

“Do You Know What’s In Your House?”

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Recently I heard the song “Healing In This House.” The words in this song reminded me of who we, as Believers, are in Christ.

“What,” you may ask, “does healing have to do with one’s identity?” Good question, I’m so glad you asked.

The Word tells us that we are the Body of Christ^[a] and that the Spirit, that raised Christ from the dead, dwells in us.^[b] Believers are also referred to as being Temples of the Holy Spirit. Jesus also said that greater things than he did will we (Believers) do.^[c]

Now 1 Corinthians 12 tells us that some Believers are given specific gifts of healing^(vs. 9), but it also says that the same Spirit that gives one the gift of healing gives another the gift of speaking in tongues etc.^(vs. 7-11)¹³ **For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.** ^(vs.13)

Now understand, this is not saying that only a few can pray for healing and have results, it is saying that there are

some with a special anointing for healing, such as Oral Roberts. Every Believer can pray for healing and the healing will manifest for several reasons.

1.) We are the Body of Christ^[a] and that the Spirit, that raised Christ from the dead, dwells in us.^[b]

2.) The healing (and manifestation of other gifts) comes from the Holy Spirit—not from we ourselves—and since the Spirit is within us healing is within us.

3.) When we received Jesus as Savior and Lord we came back under the Blessing of The Garden and Deuteronomy 28.

So next time you feel sick or are around someone who is sick remember that healing is in your house and it is ready to drive sickness out—go use it!

Notes:

[a] 1 Cor. 12:27

[b] 1 Cor. 3:16

[c] Jn 14:12

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It is possible to be physically near someone or something without actually knowing that person or knowing much about that thing we encounter so often. We do it all the time! There are people we encounter quite often as we go about life’s tasks, at a bank, restaurant, school, work, or even church. We use a light switch for example but may have no idea about how it functions.

We, if we are not careful, may relate to God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) in that same manner. We can find ourselves doing our regular activities without much regard to how we and God are to relate to one another. Perhaps we are simply going about our daily tasks when suddenly God makes himself known to us. This seems to be what was occurring that day long ago, in our scripture, when Moses saw the burning bush.

Circling The Bush

When it comes to the Lord Jesus Christ many people sim-

ply circle the bush. The “bush circlers” tend to be in two varieties, there may be more than two but in general terms we will just look at two main varieties.

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1. Those who have heard the word and are tied up observing the bush only in their own intellect. The “intellectual observers” see themselves as above it all and think they must understand every aspect of God and eternity before they could possibly allow God into their lives. They, often without realizing it, have made themselves gods of their own above the one true God. If God will not do things as they think proper then he is not worthy of their consideration as their Lord.
2. The second group we will look at here is the ones who have accepted Christ but have not devoted much time or energy into drawing close to their God and Lord Jesus the

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Please note: This is a teaching sketch only and not the complete teaching.

Scripture: Exodus 3:1-8 (NIV)

(NIV is employed here to allow English speakers around the world equal understanding of the words used)

¹Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the desert and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, "I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up." ⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, "Moses! Moses!" And Moses said, "Here I am." ⁵"Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are stand-

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ing is holy ground." ⁶Then he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob." At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷The LORD said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites.

Just so you'll know:

Our service is informal. We look to the Holy Spirit of God to guide us corporately and individually.

Our service usually follows this general pattern:

- **Informal sharing** of what we have seen the Lord do in, through, and around us since we last met.
 - Testimonies are often a part of the conversation.
- **Opening Prayer**
- **Praise & Worship**
- **Words of Prophecy or Knowledge** if they have been given during "Praise & Worship" (other times as the Spirit moves).
- **The Pastoral Message**
- **Prayer Requests**
 - Ministry to those present & intercession.
- **The Blessing**

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Christ. They once accepted Jesus as Savior but perhaps only heard the message as a *method* to avoid the flames of hell. The Lordship part or relationship part of the message either escaped their understanding or went by the wayside as simply being a religious philosophy to attempt to live by with times of great pride or disappointment in themselves.

The Voice In The Bush

Jana Alcorn ^[1] made an interesting observation the other day, she said, "Some people are focusing on the burning bush, instead of the voice. Remember, it was the response to the VOICE that changed a Nation through the man, Moses...not the bush... focus on the VOICE, not the bush!" She has touched on an important point regarding the burning bush, such as Moses encountered, we must listen to the voice coming to us from God. The voice may not come via a burning bush, as with Moses, but when we hear the voice of God we need to regard that event as our burning bush and do all we have been instructed. How are we able to do this? By drawing from the burning bush. "I can do all

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Alcorn
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tries,
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ville, AL,
USA

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ans 4:13

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Billye
Brim
Minis-
tries,
Branson,
MO,
USA

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Mark
5:25-34

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2 Tim.
3:7-8

things through Christ which strengtheneth me."^[2]

Tapping from The Bush

We were recently in a meeting with several heads of international ministries. Billye Brim ^[3] one of the speakers, spoke of tapping the power in the bush rather than just walking around the bush. We, Believers, are a part of the body of the Anointed One (Christ). Christ has the power and as His body we also have the power. How do we tap the power by 1) faith and 2) prayer. The woman with the issue of blood tapped the power when she reached out! ^[4]

Embrace The Voice And The Power

If we do not embrace the voice and the power, we will be as the people Paul wrote to Timothy about, "always learning but never able to acknowledge the truth. Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so also these men oppose the truth—men of depraved minds, who, as far as the faith is concerned, are rejected."^[5]

We must reach out to our burning bush and embrace it, connect with it, listen to the voice in it, and tap it for the work we are to do.