

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

