

Newsletter

THE HOLY SPIRIT COMPARED WITH A MASTER OF CEREMONIES



The truth shall set them free

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JOH 16 :13,14: "But when the Spirit of Truth comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will only speak what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you."

A Master of Ceremonies must give honour to the Bridegroom.

A Master of Ceremonies at a wedding will cast the light on the Bridegroom. All his good qualities, knowledge and attributes will be made known to the guests. If he does not do so he would be unworthy of the title 'Master of Ceremonies'.

"He will bring glory to me..." The Spirit was not sent to establish his own or a new kingdom under his name. The Spirit was not sent to draw man's attention to himself or to establish his own supernatural manifestations or miracles. The Spirit was not sent to be the go-between between us and God or Jesus. He is not the speaker with whom we should speak as so many do when they speak to the Spirit in prayer: "Come Holy Spirit and do...work...give..." The Holy Spirit does not focus man's attention on himself: "Can you feel the Holy Spirit?" The Holy Spirit does not call attention to himself.

Jesus himself said that true revival shall be known from the work of the 'Master of Ceremonies'. "He will bring glory **by taking from what is mine** " (ek tou emou) (Greek) - from what is mine, "and making it known to you" (giving it to you or showing you) He will not honour himself! "Jesus replies: If I glorify myself, my glory means nothing. My Father, whom you claim as your God, is the one who glorifies me..." (Joh 8:54). This is the work of the Master of Ceremonies.

True revival is therefore not where there is excitement

over the Spirit, His gifts and miracles (because the Spirit does not honour himself!), but only **where people are overcome by an acknowledgement of that which is true to or indicative of Jesus Christ:**

“The glory of kings lies in their silver and gold, their silk and gems, but the glory of Christ lies in Himself.”

- C H Spurgeon -

- **His Person:** He is God (Col 1:15), the Creator himself (Heb 1:1-2) who made himself nothing and took on the image of a servant when he became 'man'. His coming in the flesh is still one of the greatest miracles. Never again will such a 'man' be born. Paul said: "For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified." (1Cor 2:2).

- **His Word:** The Spirit is like a loud speaker. He passes on that which comes from the microphone (Christ the Word), because "he **will speak only what he hears** (from Christ)." (John 16:13). The Spirit works through the clear interpretation of the Word of God: "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. **The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.** (Joh 6:63). All so-called revivals that do not flow from the pure preaching of the Word (= Christ, Joh 1:1) are not worthy of the name revival.

- **His life:** Look at His life. Never again will someone as wonderful walk this earth. Never again will someone express such love or speak such wisdom. His words and life has permeated the lives of people and governments throughout the ages. Our calendar even reminds us that he was here. (This year 2009 since His birth)

- **His death:** Many heroes have died, martyrs have suffered, but never again has there been any one like Jesus. No other religion on earth has such a remarkable message n1. that God himself became man to carry on my behalf my punishment on the cross, so that I would, never again, be punished for my sins.

- **His resurrection and ascension to heaven:** All the gods of all other religions, from Buddha to Mohammed, are still lying in their graves. The grave of Jesus is empty! He has arisen. He has ascended with the following of angels. Thereafter he went to sit at the right hand of God where he is interceding for his children.

- **His return:** He is coming again and every knee shall bow before Him; every eye shall see Him and every tongue shall confess that He is the Christ. (Rom 14:11). It is the Spirit that reveals to you the things that are to come.

Revival occurs when the **Holy Spirit does the work of the master of ceremonies.**

Please discern:

- Be warned when **miracles, manifestations of the spirit and spiritual charis-**

mata, knowledge and gifts of the preacher impresses people so much that they can speak of nothing other than the works and presence of the spirit through that particular, anointed preacher. Popularity has never been an ally of the truth. Then we have a false revival and perhaps a false prophet! Why? The Master of Ceremonies was not there to fulfil his task which is to lift up or magnify the Bridegroom, even though the name of Jesus was mentioned so often as the confetti which was strewn during the service!

- Be warned when people come out of so-called revival services with awe and admiration for the presence of the Spirit
- Be warned when it is called a revival because of the size of the multitude attending the services.
- Beware when the services are marked by new manifestations of the 'spirit' for which there is no clear New Testament support! True revival comes when the old-old story of the Word is preached. It will always be a brand new message.

