

Below are two items for you to read and pray about. The shorter one is first and then Keith has sent us this item from Bobby Conner calling the church to be seeking, hearing, and following hard after God and His wisdom in our day. As leaders in the church of God, please take the time to read through these things. Super blessings, g

The spiritual shaking and whiplash which many of us are facing should not cause us dismay. When we recently reviewed that Hebrews 12 passage, we noted that there was a day coming when God would shake everything that could be shaken in both the earth and heaven. **God would do the shaking!** Today, nations are being shaken, the political worlds are being shaken, the financial world is up-ended, there is little peace world wide, and the earth itself is being shaken with multiple earth-quakes.

You may recall that when we glanced at Revelation's view of the last days, it was Christ Who opens the seals, of war, famine, pestilence, disease, and death. **He is the one** in control and calling the shots – not man, not satan.

He is also the One Who will determine when it is finished. ***"For then there will be a great tribulation, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will. Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.*** [Matthew 24:21-22]

Since God is the one Who is in control of the end times from start to finish, it is wisdom to live in close contact with Him. There are those who think that they know all there is to know about the end of time, but the truth is simple. God alone knows and He will start it and finish it as **HE SEES FIT!**

The shaking has begun. In many ways it has been going on for years, but in the last few years, the intensity of the shaking has increased and in every arena. Peace, safety, and even 'rational' discussion has been severely diminished worldwide. It certainly could be the beginning of the end and it is wisdom to walk closely to the One Who knows the end from the beginning.

While there are hundreds of books about end times, very few of them instruct you to seek the Lord for answers and wisdom. Instead, they arrogantly pump out various theories which are updated with changes every few years. The peace and safety which we desire and desperately need will not be found in the latest book on end times. **Peace is found in an intimate relationship with God alone; safety is found in obedience to His will.** All else is filled with ever-changing levels of ignorance, stress, danger, and death.

The Scriptures give us a variety of signs concerning the end of time. A sign points us toward something, so let's consider where the signs point.

1. The signs point out that GOD has known just what the various things are which will happen as the end of the age approaches. [...so seek the LORD]

2. The signs show us that GOD, long ago, planned all this and is in charge of both what will happen, when it will happen, and when **HE will finish it.** [so seek the LORD]
3. The signs remind us that it is time to seek the LORD, know Him, trust Him, and obey Him, so that all will be well even in the midst of HIS predetermined difficult last days.

Today is another practice day. Be sure to learn your lessons on “shaking” each day because the super-shake is sure to come and in that day, all that can be shaken WILL be shaken. Only the KING and His kingdom [His people] will remain unshaken and unscathed.

So.....do you still want to be a leader in His kingdom? Then..... read on as hear what the LORD is saying through Bobby Conner

Passionately Pursue Divine Wisdom!

God's Urgent Invitation

November 01, 2013
by Bobby Conner

Beloved, hear this call! The Lord is imploring us to receive Divine Wisdom. Specifically, He is extending a very specific, very urgent invitation to His Bride to “come up here” (Revelation 4:1) to receive His Divine Wisdom for His Kingdom’s advancement on earth.

The Spirit of Truth is now releasing Divine Wisdom for divine strategies for the coming days! Passionate seekers of truth will quickly discover that God has opened wide a door of divine revelation for them, for all who turn away from the carnal, natural mind and choose to live by the Word of God and His Spirit, abiding in God’s holy Presence (Psalms 91:1).

Specifically, this Divine Wisdom will lift us up to a higher level in the realm of the Spirit so that the Lord may reveal His divine strategies and plans. Consider this powerful promise:

Therefore He says, Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine (make day dawn) upon you and give you light.

Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people),

Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil.

Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is.

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but ever be filled and stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit. (Ephesians 5:14-18)

God's plans are perfect—but they do not just simply occur. God's perfect, heavenly plans are brought to earth through His divine synchronization: His will and our obedience working in tandem with the Holy Spirit. The Lord requires that we participate in collaboration with the Holy Spirit in order for heaven's purposes to be made manifest on earth: only the guidance of the Holy Spirit can bring about the congruence needed to reveal God's purposes on earth, His higher way.

Indeed, His ways are much higher than ours and we desperately need His Spirit to reveal His purposes. Consider the following Scripture from Isaiah:

For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain and snow come down from the heavens, and return not there again, but water the earth and make it bring forth and sprout, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater,

So shall My word be that goes forth out of My mouth: it shall not return to Me void [without producing any effect, useless], but it shall accomplish that which I please and purpose, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. (Isaiah 55:8-11)

The Bride of Christ will be brought from the corner of the field (the world's stage) to the very forefront because of insights and strategies from heaven. Just as Boaz promoted Ruth from the corner of the harvest field to the center of prominence, the Bride of Christ is coming to the forefront of human history (see Ruth 2:15).

