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Actions of the Holy Spirit are not always understood, until the believer recognizes divine destiny and becomes obedient. Physical, mental or spiritual manifestations can arise causing difficulty in life, until they receive blessing. Such experiences come into sharp focus in ministry. Life experiences inspired this message.

A popular belief in our culture today, the Prosperity Gospel, is good news! Yet, I caution those who follow and believe not to quench the Holy Spirit. God the Judge of all, and Jesus the mediator of a new covenant (Hebrews 12: 23-24 ASV), will comfort and console us when we fail. He will also chasten and press us to greater holiness. His grace doesn't just forgive us; His grace empowers us to overcome sin. God, as the Judge of all, wants to fulfill the dreams, desires, and longings for His family, just as earthly fathers do. God will never compromise Himself as Judge in order to fulfill His fatherly desires. To do so would make Him less than God.

21 August 2017, over Christian county KY, the sun became black as sackcloth. Was the solar eclipse a sign the light of the world was not being seen by Christians? Was scripture fulfilled? Every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. So then, my beloved, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling (Philippians 2: 10-12 ASV). Have you chosen to disregard instruction from the LORD? Are you ready for judgment? Of that day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only (Matthew 24: 36). Did the 11th of September 2017, sixteenth anniversary of a most tragic day in the history of the United States of America, 9-11-2001, cause you to think of a break in the hedge of protection keeping foreign enemies off United States soil? Do you recognize Jehovah blesses with a hedge about His children? Satan certainly did when he said unto Jehovah,

hast not thou made a hedge about Job, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on every side? Thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land (Job 1: 10 ASV); the Prosperity Gospel. The psalmist did when he wrote; But thou hast cast off and rejected, Thou hast been wroth with thine anointed. Thou hast abhorred the covenant of thy servant: Thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground. Thou hast broken down all his hedges; Thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin (Psalm 89: 38-40 ASV). Since the solar eclipse have physical, mental and spiritual manifestations arisen from Harvey, that Texas storm? On the 16th anniversary of 911, were you focused on Irma traveling up the west coast of Florida causing difficulties in life? Is it significant another act of God happened on 911, in the United States of America? Is it significant two events happened on the date represented as the universal number dialed for help, 911?

Planned parenthood sounds innocent enough. More than 50 million of God's creatures have had their blood spilled, because no one wanted them. What does blood testimony from more than 50 million sound like crying out against the United States of America in the court of Heaven?

Marrying someone you love seems innocent enough. What does the testimony of 20 million sodomites (10% of a 200 million population) sound like crying out against the United States of America in the court of Heaven? What did the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah sound like when it reached the throne of God?

Making certain of whom you choose to marry seems innocent enough. Women become the Asherah (a fertility goddess), when they live with men. What does testimony from 20 million Baby Mommas sound like crying out against the United States of America in the court of Heaven?

Living within your means sounds innocent enough. Stewardship is biblical. Remember, the steward doesn't own the portfolio. It is the Master, who owns the thousand cattle on the hills. Do you hear people planning for their retirement? Do you ever hear anyone say they are

using their talents investing for the kingdom of God? What does testimony of the wizards of financal planning preaching Financial Peace and the worshippers of the DOW and NYSE sound like crying out against the United States of America in the court of Heaven?

Text: Genesis 18: 17-21 ASV

Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham that which I do; seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? For I have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of Jehovah, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that Jehovah may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him. Jehovah said, the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and their sin is very grievous; I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

Somehow the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah reached the throne of God. The outcry presented evidence the city was worthy of judgment and destruction. God, Himself, went down to examine the cries and evidence before Him that demanded judgment. Abraham was brought into the equation because God was seeking legal reason to show mercy. He knew Abraham would seek to give a legal reason to spare the wicked place. Abraham petitioned God on the basis of Him being Judge and judging righteously. God agreed with Abraham saying He would not destroy Sodom and Gomorrah for the sake of fifty righteous. Abraham continued to petition God as Judge and finally had it reduced to ten righteous men. God agreed.

God was looking for a legal reason to be merciful and Abraham gave it to Him. Hebrew culture recognizes ten men as the smallest number constituting a government. For the sake of ten righteous men God would spare the whole population. Some think a whole population is required to repent. A governmental representation of the population who can petition the courts of Heaven for mercy and judgment, is all that is required. The church of God is that recognized representation!

Jesus blood is crying for all nations and people to know Him in power and glory. He said, make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and I am with you always, even unto the end of the world (Matthew 28: 19-20 ASV). The church of God must engage in and agree with the testimony of Jesus' blood. We are the stewards of His sacrifice in the Earth. We are to agree and add our testimony before the courts of Heaven for nations to be redeemed. Anything less than discipling nations, is an insult to the cross of Jesus. His blood is crying for this and we must set ourselves in agreement. The same passion that is carried in His blood must be in us!

God is Judge of all. He is also our Father who desires to bless us and release to us our inheritance. God looks for a reason to be righteous and show us mercy. This is the passion of a loving Father's heart. It is our job to get things into place so He can fulfill His fatherly passion. I repeat; God will never compromise Himself as Judge in order to fulfill His fatherly desires, to do so would make Him less than God. Is the United States of America a discipling nation? What fruits are bearing? If you bear no harvest then add your testimony out loud before the courts of Heaven for our nation to be redeemed;

My Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.

Luke 11: 2

I come boldly unto the throne of grace, that I may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4: 16

Jehovah I confess we have sinned against Thee. I and my father's house have sinned. We have dealt very corruptly against Thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the ordinances, Thou command.

Nehemiah 1: 6-7

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as in heaven.

Matthew 6: 10

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever.

Matthew 6: 13 Amen.