

# **No Flesh Will Be Exalted**

**By Joyce Perdue**

Dear Friends,

It is after much, much seeking the Lord, and spending many hours searching His heart, and mine, that I felt led to answer some of the many "offended" letters that I have received over Andrew Strom's letter, and my answer to it.

God loves His people, but He does indeed desire that they grow up. Just as He judged Israel in the wilderness, and judged them harshly, He is dealing with His people today. Some shall hear and turn, most will not; they will just march on in the paths they have chosen, and will continue to operate the Word of God the way they desire.

Concerning most of the leaders in the Body today, I do not even know their names. I was totally off the scene for five long years. When I am sharing with you, I do not know who is doing what, but I do know what the Word of God is saying to us, and I shall share what He puts on my heart to share regardless of what I am accused of, or if I am loved or hated. I cannot afford to allow my desire to be "liked" and "agreed with," to be the basis of my beliefs, and the gospel I am anointed to preach, and share.

The "happening" in Florida is not related to the "fruits" of the Spirit. It is operating in the "gifts." "The gifts and callings are without repentance," and whether a minister operates in those gifts according to the heart of God, or not, is their decision, but God does not remove those gifts and callings based on that. He says, "The gifts and callings are without repentance." Romans 11:29

Money, crowds, popularity, or even "gifts" operating in a ministry does not measure the pleasure of God on a minister's ministry, nor point to his purity. We do not want to pay the price ourselves to go before God to obtain our needs, for it costs us too much, so we would rather have ministers who operate in those "gifts" do it for us, pay them mammon, and therefore we end up following a minister and not God.

God is a jealous God, and eventually turns us over to do what we are determined to do. As I cried out to the Lord about all of this over the past few days, yesterday He spoke to my heart and gave me a clear answer that He wants His people to hear. God's gifts are precious, but when we seek them instead of Him and His heart, we are into idolatry. Frightful as it is, most do not have a clue that it is idolatry.

He told me to go to Exodus 33, where the children of Israel were in the wilderness, having been lead out of Egypt after 400 years, most of that time in slavery and bondage. They quickly forgot the "miracles" God had done in leading them out, in destroying their enemies, meeting their every need, exalting them before their enemies, and even destroying their enemies...Isn't it amazing how quickly we forget in our own lives when God has done something great for us? I have received many miracles and healings, but those things in themselves never did anything permanent for me spiritually, only blessed me, and the word of God does not support such an idea. As soon as we are hit with another need, we too often forget the last "need" He met, just like the Children of Israel in the wilderness.

We do not "use" God for our benefit or for the benefit of others. We surrender our lives to Him because He is God, and He paid such a high price for us. He simply commands that we either do it or face an eternal hell of suffering for the rejection of "...so great a salvation." (Hebrews 2:3). And, "IF we are willing and obedient we shall therefore eat the good of the land." (Isaiah 1:19).

We run to meetings to seek miracles, healings, spectacular things to watch, and entertain ourselves, to stimulate our faith, to help us believe that God is even real. But the truth is, it does not stimulate our faith at all, for "faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God." (Romans 10:17) God will and does constantly pour out His miracles today, for us, just as He did in giving a vast array of them to the children of Israel in the wilderness, and also to the people when He walked this earth 2,000 years ago. And it does not bring His people any closer to Him today because of it, any more than it did all those thousands of years ago and even when He walked this earth.

When He hung on the Cross, where were all those multitudes He had healed, delivered and cast out their devils? Only one lone disciple stood with Him all the way to the end, at the foot of that Cross with a handful of women. Where were the other eleven, and the other seventy disciples that He had before who were so willing to follow Him when He was giving them all miracles, and doing exciting things?

