

## Jesus Speaking.

Who went and Saw Benny Hinn at Brisbane? Who read the paper report the following day, the whole two pages?? I didn't go to see him, I was not interested, but I was interested in what the paper had to say, they quoted things he said many times over, they quoted his wardrobe, they rubbished him and basically made him out to be a Gold Digger..... I am not surprised at all, many visiting preachers **ARE** Gold Diggers these days, nothing is for free any more. I may sound a little cynical, maybe I am..... But let me ask you a question. When was the last time you heard Jesus speaking to you? Not through a preacher either, I mean, when was the last time you opened your bible, sat down and started reading and all of a sudden time has flown by and you realise you just had a conversation with the Lord, when?

OK, who Knows where the Beatitudes are in the Bible? Who knows where the ten commandments are? Who knows where to read about the miracles of Jesus? Who of you just thought none of what I have just said is important? From Matthew chapter 5 Jesus starts talking about the beatitudes, how we are blessed, who knows how to be blessed? Now how many of you are thinking that you can be blessed by giving financially?? Sorry, I was not asking that question just a question in general of how can we be blessed, anyone know?? The beatitudes show us how we can be blessed go and read them from **Matthew 5v1-11**.

Lately I am saddened by the amount of people that rely upon preachers to be blessed by the word of God and yet they are not blessed by reading it themselves, you would be surprised at how many people get absolutely nothing out of the Bible, but are touched in a mighty way at a church service, it is easy to get caught up in the atmosphere of faith at a service with other believers, but that may only be for one day in the week, what about the other six days? Did you know we can be touched in a major way by God every day of the week, we don't have to be around other like-minded people, we have to be around God!

Recently early this year I had a number of events where I was a bit pinged off at God and told him so, I told him what I hated and how I hated it, I asked for reality, then all of a sudden, some minor things started happening in my life, I made some bad decisions, done some wrong things and God made sure I knew about it, but then he really blew me away over the last month by bringing incidences into my life where if I had of tried to do things it would have been impossible, he brought people around me, I thought was impossible, he showed me love that I thought was impossible..... Why? **Continued in the centre page.....**

Am I any better than you? No, probably worse, I have a few issues in my life at the moment I wish were not there and some of you would be not too impressed of them, hey I am human too you know. Now, these events that happened lately in my life not only blew me away, but also showed me that God loves us regardless of our warts. I had not been to church for a while and I was on a club ride with some guys on a Sunday and the Lord said to me, I need you to go to church tonight and take a certain person with you, I heard it quite clear, I was speeding at the time, I had a bad attitude towards some people, unforgiveness, but at the same time, I was asking God, where is your reality Lord? So, I took this person to church, they got touched by the Lord, and the Lord said to me, you are responsible for this person, you need to follow through with what you started, to say the least, I felt pretty guilty.

For years I have been harping on about being led of the spirit, listening to God, following the Lord and yet at the same time, I was slacking off myself. It was about time I practised what I preached, so now I am back on track again, I hope! One thing God brought to me is a man, we chatted for some hours and he thought exactly like me, and then God brought to memory some preachers who had been Black Banned from churches because they did not come under any authority, got people saved and started home churches..... Hello, is that not what it is about, getting people saved, who cares where they fellowship, oh sorry, that is right, the Pastor now misses out on his Tithe and he will go broke etc etc.....

I remember once a preacher saying that people will be cursed because they are not in fellowship, in other words the person had left their church and the tithes had dropped, hang on let me read Matthew again.....

