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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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“A Song in The Night”

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God,
Acts 16:25

By: Pastor Pearl Hall

The scourging, such as Paul and Silas received, had left many others dead, but by some miraculous power they had survived the torture, only to endure the added suffering of the stocks in the inner prison. The prison was usually a wet dungeon, with no light, and the stocks were often placed in a position where the prisoner's shoulders lay on the floor, and his feet pulled as far apart as possible, and then fastened high upon the wall. With their bodies beaten, lacerated and bloody, and being strung up by the heels, their head and shoulders lay on the damp dungeon floor. Looking at the situation that they were in, it's difficult to see they had anything to sing about. But sing they did! At midnight!

Sing, sing unto the Lord. Sing forth honor to his name. The psalmist said, I will sing to the Lord as long as I live. There is no night so dark, or no valley so low, that you can't walk out of, if you will sing unto the Lord.

Paul and Silas looked beyond their circumstances, beyond their pain and suffering, and began to pray and sing. That always gets God's attention. It wasn't long till that jailhouse was rocking. Do you know why some people suffer from depression so much? They don't have a song in their heart. Like the Jews in Babylon, they have hung their harps on the willow trees. But a merry heart does good like a medicine. Who needs medicine? When you are brokenhearted, or grieved over some misfortune, sing unto the Lord, and he will shake loose those things that shackle you. He will open up those locked prison doors, even as he did for Paul and Silas. He will give you a song in the night.

There will be times when you must encourage yourself in the Lord. Paul tells us how to do that in Ephesians 5:19, speaking to yourselves in psalms, and hymns, and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord. Many of the songs that I have written, have been given to me in some of my hardest trials. I will wake up in the wee

hours of the early morning, and in my heart I will be singing a new song. So, I get up, turn on the light, and write the words, lest I forget them.

Out of the broken heart comes the sweetest songs. God uses broken things. Mary's alabaster box of precious ointment had to be broken before she could anoint the feet of Jesus, and before the house could be filled with his fragrance. The loaves and the fishes had to be broken before the multitude could be fed. Speaking of the last supper, Paul said in 1st Corinthians 11:23-24, that the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread and when he had given thanks he break it, and said take, eat this is my body which is broken for you. If he had not been broken, there would have been no shedding of blood, and if there had been no shedding of his blood, we would still be in our sins. It took the gaping wounds in his hands, his feet, his side, and on his back to release the crimson flow. But out of the darkness of his night, burst forth the light of eternal day.

It's when our heart is broken and our dreams are shattered, that we find rest so completely in our blessed Lord. David said in Psalms 61:2-3, from the end of the Earth will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed lead me to the rock that is higher than I. For thou has been a shelter for me and a strong tower from the enemy. And then in verse 8, David says, so will I sing praise unto thy name forever, that I may daily perform my vows. David flees to God when the enemy assails him, and it is from that strong and mighty tower that he can lift up his voice and sing praise unto God.

Dear friend, you may be hurting now, and time and time again you may have asked the questions, How long is the night? Will the dawn ever come? The situation may look hopeless, but you have every reason in the world to sing and praise the Lord. You have Jesus to lean on. Think of all those that do not personally know him, that have to bear their burdens alone, no wonder so many are committing suicide, the young as well as the old. And tomorrow, well just any day, we are going to be leaving. We're going where the devil cannot find us. Where hearts will never break, and there will be no night there.



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Until The Time By: Pastor Troy Wiley

Time is often defined as a system of measure. The system's purpose is to arrange the events of the past, present and future. The word, time, is used often in the Bible, a total of 645 times. This is practical because the Bible is God's answer book for life here on Earth in present time, and God's preparation book for the time of eternity which is ahead. In the book of Psalms, the story of Joseph is mentioned, Psalms 105:19. Joseph waited until the time came in his life, that he had dreamed about as a young man. He suffered rejection and betrayal in his life, but God

didn't forget him. God knew where Joseph was, and in the words of the old song, "He Was There All the Time". God put Joseph at the head of the kingdom of Egypt, and when his time came, his entire family was spared and restored to him. Make no mistake about it, Joseph went through a lot, but when the time came to really see God's hand at work, God did it. Be still and know that he is God. He is Alpha and Omega. Wait on the Lord, and he will see to it that your time will also come.



