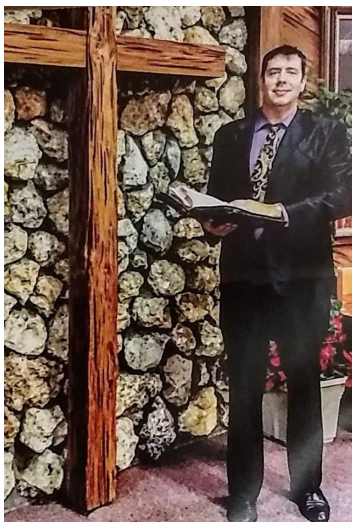


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ACTS 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:



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THE PREACHER PLUS, EQUALS THE PASTOR

By Pastor Troy Wiley

The pastor is a preacher, but the preacher may not be a pastor. There is a preacher in the pastor, but every preacher is not a pastor. The pastor is a preacher plus. Anyone who has been fortunate enough to have a real pastor knows the difference. A pastor has more than a job, he has a supernatural calling. A preacher who does not know the difference, will never be a pastor. Money has nothing to do with it. The pastor must possess a divinely appointed gift. And he must let his gift make room for him, Proverbs 18:16. He does not make room for his gift. His gift accommodates him, it's not the other way around.

For if the individual who tries to pastor, selfishly considers his worth instead of his call and his work, he will come up short. The pastor operates in a gift that is supernaturally administered. He must labor as unto the Lord spiritually before he can accomplish anything otherwise. Revivals, appointments, visitation and all related functions of the pastoral office must not revolve around finances or their related availability. First, his pastoral gift must make room in him and through him, so that the results of these activities are spiritual, and not just commercial.

In essence, it is the vitality and the reality of his pastoral gift that governs the difference between another member in the church, versus another member to the body of Christ. The growth of the local church must not be emphasized commercially, the pastor must recognize and utilize the gifts of the Spirit, the fruit of the Spirit, and the operation thereof, in order to balance the spiritual side of the body of Christ, and the daily work of the ministry.

When the Lord said to Peter, if you love me feed my sheep, in actuality what he was saying in the spirit realm was, without a right relationship with me, you are not worthy to feed my sheep. And there are churches full of sheep today that are starving lambs, simply because the pastor is more concerned with bank accounts than he is with souls.

In other words, the business side of the church can function and flourish under the leadership of a preacher, but the spiritual side of the church can only be realized through a pastor. The pastoral gift makes room for the ministry. Without the pastoral gift, there is no spiritual ministry.

Whatever God requires, he will provide. He is a just God. He is able to cause all grace to abound with all sufficiency. And his grace is sufficient, 2 Corinthians 12:9. And he will raise up all that is needed in order to accomplish what he desires to do. The only thing that is needed is an available vessel, a yielded vessel, that accepts the definite supernatural call of God in every area of their life. There is a preacher in the pastor, no doubt. But just because the preacher can preach, does not mean that he is a pastor.

The preacher sees another service. The preacher sees another church event. The preacher schedules another church function. But the pastor sees and realizes the spiritual needs above and beyond everything else. The pastor discerns by the Spirit, in faith and by faith, the spiritual needs beyond that which is visible or apparent. The pastor is invested in the spiritual side of man, the preacher can only see the effect in the short term, but the pastor knows that there is no end in the economy of God, to that which is necessary for a soul to be prepared for eternity.

In other words, preachers come and go, but pastors are lifetime and long-term. Even in the case of a pastor who retires for health reasons, or because of the requirements of his organization, he never escapes the call. The call is still there. The urgency and the needs of the communion between the natural and the supernatural are always on his mind, in his thoughts and upon his heart.

I have seen preachers who took the position of the pastoral appointment. They led the church to commercial success with new buildings, new parking lots and pews. But once the building was dedicated, it was still empty. All of the new things did not equal a move of God. The preacher thinks that something new, or something different is good for the church. The pastor knows that the old paths must not be forsaken, Jeremiah 6:16.

The pastoral gift is more than preaching. The pastoral gift is more than Church leadership. The pastoral gift is more than

membership and growth. It is the realization of the supernatural presence of God manifested in the continual pouring out of the anointed flow and function of God's power and life.

The Bible says, how shall he preach except he be sent, Romans 10:15. Granted, preaching requires one to be sent, but to preach as a pastor definitely requires one to be sent to preach like a pastor.

