Subject: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Tue, 27 May 2008 16:18:54 GMT
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Is it just me, or are there others out there who get BIG TIME CHECKS in their spirit when they hear and see Todd Bentley? Is anyone paying attention to what he SAYS,the unscriptural mumbo jumbo coming out of his mouth? I don't keep up with, nor do I want to, the religious community and the latest goings on in those circles, that being said, I have been researching and reading up on the "revival in Lakeland, Florida" because I know of christian friends, who have not been blessed with the grounding in the Word, who are thinking "JESUS IS IN FLORIDA RAISING THE DEAD AND HEALING THE SICK" using Todd Bentley. Now they're viewing me as a bad guy cause I don't get all worked up,wanting to take off to go see these great signs and wonders.(Like I really care what people think of me). Jesus told us to test the spirits to see if they be of God, to look at the fruit produced to see what kind of tree it is. Surely I'm not alone in discerning this as what it really is...a wolf in sheeps clothing, fleecing good meaning christians, people who want to experience God and see His power, yet don't have The Word in them or don't listen to The Holy Spirit to discern between the works of God and works of demons(he calls them angels sent from Jesus). This is IMO just another example of Gods' Word being fulfilled in these last days. True prophets and teachers have been warning us, yep, HEF included, for years to watch and be viligant, for in the last days there would be false prophets and deceivers who would draw away many...saying He's here, He's there. Matt.7:15-27 Seek to be the WISE man, build on "THE ROCK" my brethern. We have been given "THE LIGHT",GODS HOLY WORD. I want to SHARE it and shine it on darkness to light the way for others seeking to travel this road to ETERNAL LIFE.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by grandom on Tue, 27 May 2008 17:20:49 GMT
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Appreciate your post on lakelad fla brother.

I can assure you whole heartedly that this is a move of God.

2Thes 2 :9Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,

10And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:

Any doubts now?

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by Mark L on Tue, 27 May 2008 19:39:38 GMT
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Todd Bentley received the annointing he operates under at the Toronto Airport church. He was part of that church for a long time even writing a column in their magazine.

I think God at times can operate in ways outside our understanding but he is not going to do it in violation of his word. The special annointing at the airport came from OUTSIDE the christian church. There is a direct line from Ken Copeland through Rodney Howard Browne to the airport church leadership and by extension Bentley. I'm not interested in discussing Ken Copeland here. If anyone thinks he is a christian minister then God help them.

I'm including a newletter below that was sent out recently by one of the former leadership at the airport church because I think it is relevant. Todd Bentley received the annointing he operates under at the Airport Church so anything to do with that church is relevant.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by Mark L on Tue, 27 May 2008 19:40:57 GMT
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The TORONTO DECEPTION-by former Toronto Vineyard Pastor Paul Gowdy

It has taken me nine years to actually come to the place where I would write this story. Part of the reason was because I was not fully convinced that it is appropriate to speak out against weaknesses in the body of Christ publicly. Another reason is because it has taken years of soul searching to become convinced that what happened in the Toronto Airport Church was actually all bad or at least more bad than good!

For the past number of years I have called it a mixed blessing. I think James A. Beverly called it this in his book Holy Laughter and the Toronto Blessing 1994. Today I would call it a mixed curse concluding that any individual good that came from this experience is far outweighed by much harm and satanic deception. I suppose that therein has been my dilemma. I have tried to live my life in the fear of the Lord and Jesus told us that the unforgivable sin was the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit. Attributing to Satan what was in fact a work of God. If pressed as to whether or not the Toronto blessing is all God or all Devil I will still be hedgy, but I am convinced that Satan has used this experience to blind people to the historical doctrines of God, to produce fruit in keeping with repentance, to failing to test and discern the spirits and failing to test prophecy.

After three years of being in the thick of the Toronto blessing our Vineyard assembly in Scarborough (East Toronto) just about self destructed. We devoured one another, with gossip, backstabbing, division, sects criticism etc. After three years of â€˜soaking,â€™ praying for people, shaking, rolling, laughing, roaring, ministering at TACF on their prayer team, leading worship at TACF, preaching at TACF, basically living at TACF we were the most carnal, immature and deceived Christians that I know. I remember saying to my friend and senior pastor at Scarborough Vineyard Church in 1997 that ever since the Toronto Blessing came we have just about fallen to bits! He agreed!

My experience has been that the manifestation of spiritual gifts mentioned in 1st Corinthians 12 was much more common in our assembly before January 1994 (when the Toronto blessing started) than during this period of supposed Holy Spirit visitation.

During 1992-1993 when praying for people we would experience what I believe was genuine prophesy, deliverance and much grace and favour from the Lord. After the Toronto Blessing started, all ministry time changed, the only prayers were â€˜More Lord MOREâ€™, the shouting of â€˜Fireâ€™ the jerky shaking of the body with the â€˜ooh ooh OOH WOOOAAHâ€™ prayer. (I kid you not!)

On January 20th 1994 about 15 people from our church traveled over to Toronto Airport Vineyard in order to listen to Randy Clark, a Vineyard pastor from the USA. John Arnott had called our senior pastor to invite us. He communicated that Randy had been to the Rodney Howard Browne meetings and that the stuff had broke out in his church in the following weeks. John was hoping that something might break out with us too. We were only too happy to travel over. We were a church plant out of the Toronto Airport and we started in 1992. In those days there were three Vineyard Churches in Toronto. One Down Town church, Scarborough vineyard church to the east and the Airport Church. We were one big happy family. Because we were small in number we did special meetings, conferences etc, together.

The year before most of our leadership teams joined and had headed to Nicaragua for a short term missions trip. We had genuine love and fellowship with each other. Since leaving the Vineyard churches I have read a fair bit of analysis from the critics.

Some make out that the Toronto Blessing was one huge conspiracy to lead the body of Christ into heresy. Heresy and apostasy I suspect may well be the result, but none of these destinations were intentional. I am honestly convinced that the leaders in the Vineyard churches are genuine born-again Christians who love the Lord, but have fallen into deception. They have not loved the Lord enough to keep His commandments. They have failed to obey the scriptures and have been led astray by our longing for something bigger and brighter and more exciting and dynamic. I am guilty of this sin also. I have preached renewal in Korea, the United Kingdom, the USA and here in Canada. I am genuinely repentant and in writing this story I would ask you the bride and body of Christ to forgive me. Especially the Pentecostal/Charismatic Christians among you, for you are my

immediate family theologically. I am an evangelical Christian, I always have been but I do not believe in the cessation of the spiritual gifts at the end of the apostolic era. I believe that it was my evangelical roots (my family are Baptists and I was born again in the Presbyterian Church.) that started to open my eyes to problems with this so called renewal. In hind sight I look back and think how could I have been so blind? I laughed at people acting like dogs and pretending to urinate on the columns of the TACF building.

I watched people pretend to be animals, bark, roar, cluck, pretend to fly as if they had wings, perpetually act drunk and sing silly songs. How I thought that any of this was from the Holy Spirit of God amazes me today. It was loud irreverent and blasphemous to the Holy God of the Bible. I suppose in my mind I reasoned that as long as they did not teach any thing in direct violation to scripture then it was what we called the exotic. This is a buzz word for manifestations that could not be justified from a biblical perspective. I was taught from the pulpit that we had two options. The order of the nursery full of life and messy or the order of the graveyard, very orderly but dead! As a young immature pastor I wanted life with mess. I failed to remember that God wants us to become mature and grow up in him. I became disconcerted by the prophetic words that came forth especially one by Carol Arnott in which she had her bride experience where she was taken into the very presence of Jesus and said that the love that she experienced was even better than sex! I was shocked in my spirit and thought how can one compare the love of God with sex? When we suspected that demons were running riot in our services John Arnott would teach that we should ask are they coming or going.

If they are leaving then that is ok! John would defend the chaos by saying that we ought not be afraid of being deceived, if we have asked the Holy Spirit to come and fill us then how could Satan come and deceive us? This would make Satan very strong and God very weak! He said that we needed to have more faith in a Big God to protect us than in a Big Devil to deceive us. This sounded very convincing but was totally contrary to scripture for Jesus and Paul and Peter and John all warn us about the power of deceiving spirits and especially so in the last days. Again we did not love God enough to obey His Word and the result was that we opened ourselves up to lying spirits. May God have mercy upon us!

Finally the penny dropped for me as I was rolling around one night â€˜drunk in the Spiritâ€™ as we would say. I started singing and as I rolled around the floor the Nursery Rhyme â€˜Mary had a little lamb its fleece was white as snow.â€™ came to mind. I sang this in a mocking spirit and instantly my heart told me this was a demon. Instantly I repented and was in total shock. How could a demon get into me? Did I not love God? Was I not zealous for the things of God? Was I not nuts about Jesus? I knew that an unclean spirit had just manifested through me and I was guilty of great sin. After this experience I stayed away from TACF. I did not go back there any more. I did not possess the conviction to denounce the whole experience but thought that we where failing to pastor the Blessing well enough.

Even after I stopped going over to TACF, I had to pastor the fruit of it. One example was when

some of our people returned from a meeting there asking us if we had all received the golden sword of the Lord? I asked them what they were talking about thinking that it was some prophetic reference to the Holy Scriptures but they said, â€˜no, it's not the Bible, itâ€™s an invisible golden sword that only the really pure can receive. If taken in an unrighteous fashion then the Lord would kill you. But if you are holy enough to receive it then you can wield this sword and it will heal AIDS, Cancer etc. and bring salvation. How one wielded this sword was by
pretending to have this invisible sword in your hand and motioning to strike people with it when in prayer!

I thought while even in deception at this time that the TACF had become Looney bins! This was purportedly first received by Carol Arnott and then given to the ones holy enough to receive it! Another thing was the golden fillings in the teeth. We had people in our assembly
peeping down one anotherâ€™s throats looking for the gold fillings that God had placed there to show how much he loved them! In all my time there I only heard one message on repentance given by a visiting speaker from Hong Kong named Jackie Pullinger. It went over like a lead balloon. We were not there to repent, we were there to party in the Lord! After one year into the blessing I spoke out at a pastors meeting and said â€˜guys we have shaken, rattled, rolled, laughed cried and bought the tee-shirt. But we have no revival, no salvation, no fruit and no increased evangelism so whatâ€™s the deal?â€™ I was soundly rebuked - who was I to expect to see fruit when the Lord was healing his broken people? We had been legalistic long enough and God was spending this time restoring his wounded and freeing us from legalism I was told not to push the Lord and the harvest would come in his time.â€™

I knew this was wrong because the Lord had commanded us to go into all the earth and make disciples! Not that everyone should take a sabbatical for who knows how long, while God does some strange new thing! Ultimately I left over something as controversial as the ordination of women. Personally I believe from scripture that women should not be pastors/elders in a local assembly. I could be wrong on this and there is much debate in the Church today but that is my conviction and in the Vineyard churches they were ordaining all the pastors' wives to co pastor with them. I am certainly for women in ministry but believe that the Elder/pastor role in a local assembly has been reserved for men. I did not write scripture but God willing I will have the grace from now on to obey it.

So there is my story. I could go on and document much excess, folly, sin and latter day reign teaching that manifest from the prophetic end of this Blessing but others have already done that. We sang about Joelâ€™s army and the billion soul revival as if it were one of the Ten Commandments, and as always it was just around the corner. Next month, next year etc. Jesus said that when the son of man returns will he find faith upon the earth? And if he does not return when he does no flesh would be saved but for the sake of the elect he comes. This is a far cry from the dominionism that is being taught all through the vineyard/prophetic/ spiritual warfare movement. I honestly think that they think they are going to take over the whole world! While in the Vineyard I embraced a life verse from the Apostle Paul the phrase do not go beyond what is

written!

To finish I just want to say sorry for the damage, that I have personally done by teaching things that are not correct biblically. I repent before men as I already have before God. I will not excuse my falling into deception. I did not bother to test things when the scriptures commanded us to do so. Everyone who was there when this thing started knows that what I write is true, they would just come to different conclusions especially if they are still promoting the â€˜river!â€™

To those in the river I would say swim out, there are things living in the water that will bite you real good! I love the people of TACF and the Vineyard movement but I think that we have much to answer for and may the Lord open your eyes sooner rather than later. I suspect that when this letter goes online I will get bombarded by emails from both camps, some damning me for still believing in the ministry of the Holy Spirit and still walking in deception and some old friends damning me for exposing dirt or being negative about the Lords anointed! Well, the Lord knows my heart and by his grace he will guide me into all truth as I seek to know Christ and him crucified! If you believe that I walk in sin and error please pray for me that the Lord would forgive me and open my eyes. I will study the word to show my self a work man approved! I would call on all who read this to pray that the Lord would open the eyes of all who have been involved in this deception. Whether leader or follower, we are loved and the Lord is a forgiving God. He says if we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. I believe we are like the church in Laodicea, we think that we are rich, have prospered and need nothing, we do not realise that we are wretched, pitiable,
poor, blind and naked.

We must take the Counsel of Jesus and buy gold refined in the fire (which is his suffering, not a false spirit!), white garments to clothe our shameful nakedness and salve for our eyes that we might see again. Jesus is calling us to repentance and thank the Lord that he is, for it will lead us to true restoration with our Father! If God has forgiven me and opened my eyes then he can do it for all those caught in deception too. I will finish with a warning from Paul, he says if you think you are standing firm be careful lest you fall.

Sincerely Paul Gowdy.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Mon, 02 Jun 2008 16:48:10 GMT
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Great article, hardbones!

I see that there are a lot of posts lately and I'm trying to catch up a bit but I wanted to say that some of these deceptions can be avoided by making sure we are firmly grounded in the truth.

Charismatics often are so enamored by the supernatural that they fail to acknowledge that there are two sources of supernatural phenomena.

Jesus indicated that in the latter days there would be great deception. He exhorted his followers to "take heed" (Matt 24, Lk 21, Mk 13) because this would be a time when many would be deceived.

I have noticed that many of these "revivals" have been marked with one interesting characteristic--uncontrollable physical phenomena (including vocal expressions) which can only be described as demonic in nature. I can only find a few cases in the bible (help me out if you know of others) where it seems as if another invisible entity affected the human body in such a way as to render it helpless.

1) Saul when he prophesied.
2) Peter when he was in a "trance".
3) The soldiers when they tried to take Jesus... they fell backwards.
4) The forced bowing of the knees at the name of Jesus.
5) Balaam's trance (Numbers 24)
6) Daniel's and John's visions
6) Obvious demonic activity.

Saul's case is a bit dubious for obvious reasons. In the case of Peter, Daniel, and John, it is unclear exactly what the "trance" included, or whether or not they were still able to control by an act of their will their own actionsâ€¦ Daniel apparently was without strength, but he seemed in charge of his mental faculties.

So with the above exceptions (which may not be exceptions) the other cases either represented the flesh failing in the presence of the Glory of God, or the presence of demonic activity.

I find it difficult to believe that God places "His" children into positions where their will is subdued by an outside force. This happens regularly in these revival (so called) meetings.

We of course are called to yield to the Holy Spirit when He seeks to lead us or direct us, but I see no scriptural support for any situation where a Christian becomes incapacitated to the extent that he no longer controls his physical movements or vocal apparatus, and becomes controlled by another "spirit", outside of cases of demonic possession.

God has given us a will and while he expects us to subject our volition to his leadings, at no time are we called to blank our minds and become robots... the ability to control our minds and our

bodies is a wonderful thing, and not in the least bit unspiritual .

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by Mark L on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 03:52:59 GMT
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This is a column by J Lee Grady - editor of Charisma
magazine on Lakeland.
I thought it was an interesting comment so I posted it here. They encourage you to pass it on so I assume from that there are no legal issues with posting it. I guess my point is that there is others who see a problem here.

An Appeal for Unity in a Divisive Season
The Lakeland Revival has created tensions over doctrine and ministry styles. To avoid a crippling rift in the church we need strong leadership, clear discernment and a lot of love.

Revival is messy. As much as we would love for it to come in a neat and orderly package, history teaches us that outbreaks of the Holy Spirit are often accompanied by holy chaos. There may be conversions and healings in one corner and demonic manifestations in the other. In seasons of revival you can have miracles and mayhem. Holiness and heresy can erupt simultaneously.

When we look at the first outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the book of Acts, we tend to focus on the positives: Dead people were raised, whole villages were saved and prison doors were opened supernaturally. On the flip side, this same revival season was interrupted by riots, opposed by religious legalists and tainted by false prophets, greedy charlatans and demons masquerading as angels.

Why must revival movements be so muddled? Perhaps it is because imperfect people (as well as sinister devils) get involved. Strange things happen when Godâ€™s power touches a sinful earth.

â€œI am appealing to the elders in our movement. In a desperate moment we need older, seasoned veterans to release the counsel of the Lord.â€•

When revival hit Wales in 1904, almost an entire nation bowed before Jesus within two years. Yet the weight of Godâ€™s presence drove the revivalâ€™s humble leader, Evan Roberts, into depression. Meanwhile author Jessie Penn-Lewis, writing in her book War on the Saints, suggested that fleshly manifestations in Welsh prayer meetings had snuffed out the Spiritâ€™s power.

In our nation today thousands have been swept into the current of the Lakeland Revival in Florida, which began in early April in evangelist Todd Bentleyâ€™s meetings at Ignited Church. The fervor quickly spread because of God TVâ€™s broadcasts, and today up to 10,000 gather nightly at a venue near the cityâ€™s airport. In recent days, people who were touched in Lakeland have started similar meetings in Atlanta, Chicago, Charlotte, N.C. and other cities. Bentley and his colleagues believe this is the beginning of a worldwide healing revival that will cover the globe.

But not everyone in the charismatic/Pentecostal community is convinced. Some say this is the last end-time revival while others maintain it is a demonic counterfeit. Cult-watchers and anti-heresy bloggers post Bentleyâ€™s comments on YouTube as evidence of a theological scandal. Revival advocates respond by posting documented evidence of healings. It all begins to resemble a childish competition.

Still others worry that Lakeland represents a questionable mixture of truth and error. Since the initial eruption of the revival, my inbox has been full of messages from charismatic leaders who are concerned about weighty issues as well as trivial ones: Everything from Bentleyâ€™s tattoos and body piercings to his claim that he once interviewed the apostle Paul in heaven.

When I wrote an article in mid-May calling for scrutiny of some aspects of the Lakeland Revival, I was labeled a Pharisee and a â€œreligious policeman.â€• People who said they had been deeply impacted by the Holy Spirit in Lakeland used spiritual threats and harsh terms to tell me that I had become the enemy.

I refuse to go on the defensive, and if I need to retract any statement Iâ€™ve ever made about this revival I will. But what these nasty exchanges have shown me is that a divisive spirit is certainly at work in our midstâ€”and we need urgent prayer to short-circuit what the devil wants to do.

When the early church was hit with the issue of Jewish legalism, Paul and Barnabas determined that the answer was to seek the counsel of â€œthe apostles and eldersâ€• in Jerusalem (Acts 15:2, NASB). The church was being divided because the legalists were insisting that gentiles be circumcised. But when the elders looked into the matter, the apostle James settled the dispute by issuing this wise ruling:

â€œTherefore it is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among

the gentiles, but that we write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from bloodâ€• (v. 19-20). In other words, James affirmed the gentilesâ€™ access to salvation and overturned the legalistsâ€™ bad doctrine.

Based on this biblical example, I am appealing to the elders in our movement. We need to hear from them in this hour. In a desperate moment we need older, seasoned veterans to release the counsel of the Lord.

Today the charismatic movement has become fractured, and opposing camps have formed. On one side there are those in the apostolic camp who tend to emphasize biblical order, proper church government, spiritual warfare and the reformation of society. On the other side are those in the prophetic camp who focus on miracles, healing, mystical experiences and the reclaiming of all the supernatural manifestations of the New Testament.

Both of these camps are contending for valid, biblical truths. We need the prophetic and the apostolic! We need miracles as much as we need healthy church growth and societal change. Yet if we do not have a holy intervention, we could bite and devour one anotherâ€”and cancel out our collective impact.

A biblical council must include the leaders of both of these camps. And leaders must address all of the difficult issues triggered by the Lakeland Revival. Those include:

1. Biblical guidelines about angels. Some people in the prophetic camp speak of frequent visits to heaven, â€œthird heaven revelations,â€• and long conversations with angels who use names such as Emma, Promise and Winds of Change. Are these indeed spirits sent from God, or agents of false light?

2. A proper theology of the dead. Some in the prophetic camp claim they have had conversations with dead Christiansâ€”including Paul the apostle. Is this within the bounds of Christian experience, or is it necromancy?

3. Pastoral guidance about exotic spiritual manifestations. In some circles in our movement, unusual signs and wonders have been reported in church servicesâ€”including the sudden appearance of gold dust, feathers, gemstones and oil. At the same time, worshipers are vibrating on the floor, jerking uncontrollably and acting intoxicated. How can we protect people from the abuse of manifestations, and from demonic influence, while at the same time leaving room for genuine encounters with God?

4. Clear guidelines concerning the restoration of fallen ministers. The appearance of one prominent fallen evangelist, Paul Cain, at the Lakeland Revival in May unleashed strong reactions from many sectors of the church. Many people feel unprotected when they sense that church leaders have chosen not to enforce proper discipline for a ministerâ€™s unbiblical behavior. In

this adulterous generation, how can we draw lines to protect congregations while at the same time offer healing and grace to a repentant preacher?

These are some of the crucial questions we face as a movement. May we proceed with a fresh gift of discernment, while at the same time laying hold of all the blessings that revival will bring us.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 14:10:05 GMT
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It looks like Lee Grady is changing his views on the "revival @ Lakeland".When I first looked into this about a month ago, he had writen in his magazine how awsome this was and there was no mention of deceptions, false doctrines, angels of light, or demonic activity. It's good that he is now seeing what's really happening and at least asking people to be careful. And asking for the "leaders of our movement" to release the counsel of The Lord? I've not been a reader of Charisma magazine but I'd think it's widely read and has influnce on a lot of people, so hopefully this will help open some eyes... I don't think for a moment that this is just the "christian version of political correctness", well maybe for a second or two... I'd like to believe it was God opening his eyes to the truth, rather than pressure from others, that brought about the change in his reporting of what's occuring in Lakeland.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 16:01:01 GMT
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The problem with his solution--a Church council, is that these two "sides" can never be reconciled. In Acts 15 you had a respected leader in James (where is that person today??) who in essence imposed a solution to the Gentile problem, which was accepted by the "official church" and placed the Judaizers outside of the realm of orthodox Christianity. There isn't a "compromise package" that will be accepted by all in this situation, just as there was no compromise to be found in Acts 15.

The language used in Acts 15 seems to be a compromise between the two parties, but in reality it forever placed the Judaizers doctrine outside of mainstream (in the good sense) Christianity.

To be fair, it did attempt to placate the Jews somewhat in that it attempted to remove some of the offensive practices of the Gentiles for the benefit of the Jewish Christians:

Acts 15:19-21 Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God: But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from things strangled, and from blood. For Moses of old time hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogues every sabbath day.

Gentiles were known for idolatry, fornication, and the practice of and eating things that turn the stomach of most people (meat with the blood). The last thing mentioned- abstaining from blood--may be interpreted as something more than just the consumption of blood and include sacrifices and/or shedding human blood... I'm not sure... however, it is clear that by limiting Gentile regulations to these 4 commands, it effectively muted those who were advocates of Gentile law keeping.

If I might offer a loose paraphrase, he said: Because most of the cities have places where the law of Moses is preached, it is incumbent upon those who wish to effectively spread the Gospel message, that they don't offend Jews (and those few Gentiles who were under the Jewish influence) by doing things that would limit even a hearing of that message... (Idolatry, fornication, eating blood, etc..) At least this is the way I read it.

Paul takes the same sort of track when he "placates" the Jews by having Timothy circumcised (Acts 16:3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and took and circumcised him because of the Jews which were in those quarters: for they knew all that his father was a Greek.). This was an action that he opposed in Galatians (Ga 5:2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that if ye be circumcised, Christ shall profit you nothing.) To my mind this can only find rationality by assuming that the circumcision was only for one purpose--to further the Gospel. It had no other merit other than to allow him full access to the hearts and minds of those who fell under Jewish influence. Paul the pragmatist! Of course not all will agree with me, but this is exactly what I believe he did with a couple of other issues, namely with the headcovering and keeping women silent in the Greek Churches, only this time he did it with the Greek culture in mind and not the Jewish culture... but I digress.