God told Moses, in Exodus 33, that indeed he could lead the people up into the Promised Land, and He would even send the mighty Angels up with them to drive out the Hittites and Hivites, to help them obtain their Inheritance which He promised them, and even allow them to conquer their Canaan Land. but that "His PRESENCE WOULD NOT GO WITH THEM." Why? Because He said that they were a stiff necked people, and rebellious and refused to be obedient to Him and give up their idols. They did not want to pay the price to be utterly His. They sought His Hand, but they did not seek His Great Heart! He wanted nothing to do with them, yet He would make sure they got that Inheritance He promised them to the last tiny part of it. And the more He blessed them, the more they refused His requirements to be a Holy, and obedient people unto Him. He would send His angels to even accomplish their obtaining their Inheritance...but HE WOULD NOT GO WITH THEM, NOR WOULD HIS TRUE PRESENCE! NEVER SEEK THE GIFTS, SEEK ONLY THE GIVER...

POURING OUT HIS GIFTS UPON US AND EVEN GIVING US SIGNS AND WONDERS, AND GIVING US OUR INHERITANCE DOES NOT IN ANY WAY MEAN THAT HE IS NECESSAIRLY PLEASED WITH US, OR THAT HIS PRESENCE IS WITH US.

Yet I see these healing services where so many (spiritually) older Christians fill the seats that there is literally no room for the sinners and babes. I learned the Word, how to get before God, and take His Word, stand on that Word, and get from God personally what I need. Once I learned, I taught my sheep how to, and then they went on to teach others I have NEVER, NEVER had a "healing minister" into my church to minister -- I didn't have to! And none of my sheep ran after miracles, healings, etc, for THEY WERE THE ONES OPERATING IN THOSE WONDERFUL GIFTS THEMSELVES. I taught them to run after God, and His heart, and never His gifts, or blessings. We are not to be...."blessing seekers, but God seekers." And that only comes from "ABIDING IN THE VINE." A "GOD SEEKER" IS NOT A MIRACLE AND HEALING AND GIFT SEEKER!

And as the Word says, "...if you hearken (obey) diligently to the word of the Lord, ALL these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you (Deuteronomy 28:2)...needless to say, I never had to do a lot of funerals, except for the elderly, or requests from people who knew me, and wanted me to do a sinner's funeral. And that was never anything but anguish on the family's part, and on mine. But I taught my sheep how to "do the word of God, and not be hearers only." (James 1:22) How do we become deceived? By "hearing" the Word of God, but not "doing" the Word of God. So faith has an added dimension of also "doing" the Word we hear.

There was one Israelite, Moses, out of four million Israelites, who sought the HEART OF GOD, WHERE THE REST SOUGHT THE HAND OF GOD! Only one!

I am firmly convinced that those "happenings" that we have called "revivals" that have been going on these years since the 70's, are many times God allowing His people to have His promises given them, like healing, miracles, prosperity, and even sending His Own Angels to see that it is accomplished. But, I also firmly believe that in many, many instances, His Holy Presence is nowhere near. "Men" run the show; "Men" are the stars, and people follow the "Men" to get what they want for themselves. It is all about "ministry," but surely not about a Holy God. And though God gave the Children of Israel their "Inheritance," His anger waxed hot against them, and serious judgment was put upon them by a God Who was deeply offended by their cold hearts towards Him.

Yes God is a God of love, and He even deeply loves and grieves over every sinner in hell, but He will not save them from that place of agony, and He will allow them to stay there eternally and suffer, though He is a God of love. They disobeyed His Holy Commands.

How much more today does God expect of His people who are not living under the Law, and who are now Born-again, baptized in the Holy Spirit, and have the whole written Word in the Bible, with New and Old Testaments available to us in many translations to read and decipher? That Great God Who has ordained that we be kings and priests unto God, not man first. He said that these things happened to the Children of Israel that we might learn, and NOT do what they did. (1 Corinthians 10:5,6) Yet, truthfully we have done far worse! And the Word of God stands for itself. We have trod underneath our feet the Blood of the Son of God afresh (Hebrews 10:29) in our seeking His gifts and not Him, the Author and Giver of life, and many Leaders have been leading God's people to do such fornication, and whoredoms.