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**"Covered and on Fire", Luke 12:25
By: Pastor Troy Wiley**

Spiritual preparation, Faith's expectation and Christian conditioning, these are not elements of the former

generations of saints alone, but they are more essential today than ever. The modern-day Church stands in need of these internal strengths, from the pulpit down, and all the way to the door. Christ himself instructed all believers to be equipped and spiritually operational concerning these strengths. In reality, to lack these basic points, your spiritual survival is impossible. One of the most sensitive and vulnerable areas of the human body, is the midsection. Not only because of our human anatomy, but Christ said out of your belly shall flow rivers of living water. Your spirit man therefore needs to be covered and equipped with the whole armor of God, and your natural man's will must be spiritually crucified. To gird about means to secure it in place. This is why Paul said, I die daily. When we get really crucified, we can't go anywhere. Meaning no matter where we go, Christ is visible because we are dead. All of this is a part of our daily spiritual preparation in the Christian life. we are the light of the world, and if our faith is going to be effective, it must have works. For faith without works is dead. Our God is a consuming fire. In Bible times, no flame meant you were in the dark. And today spiritually speaking, is there oil in your lamp?



Sheep Gather, Not Scatter – Spiritual Unity
By: Pastor Troy Wiley

Did you know unity is vitally important? God is not the author of confusion, scattered sheep are like a divided church with no power. When there is unity in the church, the sheep are gathered, and unity is present. The power of God will move because the sheep are in one mind, and one accord. When the sheep get divided, the power of God will not operate in the same manner because there is no unity. This is why the scripture says, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. A house divided against itself cannot stand. Remember that sheep gather, and not scatter. When there is a right spirit, submission is easy. Sheep have a submissive will. They will gather together in unity. They will submit to their leader. This is what the Word says. The sheep are to remember those who have the rule over them, and they are to submit. The sheep are to remember their leader, the Bible says even for their works sake. Unity will make us or break us. Unity is the strength of the sheep. When believers are in unity, one can chase a thousand, but two can chase 10,000. When the sheep are yielded in the

Spirit, the needs are met, and the Spirit will flow. When the sheep are in unity, no weapon formed against them shall prosper.



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“Hell Enlarges Itself”, Isaiah 5:14 - Global Warming By: Pastor Troy Wiley

In today's culture we hear much about what is referred to as global warming. We hear it from politicians, and we hear it from educators. Did you know the Bible references hell as a literal geographic location? And not only that, but the Bible says it has enlarged itself. Jesus said that hell is a place where the worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. No wonder then there is so much talk about global warming. Hell is getting larger and hotter all the time. The Bible tells us evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse,

deceiving and being deceived. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. We see these signs all around us. And we must remember as I heard a preacher say at a funeral, 100% of 100 human beings still die. Human mortality is a reality, and it is global. It is once appointed unto man to die and after this the judgment, and the Bible says it is a fearful thing fall into the hands of a living God. Hell is a place of torment. The Bible says there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. I am not saying that there is a connection between the supernatural reality of hell, and the crises that so many people in politics call global warming. But we must understand that there are multitudes of human beings, whose souls are hell bound, and the Bible teaches that hell is enlarged to accommodate the number of lost souls that go there daily.



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“A Great Mystery”, Christ and His Church, Ephesians 5:32
By: Pastor Troy Wiley

No doubt, if the Holy Spirit said that something of God, or something in God, is a great mystery, then surely it is. Unseen and invisible to the eye, unless one has a revelation from God by the Holy Ghost, and so it is regarding the relationship between Christ and his church, which is his bride. In fact, this subject and this entire relationship is called, by the Word of God, not only to be a mystery, but in Ephesians 5:32, it is called a great mystery. This shows us that the components of this mystery are indeed supernatural and deep. The Bible says the Spirit searcheth all things, even the deep things of God. In the Old Testament the scripture says, the deep crieth unto the deep.