A modern day council to deal with the present situation would need to make some sort of definitive statement that talking to dead people is unacceptable, and by implication, those who talk to dead people are dead wrong. Anyone think that a strong condemnation would be possible in the climate that exists today? Ha ha.

You might get a denom to make such a statement (I'll give them credit here!) but then they would condemn any supernatural, or angelic occurrence as well!

If it were just a Charismatic conference then you'd run into the problems that Hombre mentioned, a mostly devoid understanding of the supernatural realm beyond what we have witnessed over the last 20-30 years. Where is the person who would even have a prayer of being taken seriously? One who is grounded in the Word of God and also one aware of spiritual realities

would be a tough find. The Gorden Linseys of the world are long gone (I could mention others but they have passed from the scene as well!)

So there...

Some of Jesus' last words to us while on the earth told us to "take heed" (Mt24,Lk21,Mk13) because there would be great deceptions that categorize the end-times, deceiving even the very elect if it were possible. So while it would be nice to have such a definitive council that could put an end to the nonsense that is going on, I personally don't think that it is possible, especially given the fact that true believers are going to be despised (and persecuted unmercifully), and maybe, in a large part, this is going to be due to their strong stand against such deception.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 16:14:08 GMT
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Since Hombre has pioneered, and made acceptable, the practice of responding to one's own note... let me add this to further make the point:

Given the fact that most here sat under a ministry that exposed such deceptions... I think it would be hard even among ourselves to find wholesale agreement concerning the condemnation of these types of manifestations.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by jisamazed on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 17:15:44 GMT
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I appreciate the insight that you guys are giving into this matter. I try to examine a ministry or movement carefully before judging it, to see if the theology is Biblical, the fruit is good and for the inner witness of the Holy Spirit. It is important to make an INFORMED judgment, and I have not

been able to do so yet because I need more information. Some of my friends and family are into the Lakeland Revival, and speak positively about the verifyable healings and what appears to be scriptural teaching. Todd Bentley came to Grand Rapids a few months ago and gave his testimony.

I am not concerned about the tattoos and such. The Lord can use a donkey, a political rebel, tax collector and a former pharisee to do his work. He sometimes raises up unlikely persons to do important work because He likes to shake people up. However, if it is true that Mr. Bentley has claimed to talk to the apostle Paul, that is a source of concern. If he is not preaching the gospel in purity, that is even more of a concern.

I would like to discuss my questions and concerns with him before condemning him wholesale, however. Or at least make sure that the information I have is truly representative of his ministry. Some ministries are genuinly anointed by the Lord, but simply misguided, and they need some good teaching. Others are outright deceivers. The former will grow into more maturity over time, and we can affirm the part of their ministry that is blessed by the Lord and pray for them to make necessary corrections. The outright deceivers, however, are operating from an evil spirit, and we need to sound a clarion call.

As discerning as HEF was about some things (for which I am very thankful), he created his own problems by writing off some ministries wholesale for minor issues, thus isolating himself and keeping himself from receiving blessing and correction from others. We need to make sure that we don't make that same mistake.

Regarding the Copeland connection, I don't think that it is as strong as it might seem. Even Rodney H-B and the Toronto Vineyard leaders had concerns about Copeland/Hagin's theology, and the interpersonal connection was minimal. For that matter, HEF received his calling to preach faith through Ken Hagin's ministry, but that does not mean that he had the same spirit or theological problems.

I like Grady's article. He encourages his readers to exercise caution and discernment without making uninformed sweeping statments about what is going on. Many of us have been praying for a revival of the gift of healing for years, and we welcome any true move of the HS in that direction, even if it does not take the form that we expect. If the Lakeland thing is not it, then pray that the Lord will move elsewhere in order to demonstrate the genuine article.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by Mark L on Thu, 05 Jun 2008 18:22:45 GMT
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I think Gradys point was he would like to see charismatic leaders stand up and speak to issues like this. Publicly give advice and correction. The problem with that is you be perceived as being devisive and critical. It is much safer to just keep your head pulled in.
Generally the only only people who speak to issues like this are the non-charismatic heresy hunters. Some good info on their sites but
. . . the attitude!
Offhand (and I don't really follow this stuff) the only book I can think of in recent yrs offering correction is John Beveres
Thus Saith The Lord. Dealing with all the prophetic stuff and the problems associated with it.

http://www.christianbook.com/Christian/Books/product?item_no =95759&netp_id=114613&event=ESRCN&item_code=WW&a mp;view=details

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Posted by william on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 02:04:43 GMT
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If for some reason you can't get an audience with him though, take a bit of advice and don't believe what you read in the paper... those guys never seem to get it right.

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Tattoos??? Has anyone been able get a close up shot? Are they just the garden variety Harley Davidson tattoos? Let me know if any of them contain numbers... wow! that could be significant information!

William

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To make a long story short, I am personally saying neither good or bad about the Lakeland Revival until I get more information. Some others of you seem to be more informed about what Todd is teaching and have already formed your analysis. I don't have the GodTV channel, and my internet is only dial-up, so I can't get streaming videos very well. If any of you have any primary material I can read or look at that will help us to understand the spirit behind this specific movement, please post it. Thank you.

Thanks, Moulder, for your helpful post on the relationship between a person's volition and the move of the Holy Spirit on him or her.

-Keep our hearts pure, Lord, and fulfill your promise to give us wisdom in this matter.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by grandom on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 17:00:18 GMT
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Here is another interesting url.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Todd_Bentley

By the way he has pulled the testimony of talking to paul in his small cabin in heaven from his web site as well as reference to the angel emma. Guess she became an albatros to him.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Fri, 06 Jun 2008 17:58:27 GMT
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Haven't had a chance to look over your links yet but I did find one that is pretty interesting... there is commentary on the audio, but if you listen to the actual audio of this guy, there won't be much doubt about what's going on.

http://www.puritanfellowship.com/2008/06/todd-bentley-descri bes-how-hes.html

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Posted by Mark L on Sat, 07 Jun 2008 00:34:55 GMT
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Posted by james on Sat, 07 Jun 2008 16:13:27 GMT
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POSITIVE TESTIMONY!!! The brother in The Lord who first brought up to me about the Lakeland revival,(NOT), came to visit me yesterday and I was able to point him to The Word and show him what God says about false prophets, angels of light, endtime deceptions, and God's warnings to us. He was, by the grace of God, receptive and saw the truth and believed it. As we viewed the various sites (he doesn't have access to a computer) and watched Bentley going through his stories of kicking people in the head and his 14 ft. angel,ect. we would stop and look up in the Word scriptures showing that this was not God's annointing nor His way of ministering. I wanted

him to see it for himself and make his own decision, not just believe me, but to base his conclusion on God's Word. So I rejoice in that at least 1 person is heeding the warnings. I'm praying there will be many more. Thank God for The Word and the teachings recieved throught Bro. Freeman, without which, I'd not have a clue as to what is of God and what's a deception... "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." 1 Peter 5:8

Hombre, you must be slipping, almost an hour???

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by jisamazed on Sun, 08 Jun 2008 04:58:43 GMT
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Sorry, Jiz, but you're already deceived.

About what? Please be clear, without any of your epithets or twisting my words. What do you believe that I am deceived about?

To think that one should even consider sitting under a ministry which one recognizes to be steeped in error, with the thought that 'it could be worked out over time' is absurd...especially with regards to occultism.

[COLOR=blue]First of all, I never said that I was "considering sitting under his ministry." What's wrong with you? You have this habit of reading some sort of hidden meaning into everything I say, which makes me question the things you say about other people. I simply acknowledge that some people need to be explained the way of Jesus more completely, like Apollos. Todd Bentley is still young and green and might be open to correction if indeed he is simply misguided. However, if he is under the influence of a Hindu demon then that is a different story altogether. I have nothing to do with deceivers. My point with that post is simply that I am taking the time to figure out which one he is, the misguided or the deceiver. If you are right about the whole Lakeland thing, it should be clear. The links that you and others provided are helpful.

I would also venture that an evil spirit drove HEF to imbalance later in his life. Did you discern that?

Your preoccupation with forgiveness, love and sentimentality is getting in the way of being able to discern right from wrong....and sorry to say it fella, but 'one of the definers of 'love' according to 1 Cor. 13, is that it 'rejoices in THE TRUTH', not in iniquity'.

Homey, I'm not sure why you believe that I'm preoccupied with "forgiveness, love and sentimentality." You seem to think that because I'm not hotheaded that I'm on the love boat. You have no idea what I go through when I stand up for the truth and holiness at work, church and home. I actually catch a lot of grief for some things, but I am trying to be steadfast with God's word. Doing so can be a lonely calling for all of us sometimes. You seem to think that if someone is not obnoxious about "the system" or takes time to consider the facts before making judgment, that person must be on the "love boat". Anyone who knows me would never think of associating me with that way of thinking. Yes, love rejoices in the truth. It also does not speak evil of one's brother in Christ. It hopes all things, and it is not so quick to believe an evil report. Mercy and truth have kissed each other.

Define 'legitimate'. In this case, legitimate simply means "genuine". We are inquiring as to whether or not any given ministry is one that the Lord is genuinely working through.

...according to my Bible, the ministry of Jesus was not considered 'legitimate' by the religious leaders of His day, and by the same token, theirs were.....the difference between Jesus' ministry and this guys' is that Jesus spoke according to the established Word of God, and His miracles were a verification of that fact. This guy has miracles but embraces occultism. It doesn't take a genius to put 2+2 together and come up with the fact that this guy is not getting his power from God.[/quote]

Hombre, if he indeed embraces occultism, then of course we should not receive it, but rather warn people about it. I have friends and family who are into the Lakeland thing and if I am going to warn them that it is false then I had jolly well better know what I am talking about. The Bible teaches us to study a matter out and take time before answering, to contemplate our answer.

By the way, I have nothing to do with the Toronto Airport thing. I've had a check about it from the beginning, and since then became convinced that the Lord does not want me involved in it. I'm not into charismatic fads, if that's what you're concerned about. There were fads in the "faith camp" in the 80's, I remember. For a while in the mid-eighties, everyone was going through deliverance, and it went way overboard. Then the Lord brought some messages about being broken before Him because He wanted to break us of the elitist pride. However, it became this weird fad that involved fake crying and the like, and people missed the point of what the Lord was doing. Then there was the "return back to HEF's message" fad, and things went downhill from there and never recovered. Other charismatic (and noncharismatic) groups are vulnerable to the same fad mentality.

I have e-mailed Todd Bentley's ministry, and I will keep you guys posted on how they answer my question. I worded it specifically so they can't dance around it.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by jisamazed on Sun, 08 Jun 2008 06:09:09 GMT
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I have just finished researching some of the material that you guys have discussed. I looked at most of the links. There is convincing primary evidence that Todd is operating by an evil spirit or spirits. I will gather some of the evidence and present it to the elders at my church. There is a little more work to do on it. Thanks for your help. This kind of discussion is one helpful use of this forum.

I like to work at my own pace and do so methodically, so if you are wondering why it took me so long, frankly I think that it is great that you knew all that you needed to know right away, but I like to take my time. I don't see any premium in scripture on being in a hurry.

I will put my conclusions on a post once I get a chance.

Pray that the evil spirit at work in this Lakeland thing will be exposed so that God's people will not be bound by it.

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Posted by william on Sun, 08 Jun 2008 16:23:52 GMT
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I disagree. Deception by its very nature is not so easy to spot. Jesus says that the deception will be so pervasive that the very elect would be subject to it. He adds "if it were possible" not to assure the disciples so that they could take a cavalier attitude, but so that they could see just how serious it will be. His whole discourse is designed to warn his followers that these times will be perilous . He tells us to be on guard (take heed) because there is a pretty good chance of falling for the deception.

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Now it not like we haven't been prepared for this stuff by observing earlier "outpourings", (e.g. Toronto, Brownsville, etc.) ...so we have been warned.

Each of these "revivals" has had the same characteristic manifestations... how much clearer does it get?

I understand that none of us are exempt from falling for some of this stuff, especially given our desire to see God move, but at some point someone in the charismatic movement needs to step up to the plate and call darkness for what it is and not hide behind some wish that God may be moving there as well. Face it, when people start crowing like roosters and roaring like lions, someone needs to take a step back and call a spade a spade. There is nothing to be gained by a tepid reticence because of the fear of blasphemy, or because someone close to us claims to have been touched by God. When Eve was informed that she wasnâ€™t to eat the fruit, no amount of feeling, or desire, should have hindered her using her brain.

We need to use our brains (assuming we are in Christ) and we will glorify the God that gave them to us.

Blessings,
William

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Posted by grandom on Sun, 08 Jun 2008 16:46:32 GMT
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Posted by grandom on Sun, 08 Jun 2008 18:14:14 GMT
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Oops! forgot to add my comments.

Hardbones said that he thought Bently and other ministers are sincere. I dont doubt that a bit. However as Dr Freeman used to say they are sincerely deceived. The devil is sincere. He sincerely wants us in hell with him. Antichrist is sincere for the same or even more diabolical reasons. His name tells all we need to know.

Moulder I agree entirely with your statement that the very elect could be deceived if it were possible. What about those not elect. Sounds to me like they would be the first deceived. Ah signs and wonders. Jesus said an adulterous generation seeks after them. Wonder. Does that describe or present day or am I being to quick to judge?

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Mon, 09 Jun 2008 15:57:03 GMT
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Couldn't resist it could ya?

Yep! GOLD DUST!!! falling from where exactly??? Inside the buildings they're meeting in? The sky? Heaven?
No wonder he's saying "come get you some", of course they've stopped taking up an offering, what with all that gold
around...Hey it's even showing up in their teeth.

No correction needed, yep,according to my bible, Jesus did "teach" before the miracle of the fishes and loaves...

Hopefully, your friends will see the truth and be set free from this deception..."He that hath an ear..."

WE CAN share the truth, in love, to set this groaning creation free, one person at a time. Not of ourselves, but by the power of the BLOOD of JESUS and THE WORD of GOD. Allow God to lift the standard, His spoken WORD.

..."When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of The Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Isaiah 59:19

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Tue, 10 Jun 2008 01:45:13 GMT
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Well I wasn't into the magic carpet ride but I certainly can see the 'looking for adventure' as an apt characteristic of the whole movement. Also the 'exploding into space' line pretty much fits into his spaceship routine.

But you guys are focusing way too much on petty stuff... have you forgotten the tattoos?????

Sincerely,
Mr. Sans Tattoo

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Posted by JWBTI on Tue, 10 Jun 2008 02:01:37 GMT
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This is so true ! A few weeks ago, I spoke with a woman that attends The Harvest Church, in Angola, In.
Some of the church members had gone to Lakeland.....and had returned back to Indiana with the deceiving
spirits in hand.
This woman was in worship service.....No preaching...No Word....just bathing in the Lord....She had asked the Lord
for healing for gum disease .....What did she get ?..... A Gold cap on a good tooth ?!!!!! Her denist said it was
real Gold too ! Wonder why she got a counterfit.....(I know why) If you ask for bread, will God send you a stone,
or Gold ? Nope ! I just wonder.....if a person would ask for salvation would God send them a car ? I think not!

2 Thess 2:9-12 tells the truth of the matter of what is going on.....they would not Believe the

Truth.....so God sent
them a Strong Delusion.....The Vineyard System has never Believed the truth from day one !
They turned God into
a lustful, fleshly ,earthly creature as like they are .....
Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.
Rom 1:22 Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools,

Rom 1:23 And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

Thanks to all that have given input on this subject !

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by grandom on Tue, 10 Jun 2008 16:19:18 GMT
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In regards to the Lakeland Fla. Deception. Is`nt strange we have`nt heard from the people that have posted quite consistently about Dr. Freeman being deceived.Can we give them the benefit of the doubt in that they have`nt heard of it before, or is it that they see no deception here? If HEF was deceived, please give me more of that deception. Had it not been for him where would our discernment be or would we have any? I will never regret the opportunity I had to sit under his teaching or for the knowledge that I obtained. God has been faith full.

Not discounting the thousands that are being deceived down there I have to wonder about the millions that are deceived in the denominational system that are literally going to hell with the hersies taught there ie. Baptism saves, the literal eating and drinking of the Lords body and blood, or that man can forgive us our sins just to name a couple. Hombre you are so right in the admonitions and dissertations on the "demon" I`am sorry the denominational system. Should we not be equally concerned about these citations. I know a lot of us are but I have to wonder how many in these citations fall under 2thess2 admonitions about same. Ultimately we all have to answer individually for what we have done and for what we believe.What did we do with His word. Did we study it and obey or did we let man tickle our ears and show us a broad way. Just wondering.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by grandom on Tue, 10 Jun 2008 17:33:42 GMT

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Like Hombre I have to reply to my own post.

I have got to start using spell check. Situations not citations. Sorry about that.

Another interesting, at least to me. When Moses received the tem commandments and came down off the mount the people had melted their gold and made idols to worship. What is satans fascination with gold?
Just wondering

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Wed, 11 Jun 2008 21:13:25 GMT
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I found this site today, the pastor/teacher is named Scott Johnson and he is located in Ft. Myers, Fl.(south of Lakeland).
I'm not endorsing his theology,(I know nothing about him) just thought this was a good summation of Todd Bentley and the Lakeland deception. If you hear anything unscriptual or just an opinion, disreguard it. It's a little over an hour, but it'll save a lot of time site jumping...
He really dislikes tattoos and Harleys, but otherwise, solid.
http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=51808224915

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 14:47:15 GMT
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Yep, I thought the second half was "rubber meeting the road".

I haven't had a chance to hear the 2nd sermon yet, maybe later today...

Don't forget you're conversing with a "GUY FROM ALABAMA"...

Please press 1 for ENGLISH..."No hablar espanol, si, Hombre?"

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 16:43:10 GMT
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Sorry Bro, I'm afraid you're going to be waiting for a while...

Ain't no scriptures to back this up.

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming
themselves into the apostles of Christ."
"And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel
of light."
"Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed
as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall
be according to their works." II Corth.11:13-15

Thank you JESUS for the Spirit of truth, for we Know it's
THE HOLY SPIRIT that gives us discernment to keep us from
deceptions and errors, and it's THE WORD placed within us
that is that standard and light, showing us the way of righteousness.

"Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth is come, he will guide
you into all truth:" John 16:13

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by Mark L on Thu, 12 Jun 2008 19:49:35 GMT
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Some very interesting stuff there. I still haven't had time to look at much of the links although I looked at a bit. I noticed on one of the comments 'sanctified imagination" & visulization (sp?) goes along with that. I'm assuming that the facts there are correct and Bently is involved in that stuff as well. I wanted to add that this ministry

http://www.cwgministries.org/index.htm

was very heavily involved at the T.O. Airport church along with Todd Bently. They believe and teach and taught openly there all the new age practices regarding visulization and all the other stuff. Virklers believe the new age people took all their practices from the bible. In other words they stealed it from us. That's how they phrase it. God gave us as xians visulization and all the other new age practices and the world (new age) took it from us and made it theirs. God is now giving it back to us through ministries like Virklers.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???

Posted by james on Fri, 13 Jun 2008 03:07:23 GMT
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I just finished Scott Johnson's 2nd & 3rd sermon/teaching on the Lakeland Deception. He has thoroughly covered Todd Bentley's
errors and deceptions(actually, Satan's errors and deceptions). I know several people I'd like to see listen to the whole 3 part teaching,
but they probably never will. I really don't see where anyone on this forum would need to hear this unless they're on the fence.
I believe those of us who have been researching and keeping an eye on this, are convinced and settled on this being a move of the devil.
I'm starting to feel like we're beating a dead horse, seems like we're all on the same page on this...Hopefully, we now have the
bibical answers and responses(and a understanding of what's going on there) to help them if and when we encounter someone who is being deceived
by Todd Bentley and the Lakeland Deception.

I know I've had at times, a flippant additude and sometimes maybe too light in my style of humor, and if I've in anyway turned anyone away
from viewing or discussing this VERY SERIOUS DECEPTION, I'm sorry... That's just me, it's how I make my point sometimes...It's just how I roll...
But remember we're in a WAR...And our weapons are not carnal, but mighty through God...

"Finally, my brethren, be strong in The Lord, and in the power of His might."

"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers,
against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand."

"Above all, taking the shield of FAITH, wherewith ye SHALL BE ABLE to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked."
Ephesians 6:10-13,& 16

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." Rev.12:11

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by grandom on Fri, 13 Jun 2008 14:29:58 GMT
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Hombre

You mentioned once about wanting to see close ups of Bentleys tatts. Here is a site I found that has a couple that are quite interesting, only from the aspect of further reveling who and what he is.

http://www.scribd.com/doc/2951193/Jesus-Death-Mask-Todd-Bent ley-Witchcraft

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Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Fri, 13 Jun 2008 14:38:21 GMT
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Hombre,(or anyone wanting to listen)

To listen to parts 2&3 of Scott Johnson's teaching on Lakeland Revival/Todd Bentley Deception; Go to,
http://www.sermonaudio.com/sermoninfo.asp?SID=51808224915 and page down to,"other sermon Info" under
"some sermons preached around the same date", click on Lakeland Revival/Todd Bentley pt.2 and below it pt.3
(it's located about 1/2 way down the page)

Point made concerning medical science healing verse FAITH in Jesus healing...once more, yo right!
(not that I disagreed with you, I've believed that for 27 yrs.)maybe some of "our balanced lives" just might be
"compromised lives". But that's another issue to be dealt with at another time, besides, until I move out of my "glass house",
I don't think I'll throw any stones around.

Don't worry, I done been through too much to "go and freak out on ya"... I was just wondering last night
about some of our fellow members who seem to have disapeared during our postings on Lakeland/Todd Bentley.
I have noticed none of the "sisters, ladies, women" have joined in the discussions concerning Bentley??? Sup wit da?
So I was examining possible reasons; gone on vacation? Have a different opinion about this

"move of God"? Offended by the way
some of us come across in our expression of our views and convictions? Think we're being mean to Todd? Computer died?
I just don't want to be a stumbling block to anyone...Guess nuff said...

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by grandom on Fri, 13 Jun 2008 15:26:00 GMT
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Yo da man Hombre. Thats why I keep checking your responses because you obviously are well informed and just a brilliant orator.
I learn from you on every post you make. Now send me the 5 bucks.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by Mark L on Fri, 13 Jun 2008 19:34:32 GMT
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Seeing people flock to these kind of meetings really reminds me of Amos 8/11

Behold the days are coming saith the Lord
That I will send a famine on the Land
Not a famine of bread
Nor a thirst for water
but of hearing the words of the Lord
They shall wander from sea to sea
and from north to east
They shall run to and fro seeking the word of the Lord
But shall not find it.

I realize this thread is not about the T.O. airport church but Bentley and the airport are just so connected that I can't help commenting on it from that perspective

People today are just so hungry for God that they will set aside all their inhibitions and just go because they heard God is there. I know of people who grew up in the Xian church. Conservative people not given to emotional flights of fancy & weird supernatural experience. Who in any other circumstance of life would think tattoos and piercing are for bikers and weirdos. Yet they flock to these kinds of meetings setting aside all their inhibitions and beliefs because they heard God is there. Just desperate for God.

I like to read hunting stories and remember reading one that really applies to the church today. A mother rhino got her leg caught in a cable snare attached to a log. She could still walk about. She just dragged the log with her. The predictable thing happened and the log got caught in the trees and she couldn't move very far. Baby rhino stayed with his mother because it was safe there. Eventually he got so thirsty he made a break for the water hole a hundred yards away. The pack of Hyenas waiting for him got him then. Not a nice story but its true and it happens every day in Africa.

That is exactly what is going on today in modern xianity. The St Louis Vineyard pastor who brought the anointing to Toronto received it at Ken Hagins meetings from Howard Browne. He didn't want to go to the meetings because of Hagins belief in JDS but went anyway because he was just so dry and hungry and he heard God was there doing a new thing.