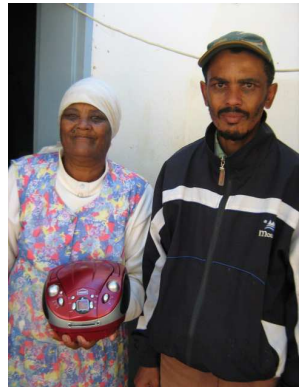
“Step into the average church these days and you will likely see that the services are designed more to remove the fear of God than to promote it.”

- Steve J Lawson (Made in our image: What shall we do with a user-friendly God?) -

Western Cape

We handed out CD-players and CDs containing Scripture messages and lectures to people who were unable to read. Granny Maggy cried tears of joy at this precious gift. She is the epitome of a dedicated believer who truly walks with God. Every time we visit her she just flows with praise for the Lord. This is so in spite of very difficult circumstances in her life with a son of 35years who has suffered since birth with epileptic fits at least four times per week. When we last visited her she sat in front of two baking pans with dough praising the Lord for having supplied the flour that morning to enable her to bake their only meal for the day. We just realised again that God is able to do the impossible by rescuing a person like old aunt Maggie from the power of alcohol and sin.

We seek your earnest prayers against the dissensions amongst the believers in Porterville district. The various groups that appear overnight like toadstools, is indicative



Granny Maggy and her son Isak. Please pray for his salvation

of this dissention as they appear as factions that vehemently oppose each other. This has a very negative effect on our spiritual work as there is continuous tension, conflict and fighting among the groups which damages their witness to the unbelievers. We are busy with a strategy to engage the spiritual leaders in discussion to solve the problem. and seek your prayers for wisdom to enable the Lord to open their hearts to find a solution.

One evening, during a farm follow-up we came across a group of young people who were busy preparing enthusiastically for a service. When we asked whether they were saved they gave a very definite positive response. We went on to the next farm where a Christian lady encouraged us by saying that she was jealous of what the Lord had achieved among the youth on that neighbouring farm. She testified that a number of young people had come to know the Lord in a very real way during our last campaign.

On another farm one Friday evening we had the disappointment of having to return home because all the labourers were intoxicated. Upon enquiry we learnt that the farm management had arranged for a braai for the labour and had supplied liquor for them. This reminded us of the scripture in Matth 18;7: "Woe to the world because of the things that cause people to sin. Such things must come, but woe to the man through whom they come".

Empangeni Tent

Our last campaign was held at Mtunzini as the guests of the Christian Centre congregation. Initially the rain kept the people away but later they attended in large numbers. This is a peaceful community of sugar farmers in contrast to previous meetings in Shembe areas

We were thankful for among others, two twenty five year-old men who came for counselling. Shandu, a security guard was plagued by dreams of the Thokolosh. He was so relieved of his release from this oppression that he brought his friend along and he also came to salvation.

Ntombi Dlamini (25) is a woman who complained of pains all over her body and a heaviness on her shoulders. These were the Ndigi, Amandawo and Izizwe spirits that plagued her. She felt so healthy after her release that she could go back to her work.

A serious problem in this area is the attitude of the Zionist groups who forbid their members to attend the tent campaigns. There are no Evan-

“Evangelism must start with the holiness of God, the sinfulness of man, the demands of the law, and the eternal consequences of evil.”

– Dr Martin Lloyd-Jones-

gical churches in this area and the tent is therefore a real threat to the Zionist leaders who fear the loss of members when they hear the true Gospel. What really stood out at this campaign was the fact that the minister of the Church of Christ also came to consult our workers. This church is in fact a cult in spite of its right-sounding name.

He was so enthusiastic about the answers that he received from our workers that he decided to swing his ministry to a more pure Biblical-Evangelical one.

We thank the Lord for great blessings at this campaign.

Campaign at Bray:

On the 9th June 2009, after a trip of 14 hours with a bakkie and 3ton trailer we arrived at the home of Ds. Johannes de Koning at Bray near the Botswana border.

of ministering to a number of AIDS patients. Some accepted the Lord but others stubbornly refused.

The team consisted of Vusi from Molteno, Samuel Mokoena of Petrus

Steyn, Paul of Botswana, Japie and his son Stephan. The team gelled together well and while Japie and Stephan looked after the tent the others did house calls and also visited the SAPD of Bray and the food kitchen for AIDS patients.



