

Ezekiel Ministry

A Ministry of Hope and Healing



“And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.”

Matthew 10:1

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“He restores my soul; He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name’s sake.” (Psalm 23:3)

“The great malady of the twentieth century, implicated in all of our troubles and affecting us individually and socially, is a loss of soul. When soul is neglected, it doesn’t go away; it appears symptomatically in obsessions, addictions, violence, and loss of meaning. Our temptation is to isolate these symptoms or to try to eradicate them one by one; but the root problem is that we have lost our wisdom about the soul, even our interest in it.” (Thomas Moore)

Soul is the spiritual dimension of human beings. It is sometimes referred to as our psyche, our heart. The ancient Greek used the word soul to mean one that is fully alive. We speak of people having heart or soul meaning their feelings or emotions. When I talk about losing one’s soul I am not saying that their soul was lost and going to hell, but that we have stopped learning and caring for our soul. It always comes back to the healing of the wounded spirit. Soul is the seat of our deepest emotion.

On Wednesdays I attend our prayer meetings. Tonight we sang “Victory in Jesus and Amazing Grace”. We went to the altar and prayed. Roy preached a great sermon out of Acts. I felt the presence of God. I feed my soul.

I arrived early morning at the lake. The sun was just breaking through and sending rays of light across the water. I could feel the presence of God. I feed my soul.

I go out in the woods or just in the backyard with my camera. I look and wait for what I should take a picture of. It may be the sun setting or just a blade of grass and I feel the presence of God. I feed my soul.

I lived in Colorado for several years. I never got over the rugged beauty of the Rocky Mountains. The snow on the peak in July. The cold mountain stream that was numbing to your feet if you stayed too long. As I started into the mountains, I could feel the presence of God. My soul was fed.

We don’t feed our souls anymore. We don’t have time to stop and wait on God to feed our souls. We don’t allow our spirits to be in the presence of God. This is a major problem in our world today. We are replacing God with science and technology. We think we don’t need such an old-fashion thing as to be in the presence of God. We want God just to leave us alone. My friends, if we don’t stop and feed our souls our nation and our way of life is in major trouble.

“On that day I will raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, and rebuild it as in the days of old.” (Amos 9:11)

God tells us that He will restore our souls for His name’s sake. In this scripture in Amos he is talking about restoring the tabernacle. The tabernacle is not just a building. It is where God lives. Today because of Jesus Christ’s death on the cross and the coming of the Holy Spirit, God’s tabernacle is in our soul and God will restore our soul if we will build our relationship with Him. We must feed our soul with His Words and with a relationship with Him. If we will just open up our souls to God, we can see Him in all that we do.

***“For I make known to you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached by me is not according to man. For I neither received it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through the revelation of Jesus Christ.”
(Galatians 1:11-12)***

There was another gospel being preached to the church at Galatia and Paul wanted them to know the message he preached was from God and to be careful to follow only the gospel from Jesus Christ. I pray hard about what I write in this newsletter. I want anything that I write to be not only from God but to be what God wants us to learn at this time in our lives.

I wrote about true spirituality last month and that our spirituality covers our entire life, not just a part of our life. When God becomes a part of everything we do, things work so much better. Yes, there are problems, but with God’s help we can work through these problems. To have this happen in our lives we need to be more in tune with the care of our souls. The care of our souls are so important. I find unless I stay in prayer, in communication with God, I cannot know how to allow Him into all areas of my life.

Prayer is the most important thing that we can do. We need to be in constant prayer.

“The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.” (James 5:16-18)

God had 7,000 who did not bow to Baal. Invisible, secret and silent. Most believers in Elijah’s day were like believers today. If the Word of God had not told us they existed, like Elijah, we would not have known they existed.

But when God wanted to change the world, he turned to Elijah. How sad that there were 7,000 beloved children of God, but God chose one man. We may ask why did God chose Elijah? The verse tells us that he was a man of like passions. He was just one of 7,000 believers. God chose Elijah because he was a praying man. He was in communication with God.

The French Foreign Legion is world famous for its esprit de corps and daredevil spirit. It has a motto. “If I falter—push me on. If I stumble—pick me up. If I retreat—shoot me.”

We are soldiers in God’s army and we must never retreat . We must always be moving forward.

“Prayer is our only hope. Our nation is doomed and damned unless born-again Christians, with their backs to the wall, fall upon their knees beseeching a holy God for mercy in this hour when America’s Ship of State, torpedoed by the enemy within, is poised for the final plunge.” (David Otis Fuller)

“Give ear, our God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act! For your sake, my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name.” (Daniel 9:18-19)

We must pray for God’s mercy on America. Our situation is not getting better, it is going downhill fast. I don’t know God’s will for America, but I do know that God is not happy with us trying to rid the country of His name. We are soldiers of Jesus Christ and we must fight for our country and the best way that we can fight is by our prayers. Our battle is not physical but spiritual.

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication...”(Acts 1:14)

“In the explosive atmosphere of Acts 2, this promise looks exciting! It seems to suggest that all that happened in the Upper Room and then at the Gate Beautiful is open for us also, even us so very far off from the New Testament days. I do not doubt for a moment that this is all possible. God never intended His church to backside. He never suggested, at least to my understanding, that apostolic power would be withdrawn before the coming of the King.

The trouble, as I see it, with the present interpretation of “the promise to you” is that:

It is all sugar and no salt,
all daylight and no darkness,
all pleasure and no prisons,
all privileges and no privations,
all feasting and no fasting.”
(Leonard Ravenhill)

“Thomas Macaulay, the British historian who died on the eve of our Civil War, wrote a warning to America. He predicted the possibility that our country would come under a dictatorship. The alternative which he forecasted is no less foreboding. Macaulay wrote, ‘...your republic will be fearfully plundered and laid waste by barbarians in the twentieth Century as the Roman Empire was in the Fifth, with this difference: that the Huns and Vandals who ravaged the Roman Empire came from without and your Huns and Vandals will have been engendered within your own country, by your own institutions.’” (Dr. Kenneth McFarland)

I have been writing this newsletter in some form or another for the past twenty-five years. In the past year I have had to fight Satan more than ever. I have even considered stopping the newsletter, but as I write often and remind you, we are soldiers and we must continue fighting. As the end times get closer; the fight gets harder. **We must endure!** The rewards will be great when we see Jesus face to face. I am so looking forward to that day, but I will continue the fight until that time. We want to thank you for your prayers and your support of this ministry. I ask at this time that you lift us up more and more, as we need your prayers more than ever.

“Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” (Hebrews 12: 1-2)



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