Another case involved a former member of one of Steve Hills meetings. He had left the faith message and eventually got so hungry and dry and heard about the Toronto anointing he sent me a note asking about it.

People today are just so thirsty and hungry for God they will eventually throw caution to the winds suspend all critical thinking processes and just go. How very tragic! In direct fulfillment of bible prophecy too.

I saw on many occasions 100's & 100's of people at a time at the airport church lined up for prayer falling down under the same anointing as at Lakeland. Flocking from all over the world because they were so hungry for God.
There is a direct line between Ken Copeland hands and Lakeland/Toronto/Brownsville/Brompton England/St. Louis and all the other places this anointing has gone. Paul Cain prophesied the anointing coming to Toronto and England. Guess what? It came to pass! Just like he said. Hmmm.

This is far more serious than just a false anointing. Something very serious has been loosed into the charismatic & Xian church. When all this starting happening in the mid nineties I went on many occasions and did my research and eventually came to the conclusion it wasn't of the Lord. The Lord would not allow me do anything other than share some with those close to me. The Lord showed me that the decision to allow this to happen to the church was made by a much higher level of authority than I had.

I'm going to say it again. This is far more serious than just a false anointing. Something very serious has been loosed into the charismatic & Xian church. Through the hands of a false prophet. I could make it stronger than that but . . .

This is not just a false anointing come upon a foolish preacher to hungry naïve xians. It is very

endtimeish very serious and we havenâ€™t yet seen what it is!!!

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Fri, 13 Jun 2008 20:08:35 GMT
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I believe that some are putting too much emphasis on the tattoos. I personally don't have near the problem with the tattoos
as I do with the source of his annointing. My focus from the start has been the bizarre statements;unscriptural method of ministering;
the deception that's being believed by "the charsmatic church"; and these "prophets" and "angels" who passed this on to him.
My desire is to expose this as what really is, a deception from the pit of hell sent forth to lead astray as many souls as possible.
If anything concerned me from listening to Scott Johnson, it was an over emphasis on Bentley's appearance. I'm in total agreement with
Hombre concerning being careful not add to the truth in an honest effort to persuade others to see our side of this.
There's plently of scriptures to refute these deceptions without us having to "help" God, His Word is LIGHT, and if we'll shine it forth,
it'll dispel the darkness...

NO!!! I don't have any tattoos...or piercings...

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by Mark L on Fri, 13 Jun 2008 22:38:13 GMT
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I'd just like to be clear here that I was just giving my 2 cents about the topic. I have no problem with others using humor to illustrate spiritual truth. Personally I will leave it's use to those who have mastered it.

Tattoos to me (to say the least) are a real lack of wisdom.

My point was that there is more going on here than a false anointing. The point being that I think something endtime was loosed into the charismatic church through the laying on of Copelands hands. I think (as HEF did) that he is more than just a minister who has gotten off into serious error. I hope I didn't come across as critical or censuring.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by JWBTI on Sat, 14 Jun 2008 00:54:05 GMT
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It is interesting that most of the people involved in Kansas City,Toronto, Brownsville an now Lakeland all
consider this part of the Third Wave movement of the spirit.

1. Azusa Street
2. Charismatic out pouring of the 1970's

Now !

3. The Third Wave movement

The Third wave being brought forth via:
John Wimber, Bob Jones, Paul Cain, Mike Bickel,Todd Bently an all that are under submission to there authority.
Steve Hill (aka, SJ Hill) brought Paul Cain to Faith Assembly.....SJ Hill taught at Brownsville.
I wonder if Sj Hill was introduced to Emma also, via Paul Cain ?

It is time to wake up from our slumber An Rebuke this Wave, an calm this sea of unbelief an error !

How are we to do this ?

2Tim 4:1-5, 1 I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus
Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his
appearing and his kingdom;
2 Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season;
reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and
doctrine.
3 For the time will come when they will not endure sound
doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to
themselves teachers, having itching ears;
4 And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and
shall be turned unto fables.
5 But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the
work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by jisamazed on Sun, 15 Jun 2008 01:10:25 GMT
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....for whatever reason, it seems as though many are either afraid to post, or perhaps don't have the time.

For those who are afraid, it could be any number of reasons, from possessing poor technical writing skills to the fear of being attacked and not wanting to get involved in a confrontation, or even fearing a more severe judgement of God for expressing their opinions...and so it could be 'safer' to hunker down and just watch.

For those who don't have the time, well they just don't have the time....but I would have to say that writing ones' opinions out is a great way to not only express yourself, but to find out exactly who YOU are, what YOU believe and get some feedback from others who share our experience and belief system.

I agree, Hombre. I think we would get a lot more contributors to this forum if there was less name-calling and assumptions. I am sure that a lot of other people don't want to contribute because they were beaten down over and over again in their faith camp days, and sometimes the posts here look like more of the same. Why would they want to go through that again? As for me, I'm certainly not afraid of criticism, but frankly, as much as I sometimes enjoy this web site, it is far from a top priority. I tend to have more time on weekends or occasionally on lunch break. If a person really wants to learn about overcomers and even write a few to encourage them, try www.persecution.com. The saints mentioned on that site put us all to shame with their faithfulness and make these self-righteous conversations about medical science and denominations seem shallow. "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives unto death." That's a real overcomer.

Regarding the Lakeland thing and Todd, I am still in the process of writing out a document with my concerns that I will be presenting at the elders' meeting of my church. I have some more research to do, and I am drawing most of my material straight from his website and DVD's of the meetings down there. I don't trust the material on web sites that try to "expose" him because of some of the reasons Hombre expressed. My preliminary thoughts include the following:

1. Todd's formal theology as expressed in his "Statement of Faith" is sound. The only question mark is point 12 about ongoing revelation, and that could be significant in light of the "revelations" that he reports.

However, his informal theology as expressed in his teaching smacks of "strange teachings" that Hebrews 13:9 warns us about. For example, he stated in one of his recent messages on his web site, "...there are times when the presence of God will fill my room, and I can tell you which Person is waiting for me at that moment. Yes, itâ€™s God and itâ€™s the presence of God, but

thereâ€™s always one personality thatâ€™s exemplified. In other words, Iâ€™ve come to know which one is pressing Himself out of the presence to me. Iâ€™ve come to the place where I can discern the personalities of the Godheadâ€”if itâ€™s the Father, Jesus, or the Holy Spiritâ€”just like I know the distinct personalities of each of my three children."

It's not good theology to divide the trinity like that, and it is only one example of many such questionable theological statements that he has made.

2. He makes a lot of references to angelic visitations. We all know that angels can appear to people, and a few people have seen the Lord Jesus Himself, but there is always a holy fear and "astonishment" (Daniel) that accompanies such experiences. Todd is far too cool in his demeanor when he experiences these visitations. There is no evidence that he tested these spirits, even though scripture clearly tells us to do so. Angelic visitations are not supposed to bring new teaching or theology.

3. The fact that he is teaching extensively, in spite of the fact that he is not a teacher, indicates a vulnerability to strange doctrines. That was Ken Hagin's mistake. Hagin once said that the Lord told him to stop teaching so much because that was not his calling. However, he continued to teach, and developed severe theological problems.

4. There is a dangerous misunderstanding about the gifts of the spirit. God has given different charisma to different people, and there is no single gift that is given to every believer. To tell believers that God wants them to develop their seer gift is a good way to open the door to familiar spirits. Also, when he was still a young believer, he had an experience at Subway in which he apparently had a prophetic word of knowledge for someone, and other kids started saying, "Do me!", as if he was a fortune teller in a tent at the fair. God's intent for giving someone that gift is not to "do" anyone.

5. Todd teaches repentence and holiness OK. Some of his material on the topic could have come from the likes of Leonard Ravenhill, Tozer or David Wilkerson. He could talk more about how repentence translates into a change of behavior. However, he seems to miss the important place of suffering and trials in the sanctification process. Most popular charismatic teachers simply do not seem to understand suffering very well, probably due to the widespread influence of the Word of Faith ideas. I have met a number of disillusioned Christians who were never taught how to make sense of their suffering, but rather had the "good God, bad devil" mentality to everything that came their way. These faith people could not understand why the Lord did not do everything that they expected Him to do. Some of Tood's teaching could breed the same mindset.

6. "Portal to heaven" is a New Age term that is unbiblical. We are always able to enter the presence of God by the blood of Jesus. We live our lives corum deo, before the face of God. We need no "portal".

The web sites that you guys have found have been helpful, especially regarding the tattoo of the rose and skull (a satanic symbol) and that warrior guy, but such sites can get their information wrong, and any visible ministry, whether genuine or false, is going to have some people opposing it.

Do think that it is possible for such a "revival" to be a mixed bag? Azusa Street was definitely of God, but some people reported that there were a lot of "fakirs and charlatons" there as well. I've no doubt that the Lord is not behind the false teaching coming from Lakeland, but does that mean that everyone who attends is deceived?

I'm familiar with another charismatic teacher that had good theology, but several times he made the statement, "There is nothing in scripture that says that we are justified by the blood. We are only justified by the resurrection." Should I write that teacher off just because of that errant statement? Should I give him some room to grow and receive correction?

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by jisamazed on Mon, 16 Jun 2008 17:31:25 GMT
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jisamazed wrote on Sat, 14 June 2008 20:10I'm familiar with another charismatic teacher that had good theology, but several times he made the statement, "There is nothing in scripture that says that we are justified by the blood. We are only justified by the resurrection." Should I write that teacher off just because of that errant statement? Should I give him some room to grow and receive correction?

I'm having a very difficult time, understanding why ANYONE would want to sit under the ministry of ANYBODY who obviously knows less than they, and especially someone who is so obviously steeped in error.

...and I really don't care if God CAN use a rock or an ass to speak through, I know that He can, but that doesn't mean that I'm gonna park my can by one waiting to see if God will.

...to me...that hypothetical situation is just another case of not recognizing where white ends and black begins.

Interesting. The charismatic teacher to whom I am referring was Hobart Freeman. He made that statement twice. One time occured in the Romans series. Another time was either in the theology series or a separate message on justification (it's been over 20 years and I don't have access to those tapes now). I just about fell out of my chair when I heard him say it because he was normally careful about theology. However, he had this problem with making overstatements. By the way, Romans 5:9 states clearly that we are justified by Jesus' blood.

Apply the same all-or-nothing thinking to HEF as you do to anyone else. In addition to his occasional errant theological statements, he was also heavily influenced by Ken Hagin early in his charismatic ministry, not to mention that he worked with Paul Cain once and several other characters who have turned out to be questionable. That influence was a factor in some of his extreme faith teaching, even after he detached himself from them, IMO, especially regarding prosperity.

If we will write Steve Hill off because of his associations, we will have to write off just about everyone if we are going to be consistent.

God seems to be healing some people in Lakeland in spite of Todd's issues, not necessarily because he is anointed by God. The Lord honors the faith of His people, even if the person's faith is released in a questionable environment. If the Lord is really doing miracles like that, then some godly people will be drawn to it, naive as they might be about stuff.

Either way, we should be praying for Todd that he will operate by the Holy Spirit instead of Emma and that he will learn to discern and reject all of the weird theology and practices. I see no precedent in scripture for refusing to pray for someone. We need to be careful that we don't take on a Jonah mentality, where he was so eager for the judgment of the Lord on a given people that he was disappointed when the Lord had mercy on them.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by grandom on Mon, 16 Jun 2008 20:53:48 GMT
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jisamazed wrote The charismatic teacher to whom I am referring was Hobart Freeman.

Uh-oh Hombre. I saw that coming

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by jisamazed on Wed, 18 Jun 2008 16:49:09 GMT
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james wrote on Mon, 16 June 2008 16:07 I too, felt in my spirit that the question was loaded...just for Hombre,I thought he might be refering to Bro. Freeman...
Though I have no memory of the statement he is refering to...But I can almost hear the tape players being turned on as people rush to check.

James, I only used a "loaded" question in order to make a point. Jesus did the same thing to the pharisees, at least twice. The pharisees did it to Him as well, but in their case they were just trying to make Him look bad rather than establish a point, and He called them on it. The "loaded" question was actually a common way for Jews to teach each other back then. If you visit a traditional Yeshiva even nowadays you will observe it happening.

The point I was trying to make was that we need to apply the same standard to all ministries and not be a respecter of persons. If we give some grace to Hobart Freeman or Smith Wigglesworth to make erroneous statements, we need to give the same grace to every one else who has flaws (all of us). That being said, I do believe that HEF usually had excellent theology and that was one of his strengths. His statement about justification is an exception to the rule, and it does not mean that he was a heretic in any way. Todd Bentley's practical theology is dangerous, and I do not recommend that anyone sit under his teaching at this time.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by jisamazed on Wed, 18 Jun 2008 17:10:45 GMT
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..right now, I'm beginning to wonder what side you're on. I think you'll search in vain to find me supporting Hobart or anyone else without reservation, as though I have some sort of respect towards persons that goes beyond my respect for the Word of God.

I have denounced Todds' ministry from the get-go of my contact with that information, yet you are attempting to find some crack in my armor, to whip me under submission with, in order to align my viewpoint with some pre-established modicum of Christian mediocrity that overlooks things like occultism on the part of ministers of the gospel.

Certainly not. I have actually come under fire from others for warning people about certain ministries. To be frank, and maybe I am simply reacting in a fleshly way, I am annoyed by what seems to be an attitude of "all the church is backslidden and all charismatics are stupid and no church is good enough for me" mentality, even though you are a part of the church and you are charismatic. I see that mentality as being the major source of Faith Assembly's downfall, and I hate to see it perpetuated. But I don't know your heart, and it would be wrong for me to assume I know your motivations. Ironically, I think we actually agree with each other more than we realize, but our personalities and writing techniques are vastly different. When iron sharpens iron, sometimes sparks fly.

The point is, Jiz, that Todd is leading a delusional march that multitudes of well-meaning but slow-witted people are falling prey to. And you, though not actually supporting him, are encouraging us to give him some space....as though we should continue clapping as his revue passes the stands, lest we should offend someone, or that someone who is from out-of-town

should find out that we have a demon leading our hometown parade.

Sorry dude, but I'm up here throwing all the tomatoes I can get my hands on, and booing as loud as I can....and once this parade is over, I am going to find every able bodied MAN I can find to work him over under the stands....I shall be wearing my combat boots, and pronouncing healing to his face.

Hombre, my role in this matter right now is that of a reporter who is trying to observe the event as objectively as possible. I'm not joining the parade, nor am I throwing tomatoes, nor am I in stands encouraging people to clap. I am watching the parade and tomato throwers and processing my observations best I can. I respect your role to warn people right now, and I will be doing the same thing in my own way, but right now I am still an observer, gathering information and giving my opinion when I believe that I can do so with confidence.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Wed, 18 Jun 2008 17:31:17 GMT
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Amazed James,

I knew you were making a point, and I agree that we shouldn't be a respecter of persons. I also agree that Todd Bentley's theology is dangerous.
IMO, what he's doing to gullible christians is as dangerous as it gets. And I too, like Hombre, am glad that you have came to understand that as well.
[Opps, update: did I jump the gun? Yep! still gathering info...o.k. work at your own pace.]

I would like to thank you as well for causing me to grow in knowledge and understanding today concerning the "traditional Yeshiva". And while I probably won't be going there to observe how they learn from each other, at least the next time I hear the term "Yeshiva", I'll know a bit about what the person's talking about...
(cause I had to google, yeshiva to find out...) Hey! this is the "bible belt", if it ain't baptist or pentecostal...well, you get my drift.
Every house don't got a Torah on the coffee table...

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by jisamazed on Thu, 19 Jun 2008 16:35:37 GMT
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Hey, everyone. Todd Bentley just wrote an open letter in order to address some of the criticisms

toward him and bring some clarification on some matters. Take a look at it and read it carefully and prayerfully and tell me what you think.

http://www.freshfire.ca/?Id=1059&pid=993

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by jisamazed on Fri, 20 Jun 2008 17:09:32 GMT
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Hombre said, "That does not however, deal with any of the issues that have been raised. All this does, is the same thing that he attempts to do in his meetings:

Create acceptance of him as a man of God, based upon supernatural manifestations, instead of: the vindication of Gods' Word through signs and wonders."

I agree that miracles and signs are not an end in themselves. The purpose of signs following is to validate the message preached. In the NT, that message was the good news of Jesus Christ. In a pagan world that believed in many gods or a Jewish world that believed strongly in the Torah, the NT Christians performed signs and wonders to show that their message was not just another religion or story. The Lord showed people through the Christians that Jesus really is alive, because the signs and wonders were done in His name. This is what Todd seems to be attempting to do. However, he needs to exercise care that the emphasis be on the word that is preached, not on the miracles.

Where are the teachings from Todd on anything but the manifestation of the supernatural?

Actually, Todd has a wealth of different messages on his web site. Many of them talk about miracles and visitations from angels and are standard charismatic fare, but some of them are actually pretty good messages about repentence or spiritual warfare. His statement of faith is 98% solid. He includes the 4 spiritual laws in an effort to communicate the good news, which does an adequate job and does not convey a "turn over a new leaf" kind of false gospel.

Jiz, I also see you as one who desperately wants to believe that this is 'the real thing'...

...I haven't endured all this to be suckered into a counterfeit operation because I'm desperate.

I don't know that I'm desparate for it. Maybe I need to be. But I've seen the Lord heal people and respond to prayer supernaturally enough that I am not moved by revivals or false revivals either way. My desire is to see more signs and wonders through the Lord's people in every day life, such as when Peter and John passed by the lame man while walking to the temple, or when Paul cast

a demon out of the girl. Signs and wonders took place in the context of evangelism, out in the world. They are much more effective for the preaching of the gospel that way than in an auditorium or church building. And I think that Todd would agree.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit as explained in I Corinthians, however, show that the Lord also does such things in a setting of a community of believers in order to build them up. They need help, and he helps them through the gifts of the Spirit.

The sheep hear His voice and follow Him.

...and what is His voice?

The content of the Bible. Its' teachings on everything that pertains to life and godliness.

Is that really what Jesus was saying? "My sheep listen to what I say in the Torah?" I'm sure that it includes that, but in the context of Him being our shepherd, I believe that He is stating that when He calls us to go somewhere, we will know that it is Him calling us and not someone else. Theives could try to call some sheep out of the fold in order to steal them away, but the sheep won't listen. They will only move from their pasture when the shepherd calls, and no one else. In other words, we will hear from the Lord clearly.

That having been said, I agree that the teaching of scripture needs to drive the message and miracles, not the other way around.

What we need at this point Jiz, is a written breakdown of all that is unscriptural about Todds' ministry in order to clarify the problem to those who want to continue arguing for him.

I agree. I wish I had more time to do it more quickly. You and others have already covered some bases. At this point I still think that it is a mixed bag, much like some other revivals over the past 15 years. Todd does not have the arrogance or blatent theological problems that some Word of Faith preachers have. However, his lack of grounding in the word in some areas has left him open to dangerous influences. The angelic visitations just don't add up. I don't stumble over tattoos per se, but I have red flags about some of HIS tattoos, especially the skull and rose and warrior guy.

At this point I am still the reporter on the sidelines, observing and taking notes.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Wed, 25 Jun 2008 17:32:24 GMT
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Preach on, Bro Hombre...

AMEN! HALLELUJAH!!!

Yet in the midst of all this turmoil, we have a refuge...

"I will say of the Lord, HE is my refuge and my fortress:
my God; in HIM will I trust." Ps.91:2

And through it all; war, famine, floods, inflation, false prophets,
deceptions in the church,spiritual wickedness in high places;
we have peace through faith in HIS promises...

"Because thou hast made the Lord, which is my refuge, even the most High,
thy habitation; There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague
come nigh thy dwelling." Ps.91:9-10

AND ALL GOD'S PEOPLE SAID...AMEN!!!

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by watchman on Tue, 01 Jul 2008 04:13:01 GMT
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I thought that since you were discussing the Lakeland revival that you might be interested in this article written by Rick Joyner. And, my opinion is that there seems to be both good and bad in these revivals (I believe that the bible makes clear that Jesus and later the new testament church had many of the same problems of both good and evil in the crowd when ministry was going on.

Here is the link to get the whole article:

http://www.morningstarministries.org/Publisher/Article.aspx? id=1000033961

And now a page of the article:

The History and Future of the Present Revival - Part 6 View Part 1
The Ordination
This past Monday I was invited to the Lakeland Revival to be present at Todd Bentleyâ€™s

ordination. For the sake of clarity, this was not Toddâ€™s ordination into ministry, which he received long ago, but was a specific ordination by a small group including Bill Johnson, Che Ahn, and John Arnott. These three have agreed to help oversee Toddâ€™s ministry for the â€œLakeland Revival.â€• It was a unique and specific type of ordination that I think the Lord was in. I was asked to be there with some others who represent different streams that appreciate and support what is happening in Lakeland and Toddâ€™s ministry in particular. I also wanted to be there to express the high degree of trust and appreciation for the three who have agreed to oversee Toddâ€™s ministry in this way.

The Lakeland Revival is now a world event, touching many nations and denominations. As its impact has grown, so has the controversy and persecution. That is standard for any true move of God, and we should not be surprised by it. This is especially true of ministries or movements that release Godâ€™s power for healing, miracles, and deliverance. When the Lord Jesus started performing miracles, the persecution began in earnest. When the miracles became more spectacular, the persecution increased. When He raised someone from the dead, the conservative religious community of the times resolved to kill Him. That startling hardness of heart is the result of letting a religious spirit gain dominion in our lives. A main strategy of the religious spirit is to get us to honor what God has done in order to justify persecuting what He is doing.

I have known Todd Bentley for about a decade, and he is a man of exceptional theological depth, revelatory gifting, and the leader of a large and growing multi-faceted ministry that has had a significant impact on many nations. I have been to Abbotsford, B.C. a few times to speak at Fresh Fire Conferences, and I always marvel at the substance and excellence of what Todd has been able to build in such a short period of time as well as the quality of people on his team.

I am saying all of this because there is much more to Todd Bentley and Fresh Fire Ministries than has yet been revealed through what is now happening in Lakeland. I know Todd as someone who can teach or preach with a rare depth and clarity, but Lakeland is not really about that, at least not yet. It is about an impartation of faith, power, and fire. Right now we, the body of Christ, need these more than we need more teaching and strategy.

One of the basic laws of physics applies here. You cannot change the direction of an object unless it is moving, and before we need more strategy and direction, we need to wake up the church and get it moving. Lakeland is waking up the church, including the many who are naysayers and critics, but at least she is being awakened.

Now I do not want to dismiss all of the naysayers or critics too quickly. They serve their purpose and can be very helpful, even if not in the way that they presume. This is not to say that Todd or the Lakeland Revival do not need correction or cannot make mistakes. Todd is not perfect and neither is anyone else I know. However, if someone is going to criticize, we need to check their credentials. If someone has a significant healing and miracle ministry, we should listen to them in relation to the ministry of healing and miracles. If someone has been used to start and shepherd a

significant revival, I would listen to him much more about his views of a revival than someone who has only read or written about them.

A Chord of Three Strands
Now letâ€™s look briefly at the credentials of the three who have agreed to oversee Toddâ€™s ministry in the Lakeland Revival. John Arnott was used by God to start and oversee the extraordinary Toronto Renewal. This is a move of God that has touched and helped heal and renew multitudes of believers, churches, and even whole movements and denominations, around the world. It is also a fire that has continued to burn for over a decadeâ€”a remarkable accomplishment in the history of revivals and renewal movements. With this kind of experience, it makes him a true elder in the church in the gate of renewal or revival movements.
Bill Johnson not only has a significant healing and miracle ministry, but he is one of the greatest equippers who has been used to help release and mature these gifts in thousands of students who have come through his school in Redding, California, as well as stirring them up in a large part of the body of Christ through his books, teachings, and travels. Bill has done this from and through the local church setting, seeking to release these gifts in a major way to and through the church. Throughout much of the advancing church at this time, Bill Johnson would be in just about everyoneâ€™s top few of authorities on healing, miracles, and understanding the supernatural aspects of the Christian walk.