From left to right: Vusi, Samuel Mokoena en Paul.

The first person who came to the tent for counselling was an elderly woman with heart problems. She had started with a medical doctor and thereafter consulted her church where she was given some blessed ropes to tie around her body and arms. Nothing worked. She was



AIDS patients after a service

very disillusioned when she arrived at the tent. After a lengthy discussion she took off

the ropes and decided to put her faith in the Lord Jesus. After a few days she arrived again and we prayed for the Lord's mercy. Her illness persisted and

Every morning more and more local people joined us during Bible Study, until there were nine. The Pastor of the AFM directed us to the inhabitants of 'New Town' where we had the privilege

she found it difficult to come to terms with it. At the end of the campaign she arrived at the tent with a shining face and testified that, although she still had a heart problem she was grateful for the Lord's mercy in her life.

We counselled Elizabeth, a middle-aged woman who had come to make right with the Lord, about the assurance of her faith. It was as if the light had broken through for the first time for her. The Word rightly says "the truth shall set you free". As we were breaking down the tent on the last day Elizabeth came again to say thank you.

The team had many discussions with young people about their immoral lifestyle. They live in a community where immorality is rife and the churches do not confront their members about their sin. Many of these young people's lives are in chaos as a result of wrong choices made.

Wilma sought our prayers. She is illiterate and feels inferior. Her testimony of service to the Lord touched us deeply. She uses a government grant to support her child and her husband has a drinking problem. Please pray for this woman who cannot read or write but stands strong in her faith and has a wisdom far higher than many other literates who daily waste their lives with alcohol.

Although the local language was Tswana it was still a wonderful experience to be part of God's salvation plan in the lives of people so far a field.

Our return journey took a mere 13 hours!



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Ons spesialiseer in wildplase in KZN, maar verkoop ook enige ander eiendom veral in Noord KZN.

Tans bied ons verskeie wildplase aan om in aandele blokke verkoop te word .

Vryheid tent

Much of the work done at the tent relates to people who have no church affiliation and have suffered trauma. Nokuthula, a 19 year old girl and her brother are orphans who went to live with their grandparents who subsequently died in a fire and left them without accommodation. Her brother later committed suicide and when she reached us she had also considered ending her life. The workers counselled her and showed her the way to salvation.

Bergville tent destroyed in fire:



On the 13th August, during a campaign, while the tent was full of people listening to the Gospel, some arsonists set fire to the veldt near the tent.

The tent and equipment was destroyed but no one was injured. We are thankful that, in spite of the loss of the tent, the campaign could continue in the Civic Hall and many precious souls came to know the Lord.

Ps 104:4..."He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants."

Please pray that she will accept the Lord Jesus as her saviour and God as her father.

While it is often difficult to touch the elderly with the Gospel it was gratifying to see 65year-old place her trust in Christ. The lord used her health problems to bring her to the tent. After we prayed for her there was a dramatic improvement in her health. She brought along her friend who suffered poor health and was plagued with evil spirits that pinned her down on her bed during the night. She was tired of the traditional healers who had tried, in vain, to heal her. She came to salvation in the Lord and experienced a dramatic physical healing.

In the same way many others came to salva-

tion, were healed and freed of demonic oppression.

We praise the Lord for a very successful campaign.

Free State team:

Our last campaign was at Vrede and we thank the Lord for His mercy evident in many hearts. Many Zionists made a commitment to Christ as their Lord and Saviour and brought their witchcraft paraphernalia to be publicly burnt.

Japie van Kampen accepts a call to a congregation in Newcastle:

After 11 years with MET, 5 years as Manager, Japie has heeded a call to accept a full-time appointment as Pastor of a congregation in Newcastle. He leaves a big void as he had considerable organisational skills which helped to streamline the Mission and place it on a professional footing. We are most grateful to him for the excellent service that he rendered. His wife will however still be involved with us in manning our Web-site and newsletter. Japie has indicated that his services will not be entirely lost to us as he will stay on as a Board member and will assist where necessary.

