole six months. Ruth said she never saw her mother so skinny.

The Lord greatly used this unique lady. In January of 1979, she quit letting the church give her any salary. She said the needs of the church and the needs of Israel were so great, she invested her former salary and much more into these areas, The camp would just give her a speaker's offering, but she often times even sowed that, and she lived by faith.

Another area of ministry, her phone at her house rang day and night. People called from all over the country for her prayers. She personally would answer each call, day or night, AM or PM. If she was there, the phone was ringing. Prayer was constant. Most of the time she was up by 4:30AM, and she was touching God. Pastors, ministry leaders, missionaries and saints called around the clock. She would take their questions, get her Bible, ask God for a Word, and minister to them by the Spirit.

In 1975 she flew over New York City and God gave her a vision of 911. It was published in her 1991 book. It was very detailed and prophetic. Those who ever set under her ministry could easily see prophecy and Word of Knowledge always in manifestation. She would teach and preach for at least one hour or longer, and then minister prophetically to hundreds, for hours on end. She did this well into her 80's.

She taught for months at the time, every day on The book of Daniel, Revelation, and the end times. She taught on the Gifts of the Spirit, and the Fruit of the Spirit for 6 to 9 months often.

Her library was extensive, some 50 or more scrapbooks that she put together herself. She maintained one daily Bible for her study, and she used many other Bibles for reference and use. She read

through the Bible usually 3 times a year. She was one of the most knowledgeable students of the Word that you could hear.

Her and her husband, Rev. Wallace Heflin established some 7 churches, founded the camp in Ashland, Virginia, pastored a very large church in Richmond, founded a Bible School and did many other works. Sister Edith Heflin got started in the ministry at age 16. She ministered well into her 80's and went home at age 94. Personally, she made a great impression on me. To God be the Glory.

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