Che Ahn is one of the emerging great church builders. He is not only the leader of a significant church in Pasadena, but Harvest International Ministries is now a network of hundreds of churches. He is a church man who loves the church, and his heartbeat message is about building the church with a kingdom perspective. Lou Engle, the leader of The Call, one of the most powerful ministries mobilizing the youth and intercessory prayer in our times, was raised up under Che Ahn. When they called together youth to the mall in Washington a few years ago, more than 400,000 responded. On August 16, The Call in Washington could gather even more. Che Ahn knows how to build healthy local churches, to raise up and release new movements, as well as help oversee huge gatherings of Godâ€™s people for important events.

My point is that the three who Todd now has as overseers have a unique and extraordinary deposit of experience and wisdom in the important areas that are being touched by the Lakeland Revival. They are also all strong and successful local church builders. It would be hard for me to think of three more brilliant choices for this, and I greatly appreciate Toddâ€™s wisdom in it.
Does this mean that everything in Lakeland is perfect or will be perfect? Of course not. As qualified as these three may be to oversee this, they are all very busy. They cannot micromanage what is happening in Lakeland, but they will be there to step in if there are serious issues that need to be addressed. It is my conviction that this ordination can help keep the Lakeland Revival on track and help it to have much more longevity.

Stephen Strader, the pastor of Ignited Church where this revival broke out, is also a man of great wisdom and depth in all of these areas. He is a revivalist who moves in a great power ministry

himself, but he is also a true pastor with a pastorâ€™s heart. As a local church leader in Lakeland, vitally in touch with the revival from the beginning, I really could not think of anyone I would rather have on the ground there than Strader, knowing that he will not hesitate to help give input when it is needed.
I think the Lakeland Revival is now about as well-covered and overseen as I could imagine it being done. Great revivals, even in recent times, have been shut down by officials coming in to oversee and dictate policy who were not really in touch with the heart and spirit of the revival. This is always a dangerous thing for any movement or revival, but I think this one was divinely ordained and can enable what is happening in Lakeland to go to a new level.

Personal Observations from Lakeland
I was only in Lakeland for a few hours and had to leave the meeting right after the ordination. I also try to keep in mind that â€œwe see in part.â€• Even so, the following is a little more from a personal perspective about what is happening in Lakeland.
When I first heard about the outbreak in Lakeland, I felt that it was the beginning of something very significant and maybe the beginning of what we have been waiting for. When I first watched some of it on God-TV, I became even more excited. After being there for just a few minutes, I was even more so. This is a major impartation from God, and it will have significant consequences for what is about to unfold.

I wanted to go to the tent before many people did so I could get a feel for the place, but there were already thousands worshiping, praying, and fellowshipping there long before the meeting was to start. The place was charged with expectation. I saw many people I knew, and everyone I saw seemed more alive than the last time Iâ€™d seen them, even people from our own congregation at Heritage. I took a seat on the second row to kind of absorb the atmosphere. The quickening was so strong that I decided if nothing happened from the platform, it was well worth coming to just sit in that quickening atmosphere.
They came to get me to sit on the platform, and it was interesting how the anointing seemed different there. It was still good, but different. Even so, I enjoyed seeing Todd and a number of other friends I had not seen in awhile. When Todd came over and put his arm around me, it was a hug, but I also felt that I kind of needed to hold him up. He is under the kind of anointing that does stagger you and actually makes you feel drunk, which is why they thought the disciples on the Day of Pentecost were drunk with wine. Under this kind of anointing, I knew Todd might not be able to do some of the in-depth teaching and preaching he is capable of, but I donâ€™t think that is really the purpose of Lakeland anyway.

Probably the greatest revival in church history was The Welsh Revival of 1904 â€“ 1906, and there was no significant message that came out of it other than God moving and awakening His church, which it did around the world. The Azusa Street Revival was differentâ€”it was about the baptism in the Holy Spirit. Even though the main theme of Lakeland seems to be the healing and miracles, I think it may actually be about something more, but more subtle.

In studying Azusa Street and the writings that came out of the early leaders of the Pentecostal Movement, I occasionally happened upon a remarkable belief that many of them had. They were convinced that what they had received was the true baptism in the Holy Spirit, but many were still looking for another baptism to comeâ€"the baptism of fire. As is typical of this type of thing, even with the baptism in the Holy Spirit before it came, there was not much definition given to what they thought the baptism of the Holy Spirit and fire would be like. Many were expecting another element (the fire aspect) of the baptism, but I never read where any thought that they had received this aspect.

Of course, the theology of this is debatable, but I have expected a baptism of fire to come upon the church that would so consume the Laodicean lukewarmness that the church would be radically transformed by it. I have prophesied it in a number of ways which has been sown throughout my writings and messages, mostly as a great passion for the Lord. I saw that this passion for Jesus would be so contagious that anyone who got close to it would be infected, and once infected could never be cured! It was a fiery love for the Son of God that would come upon the church so that she would truly do everything she needed to do to be a worthy bride prepared for the coming King. This fire would also make His messengers like flames of fire burning with passion for His gospel and His purposes.

I know that Lakeland is mostly about healing and miracles, which are crucial aspects of the Lordâ€™s ministry that are being reawakened in the church and imparted to many there. Even so, I felt fire when I was there. I am not yet saying this is it, but I think one thing that is being released there is at least a preparation for a coming baptism of fire upon the church. We may not be able to give the true definition of this until it has come. At the very least, those who come to Lakeland with an open heart will leave with a renewed fire in their heart for the Lord.

The Lakeland Revival has already become a major infusion of zeal for the Lord that is impacting a large part of the church in a very positive way. For too many years, almost every Christian leader was saying â€œthe Lord is about to do something.â€• Now almost everyone I talk to is saying â€œthe Lord is doing something!â€• Where there has been hope, it has jumped into faith and expectation, and where the Lord finds this He will do wonders.

Todd has an amazing depth, maturity, and wisdom for his age, but he is still young. He might say some things wrong occasionally and say or do things that are hard to understand. His tattoos are real hard for some people to take, but those tattoos seem to be the very thing that have attracted many, especially the emerging generation, to him and his message. I have heard numerous reports of people who have become almost addicted to watching the revival on God-TV because they were channel surfing and were so captivated by Toddâ€™s appearance when that they could not stop watching. Then they started listening. Now they are on fire for God.

Even those who would never get a tattoo at least view him as a genuine person with no facades. My opinion of Todd for the years I have known him is that he is one of the most genuine people I

have ever known, still untainted by religion, but one of the greatest lovers of God and His truth. He is also deeply compassionate, and is greatly touched by peopleâ€™s infirmities, which is always the foundation of a true healing ministry. Todd is the real thing, and he has many very real people around him who are true friends of God.

As stated, that does not mean Todd could never stumble or make mistakes. He could just like any of us. I think Todd is a lot like the Peter, who would either walk on water or drown trying. He will press the limits, and like Peter, be used for some of the greatest breakthroughs, but at times need a severe rebuke. People with that nature do make mistakes, but they are also the ones who do the greatest exploits, and it is obvious that the Lord really loves people like Peter. If Peter had not been there on the Day of Pentecost, there probably would not have been a harvest of three thousand souls, but maybe only twenty.

Todd has been sent to offend the religious spirit and to be an offense to the complacent, and thank the Lord it is working. Todd came to Concord, North Carolina last week to do a one night meeting. The arena was packed to overflowing with eight thousand people, and reports were that there were as many turned away as who got in. There was gridlock on Hwy 49 for over six miles. When the police drove up and down the road, telling people to go home because no more could get into the arena, crowds poured out of their cars just to worship on the side of the road. That sounds like true revival to me.

Usually your greatest strengths can also be your greatest weaknesses, and Todd is vulnerable. Everyone has blindsides, and though I appreciate Todd seeking covering from those he thinks can help him stay on track, no amount of human covering can keep us from making mistakes. It is also hard to be on stage every night for as long as he is and not occasionally say or do something wrong or foolish.

If Todd does something foolish, it will probably be in front of an international television audience. He has many critics that are waiting like packs of wolves to jump on anything they can. The more that power is released, the more vicious these attacks will become. We really need to discern between the voice of the true shepherds and the voice of the accuser of the brethren, who will use any inroad he can to get brethren to accuse other brethren. Historically, the most vicious of all attacks have come from threatened church leaders, especially the leaders of the previous move of God. This is a terrible tragedy that we really need to pray will get broken this time.

The Breakout at Heritage
The Lord continues to move in a very powerful way at Heritage. Every night is different, but every time we have thought that we might be in a bit of a resting place, it seems to go up a level. We are experiencing remarkable acts of God every night. Usually it happens in the meetings, but often some of the greatest things still happen after the meetings, in the parking lot, or in almost any place at any time. This is really keeping us on our toes and is quickening people to be far more sensitive to the Lord.

After school let out and our kids went off for the summer, we did not know if the Holy Spirit might leave with them, since they were the fire-starters and carried a lot of the fire. However, we can now say that the Holy Spirit stayed. It is a little different, and we look forward to the kids coming back to school, but the Lord is still moving powerfully. Even in the most laidback meetings it is still more intense than our best ones just a few months ago. We are also still experiencing significant miracles every night. Many are stopping by to stay a day or two with us at Heritage on their way to or from Lakeland. Most of these are now carriers of the fire, so we are getting really blessed by them too.

Even though we are having the greatest move of God we have ever had in many ways, we continue to hear from the Lord that what we are experiencing now is just the beginning, and it is not yet even the full birth of what is to come, which we are expecting this coming fall. That is why we have moved our Harvest and Worship & Warfare Conferences to September 18-24, and from what we have been shown, this will be a very important time. We would love for as many of you as possible to join with us. If you are planning to come, it would be a good idea to register as early as you can, especially if you want to stay in a room at Heritage.

To prepare for this next level that we have been shown is coming, we are calling for a 40-day consecration fast beginning this Sunday, June 29 through August 7. We were shown these 40 days that would end on August 8 in a dream, but since Todd Bentley is scheduled to be with us August 7, we decided to end the fast on that day, and prepare a feast on August 8.

(Click here to go to the 40-day Fast Sign-up Sheet)

We would appreciate any who want to join with us in this fast in any way that you feel led. There are many kinds of fastsâ€”from a fast of nothing but water or juice, to fasting from desserts, television, or just about anything else. You might want to just take a day, or a few days during this time. We only ask that you do something to consecrate your heart to the Lord, and use the time to seek Him and pray for a true â€œGreat Awakeningâ€• of the church. You can also sign up for this fast on our website so that we are praying for each other too.

If you are still looking for a place to spend your vacation, or any part of it, we would love for to come visit us at Heritage. I also highly recommend that if you can, go to Lakeland. What is happening there is already making history, and it is still building. If you canâ€™t go to Lakeland, pray for them. Many are experiencing an impartation, and many miracles are taking place with those watching it on God-TV, so if you canâ€™t go, watch it on TV. Also, you can web-stream our meetings at Heritage, and we now have archives for our web-streamers so you can download the meetings at your time of convenience.

These really are the times we have all be dreaming of. They are already better in some ways than we were expecting, but the promise is that they are yet to get even much better. There is just no

end to the goodness of God. Regardless of whether you can make it to Lakeland, Heritage, or the other places that are now experiencing a breakthrough, you can meet with Him right where you are. Let us not be like the cripple who was sitting by the healing pool, waiting for someone to come stir the waters, when the King Himself was standing right next to him!

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Tue, 01 Jul 2008 16:10:08 GMT
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I really want to be done with this Bentley/Lakeland deception, BUT, for those who want to see for themselves,
go to the link Watchman provided and not only read the article he's refering to but check out the rest of it, there are several parts.
I don't see how any discerning christian can read this and not come to the conclusion that this is a major deception,
fueled and propagated by the likes of the men listed in these articles. Do a google search on some of these "prophets".
If you can't see this for yourselves, then do some research on it. Then again, if ya ain't seen it by NOW...

If it wasn't SO tragic for those falling for it, it would be laughable... BUT IT'S NOT FUNNY...GOD HELP US.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by grandom on Tue, 01 Jul 2008 16:21:14 GMT
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I noticed that Hombre did a good job of researching the three anointers so to speak of Joyners article.

How about Rick Joyner himself?
See this site
http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com/joyner.html

Subject: Hitting the big times
Posted by Mark L on Sat, 12 Jul 2008 15:20:15 GMT
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http://abcnews.go.com/Nightline/FaithMatters/story?id=533896 3&page=1

ABC news report. For a secular news outlet I thought the article was reasonably well balanced

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Subject: Re: Hitting the big times
Posted by james on Sat, 12 Jul 2008 17:23:57 GMT
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According to ABC, Bentley is/or is about to, take a break to refresh himself???

Just a bit of info I've found to be interesting, in the last week I've asked several people(christian)

about their thoughts on the Lakeland revival...None had even heard of it,

also I read a recent post of Duncan's saying he didn't know who Bentley was.

Guess all of christendon isn't enamored with Mr. Todd Bentley.

Subject: Re: Hitting the big times
Posted by sparkles on Sun, 13 Jul 2008 14:01:21 GMT
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James, I think some of the problem is that there is hardly anyone in the pulpits teaching people about errors and deceptions. And some in leadership are following the false prophets and apostles, but since they are not making it public the path they've taken, the person in the seats does not know what exactly is going on. They know in their spirit things have changed, but don't know why. At my friends old church there was someone who did a seminar there, and the elders and leadership was told that if this man did the seminar it would split the church. Well, some of the people had been following this man's teaching and going to his seminars, so they brought him

in anyways, and it was one of the things that has split the church. The leadership there is also following some of the false prophets and apostles and have given false words(prophecies) to people. One of the ladies there has promoted the false, mystical, Contemplative Prayer deception. Behind the scenes there has also has been brought in the deception of Theophostics and Inner Healing. Some in the church had brought the man who promotes Theophostics to do an invitation only seminar. Then they brought another man in to do a seminar on some wierd type of healing. Now they are heavily into the Dominionism false teaching and following the false Prophetic and Apostolic movement. There's more, but this will give you an example of the deceptions and progression of what happened.

I am saying all this to show how much of what is going on behind the scenes in churches is not known to the common person. When I asked various friends who have left this church if they knew about Cindy Jacobs, Dutch Sheets, Peter Wagner, Bob Jones(not of the college), Chuck Pierce and various others, they said they have never heard of them. But if you know of these people's ministries you see their footprints all over the church. Most of my friends have left this church as well as hundreds of others.

I appreciate the people on this site who have brought to light some of the people to be aware of. It seems like there is hardly anyone out there warning people of the false, deceptive teachings that are very prevalent today. In this time of famine of hearing the word of the Lord, it is a blessing to have the Holy Spirit and Word of God to guide and warn us of the subtilties and wiles of our adversary, the devil.

Subject: Re: Hitting the big times
Posted by james on Mon, 14 Jul 2008 15:42:56 GMT
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Sue, I agree with you on the need for more God appointed and anointed teachers who are not afraid to teach the truth.

'My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge...' Hosea 4:6

Discernment is SOOO needed in these days we live in.

Thank God for The Holy Spirit to lead and guide us into all truth.

Subject: Re: Hitting the big times
Posted by james on Mon, 14 Jul 2008 20:42:22 GMT
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Actually, I got side tracked on the related story of the ex traffic cop who says he's Jesus. Then there was another related story of the self proclaimed saviors over the last several decades. It's so easy to see how the antichrist will be accepted by millions of people, look at how many are following these false saviors. And we know the antichrist will be much more convincing than these false prophets.

This life is certainly not a game, although many live it like it is. Just look at what's happening daily in the financial world, the spiritual realm,and in the weather calamities around the world...JESUS must be returning soon...LOOK UP.

Hombre, you brought up, if we recieved all that teaching and preparation in The Word to just save ourselves or share with others? Surely it's to be shared with others, YET, it won't do us much good if we don't use it to save ourselves. I Corth.9:27

I hope He finds faith when He returns...I know He will...I believe the question to be asked is, 'will He find FAITH in ME?' SOBERING QUESTION...

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by watchman on Wed, 06 Aug 2008 16:30:08 GMT
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Hi there:

I am sorry that I have not had a chance to reply to you all before. I am glad to know that there is an actual discussion about this subject and not just a condemnation of Todd because he doesn't fit the HEF box. I am convinced that HEF's attack against other "full gospel" as well as fruitful ministries of every stripe has cost him his life and the lives of many others. When I visited the Faith Assembly the last time and felt the judgemental spirit that had blanketed the entire body I was sure it would not have a good end. I would think that many of you have done some real soul searching about condemnation of other ministies, and I see that many of you have. God is speaking to his people and I want to have a front row seat in his endtime moves.

God's Guidance through Dreams

I help run a homegroup body in North Carolina and God has come in power and has effected lives like no other time I have seen. God has given me dreams and visions that have amazingly come true. None have been wrong. I had one that showed a person in a large pickup that was in a satanic church and within 2 weeks I walked up to a man in Canada in a large pickup who had started talking to me and told him that he had satanic influences. He told me he had been into satanism, but had joined the apostolic church now. The dream said that he was a lier (spelling sorry). I am sure that you would be alarmed if I told you all of the dream and my conversation with

him. I am sure he was all spirit...and not in a good way.

God's Guidance

In the past God has led me to a house that was not for sale and told me that I was to have that house. I saw the house in the paper at a sheriff sale and bought it for 67.000 in one year under the cohersion of the owner I sold it for 150,000 to him making substantial profit. I am sure God has many more "deals" for me in the future but that is not the first windfall I have received from listening to God.

My concern is that these signs and wonders that I have just related would be looked upon with real criticism from some of you and I am saying that you are missing the best from God.

I heard many in Faith Assembly and formerly in The Glory Barn speak "prophesy," and they always say "thus sayeth the Lord." I don't say that and tremble at the words. I have never heard any of these "words" actually come true. They say they speak prophesy and people die day after day in there body, and I had not heard one word of meaningful explanation about the deaths. They say they prophesy words straight from God but people fell away because there was no word of explanation only obvious evidence that HEF's ministry was not being confirmed by Gods support. I have talked to many in the body and believe this to be true. Am I saying that I believe that Todd is completely legit. No, but I am saying that the guidelines that some on this website use to judge him and others is flawed, and continued blasting of authentic moves of God will continue to be judgment against many of you.

If you all will Google Christian International and CI you will see that although Bill Hammon denounces Todd B's mentor, Patricia King, he supports Todd B and has sent three men over to his ministry to observe it. They came back excited of the power of God.

On the other Hand

I will also say that 14 years ago I had a dream about a demonic woman who would come into the Juvenile residential campus that I was working at and release demons on campus. In a few days I met her in a meeting with others on campus and led a move to pray against the attack on our campus. And attack it was, with two staff members stabbed and many many youth fighting and a attacking staff throwing furniture out windows and much more. Staff members came down with unexplained deadly diseases and staffs daughter fell and cracked her skull. Staff left there husbands and ran off with juvenile children from the residence. I don't have the time to mention it all. This woman was fresh from the Toronto Blessing Revival and there were many signs and wonders that followed the dream and all that happened on campus.

HEF spoke about William Branham and said that he was probably a great prophet that was to launch many moves of God in the last days. Although he also said the Branham fell away and was never much good in preaching and doctrine, he had great signs and wonders following his ministry. During most of his ministry Branham had Mr. Bosworth preach for him. I believe Bosworth (or his son) wrote "Christ the Healer." Branham's signs and wonders are on the internet for those who would like to Google them. I am sure that many of you would question these signs as from God, but they are similar to Todd B's signs and wonders. And I have had dreams of ditches with water in them in my ministry and believe much of Todd's signs and wonders are legitimate. There is some amazing wonders in the Bible that many people would look upon with scrutiny and would condemn the people involved if it happened today. Remember this is the times of signs and wonders of dreams and visions as stated in the Bible and I hope you all wont set on the sidelines and miss it all.

I don't have all of the answers but I do know that there are somethings that are revealed in time and you need to use careful discernment in determining these things. I have reservations with Todd but much like my conversation with the "man in the large truck," I will not be afraid of him or his ministry. I plan on going to see him at Morningstar ministries this Friday. I will try to comment about that service on this forum if I have time.

Remember that HEF is dead and died early. Oral Roberts, that man that he attacked is still alive. So is Billy Graham, Copeland, Hickey, and most everyone else he attacked. I will be careful not to touch "in criticism," Gods anointed without a CLEAR word from God.

And in keeping with that pledge, God bless you all

David (yes I know my silly signature ends up below my name.)

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by jisamazed on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 16:52:36 GMT
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Watchman, thank you for that post. I hear people from both sides of the Todd Bentley debate. Some strong opinions both of them. All the more reason for making sure we get our facts right before making public statements about him. I would say that there are some differences in this case as well as similarities between the Lakeland Healings and those of previous healing revivals. I appreciate those who can stand for the truth and not compromise and yet interact with the true brothers and sisters with whom they disagree.

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and dispensible regarding the power of God. Moves of the Spirit that make such a big impact are always bigger than one person or even one church.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Fri, 08 Aug 2008 17:49:37 GMT
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jisamazed wrote on Fri, 08 August 2008 11:52If the Lakeland Revival is a genuine move of the Holy Spirit, then Todd is simply one player in it, and dispensible regarding the power of God. Moves of the Spirit that make such a big impact are always bigger than one person or even one church.

And if the Lakeland Revival is *NOT* a genuine move of the Holy Spirit, then Todd Bentley and the rest of those "apostles" and "prophets" that have endorsed both the man, the manifestations, and the movement as a whole, are actively involved in promoting a lie of such a magnitude that one can only wonder if this is the beginning of the awesome deceptions prophesied by Jesus.

The so called leaders of Christianity (at least the charismatic part) haven't remained on the fence concerning this guy. The bright and shining stars have jumped on board...

Why do you still tarry, Jae?

(What about you watchman? Some of those you mentioned, you know, the still alive "leaders", they have endorsed the guy; why do you halt between two opinions???)

William

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Wed, 13 Aug 2008 02:28:16 GMT
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Hey guys,(and gals) I know you all are tired of the Todd Bentley affair (no pun intended, as he has just separated from his wife), but there have been a few new developments that warrant comment.

First, if you haven't already seen the youtube videos that document the "commissioning" of Bentley by the head bods of the charismatic movement you need to give it a cursory glance at

least... there are 4 parts; here is the first:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nVdY9ufJmz8

Take particular note of the "chief commissioning apostle" (from now on known only as "chief running-for-cover"... explanation to follow!) who makes sitting on the fence seem noble, or at least to be preferred over jumping into the fire bound head & foot in a straight-jacket. (My hat is off to you Jae!)

Who was it that mentioned Joyner??? He was there too; let the record show.

Okay, if you've watched the video (at least the first one) you'll want to hear from old Pete himself, as he tries to make John Kerry look like he is wearing winged-tipped dress shoes (instead of the flip-flops he normally wears).

Here is how the apostle Pete (chief running-for-cover) attempts to get in his denials before the cock crows:

http://www.ministrytodaymag.com/blog/2008/08/it-didnt-take-l ong-after-lakeland.html

I loved joe lunchbucket's comments which follow the swill. He said: "... but these "Christian pros" have just given him the holy handshake. I am a bit confused on that. I am just joe lunchbucket off the street but I believe I know enough to not lay hands on just anybody and give them a blessing. What are some other thoughts? Am I missing something here?"

Sign me off as just another--
Joe Lunchbucket

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Wed, 13 Aug 2008 02:49:14 GMT
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By the way, after watching the gathering of such an astute group in the "commissioning" video, I couldn't help but wonder: where is Jehu when you really need him?

Quote:2Ki 10:18 And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu shall serve him much.
2Ki 10:19 Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his servants, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in subtilty, to the intent that he might destroy the worshippers of Baal.

2Ki 10:20 And Jehu said, Proclaim a solemn assembly for Baal. And they proclaimed it.
2Ki 10:21 And Jehu sent through all Israel: and all the worshippers of Baal came, so that there was not a man left that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was full from one end to another.
2Ki 10:22 And he said unto him that was over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth vestments.
2Ki 10:23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only.
2Ki 10:24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his life shall be for the life of him.
2Ki 10:25 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal.
2Ki 10:26 And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them.
2Ki 10:27 And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day.
2Ki 10:28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

But I guess that is too old testamenty for some.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Wed, 13 Aug 2008 03:03:45 GMT
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Wow, speechless...That woman on the 3rd part with the head shaking? Demonic activity...not oppression...POSSESSION.

