

## Prophecies for October 19, 2008

Father Bill

Bishop Bates was talking about a funeral he went to. He flew over to Africa. There were some of the people who had walked for two days to get there, and they had 2 ½ hours of praise music. They just stood and praised, and nobody sat down. They stood and praised for 2 ½ hours before the service started. And some of them refused to leave when it was over, because they wanted to stay and praise the Lord after it was over. He said, "I got going, but they stayed." Apparently they stayed for hours and hours after the funeral. They know they are so blessed to have a Lord Who cared enough for them and died for them that they're willing to walk for two days just to give Him praise. Would that we could have such commitment here in the United States.

Miranda

Kalali, the young lady who has visited us a couple of times, has started dance classes with Amanda, and she was talking about that period she was in Mozambique. If you recall, she was in Mozambique. She talked about how they would dance for hours during the service. The cool thing in Mozambique is, and apparently this is true in Africa in general, it's the men who lead all the dancing. She said, "You know, there's something wrong with this country. The men don't ever dance in church." Last week Father Nick and Jacob were leading the dancing. I thought that was excellent.

Jack

I think the Lord was saying when I was praying for anointing before worship this morning; the word that came to me was "God is here now." He knows what we have to do later on today, but that's the word I got, "Right here, right now."

Miranda

As we were singing that, I was hearing and I was hearing in the first song, too, when we were talking about praying to the Holy Spirit for fire like there was anything else He could give. What I was hearing during that song is "Holy Spirit, have your way." There's no other way He comes. It's not like the Lord is trying to be difficult with us, but He cannot come and not have His way. If He's here, He'll have His way. If He's in your life, He'll have His way. Asking Him to come but still to let you have your way is like saying I want the ocean, but I don't want any tides. I just want it to be sitting there. I want the sun, but I don't want it to come up and down. I just want it to sit there. The Lord cannot, it's against the physics of His nature for the Lord to come and not have His way. I don't even know where I'm going with this. It just struck me so strongly that we try and make this bargain with the Lord – we want Him but only so much. It's not that He doesn't want to work with us; it's that it's not possible for Him to come and not have His way in our lives any more than it's possible for there to be an ocean with no tides or sun without rising and setting. It just doesn't happen. So if you want the Spirit, if you want the Lord in your life, it's the only way it happens. And we do want you, Lord; we do want You to have Your way.

Christopher

We were discussing up here about why we're welcoming God into His home. If it's His home, shouldn't He be welcoming us? And to that I replied, "Well, there are plenty of houses of God where He's not welcome anymore." And also plenty of lives, even though we're temples of the Holy Spirit, where He's not welcome. It came to me that Jesus, when He was on earth, did not have a home. He roamed, wherever He was, that was His home. And that is the message. Wherever God is that is His house. So by welcoming Him in, you are making this His house. And since this is His house, He can rearrange the furniture however He likes. So you welcome Him in and make yourself and this church His house, then it's His house not your house anymore. As long as that's the understanding, then it's fine. It's when we try to say, "No, I like the couch there. I like things as they are," then it becomes a problem. Wherever Christ is, that is His home. He doesn't have a temple built by human hands. He never needed that. His house is wherever He is. Welcome Him in, this is His home.

Robin

The Corinthian church is the most notorious church in the New Testament as far as problems ... divisions and immorality, taking each other to court. They weren't perhaps an exemplary example of loving each other. Yet Paul said to them, "Know ye not that you are the temple of the Holy Spirit." Not that you used to be the temple of the Holy Spirit or you can be the temple of the Holy Spirit once you get your act together. But "know ye not that you are the temple of the Holy Spirit. My Spirit dwells in you." The fact that they were involved in a lot of sin didn't change the fact that they were the temple of the Holy Spirit. The place we have in the Lord doesn't change although we may not always recognize that. I had an experience this week. I had to return something. The technology wasn't working right; probably it was partially my fault. I come to technology kicking and screaming. After waiting in line and going through the process, the lady says to me, "Oh, but you've got the black-tie plan; you could've gone to the front of the line." I wouldn't have had to wait for thirty minutes and could have gotten all this special treatment, because I paid for this plan. The point was I didn't know what I had. So I went to the back of the line, and I patiently waited. Not knowing that I had the special black-tie treatment didn't change the fact that I actually possessed it. I just wasn't aware that I possessed it. Therefore, I acted accordingly. Had I known that I possessed what I actually possessed, I would have also acted accordingly. The fact that we have the Holy Spirit, we have that the minute we come to Christ, doesn't change at any point during our lives except that we don't realize the authority that we possess. So we stand at the back of the line. We may be captains, but we act like lieutenants, or I don't know much about the army, so ... ("privates"). We don't know what we have, so we don't experience the fullness as we stand at the back of the line. It just brought to mind, what God was telling me during the week is "You are the temple of the Holy spirit period. It doesn't change. I have promised this to you." Sometimes you might not be aware of it. Sometimes you may not act accordingly. But Paul exhorted the most notorious church in the New Testament to remember who they were in Christ.

Miranda

At the beginning of the letter to the Ephesians Paul says, "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ." I heard a real good teaching once at The Cove that Tony Evans gave based on that passage. He said, and totally confirms what Robin said, "We as Christians, we have been blessed, past tense, not

in the future, past tense. He has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. So we're like people with a million dollars in the bank and don't have enough sense to make a withdrawal. We have these spiritual blessings.

#### Prophecies for October 26, 2008

Jack

Lord, it's so hard to wait. We should've won the lottery by now, should've had that big house by now, should've saved more souls by now. We give it all up to You, Lord.

Amanda

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed— always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.” 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

Father Nick

The Word of the Lord. I have a sense in the Spirit that there's something the Lord has for us this morning. Whether it's a word for the whole group or whether it's just a word He wants to give each one of us individually. Lord, if there is someone here You're trying to give a word to today, Lord, I pray that You would, for the whole body, give them the courage to speak and clarity that the word is from You.

Jack

I just feel confirmation this morning. This is a brand- new song. Most people have never heard it. Probably Father Nick had never heard it. He was praying before the service today that people would have something solid. They're looking for something solid. I didn't tell him we had a song this morning called “Solid Rock.”

Father Nick

That's the kind of word we need to hear, all of us, probably, today. You know, there are a lot of good things about liturgical worship. I think it does a lot to get us used to dealing in holy things. It will probably make heaven a little more familiar to us when we get there by the grace of God. The one disadvantage is we can get to where we don't really pay attention to a lot of things. We just get used to them. And there's a thing I'm getting ready to say to you that we say a lot around here. Sometimes we only mean it to say, “Listen up, sit down, be quiet,” or something like that. But today I want to deliver this line and I want you to hear it. Because it's a prayer and it's a blessing, and that is: The Lord be with you.