**Mat 5:1-12** *And seeing the multitudes, He went up into a mountain. And when He had sat down, His disciples came to Him. 2 And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying, 3 Blessed are the poor in spirit! For theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. 4 Blessed are they that mourn! For they shall be comforted. 5 Blessed are the meek! For they shall inherit the earth. 6 Blessed are they who hunger and thirst after righteousness! For they shall be filled. 7 Blessed are the merciful! For they shall obtain mercy. 8 Blessed are the pure in heart! For they shall see God. 9 Blessed are the peacemakers! For they shall be called the sons of God. 10 Blessed are they who have been persecuted for righteousness sake! For theirs is the kingdom of Heaven. 11 Blessed are you when men shall revile you and persecute you, and shall say all kinds of evil against you falsely, for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for your reward in Heaven is great. For so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

Now how can we be blessed from the above scriptures? To me it seems to start with Jesus and end with Jesus talking to the multitude, talking about how they can be blessed if they just follow him..... Follow Jesus not man! I am not against tele evangelists or preachers, don't get me wrong, I love listening to Joyce Meyers once in a while, but I prefer to listen to the Holy Spirit and what Jesus is trying to teach me. I have a whole book shelf full of books which by the way I want to get rid of.... Anyone want some? They are great books, I learnt from them, but problem was in the end all I was doing was reading books and what people were saying and not listening to what Jesus was saying. That is the difference, are we listening to what man is saying, or are we listening to what Jesus is saying? Some may say Jesus speaks through men, yes, but does he speak through you too? He should, he should speak to you also!

I have heard tele evangelists say that God set them up and they have been there for 30 odd years and they can show us things that took them 30 years to learn, problem was they have been saying that for the last 20 years and if we can learn "short cuts" from them then that means we must miss out on growing in God in some area in our life, maybe that is why we don't feel fulfilled. Do you feel fulfilled? I know I don't and that is the reason why, I have not necessarily been listening to God, I didn't realise it until we got the Christian channel on TV, I think I may have watched it for maybe a week and I realised my attitude was getting worse, yet here are these great preachers teaching the word. I tried reading books again, started 2 books got through the first 2 chapters maybe and haven't picked them up since.

I am wondering at the moment, maybe that is why we don't see miracles like we should because we don't spend enough time with God. Take Smith Wigglesworth for instance, he was aged almost 50 when his ministry started why? Well smith could not read, his wife was a preacher and he used to tag along, eventually he taught himself to read the bible and apparently that is the only book he read in his whole life. He used to see major moves of God around him on a daily basis, many people have prayed for the "Mantle" of smith wigglesworth but they will never get it, they have to put in like he did, Smith Wigglesworth read his bible for ten minutes every half hour, on the half hour he would also pray for ten minutes, now what could you pray about for ten minutes every half hour? I believe he would read something and then he would simply talk to the Lord about it, I wonder if maybe he picked one paragraph of the bible for the day and read it continually and asked the Lord about it all day, this is why he saw great signs of God.

I was talking with a man a while ago about this, I said the best times I ever had in my Christian walk were the times where I was reading my bible on a continuous basis. I was an assistant pastor for 6 years and it did absolutely nothing for me in my Christian walk, I can think back to specific times where I would just open my bible, read and talk to the Lord about what I was reading and nothing can really be compared to it at all. Have a read of **Proverbs 3v14; 8v19; 25v12**. These verses talk about the word itself being worth more than all, Jesus was and is the word of God correct? Then could we not say this about Jesus and hearing from him? Actually Proverbs also talks about mans wisdom being foolish, mans directions being sensual and not of God, and then it also says that God leads us regardless, so would it not be better to hear direct from the Lord on what we are to do or say and save us some trouble. I know some preachers that stretch and twist the word of God so it sounds good for them and what they are trying to say, they turn things around upside down and inside out, many today will quote you at least a dozen verses on tithing or giving and spend a lot of time trying to convince you or "teach" you that you need to tithe, they need your money! They have hefty buildings and cars to pay for didn't you know?

I believe in Tithing and giving, but I also believe that I give it where God tells me to give it and not man, I prefer to hear from Jesus on what i give and where I give it, I am accountable where I give and if I give into a lie that I know is a lie, then God will hold me accountable. So, when was the last time you really sat down and had a chat with God? Do you think it may be about time to do that again, I mean what can you lose? You can only actually gain something, he just may tell you what to do, or where to go, what to say to someone and you might just transform someones life. Jesus said in **John 6v63** that the words that he speaks are life and

there is nothing else, he says the flesh gets you nowhere, so how many people are listening to man and not God, when was the last time you heard from God, do you think it may be time for a change?