Will God hold us responsible for the rotting of the world around us? ABSOLUTELY! "If the Salt has lost it's savor, it is worthless (Matthew 5:13). Our purity and holy lives will act as a purifying agent in all the area around us, our home, neighborhood, town, city, country and government. Our "saltiness," purity and holiness, shall do far, far more than a healing miracle, or any miracle will EVER do to change our world around us! We cannot live and grow in Christ by living and existing on the gifts...

Most of the Christians who are seeking their needs to be met from these "happenings," usually have little prayer life, little knowledge of the Word, and little interest in changing that attitude. They want to exist on "living," and not "dying." Dying to this world and it's allures, to sin and compromise, and picking up our cross daily, EMBRACING THAT CROSS, and following CHRIST, NOT MIRACLES. Seeking His HEART, AND NOT HIS HAND! THE CROSS, OURS AND HIS, SIGNIFIES "DEATH" -- death to our life, hopes and dreams, our way, and surrendering all of our lives to His, so that in eternity we may also rule and reign with Him. For we are not our own, but we have been bought with a price. (1 Corinthians, chapters 6 and 7 both say the same thing.

TRUE REVIVAL is when the Christians are on their faces crying out in repentance, standing up and confessing sins, weeping in deep sorrow over coldness, and deadness in their hearts. Sinners will come in off the streets and get converted, people will be slain in the streets by the Holy Spirit, whole families will be saved and reunited. Marriages will be healed and transformed. There will be no "man" speaking, but God; the Holy Spirit will run the show. Bars and nightclubs in the towns will close down, and their patrons will be running out to get saved in the streets. There will be no set times of meetings, for you cannot put time limits on the moving of the Holy Spirit. There will be no books written, NO FLESH WILL BE EXALTED! Ministers and laymen alike will be laid low at the foot of the Cross, and come up changed and transformed, and allowing no one to uplift them -- only uplifting Christ!

God is a God of love, grace, and mercy. He judges the hearts of His people, and our responsibility is not to judge hearts of individuals, but just lay out the word, and let those it was meant for receive it from the heart of a loving God, who loves them enough to warn them of danger in these end times.

Whether we rail and fume against the messengers of that holy word or not, makes absolutely no difference whatsoever! I have gotten letters this week accusing me of everything under the sun. Indeed, hurtful and painful words

of accusations. It has been a long time since I have had such fury unleashed against me. I was put into prison for five years, and lost all, for far less accusations. However I cannot afford to obey and say what makes the flesh of man feel good, for if I do, then I am surly not "walking worthy of the Divine and Holy calling upon my life." (Collosians 1:10) I weep, not for the mean and harsh, and false accusations spoken against me, but for the blindness of those precious hearts that speak such for they do not understand what they are saying.

As I stand firm, and for those many precious ministers that write to me and tell me they suffer the same thing in their ministries, I say...HOLD THE FORT, AND STAND FAST! Let us continue to hold high the Blood Stained Banner of the Cross before the people, and some shall indeed hear and turn and their lives will be transformed! And KNOW that our Master stands with us, and He shall never leave us nor forsake us, for He too endured the Cross, not considering the shame (Hebrews 12:2). Exhort your people to seek "The Healer," and not the "healing," the "fruits"(Galatians 5:22)...love, joy, peace...), and not the "gifts until the "fruits" are first and foremost well established in that one's life.

For in eternity you shall then know which of God's ministers truly loved you, and who really told you the biblical Truth from the Heart of God. Then we shall truly understand what "Agape love" actually is, and means. Yes we shall then understand what God's Love REALLY is.

And if a "word" is not for you, why do you get so offended? Do you think that you are the only one the Holy Spirit must speak to? If the shoe does not "fit," do not put it on, and do not get offended, but pray for the one it IS meant for!

And when we must decide about the lifestyle of the ministers we follow, and indeed God expects us to. Do not judge (for God does not...Mark 12:42) according to how much they "give," but how much they "keep back" for themselves when the world around them is lost and dying, and third world countries are starving for spiritual and natural food, and no, we do NOT have a RIGHT to all that indulgence! Indeed He lets us know that...."WE ARE OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER."

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