

Dear Friend,

We are all contending for a great outpouring of revival that will sweep a minimum of a billion souls into the kingdom of God before the Lord's return. The Lord has spoken to us many times that this revival will be known as a "presence" revival. The very presence of the Lord will be so thick that people will have difficulty even standing up in it.

That is not unprecedented. When the temple Solomon built was dedicated to the Lord, the presence of God, in the form of a cloud, so filled the temple that the priests could not enter.

2 Chronicles 7:1-3 Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house. (2) And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD'S house. (3) And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Fire is about to come down from heaven again. The glory of the Lord is about to manifest in our services again. The result will be the same when the people see the fire and the glory of God. They will humble themselves and bow with their faces to the ground once more and worship the one, true God. Glory!

The Lord is preparing us now for this sort of an outpouring, and to be honest, we need preparing because this is something new that none of us have seen before. I have been in some great services in my lifetime. Many of the services where Pastor Dave Roberson was ministering were accompanied by such a presence of God that spontaneous weeping would break out all over the auditorium when he simply entered the room. It wasn't Dave doing it. Dave was simply the vessel that the Holy Spirit was overflowing with the very presence of God ... and EVERYBODY could feel it. It was real. It was tangible. It is coming again, even stronger than we have seen before. I have no doubt about that!

In preparation, I had a real teaching experience a few weeks ago. I woke up from sleep with such a "feeling" of being lost. It seemed like the very opposite of the temple being filled with His presence. It seemed like I could not sense His presence at all.

I searched my memory to see if I had done something that perhaps had offended God and caused Him to withdraw His presence from me. All of us can nitpick ourselves at any time, but in all honesty, I could not think of anything I had done that would have caused Him to be offended.

I tried to worship and, like pastor Dave sometimes said, it was as if my words were flat like pancakes and simply fell to the floor. I read the psalms. Nothing. I played a few of my favorite

worship songs. Nothing. I got so desperate that I even sang a couple of songs to the Lord. Nothing.

I felt lost, alone, abandoned, unsaved, and bound for hell. Nothing I did seem to change this "feeling" of being lost.

And then ... I remembered a lesson I had been taught as a baby Christian over forty years ago when I first came to the Lord. "We are not saved because we feel saved. We are not saved because our emotions say we are saved. We are saved because the Word of God says we are."

I went directly to my Bible and began to quote the wonderful scriptures such as ... John 3:16. Romans 10:9-10. Romans 10:13 and then one of my all-time favorites:

1 John 5:11-12 And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (12) He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

Glory to God. I believe the Lord is preparing us to be ministers who are able to function in the very presence of God. In order to minister in the glory of His presence, we must never substitute faith in His presence for faith in His Word. Feelings come and go. Emotions are fickle. If we are only saved on the days we "feel saved," then our feet are on shifting sand. The Word of God is eternal and does not change.

1 Peter 1:23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

Your fellow servant for Christ,

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