SNAKES IN THE CHURCH

By Pastor Troy Wiley

The serpent held his own church with the woman in the garden. Did you know that? He came to her talking about God. He brought a message to her. He took a text, but he preached it his way. And he converted her. She departed from the truth, and this was the beginning of man's fall.

Did you know the Bible teaches that Satan has ministers who carry his message, 2 Corinthians 11:15? Did you know that Satan has his own church? In the book of Revelation, the Lord said that there were some who were of the synagogue of Satan, Revelation 3:9. There are snakes in the church, and there always have been.

Before Satan fell, he was in heaven. The Lord chose Judas, and he knew he was a devil, John 6:70. The book of Revelation tells us that Satan's seat was in one of the seven churches, Revelation 2:13. And as I write this message, there are still some snakes in the church.

The Bible says that the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field, Genesis 3:1. There was a time in the eternal past that Satan was not Satan. He was created perfect, Ezekiel 28:15. But he fell, Luke 10:18. Lucifer became Satan. And Satan was able to use a serpent to preach a satanic lie to the woman. There was a serpent in paradise. And today there are still snakes in the church.

Because modern-day pastors have compromised, the snakes have never been more comfortable than what they are today. Our churches in this day have gone so carnal and so worldly, the snakes have just about taken over. The church has transitioned to accommodate the serpent's lies, and many have rejected the truth.

Therefore, we know what the Bible meant when it said, the time would come when they would not endure sound doctrine, 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

When you consider snakes in the church, some Christians have not been educated concerning the strategies of Satan. He attacks from the outside, but he has no power until he gets on the inside. His main weapon is distraction. Simply put, he works to distract the Christian, until the believer gives place to him. And once he steals your focus away from the Lord, then he launches the next phase of his attack. Remember, he is coming to steal, kill and destroy.

The snakes in the church are there to distract you. They are there to try and keep you from focusing on who you are supposed to be focusing on. They are there to serve as a means of testing. God in his economy, he said to everything there is a season, Ecclesiastes 3:1. God has a set time, a season to deal with the enemy, Psalm 102:13. The Bible even says that the devil knows he has but a short time, Revelation 12:12. Often times we get involved with the devil, or try to deal with situations that are associated with the snakes, not only the ones that can be in the church, but the ones that are present in any stage of life. But we must remember, vengeance is mine, saith the Lord, Romans 12:19.

The thing that draws snakes to church, sometimes, is religion. Don't get me wrong, the devil and all his kingdom knows the difference between religion and salvation. The difference is the power and the authority of the Word of God, and the name of Jesus. When the seven sons of Sceva, a Jew of the sons of the priests, tried to cast out demon spirits, they saw that the devils knew the difference. The devils said, who are you, Acts 19:11-20.

One must therefore conclude that religion, or a religious spirit, can only operate by the deceptive powers of darkness, and not by the Holy Power of the living God. God did not give us the spirit of fear, but of love and power, and a sound mind, 2 Timothy 1:7.

The seven sons of Sceva, the Bible calls them exorcists, and the witch at Endor and the prophets of Baal. They all had religious spirits operating in their life. But when the Power of God moved, all of these fell. These spiritual powers had no real power when

tested by God's supernatural power. Pharaoh's magicians could produce snakes from their staffs too, but the rod of Aaron swallowed them up, Exodus 7:12. These religious spirits earned these people money. The spirits of the occult are still earning people money today. Just like the girl who followed Paul. She was a fortune teller. But Paul cast that spirit out, Acts 16:16-18.

Unfortunately, the spirits of the occult are active in our churches today. It is one thing to lack proper teaching. It is something else to rebel against the truth. Many of the problems facing some of our churches today are the direct results of professed Christians who will not suffer correction. They have rebelled against the truth, and they want an occult and not the church of the Living God. They want a witch doctor and not a pastor.

When the congregation wants entertainment instead of truth and repentance, God said he would send them a strong delusion, 2 Thessalonians 2:11. There is a delusion in the church today. It has never been stronger. It is opening the door for the antichrist and his kingdom. When they say peace and safety, sudden destruction cometh, 1 Thessalonians 5:3.



Pastor Troy preaching in Dillon, SC.