Will it never end???

I guess with all the talk about a new thing, Todd decided to trade in his wife on a 'new thing'.

Of course, this will just make him fit in with the others prophets and apostles he hangs with.
Also what with the tats, piercings, he'll have a new badge of pride to wear in identifying with the common sinners.

No William, I don't think you've missed anything, it is what it is...Welcome to the twilight zone

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Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Wed, 13 Aug 2008 03:17:40 GMT
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But James, a Christian can't have a demon! Haven't you heard? It must have been sitting on the shoulderâ€¦ until it fell off in the commotion!

You shouldn't say such things about your brothers and sisters! <grin>

I, for one, am never going to refer to myself as "charismatic" again. For all those who want to label us as "arrogant" and "elitist", let the record show that we are but babes in the craft. Did you read that babble??

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Wed, 13 Aug 2008 03:45:43 GMT
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Watchman wrote:Quote:I plan on going to see him at Morningstar ministries this Friday. I will try to comment about that service on this forum if I have time.

Well watchman, did Joyner retract his "right hand of fellowship" like old Pete, or is he in for the long haul?

Like you, Joyner has dreams and visions in abundance... what are the prophets (and watchmen) saying concerning what we (the little joe lunchbuckets) should think about all of this?

William

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by grandom on Wed, 13 Aug 2008 11:23:48 GMT
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james wrote on Tue, 12 August 2008 22:25Yeah, I did read it...Makes me want to shake my head...

But I'm gonna have to practice some to shake like those possessed people.

Oh Yeah, If they ain't got demons, then there ain't no demons...

Where have I been? I didn't know the head shaking was a requirement to speak for God,(but it must be to be false prophet).

APOSTLES??? ARE YOU KIDDING ME???

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by grandom on Wed, 13 Aug 2008 11:28:40 GMT
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Forgot to add my question.

I guess I have to show my ignorance here. I was under the impression that the primary qualification for an apostle was that they had to have seen Jesus.

Was that something I picked up in the "religeous system"?

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Wed, 13 Aug 2008 12:18:57 GMT
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Grandom,

I don't think that an apostle must 'see' Jesus, but he certainly must be anointed by The Holy Spirit for that office.(and I don't mean office as man appointed office, I mean the office as set in the body by God, ordained of Him, as the 5-fold ministry set in the body of Christ to bring the saints unto maturity...apostles, prophets, evangelist, pastors, and teachers.)

Does anyone, having watched these 4-part tapes of Bentley's being 'lined up under an apostle' show, not see that something has gone terribly wrong in Lakeland, Fl. Look at the 3 rd. part and watch Stacy Campbell(prophetess), she's shaking her head and making sounds that come across as ???? and the whole time Bentley's laying there on the floor shaking his head nonstop. Is this supposed to be the anointing and power of The Holy Spirit upon them causing this shaking?

I feel for those who are buying it and I'm disgusted that people watching on godtv, who aren't christian, come to believe that this is how God works and this is christianity.

"Thy kingdom come. And Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."
COME QUICKLY, LORD JESUS

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Wed, 13 Aug 2008 16:15:15 GMT
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Quote:You may call him whatever you want William, but I prefer Colonel Sanders, as both recognize the potential for making money that their product has.

Actually that isn't a bad moniker... especially considering his chicken-hearted response *AFTER* strutting around like a rooster at the event!

Quote:let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet.
~ Joel 2: 1-16

I had never noticed that verse before, very interesting!

Quote:...and was that Kenny Rogers in the background too?

...perhaps he was there to pound out a new set of verses to 'Lucille' that will fit for Shonnah.

Maybe he Just Dropped In... To See What Condition His Condition Wuz In.
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yhOKhJaM1QE

Hey, when looking up the Kenny Roger's link I found me a revival to go to... ya'll want to come?
It's a Creedence Clearwater Revival!

Quote:The bride is in her closet.
You probably don't want to go out tonight...

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZeZm7KQJT1o&feature=relat ed

The graphics are soooo Todd!

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???

Posted by james on Wed, 13 Aug 2008 21:40:46 GMT
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Another example of excellence by the medical community, Kenny's facelift was blotched almost as badly as Jerry Jones.

Shows even if you do have millions to spend, you can't buy assurance from the medical gods.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Thu, 14 Aug 2008 15:15:56 GMT
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Amen to taking heed not to fall prey to the same deceptions and false movements taking place all around us.

I didn't notice the lady in the wheelchair until you pointed it out, that does say a lot...Once again proving that...

...a pik-chur iz wurth a thousand werds...

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Thu, 14 Aug 2008 21:32:12 GMT
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Remember Lee Grady, the editor of Charisma magazine? He first embraced Todd Bentley and the Lakeland revival, then later started writting from a more conservative opinion. Yet, with the tool he had at his disposal, Charisma Magazine, he sat in a netural corner. And instead of warning the sheep of these false apostles, prophets, and charlatans, he chose to not offend anyone by being 'critical or judgemental', and pretty much did little to prevent this debacle from occuring. Now he's asking all these questions, and saying where were the leaders of 'the movement'(charismatic) during all this and why did they allow this to happen, ect. ect....

Here's his latest attempt at passing the buck, yet maybe the questions he raises will cause people the stop and examine their motives and why they were so easily deceived by the wiles of the devil. http://enjoyingthejourney.blogspot.com/2008/08/charismas-edi
tor-lee-grady-talks-about.html

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by grandom on Thu, 14 Aug 2008 23:56:12 GMT
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Hombre wrote
"These people genuinely believe (I think) that they are doing the Lords' will and ministering in His Spirit."

I believe Mat 7:22 Would concur with that.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Fri, 15 Aug 2008 17:24:00 GMT
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This is something that Jae wrote on the 3rd page of this rather lengthy thread:
jisamazed wrote on Thu, 19 June 2008 11:35Hey, everyone. Todd Bentley just wrote an open letter in order to address some of the criticisms toward him and bring some clarification on some matters. Take a look at it and read it carefully and prayerfully and tell me what you think.

http://www.freshfire.ca/?Id=1059&pid=993

Hi Jae,

In the interest of not leaving any loose ends hanging around, I believe that it would be helpful to provide a bit of "balance" to the, supposedly scholarly, 55 page pdf article that Todd Bentley used (in the link above toward the end of the letter by Gary S Greig) to defend some of his practices... it is provided by another academic (who, btw, sounds a bit like Hombre... i.e. you need a dictionary handy to read it!):

The response can be found here:
http://www.moriel.org/articles/discernment/church_issues/rev iew_of_gary_greigs_apologetic.htm

I don't like to use links to answer questions that we should be able to answer ourselves, but in this case I'll make an exception since the pdf was only indirectly referenced by you and as far as I know, hasn't been directly mentioned on this forum.

In the interest of full disclosure, I will say that I didn't think the pdf was all that bad in some of the particulars, only that it definitely didn't provide a good defense for his stated purpose; i.e. defending Todd Bentley, and the other spurious "movements" that spawned his ministry. It did

make some decent points against cessationist theology.

William

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by grandom on Fri, 15 Aug 2008 17:26:16 GMT
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James
I`m going back to your original post in May when you started this thread and I thought,finally i`m not alone in questioning whats going on down there at least at that time.

I have always been intrigued by the watchman of the old testament.It appears to me in my limited grasp of things that they were to warn the people of inpending danger. Who are the modern day watchman? I had a COG preacher tell me that it is the clergy. Man if that`s true we are in big trouble. Ez33:6 But if the watchman see the sword come,and blow not the trumpet,and the people be not warned,if the sword come,and take any person from amoung them,he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require of the watchmans hand.So based on that passage I guess I would agree. If that be the case where are the modern day watchman? I see more "watchman" on this board then any clergy I have come across.

Is 22:11 Watchman what of the night?

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by grandom on Fri, 15 Aug 2008 17:56:15 GMT
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William

You dont know how much this statement blessed me.

(who, btw, sounds a bit like Hombre... i.e. you need a dictionary handy to read it!):

If you need a dictionary to read Hombre, How do you think the rest of us poor souls feel?

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Fri, 15 Aug 2008 18:04:00 GMT
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That is why we in the south so often use the phrase, "I get your drift". Most of the time we get Hombre's drift, although sometimes we aren't sure if he's rebuking us or them! <grin>

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Fri, 15 Aug 2008 20:09:42 GMT
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Hombre wrote on Fri, 15 August 2008 13:28

....may I quote a little piece from the text of this article?

James Jacob Prasch...Gary S. Greig is nothing more than more of the same. He is the next crony for the spirit of error that has resided in the character of his would-be academic predecessors. Their efforts have become nothing more than a sorry saga of serial stupidity in a debunked charade masquerading as charismatic/Pentecostal Christianity.

May I first say that I am appalled by the juvenile name calling and Un-Christian attitude of this person: if this sort of thing continues here, I am going to go home and cry in my mommys' bosom.

Hey there now...nice goin' Jacob...I like your adjective strewing style!

...and BTW, William, you are getting to be a mean man!

When I read the article I thought it was you writing under a pseudonym (instead of Hombre)... I'm still not convinced that it wasn't you!

In another note you said:

Quote:Yes, we even have one here who has that handle too, but he is apparently doing more

watching at this point than anything else.

...BTW...that's just an observation, not pressure on him to do anything.

Now who is being mean? Don't you remember that even he (watchman) said his siggy was silly.

He signed off: Quote:David (yes I know my silly signature ends up below my name.)

Watchman

Blessings,
William

Subject: Apostles
Posted by Mark L on Sat, 16 Aug 2008 00:30:54 GMT
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As far as the apostle is concerned. The teaching was (and I agree with it) that a person is set in the prophetic/apostlic office by the personal appearance and commisoning of the Lord Jesus. There are good biblical reasons for believing that. When I have time I will post some info.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by watchman on Sat, 16 Aug 2008 14:46:46 GMT
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Well gentlemen (ladies), I told you that I would report back. I don't have time right now to read what all you nice people said about me, but I am going to give you an update. I said that I was going to see Todd at Morningstar and I did. about three thousand were there. A little background: I have had about 50 % hearing loss in my left ear along with ringing in the ears that has been so intense that I have been unable to work as a professor because I can not hear the students.

That Friday night as Todd was praying for hearing loss I saw in a vision a black tar-like substance coming out of my ear. I was completely healed and have been listening to music since then with astonishment at what God has done. To read a balance of what I believe you might want to read some of the other things that I have written. I continue to have little time to write or read in this forum but if your mind remain open to what God has for you I am pleased.

I sent a lot of my life coming to grips with the tragedy of Faith Assembly, but I find that he continues to move and protect his people. I believe that now is the time that you need the faith that you learned about in the Faith Assembly and I hope that you haven't reduced it to witty comebacks.

David

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Sat, 16 Aug 2008 15:30:52 GMT
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I too, would like to see this info, Mark. Not that I don't believe you, I just don't remember being taught,
 or where in The Word it says, that an Apostle 'had' to have seen Jesus...
If I'm wrong then I want to correct my stand on this.(I have been wrong before)
I DO believe an Apostle must be called and anointed by God, just like true prophets, evangelist, pastors, and teachers.

Richard refered to 'watchmen' the other day, I do believe part of our purpose and calling, in these times we live in,
 is to be 'watchmen' and point out deceptions and dangers that threaten the body of Christ.
We need 'someone on that wall', crying out warnings and shining light on darkness...

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Sat, 16 Aug 2008 15:52:04 GMT
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Ye have not because ye ask not... Wow! Speaking of watchmen, Hombre just took on the role of a watchman in warning and trying to help 'the watchman'.
 Not trying to be witty, David, just stuck me as an interesting observation.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by Mark L on Sat, 16 Aug 2008 16:37:28 GMT
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I vote to make us all here at Overcomers Online, Internet Apostles

Where do we line up?

I'll get the info up this weekend. I did a study a few yrs ago.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by jisamazed on Mon, 18 Aug 2008 17:05:02 GMT
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Just a quick note--

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Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Mon, 18 Aug 2008 20:50:51 GMT
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Amazed wrote:

"...you guys can still pray that the Lord will lead him to do what is right and make the most of this mess for good somehow."

Alright, help me here, you know the air is different down here below the mason/dixon line, right? So bare with me, you're asking me to pray that The Lord will LEAD Todd Bentley to do what is right and somehow make this mess good? I must really be suffering from oxygen deprivation. GOD HADN'T BEEN LEADING Todd Bentley, that would have been Emma, angels of light, and false apostles/prophets, that he is surrounded by.
God is not to be mocked nor His callings to be imitated; He has exposed this 'mess' and I can't see Him turning around and making it 'good somehow'. Now the lives that were affected by this 'impartation'? Yes, we can pray for them, they are certainly going to need prayer and deliverance.

Yes Todd Bentley needs prayer just as the whole group that jumped onto 'his bandwagon' does. They need to repent before God and the body of Christ and get out of their self appointed ministries and start bringing forth fruits of repentance.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 02:10:16 GMT
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...so...let me get this straight...

YOU wish that he would 'hurry up' and get some understanding, right?

Shall we take up a collection and send him some of HEF's tapes?

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 02:19:45 GMT
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How bout the Angels of Light, and Every Wind of Doctrine books?

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 02:49:30 GMT
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YOU wish that he would 'hurry up' and get some understanding, right?

I just got back on my chair after re-reading your note Hombre. Youâ€™ve got to stop doing that to me!

Anyway, I was thinkingâ€¦ as newly ordained "Internet Apostles" we should go and interview him first, just to make sure we aren't relying on secondary sources too heavily. All this may be just a hatchet job dreamed up by Grady... who knows, the mag may be gearing up for all of those Discernment Conferences that they will be advertising in the fall.

Okay guys, check your calendar and see if all of us have the same date open for the intervention... er, neo-alignment. In the mean time, let's not be too hasty in our rush to judgment.

Also, just so we don't give the "appearance of evil" I vote that we don't stay at the same motel as Todd... you know... just in case he's got that open-heaven thing going on. Wouldn't want to be caught in any fiery angelic visitations!

I've got the 25th of December open, then nothing until Easter of next year, what about you all?

Oh, and by the way, we probably ought to fast a little (at least breakfast) on the day we meet up with the guy... might give us an edge... you never know.

Jae, if you can't make it this year, we can shoot for 2010... if that's okay?

William

P.S. All of our plans will be subject to change if the watchman is awakened and decides to share with us his dream... I'd consider that a sign, since, like his great-great-great grandfather, Rip Van Winkle, nothing yet has jarred his slumber.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 02:56:27 GMT
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james wrote on Mon, 18 August 2008 21:19How bout the Angels of Light, and Every Wind of

Doctrine books?

James, you are never going to get anywhere if you don't polish up those people skills.

I'm sure you are aware that Todd already knows about Angels of Light and those Winds of Change... Emma told him.

I was thinking about the prosperity tapes... he may have more of an immediate need for them.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 03:02:10 GMT
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moulder wrote on Mon, 18 August 2008 21:56james wrote on Mon, 18 August 2008 21:19How bout the Angels of Light, and Every Wind of Doctrine books?

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Besides, you are aware that Todd already knows about Angels of Light and those Winds of Change... Erma told him.

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Blessings,
William

Or maybe the Confessing his Possession tapes.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 13:52:13 GMT
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Hombre, O great theologion

Quick question

Not a trick one either. Serious stuff.

What is the unpardenable sin?

Watchman what of the night

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 14:24:27 GMT
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How hard it is for the erudite to enter into the kingdom of the slow witted...

Slow down a bit Hombre, you move too fast... you've got to make the morning last.

Over the last couple of days it seems as if you are having more and more difficulty in understanding us... like an old man slowly losing his hearing... it's painful for us to watch.

Yes, I see that you are striving to maintain a modicum of dignity by holding on to complete words like "who?", instead of the slow witted slang "huh?", but if you are going to make it, you've got to become one of us.

James, do you think we ought to let him in on some of the masters of our craft, like Jerry Clower, Rick & Bubba, etc.?

These masters teach you how to "feel" humor. After learning the secret, the expectation that everything must make sense just goes away. You'll learn to laugh even when you can't hear anything that is going on in the room... you know it is funny, just because you are there! So don't let this old age thing get you down; others have overcome these difficulties, you can too!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 14:45:57 GMT
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Rick & Bubba, now there's two brothers who will crack you up. Didn't know you gott'um up dar in the north west quadrant of our lovey state. I usually listen to them on the way to the office during tax season. I hated it when they went off TV.

You had me laughing aloud thinking about how Hombre will just love that little 'dig'. Seriously, he did seem a bit slow yesterday...catching ones drift can be time consuming. Now he's looking up every possible answer for Grandom, thinking that it's a loaded question about sinning against The Holy Spirit. Should be an interesting answer, WHEN he comes up with it.

Zacchaeus wuz short...but he didn't give up.
life lesson for us...we don't need to climb trees to enter into the presence of our Father, Jesus came to restore fellowship between God and man. He's available at all times,24/7. Thank you Jesus!

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 15:02:13 GMT
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Here I am trying to get my rock-n-roll past out of my system by renewing my mind with Lois and Carl, and you guys start up the day with your duo's. William's hearing Simon & Garfunkel's 'Feeling Groovey' and Hombre's off in to the future with '2525' by Zager & Evans. Tsk! Tsk! Tsk!

I am relieved to know it's not just me.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 15:09:09 GMT
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Dude,you're making my side hurt, I can't stop laughing...

I feel like I've been taking medicine...

You know...'A merry heart doeth good like a medicine:...' Pr. 17:22A

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 15:19:46 GMT
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Why would I ask that?

I agree with the blaspheme of the Holy Ghost as that has always been my understanding of it. I dont disagree with your other point..

As I sat here pondering things this morning and I got to thinking about Bentley and Browne and the Toronto (blessing)and all of the shenanigans that have occurred during the last few years from other so called charismatics. That question came to mind. Is not what they have been doing slandering The Holy Ghost? I`m sorry but in my mind barking like dogs and violently shaking and Lord knows what else has gone on in the name Of the Holy Ghost, is that not blasphemy?

In Acts 8 Simon the sorcerer saw the power of the Holy Ghost and wanted to buy it so he could lay hands on whomsoever v19.Of course peter explained to him that the Holy spirit doesnt enter unclean vessels. I in my little pea brain cant see that these people are clean vessels. So if they are not doing the work of the Holy Spirit are they not doing the work of Satan and attributing that to the Holy Spirit. Sort of like people accusing us that speak in tongues, that being of the devil.That was another understanding I had of the unpardonable sin,Attributing works of the devil to the Holy Spirit.

Didnt mean to interrupt Rick and Bubba discussion.

Watchman what of the night

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 15:28:01 GMT
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Apology accepted, don't let it happen again...

I think you're on to something there, Richard. In fact, could it be that imitating The Holy Spirit, using demonic powers, is blasphemy against The Holy Spirit.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 15:37:59 GMT
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Apparently Simon didnt know about Emma.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 16:52:35 GMT
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James

i think you got Bubba in trouble..

JWBTI just called me and said that he is their collections guy and he signed a no moon light stipulation.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 17:06:23 GMT
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Perhaps we are being a bit too serious here; here is a link that will provide some balance:

http://kennethcopeland.blogspot.com/

We should never become so introspective that we fail to see what is going on outside our circle.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 17:26:04 GMT
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Help me William

I couldnt find the donation part of this blog.

I want a sightation aerio plane 2.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 17:33:50 GMT
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I don't care whut anyboody sez, dat's funeee...

Yet tragically reflects THE TRUTH of what is going on in T.V. PREACHER LAND...

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 18:43:26 GMT
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Any body read the pastors blog from Faith Assembly Lately???????

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 20:20:45 GMT
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Posted by william on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 21:43:33 GMT
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I saw that and wondered the same thing...

I totally missed the quote that Hombre mentioned however; it must have been a case of mistaken phraseology... at least I hope so.

Back to your quote... looks like we are getting the Internet Apostles thing going just in time. We need to all be ready to set things in order in a momentâ€™s notice. Our motto: Have Theology, Will Travel.

Blessings,
William

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Maybe you covered this, but how do we decide weather you or Hombre

takes the first commission? Is one of you all the head apostle? I havent been keeping up.

Internet Apostle Int.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Tue, 19 Aug 2008 22:46:11 GMT
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I snuck in under the fence after you guys had it set up... so I don't know who is in charge. Wait a minute; we are all Internet Apostles, why should any of us submit to anybody else?

I'm with Paul here:

Gal 2:6 But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me:

We are all islands... (I'm sick of the phrase "no man is an island".)

Having said all of that, we may end up following the one who has the best business card... so far, Hombre has us all beat!

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by JWBTI on Wed, 20 Aug 2008 00:14:36 GMT
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Ya know that Grandom only lives 45 miles from Warsaw....Just an hour drive...(Tho I haven't seen his buss card yet...)
He might be our man ?
Much wisdom doth come from all that gray hair.....

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Wed, 20 Aug 2008 14:31:16 GMT
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Ron wrote:

"Ya know that Grandom only lives 45 miles from Warsaw...Just an hour drive..."

Just an hour DRIVE? Oh no! Not gonna happen, Real APOSTLES walk; they walked in Jesus day and 'by george' they will walk today. Anybody sent forth from 'This Apostolic internet ministry' will walk just as the bible's example shows us to do. Anyone not in full compliance can turn in their business cards and ordination papers imediately.

Don't be complaining, the rules are written right there in the contract you all signed,which Hombre drew up.... ya gotta read the fine print.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Wed, 20 Aug 2008 15:18:42 GMT
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I`m afraid to ask what steps we are going to have to go through to get our sigh-tation x10s approved.

By the way James. Wachu talkin bout walkin willis

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Wed, 20 Aug 2008 15:38:25 GMT
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I too am a bit concerned... if we are authorized to use modern conveniences (cars and planes) which, at least on the surface seems reasonable given the fact that we are "internet" apostles, I'm wondering what is our position on smoke machines and strobe lighting in the meetings?

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Wed, 20 Aug 2008 15:39:39 GMT
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I1m not crashin my sigh-tation into any dead church I dont care what youse guys say. Oh wait. Wrong country.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Wed, 20 Aug 2008 15:42:57 GMT
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I think what he means is that sigh-tations are out unless we can use the engines from our

voltswagons...

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Wed, 20 Aug 2008 15:57:48 GMT
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james wrote on Wed, 20 August 2008 10:55I just got a call back from the army surplus store, they have to have at least 50% down payment on the combat boots Hombre ordered,
plus they are out of and back ordering sizes 14-15's.

Tell them to plant a seed and they will be buried in combat boots.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by jisamazed on Wed, 20 Aug 2008 16:41:48 GMT
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...In accordance with our beliefs, I hereby sanctify the driving of automobiles, provided that one understands the workings of them thoroughly. The application papers may be picked up in the church office, and after a supervised dismantling of said mode of transportation (down to the last nut, bolt and washer) and reassembly of the same, the application may be turned back into the office, provided the review of the 'understanding' process was deemed to be 'successful' by the authorized inspector and verified with his signature and seal. After this, a review by our transportation committee shall be conducted as a verbal and written inquisition which appointment shall be made in person. With a satisfactory performance and score, said operator of vehicle may perform essential but not casual duties with same under a probationary period of not less than 7 years. After the successful completion of this period, the vehicle shall be once more dismantled in full view of the licensing committee to insure that the vehicle has been maintained in strict accordance with our beliefs: not a touch of dust, nor of rust or engine gunk is allowable. If the vehicle is found to be in satisfactory condition and the operator has neither sweat of brow nor gestures of cross-eyed frown at this point, said vehicle shall be released to the operator under full perfunctory privileges of usage for a period of one (1) year, renewable each year thereafter for a sum equal to 10 % of his gross income, in addition to his/her tithing.

Sorry, I don't qualify. My minivan is only a 5-cylinder (originally 6) and is held together by about 16 cans of bondo. I will submit myself to the auspices of 3 of you who can instruct me how to replace the fuel injectors on the dash-side cylinders without having to take half the engine apart. Once it is clear that I have repented and I know how to perform that procedure, I will apply for credentials.

