

THE SCHEDULED PART

STIMULATING QUOTES

- “The Lord removed the things that would hinder growth.” *Yasha Sims* (AM Introduction)
- “The foundation is where we named our entrance into the kingdom.” *Barbara Hutchcraft* (AM Calling)
- “When God wants everyone’s attention, He can get it.” *Gene Hutchcraft* (AM Sermon)
- “The words of Isaiah were bigger than Isaiah.” *Aaron Hutchcraft* (AM Exhortation)
- “Abraham knew the promised Seed would be, in fact, the promised Seed.” *Robert Cobb* (AM Table Meditation)
- “New beginnings do not need to be looked at through earthly lenses.” *Michael Blakely* (PM Intro)
- “There was a time on earth when sin and death did not exist.” *Jonathan Blakely* (PM Sermon)
- “Every man’s destiny is determined by the identity with either Adam or Christ.” *Ricky Sims* (PM Exhortation)
- “God remembers what He wants to remember, and forgets what He wants to forget.” *Mina Blakely* (PM Table Meditation)

Taken from 6/05/2011

Song of Preparation *Brother Ricky Sims*
 Opening Word and Prayer *Sister June Blakely*
 Class teaching/Discussion *Brother Robert Cobb*

BREAK FOR FELLOWSHIP AND REFRESHMENTS

Calling us higher *Sister Melissa Parker*
 Singing with grace *Brother Ricky Sims*
 Specials, Expressions of Faith, Testimonies ... *Open to all*
 Scripture Shower *Sister Logan Williams*
 Reading of Sermon Text *Sister Sydnee Williams*
 A Message From the Word *Brother Jeremy Williams*
 Exhortation *Brother Tony Parker*
 Song for Lord’s Supper *Brother Ricky Sims*
 The Lord’s Supper *Brother Mike Blakely*
 Servers *Jonathan & Matthew*
 Closing song *Brother Ricky Sims*
 Final Scripture/Benediction *Antonio Lizzano*

IT WAS NOT FOR THEM

“Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.” (1 Pet 1:12)

The holy prophets are a cluster of people to whom much was given – things concerning the coming redemption, and the One who would bring it to pass. Yet their ministry did not pertain to themselves, or the generation in which they lived. Their words were intended to minister to generations after their own. What marvelous faith they had to endure – ministering things that were not opened to them, nor intended for them while they remained in this world!

Precisely when or how this revelation was made to them, we do not know. Just as Paul was not given to understand his “thorn” until he had sought three times to have it removed, so the prophets, AFTER diligent inquiry, were told “they were not serving themselves.” How this devastates the notion that pleasing self is the acme of all human experience!

This does not mean the holy Prophets would not participate in the coming salvation, for Jesus affirmed they would (Lk 13:28). They are included in the vast body of those redeemed by the blood of Christ (Rev 11:18; 18:20,24). Yet, when they were in the body, God showed them their message was intended for later generations, and not, at that time, for themselves. Like Abraham, they lived in anticipation of the fulfillment of the truth shown to them, AFTER their own time. How my heart is knit to these holy prophets! They set before us an exemplary standard of what it means to serve the Lord.

Now the Spirit declares that in prophesying, the prophets were “serving” us. They spread before us a vast table of rich things – food for the soul that delights the heart. When our blessed Lord expounded things concerning Himself out of the holy Prophets, it caused the hearts of Cleopas and his companion to “burn within” them (Lk 24:27-32). Paul affirmed He spoke “none other things than those which the prophets and Moses did say should come: that Christ should suffer, and that He should be the first that should rise from the dead, and should show light unto the people, and to the Gentiles” (Acts 26:22-23). Let those who spend their time outlining the close of history, the rise of anarchic governments, and activities in the holy land, consider this! Let them turn their attention to “the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow.” Then the Prophets will serve them! If the Prophets were “serving” us in their

essential message, what possible reason could be adduced for ignoring that message? How is it that anyone would choose the prattling of psychiatrists, economists, or mere motivators to their prophecies of Christ?

The Apostles are referred to as announcing the fulfillment of the Prophet’s message in preaching the Gospel. They did not declare Jesus as “the answer to all of your problems,” but the fulfillment of what the Prophets promised. This announcement was made “by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven.” Their exposition and emphasis were therefore flawless, and could thus be used to implement the promised salvation. Here the uniqueness of the Gospel is seen. It is not the a word outlining the manner in which we are to live, but the announcement of Divine provision—“salvation.” It is a message that could only be known or proclaimed in the energy of the Holy Spirit. Any Gospel that does not require the Holy Spirit is no gospel at all. The Holy Spirit, who “searches” all things, announces in the Gospel “The things which God has prepared for those who love Him” (1 Cor 2:9-10).

The preaching of the fulfillment of the Prophet’s word has elicited the attention of holy angels. There is precious little in the world that draws their attention. They are primarily “ministers,” not students (Heb 1:13-14). Yet, in their ministry to the “heirs,” they have been exposed to a message that intrigues them. The “Gospel” concerns “things into which angels long to look.”^{MASB} Too, this Gospel is “NOW reported” to us – not merely to those who have never heard it before. And, if this message has fascinated holy angels, “who are greater in power and might” (2 Pet 2:11), how is it that any mortal would not be attracted by the message? What would constrain a person to probe into the writings or words of uninspired men – many of whom are actually God’s enemies – when the holy angels long to inquire into the Gospel? What would compel a person to become an expert in some supposed facet of religion, all the while ignoring its central message? If saints will “judge angels” (1 Cor 6:3), it will no doubt be true that holy angels will have something to say to any person who knew of the Gospel, yet did not look intently into it. God is greatly to be praised for a salvation, and the Gospel of it, that has so impacted upon even holy angels.

QUOTATIONS FROM OUR CLASS— BROTHER AARON

“... I am the Resurrection and the Life ... (Psa 106:6-12)

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TEXT

- “God sends His Word to discern our hearts.”
- “Actually, the day of judgment has, in a sense, already begun.”
- “Since the Garden, man has his own created standard of judgment.”
- “The chief source of pride is ignorance of self.”
- “When you are introduced to yourself, the door of humility is opened to you.”
- “The word ‘manifest’ is a good Holy Spirit word.”
- “A guilty conscience will make man attempt to hide from God.”
- “When you see what you really are, the need for mercy is also seen.”
- “Your heart is like a counsel chamber.”
- “The wicked one works in the area of thought.”
- “As long as you are in sin, there is no hiding place.”
- “The conviction of the day of judgment will reach the inner recesses of the heart.”
- “One cause for living for self is broken when you are convinced of the day of judgment.”
- “You do not deal with flesh on a fleshly level.”
- “The books will be opened – they are being written now.”
- “Because all things are naked and open to the eyes of God means He did not overlook Joshua and a Caleb, or Korah, etc.”