GOD'S WILL AND SATAN'S WILL. JOHN 10:10

By Pastor Troy Wiley

The Lord Jesus in one verse of scripture shows us the contrast between what the will of God is concerning man, and the will of Satan concerning man. Jesus has come to give us life, and life more abundantly. And then we see the will of Satan coming to take life, and to destroy life. And in the middle of these two separate and different wills, is the will of man. The will of man is where the choice is made, which will, man will serve.

The reality of this verse, in its setting, reveals to us the purpose of God and his plan. And it shows the Messianic Prophecies and their New Testament significance. The Messiah is visualized here in the capacity of possessing life, and possessing abundant life, and his divine willingness to give that life to man. The visual itself is part of prophetic vision showing the redemptive plan of God, from before time, and then throughout the generations of man, and

even all the way to eternity, in that God would grant man eternal life.

The Bible speaks of the Messiah as him whose coming is of old, Micah 5:2-4. One should note in this verse that Satan's will is first mentioned. Then the statement is made by Christ, I am come that they might have life, and life more abundantly. Long before Satan fell, the Bible says Christ was slain from before the foundation of the world. The plan of God supersedes the efforts of Satan. Before Satan's initial rebellion and subsequent fall, God already had a plan. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

Sadly, the church is full of believers who seemingly only identify with what Satan is doing or trying to do. They fail to see the purpose of God beyond the apparent attacks of the devil. They are so conscious of the efforts of the enemy, they overlook the move of God. Don't deal with the devil in that capacity. Be renewed in the Spirit of your mind, don't give place to the enemy, and learn to witness on behalf of what the Word of God says. I am the head, and not the tail, Deuteronomy 28:13.

The will of the enemy, as declared in this verse, is to steal life. This shows us that life has already been granted to man. Adam had dominion over the serpent, Genesis 1:26-28. And through deception, the enemy beguiled the woman, and then by deception man fell. Yet man did not use his dominion. This shows us why Satan's first dealings with Adam, and his dealings to this day, is to steal. Man is made in God's image and likeness, thus all of Satan's dealings with man must be from the perspective of stealing and deceiving, because man was divinely appointed dominion.

The scriptures show us that the First Adam was given dominion. He did not use it. Then we find in scripture the Second Adam took authority over the enemy. The Bible says for this purpose was the Son of God made manifest, that might destroy the works of the enemy, 1 John 3:8. And in John 10:10, we see the will of the defeated enemy who must first take or steal from man. Then we see the will of the Second Adam, who has come to give to man that which is lost through the First Adam, and not only life, but abundant life.

This verse of scripture shows us that the Word of God refers to Satan as the thief. No doubt about it, he was the first thief in the eternal past. And this reveals to us his rebellious nature. He rebelled against the will of God in heaven, and thus when he fell to the Earth, later, he came to man, the only creature made in the image and likeness of God. He endeavored to steal from him as part of his rebellion against God.

DID YOU KNOW THE CHURCH HAS NERVES TOO?

By Pastor Troy Wiley

The Word of God makes it exceptionally clear that the body of Christ is structured similar to the human body. Just as the body has a head, the church has a head. The head of the church spiritually is Christ himself. The head of the church locally, is the pastor or overseer. The body of Christ has many members, just as the human body has many members, or parts. You are the church, and the church is in you.

Accordingly, just as the human body has a nervous system, the body of Christ has a nervous system. The body of Christ does not have a tangible nervous system, such as you and I have physically, but the body of Christ is a spiritual body, that is tangible by faith. Therefore, everything that is represented in the human body, is somewhat present in the body spiritually. The body of Christ has members, human beings, that are representative of the different parts of the body.

We often hear people say that their nerves are bad. Or they say that one of the reasons why they are dealing with some of the things they are dealing with is because of their nerves. No doubt this statement can contain a measure of truth. But the Bible tells us, as a man thinketh in his heart so is he. I am not nervous because I have bad nerves. I am nervous because of the way that my mind and my thought process is working. As a man thinketh in his heart so is he. My nerves only carry a message, it is other parts of my body that actually react.

In the human body, the nervous system carries information. The nervous system communicates on behalf of the various bodily

systems and parts. The nervous system relays information from one part of the body that has one job or function, to other parts of the body that have the job of responding and replying to the information. It is the same way in the body of Christ, the Bible says that the body has been tempered together. And the Bible says every member receiveth one from another.