Or I can just order ordination papers for $30 from the Universal Church Association. I don't have to believe anything, I just need to pay the money and make a vague reference to God. You can get anything on line nowadays. That way I can marry people and be tax-exempt for any business venture I undertake. However, I wouldn't get to put "apostle" on my business card, so maybe I'll stick with you guys.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Sat, 23 Aug 2008 16:09:31 GMT
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Hardbones wrote on Sat, 16 August 2008 11:37I vote to make us all here at Overcomers Online, Internet Apostles

Where do we line up?

I'll get the info up this weekend. I did a study a few yrs ago.

Thanks Hardbones.

I feel in my capacity as unofficial keeper of the record on other apostles (tv evangelists etc)it is my duty to report on the divorce and remarriage of these characters and the ramifications of such behavior.

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Paula White divorced her husband about a year ago. Havent heard anything about her being in a soup line.Divorce not so bad.

So internet Apostles. The question remains. Do those of us that are married stay that way or do we divorce for the cause?

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Posted by james on Sat, 23 Aug 2008 16:22:40 GMT
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SOMEBODY... better hope their wife doesn't read that post.

You'll be living in that lightning struck garage by yourself...

Course you can alway install some nice tile floors...

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Posted by jisamazed on Tue, 26 Aug 2008 17:35:14 GMT
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[COLOR=blue]Hardbones, you only discussed the tip of the iceberg. Divorce is prevalent among both charismatic and non-charismatic Christian "leaders" (for lack of a better term). I could name a few more, but it is not necessary to name names. It is almost expected that a person have some sort of divorce or sexual sin, confess it and "be restored", because we charismatics love the

drama. Plus, we are supposed to sin so that grace may abound.

I know, I'm starting to sound cynical. Actually, I've been concerned about this matter for some time, but I don't like to make sweeping statements about all charistmatics (I am one), all non-charismatics or all TV evangelists. Some rotten potatoes spoil the entire batch, but there are many potatoes that are not rotten, and are very good. There are many men of God who are sound in their theology and live morally upright lives who don't play games with God. Most of them eschew the superstar mentality, so we don't have much exposure to them. But they are there.

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Posted by sparkles on Tue, 26 Aug 2008 20:18:30 GMT
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As one brother in the Lord said: I miss the old Faith Assembly days where you would go to church and be challenged and convicted. You would come away feeling good because you knew you had heard from the Lord.

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Posted by jisamazed on Wed, 27 Aug 2008 11:55:14 GMT
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Regarding divorce: I can see how my previous words appear to be condemning toward those who got divorced. That was not my intent. My question is why was divorce so rampant among former "faith camp" people, but not in some "denominational" churches? We have to connect the dots. The poor fruit in the lives of many FA people should cause us to question how good the teaching really was. If a Baptist Church with 2nd-class Christians has almost no divorces, but 1st-class FA has many divorces, both before and after its collapse, maybe FA was not so superior. Certainly not its teaching on the family.

My wife grew up in the Lansing group in which many people left their spouses in order to "believe for their first spouse." It was insane. Did that happen in spite of HEF's teaching or because of it? I would suspect that his teaching on it changed over time, but I do know that at one time he made this statement: "People try to use Jeremiah 3 as an excuse to not believe for their first spouse." He went on to say that Jer. 3:1 is an OT passage that does not apply to that situation nowadays. That's pretty strong language implying that people should divorce their current spouse and try to go back to their first one. Other teachers perpetuated that idea. What a mess it made of some

people's lives!

Regarding your statements about sitting under convicting teaching: My experience was that some of the teaching was Bible-based and refreshingly convicting. Some of it was very bad. Most of it was somewhere in between. I like expository teaching, and I developed a taste for it under Jim Brenneman's ministry. However, no ministry is perfect, and sometimes the teaching that came out of FA was just plain awful, and there was little to keep it in check. The teaching on divorce and remarriage (and subsequent divorce and "believing for your first spouse") was just one example.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by jisamazed on Wed, 27 Aug 2008 12:04:07 GMT
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Here is an interesting article by C. Peter Wagner on the Lakeland thing. He is trying to explain his actions, but he gives some insight into Todd Bentley's current situation.

An Update on Lakeland from Peter

August 25, 2008

I was in the San Francisco airport on my way to Singapore and Indonesia when the news of Todd Bentley's separation from his wife became public on August 12. When I arrived back home last week, I found that Doris had received and replied to around 1,700 emails and the stack of correspondence on my desk was unbelievable. It took me the rest of the week to catch up!

During the week I was gone, a major watershed occurred regarding the Lakeland situation as most of you would know. We are now on a new playing field. Lakeland Outpouring I, in which Todd Bentley was the main figure, is now history. Lakeland Outpouring II, in which Stephen Strader of Ignited Church is the main figure, has begun. The Outpouring started in a local church, went to a tent, and now is back in the local church. My suggestion is that we no longer use the term "Lakeland Outpouring" but rather distinguish between Lakeland I and Lakeland II because they are very different.

Let me talk a bit about the present, then revisit the past, then project the future.

The Present

It will sound surprising to some, but Lakeland II in Ignited Church, which you will remember was the original host church, is going very well. The big crowds and GOD TV, of course, are gone. Ignited Church seats around 700 in the main sanctuary and Stephen Strader

reports that on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings they have to use their overflow room. It is comfortably filled on week nights. The morning training sessions continue with a couple hundred every day, and teams continue to move daily into the streets of Lakeland spreading the gospel. Percentage-wise the dramatic miracles and healings occur nightly with probably a higher percentage of salvations on a daily basis. Support from local pastors is improving considerably. The most interesting report is that every night some 30 percent are first-time attenders, meaning that people are still coming to Lakeland from the outside to experience Outpouring II. A lady from our church with a severe chronic back problem went to Ignited Church and came home healed! Such a thing does not usually happen when a public figure suddenly goes down the tubes, so we need to take our hats off to the apostolic gifts and role that Stephen Strader is demonstrating for us.

Speaking of the public figure going down the tubes, Todd Bentley now carries the label of a liar and a deceiver. I'm sorry to mention it, but I felt personally deceived in the same way when Ted Haggard's sin was exposed and he was immediately removed from ministry. In the Lakeland I case, I am elated at the way things are turning out. The Revival Alliance with whom Todd was aligned on June 23 has kicked into action with a vengeance. Ché Ahn and Bill Johnson, like me, were overseas when things broke, but John Arnott stepped up to the plate and moved in apostolically. It has since become clear that Todd's Fresh Fire Board could not have handled the situation, Stephen Strader and Ignited Church could not, nor could any of his other close friends. Only the Revival Alliance could. I am delighted that they are not buying into typical charismatic soft morality, also called "greasy grace" or "don't touch God's anointed" or "mercy must triumph over judgment," phrases that have been used on other similar occasions as convenient religious cop-out excuses. They're proceeding in love, but it is tough love!

Since this is an update, I will share some of what I know about what is happening with Bentley, but not all because some things need more verification and it is up to discernment of Revival Alliance what and when this will be revealed. Suffice it to say that there is more than I am going to mention. First of all, Todd has been removed from public ministry until further notice. He has resigned from the ministry he founded, Fresh Fire, so he is no longer a part of that board. It has become clear that he indulged in periodic drunkenness. He has no intention at the moment of reconciling with Shonna, nor does she with him. Their marriage has been torn for years by his emotional attachment with at least one other female whose physical contact went beyond hugging and kissing and holding hands. Enough said-maybe more details will be revealed later-but it was clearly immoral. All of this was skillfully concealed by lying and by swearing close associates who had observed his behavior to secrecy. Stephen Strader, for example, knew nothing of this before June 23. Apparently some of his board members did, but they did not have the ability to deal with it.

The Past

I hope this is the last time I will have to address the past. It is now history. But as history

is written, I feel that I have some responsibility of helping to have history be written accurately, especially since I have turned out to be a lightening rod for a number of severe criticisms.

Most of you know this, but let me reiterate to keep it on record. Previous to around the middle of June, my interest in Lakeland was about a 2 on a scale of 1-10. Then I got a call from Stephen Strader, the host pastor who was a member of ICA, which I lead, with a passionate appeal for apostolic intervention because chaos and confusion had begin to invade the Outpouring I. Toward the end of the hour we were talking, I received one of my infrequent direct words from God: "Alignment!" Just one word, but I knew I had a divine command and responsibility.

Once I knew that God had assigned me to initiate some sort of apostolic intervention at Stephen's side, I began praying and consulting with close colleagues. In less than two days I discovered that Todd Bentley had no formal, established apostolic alignment. I asked God how I should proceed, especially since I had no inclination to attempt an apostle-evangelist approach and expect that Bentley would submit to or even listen to what I had to say if I made an appointment with him in Lakeland. I felt that proper apostolic protocol would be for me to deal with one or more peer-level apostles to whom Todd had aligned apostolically. Since as yet he had no such alignment, I began asking God how such an alignment might come about. He directed me to my close friend, Ché Ahn, who himself is apostolically aligned with me and who also had been close to Bentley for years. Ché agreed that the best apostolic protocol would be for Todd to align with the Revival Alliance if he were willing. Ché called him and Bentley agreed to submit publicly to the Revival Alliance.

At this point some disagreements arose. I have already mentioned that I was consulting with several apostolic colleagues whom I trusted and whom I know trusted me. It is very necessary for us to understand exactly what the disagreement was about. It was about the most appropriate apostolic protocol for the occasion. After prayerfully listening to the different points of view with careful consideration of what was being said, the decision had to be mine. I believe that God's word to me about "Alignment!" had to be directional. I concluded that the best protocol was to do the alignment first, then deal with the issues that had been raised. My other friends disagreed and urged me to deal with Todd's problems first then do the alignment. I respected their point of view and I was very sorry that I had to follow God's leading for me personally instead of taking their advice. It was not a comfortable decision.

Now let me address what was behind much of their disagreement with my apostolic protocol. They were concerned that if I appeared on the platform with GOD TV, many viewers would interpret it as my personal endorsement of everything that was going on in Lakeland I, and since they were so closely associated with me, they would be implicated as well. This was a legitimate concern, and one I seriously wrestled with as I made my decision. If I went to Lakeland and presided over the alignment, some might well take it as an endorsement. It was a risk, I knew. Let me say personally that all my life I have been a risk-taker instead of a play-it-safe

person, and I have taken many hits for it. As an example going to the jungles of Bolivia as a career field missionary when I was 25 with my wife and a one-year-old baby girl was a serious risk. Both that daughter and another who was born in the jungle without medical attention came close to losing their lives during those five years. And we were criticized for our decision to take the risk by many, including parents!

Closer to the Lakeland I situation, I have a private list of no fewer than 18 high-profile Christian leaders starting from the 1970s until Bentley for whom I took risks. For each one of them I took serious criticisms and in some cases personal hits even much more serious than I have received in this current case because I endorsed or partnered with or provided alignment for them. Some were typified as "crazy!" However, I can pretty much discern winners, although not always. My track record for the 18 is 72% emerged as real winners (you would know most of them), 17% ended up losers (including Bentley), and 11% indecisive. I'm sorry for the losers, but they prove I am not perfect. The point I am making is that I am no stranger to taking risks and living with the fallout.

One fallout from Lakeland I is that several have resigned from ICA and other organizations that I lead because they no longer want to be identified with me. Others are still upset. Still, believe it or not, I think that everyone involved is still my friend. We just disagree.

I want it understood that I did not go to Lakeland on June 23 for Todd Bentley. I had never met him personally. I had no knowledge of and little interest in his ministry. I went because I received an apostolic plea to help bring order to the confusion and chaos that was sweeping through the body of Christ worldwide because of the television. I went strictly for the body of Christ at the invitation of the host pastor of the Outpouring I.

The final question is: Was it successful? Looking back, I praise God for using me and others to help bring order to confusion, which is one of the chief biblical tasks of an apostle. Stephen Strader, who has been keeping records, affirms that the evil that the prince of the power of the air had been subtly introducing into the Outpouring I started to be exposed and unraveled the day after the alignment, June 24! Spiritually, this is very understandable. Just about every leader I knew had discerned that Lakeland I was a mixture of the godly and the ungodly. We were praying in one accord that the evil would be separated from the good. My take is that God had decided to answer these prayers and in order to facilitate His process, He assigned me and the Revival Alliance leaders and others who were with us to align Todd Bentley apostolically for the first time in his life. When we did this publicly, spiritual transactions took place in the invisible world that would not allow the enemy to maintain the veil of secrecy he had carefully placed over the Outpouring. The evil was exposed, Revival Alliance had the authority to deal with it, and the net result is that order is replacing chaos in the body of Christ.

In my section above on "The Present" I gave you some details. Believe me, they are only the tip of the iceberg as I just learned from a new phone call even as I was writing this paper. The

proper apostolic structure, happily, is in place at the time of crisis!

The Future

It is now important to recognize that from now on we have a different playing field. Two separate things are going on. (1) The Revival Alliance is dealing with Todd Bentley and the fallout from his sin that has been and continues to be exposed. (2) I have told you previously about a group of 11 apostles that I have formed into the Lakeland Outpouring Apostolic Team. We no longer need to deal with Lakeland I and Bentley as such. However, we have a list of 24 serious issues that have emerged from that unpleasant experience which need to be thoroughly discussed with the conclusions circulated in the body of Christ. If you have seen Dutch Sheets' recent "A Statement and Appeal Regarding Lakeland" you will get a glimpse of some of the things that we agree need to become standard operational beliefs and practices, particularly in our charismatically-inclined evangelical segment of the church.

It will take time, but our Apostolic Team will get to work on the 24 issues after some of this present dust settles, and we will be back to you!

Blessings,
Peter

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Posted by james on Wed, 27 Aug 2008 13:45:05 GMT
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There's a saying that goes like this; 'He who hesitates is lost".
I read AJ's post this morning and decided to wait until after I had my morning walk to reply. I too, have suffered through divorce and wanted to explain to him that there's not a set answer as to why people get divorced. But Hombre, you answered him with pretty much what I wanted to share with him. And yeah, like you stated, AJ, YOU DO NOT WANT TO KNOW WHAT DIVORCE IS LIKE !

Also,I was chewing on the second post as well...PLEASE, Lakeland I and Lakeland II ?; percent of chosen winners ?;
I had to resist the fleshly impulse to make a bunch funny comments from this, but it's too serious

for joking about to me. This man is PROUD of the way the 'apostolic leadership team' dealt with this situation. He praises the guy now in charge,for his skillful demonstration of the gifts, HUH? This guy, Peter is a leader in that 'movement' and there's zilch glory given to God.

Heaven help the 'charismatic church'.

Excuse me while I go vomit.

Subject: Re: Apostles
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Been there, done that, got the T-shirt, and burned it.

I waited for 14 years before getting married again, because I realized that I had some work to do on me, and the Lord had to work some things IN me, before I would have been a fit husband for any woman. I divorced my first wife for adultery (hers), and I know I was on scriptural grounds. But it still hurt like hell, and it was the most harrowing, gut-wrenching, hurtful experience I have ever endured. The way the laws are set up in this country, I basically flushed life as I knew it down the toilet, and started over with nothing, at age 39. I learned a lot about trusting God for His provision (when 60% of your paycheck is confiscated for child support, you have no choice but learn how to appropriate God's provision), and about forgiving myself for having to take that step (divorce), and to quit second-guessing it.

Looking back, I can see how God brought me through it, and it has worked a lot of godly qualities in me, although I still struggle with some things. I did remarry, and I have a very happy fulfilling marriage now, which I consider a blessing from God.

But, I must echo Hombre, you do NOT want to go through this. EVER! I will NEVER go through it again, God willing.

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I can see that I struck a nerve here. It's a sensitive topic, and understandably so.

Hombre, I did not give any statistics, except that half the former FA-ers at a party were divorced. I was there, I could count them. And there have definitely been a lot of divorces among people who used to be tied to FA or an associated group. I don't know what the percentage is, and I never claimed to give statistics on it, and I don't really care to know. I only know that there were far too many, especially for a group that claimed to be the end-time army or manchild or whatever. The point was not that divorcees are bad, or that no one had scriptural grounds for it. Some times divorce is necessary, and Jesus gave an exception for grounds for divorce and remarriage, as we know. In some cases involving abuse, abandonment or chronic adultery I might even advise someone to separate from the spouse as necessary, at least for a while.

I know that divorce is heart-wrenching and traumatic, especially for the innocent party. It is devastating for the spouses and children, if there are any involved. I counsel people going through divorce from time to time, and believe me, I don't condemn them at all. I fight for those whose marriage is on the rocks, and I will do whatever I can to help them, which sometime is nothing apart from prayer. But prayer in faith is a powerful weapon. This is one of the things I am passionate about. Fighting to save marriages. But I certainly don't have all the answers, and never claimed to.

Guys, that is my whole point. For those of you who divorced and remarried and had children through your second marriage, how would you react if someone told you to divorce your current spouse and "believe" for your first one? That is exactly what happened for a time in some FA-related churches, and I perceive that the practice happened at FA itself at one point in time. I think the word ministry put the kabosh on it after a while.

Some individual churches are very strong in the marriage and family area, and they have few divorces. There are others that are safe places for divorcees to go without feeling condemned. But a church that is so pure in the word as FA claimed to be will not be characterized by much divorce. In the church of Christ it should be a rare exception, not prevalent occurance.

My wife and I realize that it is by grace that we stand, and we are thankful frequently to the Lord for it. We are also thankful for good, balanced teaching on marriage, which has been very helpful for us.

If you have experienced the pain of a broken marriage, it can give you the compassion to pray for Todd Bentley's wife and anyone else you know of who is suffering in that way.

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James, I highly respect your decision to stay single, and I believe that Paul in I Corinthians 7 stated that your decision is the best one. I can tell based on your post that it was difficult, but that the Lord has blessed you for it. Your situation, however, is different than what I observed with some other people. THEY LEFT THEIR CURRENT SPOUSE in order to "believe" for their first

spouse, some of whom were already remarried with children. The children of the spouses who left were confused and saddened. Their spouses oftentimes did not agree with the separation. Why would a Christian leave their spouse and children to try to be restored to their first spouse? It had to be because of the teaching on it. They would not have done so unless they heard it taught that way. That was, in fact, exactly what happened in the Lansing group. My wife was a child of such a situation. If HEF had not taught it, it would not have happened. New, impressionable Christians had a high esteem for him, and when they heard him or other teachers from FA teach them to leave their spouse they did it, thinking they were obeying the Lord.

As I have stated before, HEF and the other teachers were not responsible for the bad decisions that people made. However, they were responsible for the bad teaching they gave that influenced people to make those decisions. That is why James 3 says that teachers shall receive the greater judgment.

No offense taken on the Todd Bentley thing. I should not have said that I would try to issue a document on it, then not deliver the goods. It would have been better if I had just kept silent and waited until such a document was ready. Time-wise I have bitten off more than I can chew, and I am behind on some other projects right now. To be fair, I did make a statement early on about some of my concerns about Todd, but it was not nearly the exhaustive research that I had wanted to do. I never endorsed Todd, but I was not ready to denounce him completely until I had done more homework.

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Very true, Moulder. If a husband and wife are both continually filled with the Holy Spirit, it is impossible for them to get divorced. No disagreement here. If one stops walking with the Lord and breaks the covenant, whether by adultery or abuse or divorce without grounds, it does not mean the other is backslidden. As we can see from some of these testimonies, the innocent party can only do so much, and then might have to let the wandering spouse leave, as I Corinthians 7 says.

It is also true that I have observed many FORMER faith camp people who were divorced. Many of them backslid, or their spouses backslid and broke the marriage covenant. Maybe the bigger question should be, "Why did so many people who were a part of the group backslide?" Backsliding happens in any Christian group, but it seems that the frequency and severity of it was worse among FA people. No, I don't have any statistics, but I have not seen it as bad in most other Christian circles as I have in the former FA people. The exception might be some shepherdship groups I know of. A lot of backsliders there.

I view divorce as any other work of Satan. Those who are redeemed by Jesus' blood have authority over it. We can stand against that spirit of divorce and overcome it, not only in our own marriages, but on behalf of others. When one or both of the spouses relinquishes that authority, a door is open to the devil to gain a foothold. When a word minister is divorced and remarried, it diminishes his authority to address that problem from the pulpit. When the church, meaning all of God's true people in this case, has the same divorce rate as the world, it makes it harder to preach the truth and stand against that spirit as a whole. We can't just tell people that divorce is wrong. We have to demonstrate how to keep marriages healthy. This area presents a golden opportunity for the church in America to shine as an example, but so far we have blown it.

It is not just divorce that is the problem. The underlying issues that cause divorce are the problem: lust, domestic abuse, hard-heartedness, burnout, religiosity, hypocrisy, poor conflict resolution, uncontrolled anger, etc... Any church that wants to decrease divorce has to address these issues. I think that HEF and the FA teachers genuinely tried to do so, but their approach to pastoring was too heavy on the teaching and not enough on forming relationships and counseling, and it is hard to mend relationships on just teaching alone.