Divine Wisdom is Required

Beloved, seeking Divine Wisdom is not an option. As believers, we are commanded to attain Godly Wisdom and prize it above all else. In fact, Scripture instructs us to obtain Wisdom no matter the cost. Consider the admonitions of Proverbs 4: 5-9:

Get skillful and godly Wisdom, get understanding (discernment, comprehension, and interpretation); do not forget and do not turn back from the words of my mouth.

Forsake not [Wisdom], and she will keep, defend, and protect you; love her, and she will guard you.

The beginning of Wisdom is: get Wisdom (skillful and godly Wisdom)! [For skillful and godly Wisdom is the principal thing.] And with all you have gotten, get understanding (discernment, comprehension, and interpretation).

Prize Wisdom highly and exalt her, and she will exalt and promote you; she will bring you to honor when you embrace her. She shall give to your head a wreath of gracefulness; a crown of beauty and glory will she deliver to you.

How much better it is to get skillful and Godly Wisdom than gold! Understanding is to be chosen rather than silver. We are to seek God's Wisdom above all earthly treasures (Proverbs 16:15-16).

Divine Wisdom vs. Natural Understanding

The Lord said to me, "Knowledge without Wisdom is worthless; however, knowledge with Divine Wisdom is priceless!" Consider this profound insight from Proverbs 23:4: "Cease from your own human wisdom."

What does this mean? Mere human, natural knowledge and understanding without Divine Wisdom is empty. In fact, the plans and purposes of man are destined to fail: only the divine strategies of God will stand (see Matthew 7:24-27). Despite our best efforts and intentions, our natural mind and human intelligence, without the guidance and illumination of the Holy Spirit, do not have the ability to understand the Word of God, commune with God the Father or follow the leading of the magnificent Person of the Holy Spirit of God.

Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him.

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:1-16)

In other words, our natural mind is not merely insufficient: following our carnal thoughts and reasoning is actually enmity toward God. This is a serious matter, beloved!

For to be carnally minded [is] death; but to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace. Because the carnal mind [is] enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. (Romans 8:6-7)

As Disciples of Christ, we dare not continue to rely on our natural minds, but we must renew our minds to become "spiritually minded." If we do not renew our minds, our lack of knowledge of the Holy One will eventually lead to our destruction! The Spirit of God warns us in an exceptionally blunt truth in Hosea 4:6: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge."

Scripture is not speaking about mere human knowledge, but rather divine enlightenment, Wisdom from above. We face destruction if we fail to appropriate Divine Wisdom—if we continue to live according to our own human reasoning.

This is not the season to stumble about in the maze of human philosophy or psychology, vainly speculating about the future. These mental speculations and examinations may seem righteous and even holy, but Scripture warns us that there is a way that appears right unto man however it is the way of death and destruction (see Proverbs 14:12).

We must allow the Word of God to become "flesh of our flesh" by replacing the carnal pathways of worldly reasoning and beliefs with the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ as revealed to us in Scripture:

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what [is] that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:2)

Divine Wisdom—Through Holiness and the Fear of the Lord

No treasure in heaven or on earth is more precious than this Wisdom from above—Wisdom that is actually the Person of Christ our Lord! This is why Divine Wisdom is so extremely important and, indeed, priceless. Wisdom is Christ Jesus. Paul states this fact so clearly in his first letter to the church at Corinth:

Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God. (1 Corinthians 1:24)

But of Him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom....
(1 Corinthians 1:30)

God is offering to each of us a much higher Wisdom released by the Spirit of God. Now is the time to embrace true Wisdom, Christ Himself.

You might be asking how to obtain this much-desired Divine Wisdom—the passionate quest and resounding question throughout human history. The Holy Scriptures clearly reveals the answer. God's Divine Wisdom isn't

reserved for the special few, but is available to all believers who hunger for intimacy with the Lord and sincerely seek to advance His Kingdom.

If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God Who gives to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him. (James 1:5)

And then consider this promise:

But to man He said, Behold, the reverential and worshipful fear of the Lord—that is Wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding. (Job 28:28)

The reverent fear and worship of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and skill [the preceding and the first essential, the prerequisite and the alphabet]; a good understanding, wisdom, and meaning have all those who do [the will of the Lord]. Their praise of Him endures forever. (Psalms 111:10)

The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning and the principal and choice part of knowledge [its starting point and its essence]; but fools despise skillful and godly Wisdom, instruction, and discipline. (Proverbs 1:7)

The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning (the chief and choice part) of Wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight and understanding. (Proverbs 9:10)

What are the steps to receiving the Wisdom from above?