Anyone who has ever had a toothache or nerve pain, can tell you there is no pain like nerve pain. When the nervous system, specifically a nerve in the nervous system, is irritated or agitated, there is a continual response of pain. This is a message and a sign that something has gone wrong. This message of pain is relayed throughout the body to the brain.

Concerning the body of Christ, God allows the leadership of the local church to receive information supernaturally. This happens in more than one way. The Bible calls the pastor, the overseer. He is the one that has been given oversight concerning the flock, by the authority of the Holy Ghost. In other words, if he is a real pastor, he has been given the ability to function with the body and because of the body. The body of Christ, the Christians that are part of the local church, information is relayed to the leadership of that church, in them and through them and in more than one way.

The Bible says a man's gift makes room for him. One example of this is leadership. We have a fivefold ministry comprised of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers. All of these are in the Word of God. They are part of our New Testament church. There are also other positions. But these positions are primary and essential to the church. Each of these positions, or offices, serve as faculties of accommodation and infrastructure. In other words, these positions and offices have been spiritually commissioned and gifted by the Holy Ghost to have function, and function concerning the needs of the body.

No doubt in this day, there are ministries and churches that no longer believe in the office of the apostle. There is a measure of truth in what they believe. This is true because in many churches there is no atmosphere or environment for the apostolic to function. In other words, the church has been structured because of circumstances and teaching, to eliminate much of the supernatural function of the body of Christ. Many churches today

operate like businesses, and not a spiritual place of God's presence at all. Therefore, the office of the apostle is not present, because it is not accepted or endorsed through the teaching and preaching ministry in that particular church.

Jesus Christ is still the head of his church. There is only one church. There are not two churches. There is not one church that existed in the book of Acts, and another church that exists today. Christ is coming for his church. That which was in the will of God for the church in the book of Acts, is still in the will of God for today. The Bible says the outpouring of the Holy Ghost is for the last days. Any church will tell you that we are living in the last days, but not every Church believes in the outpouring of the Spirit, which is part of the last days.

Similar in thought to the absence of the ministry of the Apostle in the modern-day church, is also the office and ministry of the prophet. Many churches do not embrace prophetic ministry. Those that do, oftentimes do not embrace it properly or correctly. No doubt, the status of the Old Testament prophet is different from the status of the New Testament prophet. But we do read about prophets in the New Testament. The prophet is one who is sent with a message. That message can contain the foretelling of future events by the Spirit, this is the office of the prophet. The office of the prophet contains not only the gift of general prophecy, but also a word of knowledge, and a word of wisdom. A word of wisdom is the ability to speak of things by the Spirit before they happen or relay supernatural information.

According to the scriptures, an Apostle is an individual who has been sent by the Spirit. There are signs, and or credentials that are present in the ministry of an apostle. These particular credentials and signs are significant or peculiar to the office of the apostle, and typically, are not found in the other offices. For example, an individual who is an apostle, has been used of God in the areas of the gifts of the Spirit, and they also have been used of God in all the different offices. Meaning that the nine gifts of the Spirit, and the other ministries and signs and wonders of the New Testament, are represented in the apostolic ministry.

God desires to use the apostolic ministry to pioneer new ministries, and to confirm and regulate existing ministries. The

apostolic is similar in some ways to an architect. God gives the apostolic ministry the floor plans, or blueprints of what is ahead concerning the move of God. And God can use the prophetic ministry to confirm the apostolic. Prophetic ministry in the New Testament has more than one purpose. The gift of prophecy edifies and encourages. And the Bible says the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophet.

The apostolic, the prophetic, the evangelistic, and the pastoral, all have responsibility. They function under the unction of the Holy Ghost, to serve as different facets of the church's nervous system as a whole.



A survey stake at the Carthage church where the Lord is blessing us with additional land.

BEHIND ENEMY LINES

By Pastor Troy Wiley

In the last chapter of the book of 1st Samuel, in the Old Testament, we read about an amazing account of the end of King Saul. Saul had gotten out of the will of God, and lived in rebellion against God for many years before his death. But after his death, the Bible says all the valiant men arose, went and recovered Saul's body from the pagan temple of the Philistines. His body was then burned, and his bones buried. In this account we find three things, redemption, grace and conclusion, 1 Samuel 31:1-13.