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Dutch Sheets- A Statement and Appeal Regarding Lakeland

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A Statement and Appeal Regarding Lakeland
August 21, 2008

It has now been a couple of weeks since I heard about Todd Bentleyâ€™s plans for separation and divorce. Like everyone, I have had a variety of emotions including anger, sadness, and grief. Every time I see this scenario repeated, I grieve: for the husband and wife involved; for the family that will be scarred in so many ways; because of the incredible reproach it brings to Christ; and the distortion it gives concerning Godâ€™s heart and ways. I am praying for Todd and his family.
I was asked numerous times to write my position on Lakeland while it was happening, but always felt checked by the Lordâ€"the waters were too muddy and emotions too high. I now feel strongly that the Lord wants me to do so. It will be arguably one of the greatest risks of my ministry to date, but one I feel must be taken. Fathers, when given the voice to do so, bear the responsibility of giving correction and wisdom. I hope mine qualifies for the latter. I assure you I have spent many hours praying and thinking through the situation.
The risks are broad: with some of my dearest friends and co-laborers, I risk harming those relationships; with many in the charismatic body of Christ, I risk appearing to be an arrogant, â€œself-appointedâ€• spokesperson for them; to the â€œI told you soâ€• crowd, I risk the accusation of â€œspinningâ€• the situation. (As far as the heresy hunters and revival policeâ€"not those who raised legitimate questions about Lakeland, but the attack dogs who make their living and build their ministries criticizing everyone elseâ€"I lost respect for them long ago and couldnâ€™t care less what they think.) My purpose and sincere prayer in writing this statement, however, is three-fold: to see healing begin for the body of Christ; to initiate a process that can remove the reproach brought to Christ and the Church; and to do these things while preserving and honoring my current relationships. I pray that these desires, along with my heart, come through loudly. And I hope Iâ€™m writing this with true humilityâ€"who among us clearly sees all hidden in our own hearts?
Let me also preface this statement by saying that what needs to be said cannot be done quickly or carelessly. I do not want my heart to be missed and am not willing to run that risk for the sake of brevity, so please bear with the length. (Incidentally, I think it will be obvious no one involved in the Lakeland situation has asked me to write this; and for the sake of integrity on my part, none have been consulted concerning what Iâ€™m stating.)
Mistakes at Lakeland
Did leaders handling the Lakeland situation make mistakes? Yesâ€"huge mistakes. Beyond the

obvious fruit of salvations and healings, can good come from Lakeland, as some have suggested, even with the recent revelations concerning Todd Bentley? Yes, but only if there is complete honesty and transparency, the removal of all attempts at self-preservation, and absolutehumility from all sides.
Did I endorse the Lakeland meetings? No, I did not, nor did I condemn them. I acknowledged that healings were occurring and some were being saved, which I still believe and rejoice over. I realized and stated that the thousands of people attending were hungry and sincere, as were those involved in leading the meetings. The worship was regularly good. But looking past some of the immediate and positive results, I, like many, also looked ahead to the possible fruit from questionable doctrine and experiences, exaggeration and hype, youthful pride, character issues and the frightening potential of a 32 year â€œyoungâ€• man leading a movement that could shape the future of the Church. These things were frightening, very frightening, to others and me. When something has the potential of setting precedent, birthing a movement and being reproduced as a prototype, we are no longer simply endorsing good brothers, good intentions and miracles. Doctrine and foundations will be built on these events. Teachings and paradigms for future ministries will be formedâ€”in short, the next generation of the church and the move of God in the earth could be greatly impacted. This is why I stopped short of endorsing everything at Lakeland. Just as importantly, I could not ignore the â€œcheckâ€•, the uneasiness, the sickening feeling deep in my spirit telling me something else was wrongâ€”terribly wrongâ€”in this situation. Like other leaders I tried to push past my uneasiness with the showmanship, the â€œbams,â€• the head butts and kneeing, along with certain experiences and doctrines, all in order to embrace the good. Like many of my friends I tried to beâ€”and believe I was gracious, accepting, ready to think â€œout of the boxâ€•, etc. But try as I may, the uneasiness in my spirit just wouldnâ€™t leave.
Did I voice my concerns to the appropriate people? Yes, including stating my concerns for Toddâ€™s marriage to the Lakeland Outpouring Apostolic Team. Did they listen? Some did, some didnâ€™t. But I want to state emphatically, this is not an â€œI told you soâ€• statement. In fact, much of what I want to address goes back several years into our charismatic Christian history. And I assure you that concerning our present weaknesses in the charismatic church, there is plenty of blame to go around. Personally, Iâ€™ve been right at times with my discernment and decisions, wrong at others. It would be worse than hypocritical for me to point the finger of accusationâ€”I have no stones of judgment to throw. Nonetheless, mistakes were made and must be acknowledged and learned from in order for us to heal, grow and move forward.
Some of my closest friends endorsed and participated in the Lakeland meetings. For them I have both criticismâ€”all of us lose credibility at this point if weâ€™re not completely honestâ€”and affirmation. Should they have been more discerning and have listened to the warnings they received? Obviously. Should those who â€œalignedâ€• Todd with spiritual fathers (which was a good thing and positioned him to receive help if he chooses to accept it) have realized to do so publicly was a mistake and could be interpreted by those watching in no other way than as a complete endorsement? Yes, they should have, especially when the event became a commissioning ceremony, complete with decrees and prophecies of going to higher levels, predictions of Toddâ€™s increasing world-wide influence and leading a world-wide revival,

emphatic and prolific endorsements of his character, etc.
How could those watching believe the evening was anything but an aligning, endorsing and commissioning ceremony? It was. It really doesnâ€™t matter who laid their hands on Toddâ€”all share responsibility. This was unwise at best, naïve at least and at its worst, foolish. And should the leaders involved have realized that those of us connected to them relationally, ministerially, and as movementsâ€”some even in alignment with them apostolically and as sons and daughtersâ€”would feel minimalized, if not betrayed, by the fact that they were in essence taking us onto the stage with them? Yes. These feelings were inevitable, especially when we had such uneasiness and asked them not to. Should there be an acknowledgment of these mistakes to the body of Christ for the sake of accountability and in order to rebuild trust? I believe so, and remain hopeful this will happen.
With such strong statements of disagreement, what is the affirmation toward my friends who led, participated in or endorsed this ceremony (and the meetings in general)? Simply stated, I know their hearts. It is not a contradiction of my criticisms toward some of their actions to, at the same time, defend and endorse their hearts and character. It is completely appropriateâ€”when trueâ€”to defend a personâ€™s heart and integrity while disagreeing with their actions. I think the blunder of that night was huge and very damaging to the body of Christ, but I also realize that in their hearts, those involved honestly felt they were doing the right things.
Again, while not defending the action taken, I would defend the character and integrity of Peter and Doris Wagner as vigorously as anyone I know, and do so with absolute confidence. There are no two people, and I mean that literally, who embody the qualities of humility, integrity, holiness (no compromise!), sacrifice, unselfish kingdom-thinking, the tireless giving of themselves to Christâ€™s cause and the body of Christâ€”and do I need to add risk-taking?â€”as much as Peter and Doris Wagner. It remains my great honor to be associated with them and call them a spiritual father and mother. And again, while not minimizing or â€œsweeping under the rugâ€• any wrong decisions, I remain steadfast in my belief that similar affirmations could be made of others involvedâ€”either directly or indirectlyâ€”in the ceremony. And some of them still see their endorsing of Lakeland as an endorsement of revival generally, not of Todd personally.
The Bigger Picture
It may come as a surprise, however, that my real purpose in writing this is not to only state the above, as important as I believe saying it is. My primary purpose, and I believe my assignment from the Lord, is to identificationally repent on behalf of the leadership of the charismatic body of Christ (see Nehemiah 1:4- 7; Daniel 9:1-19). In doing so, I do not have a pompous, â€œno one else will, so Iâ€™ll do itâ€• attitude, nor am I arrogant enough to think I have become the spokesperson for the charismatic church. But in the same way that I can identify with the racism of white predecessors and repent to blacks, Native Americans and other races, I can represent the leadership of the charismatic body of Christ and identificationally repent for our sins and weaknesses. I encourage leaders who find my statements true and appropriate to join me. Beyond the simple fact of it being appropriate, I firmly believe it is the only way to begin the process of rebuilding trust with those asked to follow us and to remove the cynicism of the world we ask to listen to us. As you know, regaining, credibility is much more difficult than attaining credibility.

Concerning what Iâ€™m about to say, I donâ€™t believe I have a critical spirit, nor do I want to diminish the sacrifices, faithfulness, and hard work done by so many in ministry. The fact remains, however, that we have failed the Lord and His people in many waysâ€”not just with Lakeland but in countless other situationsâ€” and must repent if we are to be trusted in the future. And as you also know, no repentance is effective if watered down and couched in excuses, therefore, I intend to be brutally honest:
1) We, the leaders of the charismatic community, have operated in an extremely low level of discernment. Frankly, we often donâ€™t even try to discern. We assume a personâ€™s credibility based on gifts, charisma, the size of their ministry or church, whether they can prophesy or work a miracle, etc. (Miracles and signs are intended to validate God and His message, not the messenger; sometimes they validate the assignment of an individual, but never the personâ€™s character, lifestyle or spiritual maturity.) We leaders in the Church have become no different than the world around us in our standards for measuring success and greatness. This has contributed to the body of Christ giving millions of dollars to undeserving individuals; it has allowed people living in sin to become influential leadersâ€”even to lead movement, allowing them influence all the way to the White House. Through our lack of discernment we built their stages and gave them their platforms. We have been gullible beyond wordsâ€”gullible leaders producing gullible sheep. When a spiritual leader weâ€™re connected with violates trust, is exposed for immorality or falls below other accepted standards of behavior, it does not exonerate us simply to say we donâ€™t condone such behavior. Those we lead trust us to let them know whom totrust. We have failed them miserably in this regard.
For this lack of discernment, and for employing and passing on inappropriate standards of judgment, I repent to the Lord and ask forgiveness of the body of Christ.
2) We, the leaders of the charismatic church, spin our involvement and fail to acknowledge our responsibility when other leaders fallâ€”all of which stems from our self-preservation and pride. Enough of the spinâ€”weâ€™re no different than Washington, DC. Every time another embarrassing and disgraceful situation is exposed, the dancing begins. It seems that no one bears any real responsibility except the man or woman who actually commits sin. Incredibly, we even blame â€œrevivalâ€• itselfâ€”the pressures, attacks, weariness, the â€œrevival is messyâ€• argument, etc., saying it is responsible for the failures. This is disgusting. Those of us on boards of fallen leaders, those who helped give them a voice, put them on TV, published and endorsed their books (yes, I have), etc., are not exonerated simply by saying we donâ€™t condone the wrong behavior or that we didnâ€™t know. Weâ€™re supposed to know.
I donâ€™t believe anyone is expecting perfection from usâ€”I know Iâ€™m not. Weâ€™re far too human for that. But we are expected to have enough humility to look the world and those who follow us in the eye when we miss it and say, â€œwe were wrong and we are sorry.â€•
Our careless accountability has caused the body of Christ to be spiritually raped and abused. It has produced disillusionment and brought immeasurable reproach to our God and cynicism to His message. Concerning Lakeland, what was called the â€œgreatest revival since Azusa Streetâ€• has become possibly one of the greatest reproaches. We, the leaders of the charismatic church, are responsible.
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What about the leader in my city who ran with some of the leading spiritual fathers in our nationâ€”sincere and good men, I might add, and not all â€œcharismaticâ€• leadersâ€”who sang his praises and helped build his stageâ€”all while he was doing drugs and having sex with other men? But we shouldnâ€™t blame only the high profile casesâ€”what about those of us who unknowingly have had adulterers on our staffs or appointed elders that turned out to have compromise in their life?Sounding familiar yet?
This is so epidemic that every member of the body of Christ stands guiltyâ€”what pastor or leader did you follow that turned out to have sin issues? What ministry did you support that was unworthy? There is plenty of blame to go around. The big question becomes not â€œwho do we blameâ€• but â€œhow do we fix this mess?â€•
Leaders can live in sinâ€”adultery, homosexuality, financial wrongdoing, drugs, etc.â€”for years without it being realized. They can offer completely unacceptable lifestyles for the body of Christ to follow and still keep their TV programs and lavish lifestyles. In the name of grace, compassion and forgiveness we have lowered the standard so much that often there isnâ€™t one. We have bought into the lie that true discipline is â€œshooting our wounded.â€• We have made a mockery of biblical restoration, making â€œministryâ€•â€”not healthy individuals, marriages and familiesâ€”its ultimate goal. The fact is, integrity matters. No, we donâ€™t need legalistic, pharisaical standards,but we must have standards.
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Galatians 6:1-5 is an appropriate reference with which to end this statement:
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My passionate prayer is that God honors this repentanceâ€”I believe He led me to do it and therefore, willâ€”and uses it to begin a process of cleansing and healing for all of us. In order for the coming great awakening to bear maximum fruit we must have both, as well as a course correction that sets us on a path of wisdom leading to life. There is no doubt that past moves of God have been aborted, ended prematurely and contained error or heresy that have wounded, if not destroyed, many. The healing revival of the 40â€™s and 50â€™s, the charismatic movement, discipleship movement and Jesus movement are all examples. My heart is to help shape a movement, the fruit of which will last for decadesâ€”better yet, forever. And I have great expectations for usâ€”I am not a cynic.
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With great hopeâ€”
Dutch Sheets

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Posted by william on Thu, 28 Aug 2008 16:31:26 GMT
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Now that is funny!!!!!!!

Our charismatic keystone cops-- on the job!

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Posted by sparkles on Thu, 28 Aug 2008 18:08:07 GMT
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Posted by james on Thu, 28 Aug 2008 23:47:24 GMT
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Sue,

Your stedfastness in faith is wonderful to see, you don't let others talk you out of what God has planted within you. Hold fast, God is watching and is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him...

"For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but The Word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it." Heb.4:2

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Posted by JWBTI on Fri, 29 Aug 2008 01:17:42 GMT
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Posted by sparkles on Fri, 29 Aug 2008 02:30:49 GMT
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It has truly been a blessing and privilidge to have had the opportunity to go to Faith Assembly and some of the outreach meetings. The fellowship with the saints at Faith Assembly and Grand Rapids was wonderful, and I must admit I miss those days.
Many of the people on this site bring back those good memories, and I appreciate all you who so fervently defend the faith. I wouldn't even be surprised if some of you I haven't met at a seminar or Faith Assembly or Zion Lake.

I Thes. 5:23-24 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it."

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Posted by james on Fri, 29 Aug 2008 20:04:59 GMT
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Jisamazed wrote:

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Why did I think you would?

Jiz, I remember you said earlier that your sister had been embarrassed at her graduation party, or something similar, because of words used by 'faith camp' people, speaking in king James type language. And how you wanted to 'help us' learn to communicate with the rest of the world without seeming old fashioned and dorky.

Let me share this with you in love, you need to decide whether you want to please God or man. Decide if what is written in The Word of God is true or false, and if you believe it to be true, then embrace it and stop being embarrassed by how Jesus spoke and more importantly summit yourself unto it. btw: He is the one to blame, He told us to say to mountains,'Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea...' Man, FAITH is foolishness to this world; you can't possibly walk in faith when you're worring what you look like, sound like, act like, to the world. Have you not read THE BIBLE? Jesus said He came not to bring peace, but a sword, everyone will be against you if you chose to follow Him.

Now this is a thus sayeth The Lord; "Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith The Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will recieve you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith The Lord Almighty." II Corth.6:17-18
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Something else for you to consider, at the time I wrote this originally, I had not read Hombres' post (message 3057) even though I wrote this 1 1/2 hr. after he had written his message to Grandom concerning you. I hope you have the spiritual discernment to see that possibly The Holy Spirit just might be trying to tell you something. And believe God had put on both our hearts pretty much the same thing. Ask Him, it's His Word He's using us to declare unto you.

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Posted by sparkles on Fri, 29 Aug 2008 21:17:22 GMT
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Contrary to what you think or say, Dr. Freeman encouraged people in the faith, to believe God for themselves, unlike the preachers of today who want people to come to them for councilling(theophostic, inner healing) and therapy. "Come up front so we can have our prayer servants pray with you." They sure don't encourage people to go to God and believe for themselves, now do they? "Send us your prayer request with your tithes and offerings and God will do a miracle for you today!" Hobart Freeman encouraged people to trust God for themselves, and whether you like it or not he was correct. We never said perfect, just correct.

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I know you don't write to change my mind or Hombre's or James mind, but to the audience that reads this, so you can somehow let them all know what you think is correct. Everyone who reads this is responsible before God to walk in the light they have received, whether from Dr. Freeman or any preacher on the radio, or their neighbor or just by reading the Word of God. And if what Dr. Freeman preached was correct they/you/me will stand without excuse on the day of judgment for not walking in all the light we were given. Mark 11:24 is in the Word for all to see and believe, as is John 3:16 and a multitude of other verses on faith and trusting in a faithful savior.

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Posted by william on Fri, 29 Aug 2008 22:03:16 GMT
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Hey Sage, YOU STOLE MY TRUCK!! <grin>

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Posted by william on Fri, 29 Aug 2008 22:14:29 GMT
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...that may be a bit obscure for people who can't follow a 1-10 numbering system.....

...not saying who that might be...just talking...that's all.....

Yeah you're right. I should have taken note that this thing has jumped to another page...

I withdraw my comment!

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Fri, 29 Aug 2008 22:32:32 GMT
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Hombre wrote on Fri, 29 August 2008 17:20james wrote on Fri, 29 August 2008 17:16William

I think she's just borrowed it...Last I saw of it she was trying to get that grill cleaned off before returning it...

..say now, does anyone have a good recipe for roadkill?

..and is it best to fry it or bake it?

Well, about the only thing it is good for now is a tortilla wrap.

Sure hope she gets that grill cleaned off... the truck was borrowed... (from Hombre!)

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by sparkles on Fri, 29 Aug 2008 23:43:27 GMT
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Thank you William for letting me use your truck! I have always wanted a truck, but for now just borrowing/stealing one will suffice. And I will return it as good as new, grill cleaned (I use to cook in a restaurant so I am good at cleaning grills) and truck washed. Thanks again and have a wonderful day!

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were always ready to be vocal about your opposition to Fa an Hobart Freeman and his teachings...

Ref : Control freaks an Toronto.... Like I tell my children...If ya gonna put your hand in the Fire....you're gonna to get burnt !

I would question now.....Why.... would they allow the DVD in your church if they thought it was wrong ?

Jae wrote:

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Rons reply:
I can't do that !..... I've read your posts !

Ref: Dutch Sheets,
I'am glad he's repented now, but that is like calling in the Fire dept after the house is already burnt to the ground.
Opps..... should have called 911 a few months ago.....Sorry !

What about C. Peter Wagner ?

Revival: Lakeland II

Brought to us by the same Deceived people that started Lakeland I
Ps: Todd Bentley has left the building.....Sorry !

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Sat, 30 Aug 2008 17:15:20 GMT
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Hombre you hit the nail out of the park!

Quote:Hombre wrote: We have a promise, brethren..and it isn't going to be found in a supernatural sideshow, which was really the entire problem. People looking at the supernatural instead of focusing on who God reveals Himself to be, according to the Word of God.

To continue the thought; have you noticed that these false shepherds have yet to give the Body of Christ any true discernment? If *one* person, (Bentley) hadn't rocked the apple cart, they would still be blindly following the supernatural show. In fact, they still are following the show by renaming it Lakeland II.

Forget Bentley, a mere pawn in the hands of Satan; it is the sideshow that is proving them to be *TOTALLY* without discernment.

It hasn't been too many years ago, that even a babe in Christ would have recognized the obvious demonic manifestations that we see in these "charismatic" meetings.

If Bentley hadn't disappointed these self-appointed idiots, they would still be singing the praises of this foolishness. But by focusing on the personality of one of the proponents, instead of pointing out the obvious demonic activity, the madness is allowed to continue, unabated.

No watchmen are these; dupes of Satan they are.

I tell you, the kind of responses that have been forthcoming, are exactly what Satan needs to continue his deception.

Blessings,
William

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Posted by grandom on Sat, 30 Aug 2008 17:41:44 GMT
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I agree with you brothers 100%

Here is an article for you all to peruse.
http://www.pfo.org/r-joyner.htm
Wonder why these prophets and apostles of today are the way they are?

I think this will explain it quite nicely.

Wonder why todays Christians are sucked in.

They receive their little thimble of the word on sunday, never read or study the word for themselves and then wonder why their world is going to hell in a hand basket.If the so called leaders of today feel the old mouldy(not moulder) word of God isnt relevant for today and we need new revelation, God help us.

Look for signs and wonders. Much easier then seeking for themselves. I guess also if you belong to a "balanced church" you wont be to concerned about what Jesus said in His word. Get right

down to it Jesus message wasn`t very well balanced. It was pretty much "my way or the highway".He didnt balance it out with man`s humanistic "feeling". Did I ever get an answer as to what a balanced church is. Cant remember.

Watchman. Keep watching.matt 24:43

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Posted by james on Wed, 03 Sep 2008 21:19:49 GMT
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Here's another burr that's under my saddle...GOD TV, owned by Rory and Wendy Alec. The third video about Jesus coming to Lakeland was prophecied by Wendy...Hello? Guess that came true also. I know there are laws that seperate church and state, but somebody needs to investigate these two and God TV. How much money did they milk ditzy christians around the world out of? Where are they now? Still counting it probably. This Wendy Alec told viewers if they questioned or spoke against Todd Bentley they would lose their healing. What's the owner of a TV station/web site, doing telling people what to do, much less pretending to be a prophetess? Can you say, self serving conflict of interest?

Can you imagine what unsaved people with any worldly wisdom think of this whole mess. If this is the results of salvation, then who would want to be saved? The charismatic movement is the laughing stock of the world; and not in a good way (as the righteous will suffer persecution).

God help us all.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Wed, 03 Sep 2008 22:20:33 GMT
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"If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?" Jeremiah 12:5

The answer is they will perish... no discernment; no grounding in The Word; no knowledge; no faith; no love for the things of God; no understanding.

"Having a form of godliness,but denying the power thereof..." II Tim.3:5

Drowning and refusing that which would save them... THE WORD

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Thu, 04 Sep 2008 12:49:30 GMT
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james wrote on Wed, 03 September 2008 17:20

"Having a form of godliness,but denying the power thereof..." II Tim.3:5

Here is an article about a man who is not denying the power,

http://www.pfo.org/exploits.htm

What say you James.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Thu, 04 Sep 2008 14:00:21 GMT
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In the words of Gomer Pyle; "SUPRISE, SUPRISE, SUPRISE !!!"

What's new? Looks like the same spirit at work that we saw in Todd Bentley and Co..... SHAZAM !!!

Sorry brother, I couldn't bring myself to finish that whole piece...Bout the only thing there believable, was the two little 12 yr. old girls in Costa Rica believing God to bring their pet chicken back to life. I can see God honoring their child like faith, though Jan Crouch saying it gives me cause to doubt.

I really wasn't that aware of these crazy antics going on within the charsmatic movement until the last few months of researching Bentley/Lakeland. I kinda was living in my little world, waiting for Jesus to come back and not being involved in the 'religious community'. I just read on some web site last night that Steve Hill (now SJ Hill)was involved in the Brownsville/Pensacola deception and Kansas City prophets in the 90's. Makes me wonder, HOW could someone with his knowledge of The Word get into that stuff?

[What sez james]... i'll defer to...What saith God!

" And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:" II Thessalonians 2:11

james does say: " Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness." II Peter 3:13

Come quickly Lord Jesus.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Thu, 04 Sep 2008 14:21:05 GMT
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James,
You may find this of some interest.
Here is a list of credentials that S.J. a.k.a. Steve Hill has posted on his site from fathersglory.com

S.J. Hill is a gifted leader and teacher in the Body of Christ with over thirty years of experience in the ministry. He has pastored, as well as worked with David Hogan and Freedom Ministries in Mexico. S.J. Has been on the faculty of the Brownsville Revival School of Ministry and the F.I.R.E. School of Ministry. He has also taught at Mike Bickle's Forerunner School of Ministry in Kansas City, Missouri.

I have to seriously question S.J. and his associations.

Form his own web site: He is currently teaching part-time at the F.I.R.E. School of Ministry in Concord, North Carolina. Some may say Ok no big deal. Here is not all but the greater majority of faculty at F.I.R.E.

Michael L. Brown
President, Professor of Practical Theology
B.A (Queens College), M.A. (New York University), Ph.D. (New York University). Dr. Brown served as a leader in the Brownsville Revival from 1996-2000 and birthed FIRE School of Ministry in 2001.

Darrell Jessee
Domestic Internship Coordinator
Associateâ€™s Degree (Brownsville Revival School of Ministry

Dion Light
Assistant Director of FIRE International
Associateâ€™s Degree (Brownsville Revival School of Ministry)

Michael Lubanovic
Outreach Director of FIRE Church
B.A. (Youngstown State University), Associateâ€™s Degree (Brownsville Revival School of Ministry).
Brian Parkman
Instructor of Practical Theology
Associateâ€™s Degree (Brownsville Revival School of Ministry
Lori Parkman
Instructor of Practical Theology
Associateâ€™s Degree (Brownsville Revival School of Ministry

Aaron Crider
Music Department Director and Instructor of Music
Associateâ€™s Degree (Brownsville Revival School of Ministry)

As you will see if you go to his sites you will see no mention of Faith Assembly (imagine that) or that Hobart Freeman was his father-in-law.

I have heard only one recent message that he preached in Syracuse In.. Actually it was pretty safe.A lot like the demon systems of today. Love boat stuff.

Eph 5:11 comes to mind.And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

Watchman, What of the night

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by sparkles on Thu, 04 Sep 2008 14:31:05 GMT
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It truly is amazing some of the deceptions that are out there in the charismatic world. And unfortunately there is alot of it creeping (no, make that running) into the mainline churches. If I remember right David Hogan visited the re-invented Faith Assembly, long after Brother Freeman had died, a couple times. I do not remember anyone giving testimony of any miracles done there. Somewhere I have an old tape of David Hogan that was passed out in the late 80's or early 90's and remember him telling a story of being in a McDonald's restaurant when it was really busy, but he did not have time to wait in line, so he started to speak in tongues out loud. Now this scared some of the people so then he was able to go to the front since people left. I believe he said he would do this when he was in a hurry. What a mockery of the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit.

Seems like all these people are closely linked together one way or another, like with Rodney Howard Browne, who brought the "holy laughter" to the "revival" in Toronto. I can remember him telling people he was praying for, to just put their mind in neutral, not pray, just laugh. Then he would have everyone just start laughing. There was even a part where someone would stand up front and lead everyone in "holy laughter." When people put alot of these deceptions together you end up with Toronto, Brownsville, Grand Rapids First Assembly, Lakeland, some churches in England, Africa, and only the Lord and the Devil know where else much of this is going on.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Thu, 04 Sep 2008 14:31:56 GMT
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Grandom

Looks to me like maybe we seeing the same thing??? Reckon one of us 'watchmen' ought to move to a different spot along the wall?

That is exactly what I was reading last night about Steve, and I too wondered, Is he ashamed of his past or decived? Maybe Hombre has thoughts on him since he sat under his ministry.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Thu, 04 Sep 2008 16:51:53 GMT
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[quote title=Hombre wrote on Thu, 04 September 2008 10:02][quote

My personal thoughts regarding Steve are that I do care about him, and pray that he will begin to work through the issues that have caused him to be where he is today.