First, we must ask for the Wisdom of God—and keep on asking, doubting nothing. And then we must understand that the Lord's Divine Wisdom is entered through two gates, holiness (as expressed in humility) and reverence or fear of the Lord. These are the gates leading to the pathway of Wisdom. God resists the proud but He gives grace to the humble (Proverbs 3:34, 1 Peter 5:5). What is this grace that He bestows upon the humble? It is the grace or divine ability to know Him and His strategies for bringing His Kingdom to earth—the grace for Divine Wisdom.

Divine Wisdom—Through the Holy Spirit

It is indeed the Holy Spirit alone who imparts Divine Wisdom. Notice the words of Christ recorded in John 16:13:

But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].

The Teacher who will lead us into Wisdom is God's Holy Spirit. The Spirit alone—not our natural minds—can guide us into all Truth, Truth in the Person of Christ Jesus our Lord. Specifically, the Spirit “will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].”

Divine Wisdom—Through the Word of God

A good, practical exercise for gaining Divine Wisdom is to study a chapter in the book of Proverbs each and every day. You will be surprised at the sound Wisdom that will be imparted to you by the Spirit of God. The greatest textbook on life is the Holy Bible; within its pages are the insights that will transform your entire outlook on life (Psalms 119:9-11). Take time each day to feed your soul with heaven's manna.

As you read the Scriptures, approach the Lord with reverence and awe, humbling yourself before His majesty. We come not with our own holiness and righteousness, but clothed in Christ! Approach His throne of grace boldly and

ask our Father God with a sincere heart for the Wisdom of Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten the eyes of your understanding:

That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened... Ephesians 1:17-18

If we ask in simple faith, believing His Word, God will liberally bestow this much-needed Wisdom:

If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him. (James 1:5)

The benefits and blessings of Divine Wisdom are enormous. Wisdom produces understanding revealing the divine strategies to navigate uncertain days, which brings prosperity and favor: "He who keeps understanding shall prosper and find good" (Proverbs 19:8).

Christ Jesus states that as we seek first His Kingdom, everything else will be put into proper place (Matthew 6:33).

Divine Wisdom—To Preach Christ in Power

As we humble ourselves and seek God "with clean hands and a pure heart" (Psalm 24:4), the Spirit of Council will release to us the much-needed Divine Wisdom for our day. God desires to release revelation and discernment on a higher level, bringing us out of the world's confusion and chaos. As we renew our minds with the Word of God, we will know God and "will shine ever brighter and do great exploits" (Daniel 11:32).

What are those great exploits? Preaching Christ in the "power" of the Spirit. Our witness of the Gospel is not to be with "persuasive words of human wisdom" (1 Corinthians 1:17), but, as Paul continues:

... in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

To experience the power of God, Paul knew that he required the Divine Wisdom of God, not mere human reasoning.

Paul writes that he does not speak "the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age," but rather he speaks "the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory."

Divine Wisdom—the Answer for Humanity

The days that we are facing demand that we all move and speak in a revelatory—not natural—understanding of the times and seasons, receiving Godly guidance as we embrace the promise of Nehemiah 9:20, which assures us that God will release to us the Spirit of God to guide us.

As world economies implode, retirement savings dwindle and earthquakes, tsunamis, famines and floods devastate communities, it would seem that the entire world is seeking to know what will happen in the future. Without a real relationship with Christ Jesus, humanity cannot find true Wisdom. These are days of strong and deep deception.

Most of humanity is deluded, blind to the truth, stumbling toward death and destruction (Matthew 7:13). As men and women continue to reject Christ, spirits of fear, accusation, bitterness, anger, occultism, envy and jealousy and rejection divide and destroy families, neighborhoods and nations.

As true followers of Christ, we walk as light-bearers in a dark age. Through us, the Spirit of God will release Divine Wisdom to set men and women free from the captivity of Satan's lies (John 8:12). God's children will shine with Divine Wisdom, Christ Himself. We must rely only on the revelatory light and illumination of Christ and share His Wisdom with those whose minds are shrouded by lies and deceptions.

Beloved, let us contend for the prize possession of Christ, the Wisdom of God! Earnestly desire this Divine Wisdom, seeking Him above all else, and prepare to witness the mighty power of the Lord to love the addicted and lost, minister to the poor, heal the sick, raise the dead, prophesy to nations and advance the Kingdom of God on earth—through your own hands and heart.