Camp by Peter Hammond:

Our annual worker's camp was held from the 10th to the 13th September with 46 spiritual workers and guest attending. Peter

Faithful worker of M.E.T. passed away!:

Baba Zakwe, as he was affectionately known to us, has passed away. He was part of Denzel's team from the outset. He had a very powerful testimony of his salvation. He had been a very sick man for a very long time when a spiritual worker called on him and told him about Jesus Christ. In his desperation he challenged God and said: 'If this Jesus is also the God of black people, let him heal me.' His family was shocked to find him outside his hut the next morning, completely healed. This was the start of his life in Christ.

He is the spiritual father of many young men who are in full-time service of the Lord in MET as well as in other organizations and churches. At one stage four of his sons were in service with MET. Denzel describes him as a 'man of God', a friend and brother who had always been a great blessing to him. His kind are scarce and we will miss him greatly and thank the Lord for having lent him to us for so many years. Let us pray that the Lord will send more such quality men into the ministry.

Hammond of Frontline Fellowship was the guest speaker. The Lord blessed us richly financially again so that we could cover the expenses incurred to accommodate all the workers.



This was spiritually one of our most blessed camps ever where every worker was equipped fully for the work ahead and each received a certificate in appreciation of their dedication. They were given thorough instruction on the rav-

ages of Islam with emphasis on countries like Sudan and the RSA. They were also schooled thoroughly on the way to effectively preach the Gospel as it should be preached. It is a pity that the blessing of the camp could not be shared by many multitudes more!



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“And that is why so many are fatefully deceived, for there are multitudes who wish to escape the lake of Fire who have no desire to be delivered from their carnality and worldliness.”

-A W Pink: Saving Faith: Part 1. -

“The essence of evangelism is to start by preaching the law; and it is because the law has not been preached that we have so much superficial evangelism.”

- Dr Marti Lloyd-Jones -

“A sinner will never receive grace until he first trembles before a just and holy law.”

- C H Spurgeon -

“If the Church continues to preach a lawless man-centered Gospel, she will continue to reap false conversions. She will find herself powerless and full of unrepented sinners...”

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Admin.

As MET books need to be audited annually Ria has the responsibility to work according to the rules and regulations as specified by the auditors. She has to stay abreast of all the regulations of SARS and want to present her work to the auditors with

a clear conscience that she has fulfilled her task accordingly Please pray for her as she works selflessly in this onerous task of tending to the administration and bookkeeping of MET.

Prayer:

Thank you

-For the Lords provision for the safety and preservation of all our workers in the past year

-For financial provision of all our needs
-For our office staff (Ria and Stephanie).

Requests:

Algemeen:

- Year-end combined campaign at Emmaus mission station, Bergville, from 10.11.09.

all MET workers will participate in this campaign.

- Three of the workers are busy with marriage arrangements and need assistance with lobola.

- Our teams are short of workers. Pray for a harvest of young men.

- Pray for the restructuring of the work now that Japie is no longer with us.

- Pray for the tent leaders for a spirit filled passion and vision for a lost world.

- Financial needs of our workers

Vryheid Team:

- Pray for each worker personally

Team members: Samson Msimango (leader) Joseph Ntlapo, Muzikana Sibisi,

Vusi Gama (follow-up).

- The leader to assume leadership as the Lord would want it

- Pray for the team members that they will boldly preach the full Gospel of our Lord

Empangeni team:

- Pray for team members personally:

Khubeka (leader), Kangizane Shobede, Samuel Khoza (follow-up), Stanley Mthembu (student)

- One more follow-up worker required

- Unity in the team and needs of team members.

- Khubeka and Dladla still looking for

homes.

- Pray for Maryna Rademeyer who does social service.

Freestate:

- Pray for team members personally:

Samuel and Maureen Radebe,

- Pray that the Lord will work a hunger and thirst for God in the hearts of young people in the Free State

- There is need of more team members, in particular a follow-up team

Admin:

- Pray for Ria Pretorius in Greytown, who does such a great deal behind the scenes to keep the general admin and bookkeeping of the organisation on course.

- Pray for Stephanie in Newcastle.

Western Cape:

- Pray for team members Nico and Simon Fiets and their programme for the next year

- Pray for Nico's son Ryno at Bible school.

Pastorale versorging:

Pray much for Denzel and Anna-Marie Dick as they oversee the pastoral ministry of all the workers.

*We pray for a very blessed
and peaceful Christmas time
and rest for all our
Co-workers, Intercessors,
and Supporters.*

With greetings in Jesus Name

All the MET Workers and Board members.