One part of this great mystery is, the Bible teaches that Christ gave himself for the church. Notice what the Bible says in Ephesians 5:25, husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it. To give of yourself is one thing, but to give yourself entirely, that is only possible because of God's love. We know that Christ loved the church, but there was an obstacle of impossibility in the way. And that obstacle was sin. The Bible says that sin separates us from God. Only the blood of Jesus remedies that separation. Thus, the Bible says if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with the other, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his son cleanses us from all sin. Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission. Not only is the love that Christ has for his church, part of this great mystery, but what was done about that love even from the beginning of the world. Meaning that Christ loved his church, even before his church could possibly physically exist. He still loved her, and he knew her by the Spirit, and spiritually gave himself willingly from the beginning of the world. Notice what the Bible says concerning Christ, he is called the lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world, Revelation 13:8. In fact, the Bible calls him both the lion and the lamb, Revelation 5:5 says he is the lion of the tribe of Judah. Revelation 5:6 says he is a lamb as it had been slain. Christ did not come by physical birth, until the Bible says, in the fullness of time, but in the eternal past. Christ, while he was still in heaven, committed himself to the will of God, to give himself as a total sacrifice for sin. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

From the fall of Man in the garden, all the way up until he said it is finished on the cross, he was a lamb as it had been slain spiritually, all the way up until it literally happened on the cross. Why and how did he do this?

The Bible says he gave himself for the church, that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, Ephesians 5:25-26. In the first book of the Bible, we read about the first wedding, Genesis 1:26-27 and Genesis 2:20-25. And in the last book of the Bible, the book of Revelation, we read about the last wedding which will be eternal, for there will be no death there, Revelation 21:9-11. The first wedding was before the fall of man, and the last wedding will be, the Bible says, after all things are made new. In between the first and the last, we find Christ in the gospels. He purchased the church with his own blood, Acts 20:28. At the first wedding, the first Adam was put to sleep, and from his body, a rib was taken. From the rib, his bride was formed. Did you know it is a great mystery, just as the first bride was taken from a sleeping body, the last bride will be taken from a partial sleeping body? For the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed.



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“There Make Ready”, Luke 22:12

By: Pastor Troy Wiley

In St. Luke 22, Jesus is giving instruction to Peter and John concerning preparation for the Passover. Verse 12 tells us that the appointed place that Christ chose was a large upper room. It was already furnished, and once they were there, the Lord told them to make it ready. This would be the scene of the Last Supper. The New Testament atonement would be present, and Christ would institute his blood and his flesh as the means of man's salvation. Death would be defeated, Christ's provision would supernaturally conclude the law and make ready a better New and living covenant. The Lord told his disciples to go there and make ready the room. In reality, not only did the room need preparing and making ready, but the disciples themselves were indeed in need of preparation. At this Passover, and in this Upper Room, the Lord would deal with Satan's forces working in Judas, and also against Peter. For it would be here in this Upper Room

that Jesus would tell Peter that Satan has desired him. Satan had actually asked for Peter. He wanted to sift him, Jesus said, like wheat. And it was here that the Bible says Satan entered into the heart of Judas, and this would lead him to betray the Lord. Following this supper, Christ would go pray in agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, there his sweat would become as great drops of blood, while Peter, James and John slept. And before daybreak, Judas would lead a mob to arrest Jesus and this would lead to his crucifixion. When Christ says get ready, he means exactly what he says. If he has ever instructed you to prepare for something, do not grieve the Spirit but make preparation through prayer and the Word. The more sensitive we are to the Spirit when he speaks to us and when he deals with us, the greater results and the better the fruit will be. If we fail to pray when the Lord speaks to us, then we set the stage for defeat. The Bible says the more that's given the more is required.



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Saturday, February 25th, 10am-2pm
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Maranatha True Holiness Church, 979 Aberdeen Road, Raeford, NC

Sunday, February 26th
Sunday Dinner, after the morning service
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Tuesday night weekly service, Maranatha True Holiness Church 7:30pm.

Wednesday night weekly service, Shiloh Tabernacle, 704 Harris Street, Aberdeen, NC 7:30pm.

Thursday night weekly service, Shiloh Tabernacle, 10410 Shannon Rd, Shannon, NC 7:30pm.

Friday night weekly service, Shiloh Tabernacle, 219 Pete Kelly Road, Carthage, NC 7:30pm.

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