God oftentimes takes us in the long-term plan, causes us to go behind the enemy lines, and redeem the time. He works in such a way in our life, that even after we have missed the will of God, the

Lord in his long-suffering. Mercy and grace, shows us his power and ability to redeem that which belongs to him. Even though Saul rebelled against God in the way that he did, his life and his position as king caused a legacy and a need for redemption. He was in the enemy's hands after death, meaning that the Philistines found his dead body, cut off his head, sent it throughout the coast of their land, and then nailed his body to the wall of their temple. Valiant men arose, the Bible says, and went all night to recover Saul's remains. This foreshadows God's redeeming power manifested through Jesus Christ. The Bible says in that while we were dead in sins Christ yet redeemed us, or suffered for us, that we would be reconciled through him.

The Bible tells us in the New Testament, to redeem the time. We see the grace of redemption in what happened to Saul's body after death. In other words, the valiant men, who were men of war, remembered Saul's leadership in his early days, when he had been victorious while God was with him. And they went and recovered the body because of the representation of who he had been. One reason why redemption is so real is because the Lord fore knows us from before our mother's womb. And then when we are born in the flesh, and the sin nature within us, Christ still seeks to redeem us. And even while we are dead in trespasses and sins, the grace of God is available for us to experience redemption. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

There are parts in each of our lives, where the grace of God causes us to experience continual redemption. If God be for us, who can be against us? Thank God for the Lord working by his Spirit in such a deep and personal manner, to redeem us even when we miss the will of God. All things work together for good to them that love the Lord.

Secondly, concerning the end of Saul's life, and then the recovering of his body to the Kingdom of Israel, by the valiant men, we see grace. Even though things had come unto a physical end, there was still a spiritual need there for closure and for redemption. And that need can only be met by the grace of God. This is one reason why the Bible tells us that we are not to receive the grace of God in vain. He has told us his grace is sufficient. God is the one that opens the door that no man can shut, and he is the one that shuts the door that no man can open. He works in

such a way, as to reveal his grace, in the most desperate circumstances of life. Even at a time when the Kingdom of Israel was in such chaos, and Saul who had been their king, backslid in rebellion, and now dead. And while David waiting to rise to the throne, God still rose up valiant men to recover Saul's remains. And to bring closure and reconciliation. This is because of grace.

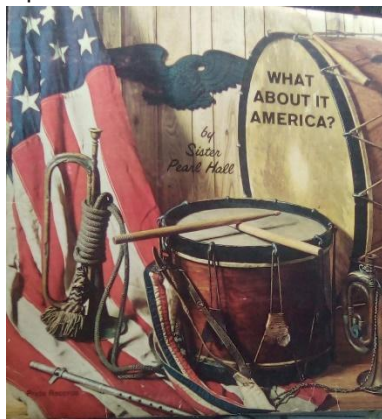
As you read this message, there are no doubt many areas in your life where you need grace. Questions linger which you do not have an answer for. Situations and circumstances, that to some degree are horrific. But remember there is grace. The first shall be last, and the last shall be first. God has a way of turning our captivity when the time comes. We have need of grace, that after we have done the will of God, we might receive the promise.

Finally in closing, we see God bringing closure to one period of time in the life of his people, Israel, and God allowing that closure to come. Not only through the death of Saul, but through the workings of the Lord in order to bring about restoration in the kingdom. God had had his hand on David for years. David was waiting in the wings for the time of the Lord in his life, when he would be in the place of God, and take the throne. But God did not permit that to happen until there first was closure concerning Saul's life. God provided the means for Saul's body to be recovered, and the bodies of his sons, for their remains to be burned and their ashes to be buried. The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. But blessed be the name of the Lord.

God recently gave me a Word concerning the situation in my life personally. He spoke to me through someone and told me I was going to have closure. When there is no closure, healing cannot begin. There may be healing in the physical, but there can be no inner healing, or spiritual healing without the spiritual layers coming to a close. And it is basically the same in the natural. The layers of the skin have to mend together, closure has to come in order for healing to come forth. And there are many believers tonight devastated from the past. But God has promised to arise with healing in his wings and closure will come.

God has a way of working even behind enemy lines. In the darkness of the night, he has a way to cause his peace and his grace to be experienced. Weeping may endure the night but joy

cometh in the morning. God is going to take those places of devastation, and he's going to give us beauty for ashes. And he's going to allow that which is temporarily in the enemy's camp, to be restored to the people of God.



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Pastor to minister at Billy Locklear Ministries, 3463 Oak Grove Church Road, Lumberton, NC 28360

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