My sentiments exactly. We all have to be very careful that we dont have a self righteous spirit. But for the grace of God none of us would be where we now are. For what ever reason in His sovereighty
He has allowed us not to be a Todd Bentley or a mass murderer or whatever else we could have become.We could say that would never happen to me. If that be our attitude then I believe that pride goeth before a fall. Read that once. Thank God for His faithfulness towards us undeserving slaves.

Even those of us that can`t seem to work the quote thingy.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Thu, 04 Sep 2008 17:02:28 GMT
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Quote:Even those of us that can`t seem to work the quote thingy.

You can either use the quote button (12th from the left) and then paste your quote in the middle of the quote marks or you can type (I'm reversing the brackets so they will show up!)]quote[put your quote here... and then type (reversed again)]/quote[and that should work.

Alternately you can select QUOTE instead of REPLY and the whole note will be quoted along with who the quote is from... you can then delete any part of the quote you don't want to show up.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Thu, 04 Sep 2008 17:03:38 GMT
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Hey, it didn't work... maybe it is because the thread is too long! I'll check it out.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Thu, 04 Sep 2008 17:06:25 GMT
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I just fixed it in my note by removing some of the layers!

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by jisamazed on Fri, 05 Sep 2008 01:14:27 GMT
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Hombre wrote on Sat, 30 August 2008 10:40JWBTI wrote on Sat, 30 August 2008 08:07Jae, I may have assumed that from: The fact that you seemed to defend Todd Bentley an Lakeland by your silence,but youwere always ready to be vocal about your opposition to Fa an Hobart Freeman and his teachings...

Huh....I seem to remember that Jae was not JUST silent, but rather ready to defend Bentley against moi if necessary.

..may I quote:

Jisamazed, Post#2684....Watchman, thank you for that post. I hear people from both sides of the Todd Bentley debate. Some strong opinions both of them. All the more reason for making sure we get our facts right before making public statements about him. Hombre, I never was ready to defend Bentley against you or anyone else. Stop reading stuff into my words. I said what I said. We (referring to myself as much as anyone else) have to get facts straight before we make public statements. I had researched some material on his website, but I did not have time to do a lot of other research on him. I only watched about 3 minutes of him on video. I did not have God TV and don't have the ability to watch streaming video. Frankly, I'm not on the computer very much. If I didn't have primary material to quote, why would I comment based on secondary sources? I don't like to jump on bandwagons. You had the time to do research, and that was helpful. Just because I didn't does not mean that I was ready to defend him, as you say.
That was August 8th.

This is August 18th:

Jisamazed, Post #2827....I am focused on helping people who are addicted to alcohol, have marriages that are breaking up, helping to clear up their theoligical confusion, etc... These have to come first before the research on Todd Bentley. That whole scene will fade over time, but my friends need my help right now.....

....Much as I like this forum, it is not a top priority for me, sorry to say.

....It's not just about resisting peer pressure. I just can't do it. And I don't think I need to so much anymore. Between Todd baptizing people in the name of "Bam-bam", getting divorced and getting power from his tatoos, more and more people are starting to realize that maybe he is not what they originally thought he was.

You mean, who YOU thought he might be, right? No, I had concerns about him from the beginning and expressed them. I was thinking more about friends and family members who started communicating their disgust to me about his behavior. I had expressed concerns to them, and they eventually came back to me and essentially said, "Yeah, I can see that now."

BTW, Jis...perhaps you should make this forum more of a priority in your life, especially if you are counseling people with 'real' problems in your life. If you couldn't discern that there was something amiss with Todd Bentley I did, but chose to not make a lot of noise about it until I could give some more facts, how on earth are you going to help your clients discern more subtle problems for

which there is NO written or video record with which to measure or reference anything in their lives by? You've got it backwards. I meet with people face to face and am able to discern their problems in person, not on TV or youtube or in writing. Most of the time their problems are obvious, such as substance abuse or unforgiveness or unbelief. I have much more exposure to my clients than I did to Todd or the Lakeland thing.

I might be nuts for saying this, but I think that you would benefit from working with the homeless and mentally ill and guiding them through their recovery. I would like to invite you or anyone else on this forum to spend a day at work with me (the paperwork part would be boring) with the downtrodden. Go to the mission at night and help lead chapel, especially if you can lead worship or share a one-off. When you get in the gutter with the outcasts of society every day, you tend to view the world a little bit differently. One day might not make a difference for you, I don't know, but listening and observing the suffering of others who are created in God's image tends to free us from smugness and rearranges our spiritual priorities.

This forum IS important. It has been helpful, but so was the book "The Holiness of God" by R.C. Sproul. Helpful, but not essential.

This forum is VERY important.

This forum is a work of GOD.

Thus saith the Lord. Careful now. We are called to judge your prophecies just as much as those of Dutch Sheets.

We don't know where He is taking us or how, but if I were you, I'd get on the bandwagon and start listening. Nope, no bandwagons. Bandwagons get in the way of hearing God's voice. The Toronto thing is a great example. God is the source of wisdom, not some psychology book... (y'know, I never took a psychology course in college, but I probably should; psychology is simply the study of the human personality, and the Bible has a lot to say about it; in a sense, anyone who cares about the fact that man is made in God's image is a psychologist of sorts, in that the Bible tells us who we are- body, soul and spirit- and what that means for us) and if you want the RIGHT answers to your clients problems to help them with, you need to get your theology in line with Gods' word first so that you can begin to have the one on one with Him that we ALL need more than anything else. Yes, I have to rely on Him every day to do what I do. You seem to be assuming that I am trying to do some sort of psychological manipulation or hocus-pocus on people. You don't really know what I do. I help them find housing or a job or secure benefits as needed. I help them to clear up their confusion about life, and gently and slowly help them to see that they are their own worst enemy, and that there is hope for them. Because the agency I work for is not a "Christian" agency, I have to wait for them to want to talk about the Lord rather than bringing it up when I want to do so. It has actually been good for me. My primary function is to offer people hope. Several of my clients have gotten saved, backsliders returned to the Lord, drug

addicts delivered, depressed have found joy, demonized are set free, confused become clear. I would love to share some specific testimonies some time, but I'm concerned that I would get nit-picked at, and that would deflate the joy of it.

..you really need to re-evaluate your entire humanistic take on the Word of God that you have been sucked into through years of exposure to the system. False discernment, Hombre. You missed it on that one. I know whom I have believed.
JWBTI wrote on Sat, 30 August 2008 08:07I would question now.....Why.... would they allow the DVD in your church if they thought it was wrong ? At the time we didn't think it wrong. We are all growing, and the Toronto thing did not seem like a big deal at the time. They were simply worship DVD's and did not expound any doctrine. No one barked like a dog or anything weird like that. I would holler more now if someone tried to do that again, but it is still a minor matter compared to other stuff that we fight. I supposed you can mock or laugh or jump all over that one, but the Lord is more patient with us than than anyone else.

Yes...that is an excellent question....why?

1. ....because they don't know any better, i.e..they don't have any discernment, or
2. they do know better but their fear of man is greater than their desire to do right.

JWBTI wrote on Sat, 30 August 2008 08:07Jae wrote:
You need to give me a little bit more credit.

Rons reply:
I can't do that !..... I've read your posts !

Jae does work hard in bringing us what he does, it's just that it's content is skewed by HIS thinking. He reaches very logical and credible conclusions, it's just that they aren't defensible from the Word of God, unless that is, you want to bend the Word into something ineffectual like the system does.
When have I bent the Word? The scriptures are my food, and the reason why I endure the misunderstanding and disrespect on this forum. I want to discuss scriptures with others who share the same experiences and evaluate them in light of the Word.

I once heard a preacher say that '....God wants us to follow Him, but He doesn't give us a road map....' He wants us to take a step at a time IN FAITH, NOTHING DOUBTING...for he that wavers is like a wave in the sea, driven by the winds and tossed.

Jae had the choice to follow *us* or Todd or to vacillate in the manner of his church. He chose the *safe* route....sponsored by Worldy Wisdom Inc. This is WHY it is of PARAMOUNT IMPORTANCE to KNOW the Word of God...when we need discernment it either lives in us, or it

doesn't..and the system is NOT breeding or seeding the heart ground of believers with GOOD SEED, but sterile seed that produces NOTHING. Sure, the people are nice, they have confessed Jesus as Lord, they serve in their various committees and generally go about doing good, but it is The WORD OF GOD that will save one in the day of destruction, NOT church membership.

I don't condemn Jae. Jae is confused by his own intelligence. I know what I believe. I desire to walk in integrity and rightly divide the word of truth. I say as he does toward Todd: we can pray for him. I would appreciate prayer. What I don't receive are the prayer curses that FAers used to direct towards those who "opposed the message." Jesus is my Lord, and none of that can affect me in any way. I bless those who curse me in such a way. God's blessing is stronger than their curse.

JWBTI wrote on Sat, 30 August 2008 08:07Ref: Dutch Sheets,
I'am glad he's repented now, but that is like calling in the Fire dept after the house is already burnt to the ground.
Opps..... should have called 911 a few months ago.....Sorry !

What about C. Peter Wagner ?

Revival: Lakeland II

Brought to us by the same Deceived people that started Lakeland I
Ps: Todd Bentley has left the building.....Sorry !

...may I quote the Bible?

'....But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.....' ~ 2 Tim. 3:13

Seducers.

Those who seduce mens minds from the simplicity which is in Christ.

How do they do that?

Through twisting the obvious with humanistic thinking...it may not even be that they are aware that they are doing so..in fact, they may think that they are doing God a favor.

'...Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, RIGHTLY DIVIDING the word of truth...' ~ 2 Tim. 2:15

Dividing.

That's an important word. It means to me that the Word can be interpreted wrongly, and Paul warns Timothy of that...yet God expects us to be able to discern what IS right....

How?

Through study.

..as a little child.

...in faith, believing.

..so then, WHO is it that is now ashamed?

....perhaps if they had studied more and entertained less they might have seen what they thought was spiritual to be the bizarre freak show it was...or perhaps they only wanted the vainglorious acceptance of men in their rush to acknowledge Todd, in hopes that they could be seen to be the 'Apostles' that they claim to be.

'.....Let the word of Christ dwell in you RICHLY in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord....' ~ Co. 3:16

'...but shun profane and vain babblings: for they will increase unto more ungodliness....and their word will eat as doth a canker...' 2 Tim. 2: 16-17

'...keep that which is committed to thy trust, avoiding profane and vain babblings, and oppositions of science falsely so called: which some professing have erred concerning the faith....' 1 Tim. 6:21-2

..would barking like a dog, roaring like a lion and clucking like a chicken qualify as vain babbles ?

...and would the gyrations of females to incubi qualify as profane?

..doesn't look like one needs a degree in rocket science theology to discern those.

..WHY would someone 'need more time' to make a decision about things like this?

...regarding the 'Apostles: ..is their knowledge of the Bible absolutely devoid of understanding?

TRULY...these men are in desperate need of not only prayer but a disrobing for their own and

others safety.

'....But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear....' ~ 1 Ptr. 3:15

...was there an OUNCE of meekness in any of these guys?

...was not Moses 'the meekest man on the face of the earth', yet it was he that God chose to demonstrate the greatest power that the world had seen?

...for more of the ridiculous, see the still running 7 page, 253 comment, read 5,000 times, 'Lakeland Revival?' thread.

I don't think any of us need to make a life study of that, there is already an abundance of material on it.

We have a promise, brethren..and it isn't going to be found in a supernatural sideshow, which was really the entire problem. People looking at the supernatural instead of focusing on who God reveals Himself to be, according to the Word of God.

'....And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it. ....' ~ 1 Thess. 5:23-4
[COLOR=blue] Amen to that. Continue to repeat the Word of God in its intended meaning in context, and you will gain authority to your hearers. I have noticed that you have matured over the past months, and the Lord will bless you as you continue to learn to excel in the gifts as the Lord has told us.[/[/COLOR]COLOR]

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by sparkles on Fri, 05 Sep 2008 02:11:09 GMT
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Jae wrote: What I don't receive are the prayer curses that FAers used to direct towards those who "opposed the message."

Not to worry, as Hobart Freeman was the first one I heard preach against witchcraft praying. He would exhort his church not to pray their will into a situation, but to pray according to God's will, or just pray in the Spirit, as the Holy Spirit would know what to pray.

At my friends ex church this type of prayer is going on and it has caused a major split in the

church. Thankfully my friend heard Dr. Freeman preach on the subject so when it started to happen she had been warned of such things.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by jisamazed on Fri, 12 Sep 2008 16:50:05 GMT
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Sageshroomer wrote on Thu, 04 September 2008 21:11Jae wrote: What I don't receive are the prayer curses that FAers used to direct towards those who "opposed the message."

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Yet people from FA used to curse people all the time. "If you leave this message, terrible things will happen to you." A curse of sorts. "If you criticize HEF, you are opposing God's anointed and God will get you for it." A curse. The Lord does not honor such talk, obviously, but Satanic forces try to make the most of it. I can remember word ministers (or wannabes) stating from the pulpit that people should not even think of leaving the group, and why would you want to unless you were backslidden? HEF taught against curse prayer, yes, but he did not put the kabosh on word ministers and others putting guilt on people for leaving the church, or threatening them with terrible consequences for doing so. He made some similar statements himself. He was not alone. Word of Faith teachers were doing the same thing down in Texas, and of course the shepherdship teachers used that kind of cursing and guilt to control people. A person who teaches against curse prayer is not immune from promoting that mentality himself.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by jisamazed on Fri, 12 Sep 2008 16:57:56 GMT
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Hombre wrote on Fri, 05 September 2008 09:15jisamazed wrote on Thu, 04 September 2008 20:14...Continue to repeat the Word of God in its intended meaning in context, and you will gain authority to your hearers. I have noticed that you have matured over the past months, and the Lord will bless you as you continue to learn to excel in the gifts as the Lord has told us.

Hey, thanks a lot your majesty....that reads a little like a fortune cookie though.

Jae, I must be completely honest with you.

I like having you on this forum.

Why?

..because without you we are all for the most part in agreement....and you bring that Dathan element to the table that so clearly defines our issues for us, and makes us all the more determined to stay on our side of the line.

Thanks for playing the role of the devils advocate here. If no one else but me appreciates that, then at least you have that feather in your hat.

So you are the status quo now. You don't like the status quo and consider yourself a maverick that shakes up "the unbelieving church". However, on this forum you take the role of the status quo who opposes the maverick.

Such has been the case throughout church history. Sometimes groups have to separate from the status quo in order to clarify how the true church is supposed to believe or act, and to stay untainted from wickedness. Some reformation groups were like that, the Waldenses, the Puritans, etc... Almost without exception each group became its own status quo and repressed the challenges to their own ideas. FA was no different.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by watchman on Sat, 13 Sep 2008 23:22:36 GMT
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I thought you all would like to read the prophecy that Sharon Stone gave to Rory and Wendy Alex (GodTV founders) before she professed over Todd in his "commission" on YouTube. I talks about "criticisms by the end of the summer."

June 22, 2008
Dr. Sharon Stone
Belfast, Northern Ireland

As I left my hotel this morning, My spirit was pulled to the building across the street. And I began to prophesy. The building turned out to be the BBC.
Media Revivals have just begun. You have not seen anything yet. Major cities and obscure villages will be a part of My demonstrations in the earth. This is an updating across nations, living rooms and those on the internet. The experiential truths will be the topic of conversations in government buildings, business offices and university campuses. The sick being healed, those in bondage being delivered and the dead raised will infuse believers with faith to do the works of believers. Hope will arise in those needing My miraculous power.
Rory and Wendy Alex have gone through this gate in 2008, now many will follow. Rory and Wendy the Lord says you did not make a mistake, regardless of the criticisms that will come at by the end of the summer.
God says to His church, I have used the most offensive means to break religious taboos. I will allow men to fail that the nations will look to me not man alone. Do not be a part of vultures that eat upon something once it is dead. If your feet get dirty I will wash them, but you will have seen me.
This September 2008 let my cleansing winds blows over My global church. Encourage yourselves, I am bringing My Revival of Spirit and Truth.

Dr. Sharon Stone
Christian International Europe

If you want to see her in the commissioning look in YouTube under Todd Bentley's Apostolic and Prophetic Commissioning 2/4--- 3min 59 seconds.

The answer to the question "what prophet would you pay money to for prophecy." I think the answer is an accurate one!

David

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Sun, 14 Sep 2008 03:10:41 GMT
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HUH?

David, what are you saying? Are you now exposing this false prophetess, or trying to offer validation of her false prophecies over Todd. We have gone over this material months ago. I guess I'm curious, are you now able to discern this deception and are sharing this info with us, or are you still defending these people? If the answer is plain to see, forgive me, maybe I'm a little

dense; but for clarity's sake would you please state your conclusion to the Lakeland/Todd Bentley deception.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by watchman on Sun, 14 Sep 2008 07:47:53 GMT
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James:

To be honest I am sorting through these "prophets" myself and have followed the information and ministry of Sharon Stone and Bill Hamon etc. I do not take what they say at face value and have pondered deeply over much of the stuff on the internet about them. I believe God has brought me to North Carolina to associate (however distant) with the likes of Rick Joyner, Bob Jones and others.

As far as Sharon Stone, I would hope that you temper your remarks about her a little more carefully because the kind of condemnation that you place is a little shocking coming from someone who never met her. I was at a prophetic conference that she ministered at, and I wish that you all would have met her. I don't see her doing anything outlandish to draw attention to herself, but I assure you that she did not miss a thing when it came to her prophesy concerning me that night. Many of her key prophesies about me have come true just now and they were given in 1994. She did over thirty prophesies that night and none sounded remotely alike. Also she and her associate Bill Hamon teaches morality and integrity plainly and I have confidence in their ministry.

I talked with Bob Jones at Morningstar Ministries two weeks ago and I have to say that although much strange wonders and statements are attributed to him, he seems to be pretty sane and accurate with spiritual things when I talked with him. I find things that concerns me about him and Rick Joyner, but I am not ready to say that they are fault prophets. I think that their judgment might be a little "gamey." It is right that prophet should expose the false because they have discernment to do it. Is their a prophet in the house? I am not impressed with the argument that I have heard that these men are false because they speak too much of angels. Have you heard that God is the Lord of Hosts? Can you count how many times angels were used in Revelations? Do you think that they might have many important functions in the last days? I think so. Am I concerned about discussions regarding EMMA? You betcha, but in my ministry God has brought me to the conclusions that angels are necessary and in use all around us.

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David

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Sun, 14 Sep 2008 19:44:22 GMT
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James:

To be honest I am sorting through these "prophets" myself and have followed the information and

ministry of Sharon Stone and Bill Hamon etc. I do not take what they say at face value and have pondered deeply over much of the stuff on the internet about them. I believe God has brought me to North Carolina to associate (however distant) with the likes of Rick Joyner, Bob Jones and others.

GOOD FOR YOU, THAT SHOULD BE QUITE A JOB, SORTING THROUGH THESE 'PROPHETS'. AS TO BEING WHERE GOD WANTS YOU AND ASSOCIATING WITH BOB JONES, RICK JOYNER AND OTHERS??? THAT'S BETWEEN YOU AND GOD.

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WHY WOULD YOU BE CONCERNED ABOUT EMMA IF YOU ALREADY BELIEVE JONES AND BENTLEY ARE 'SANE AND ACCURATE WITH SPIRITUAL THINGS'? OR DOES THAT FALL UNDER THE 'GAMEY' JUDGEMENTS PART OF THEIR MINISTRY?

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has placing a crown on his departed wife's grave, or Branham whose demeanor was that of a frightened mouse and whose arm turned into a kaleidescope when he laid hands on people.

ARE YOU ALSO ENDORSING ERNEST ANGLEY AS AN ANOINTED MAN OF GOD,(IS THE FACT THAT HE'S FROM N.C. HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH YOU MENTIONING HIM?) btw: I DID LISTEN TO SHARON STONE'S PROPHESY AT T. BENTLEY'S 'COMMISSIONING BY THE APOSTOLIC CHARLATAN'S'.

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WELL, I DON'T SEE WHY YOU'D OBJECT TO BEING PART OF THE 'WRITHING FAITHFUL' IF YOU BELIEVE IT'S OF GOD AND IS "JUST AMAZING". btw: WHEN THE EARLY DISCIPLES APPEARED TO BE DRUNK, THEY WASN'T, BUT WE KNOW NOW TODD WAS. ANY CONCERN WITH THAT?

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O.K. OUTSIDE OF THE FACT YOU'RE NOT MAKING A LOT OF SENSE, LET'S GET TO YOUR CONVICTION THAT "PROPHETIC PEOPLE SHOULD BE THE ONES WHO EXPOSE PROPHETIC PEOPLE..." AND YOU JUST STATED THAT YOU WERE A PROPHET, WHY HAVEN'T YOU EXPOSED THESE ,THESE,...UH, prophets? "AND THOSE IN AUTHORITY SHOULD EXPOSE THEM OPENLY AS GOD LEADS." AMEN! THEY SURE SHOULD, WHY HAVEN'T THEY? THESE APOSTLES, PROPHETS, WHO ARE SELF PROMOTING; SELF SERVING, SELF APPOINTED; FLEECING THE FLOCK OF GOD. HELLO! DAVID, THEY AREN'T DOING THEIR JOB,(THAT'S ASSUMING THAT THEY ARE THE LEADERS.) AND AS FAR AS THE PRESENT CHARSMATIC 'MOVEMENT' LOOKS, THEY ARE THE LEADERS OF IT, WOULD THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF 'THE CHARSMATIC CHURCH' TODAY BE A REFLECTION OF THE LEADERSHIP AND THE TOTAL LACK OF DISCERMENT DISPLAYED

BY THE BLINDLY FOLLOWING FLOCK?

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why does the saying,'bailing out the ocean with a spoon' come to mind when trying to point one to the error of their ways?

" Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God;" II Corth.3:5

another though: a true watchman watches and warns, where was the warning, watchman?

reply by: james

David

[/quote]

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by watchman on Tue, 16 Sep 2008 23:03:18 GMT
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Sometimes this forum is entertaining and informative and sometimes it is not. I have respect for your study Hombre. And, I wished to give you an alternate view instead of the ones you all agree upon. I agree with much of what you say, and most of the commission video makes me physically

ill. I do not believe that all of those prophets are created equal. I am telling you that some of them have credibility. Um, the money for prophesy thingy was me echoing what was said previously and was a joke---not surprised you took it literally. All that I have written has been written without edit. Thanks for not mentioning it. Alas time is still limited for this.

OK Hombre, I have a question for you.

Branham
Woodworth Etter
Coe
Allen
Roberts
Hinn
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Bentley (Oh God no!)
Doowie

and all the rest...

Which one of these ever had the gift of healing.

God gives that gift as part of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, so which one operated in it??

Can you add any to this list and use them? Any at all?

Or is it your official stand that God does not give that gift at all?

Give me someone who has the gift of prophesy Hombre?

Any from that list?

Any at all?

HOMBRE are we still friends?

Is there no gift of healing, no prophesy in the last hundred years Hombre?

Does your continued support of HEF principles keep you from supporting even one endtime minister?

You see Hombre, HEF taught you a kind of unnatural fear of everyone that does not espouse the HEF doctrine itself. You can not find one because HEF eliminated all opposing views from the official FA bookstore. We can not have a patchwork quilt can we? HEF's doctrine is one of fear Hombre. Or you could take a small chance on any of the above ministers that untold millions considered powerfully gifted with healing and prophesy.

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Sharon Stone got it right about Todd. You said so yourself. Your attacks on her are weak. Several of you said she was a false prophet and worse. She opposed the prophetic elect of the "commissioning." She snubbed their parade about Todd. If we can not recognize the spirit of God in others, are we even part of the vine? Was HEF part of the vine when he derided even the elect? Would he still be alive if he had not?

David

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Wed, 17 Sep 2008 02:17:12 GMT
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Hi David,

Your note is to Hombre but I'd like to offer a few points. (I hope the rest of those I owe notes to will be patient... I've been very busy.)

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I realize that we mention HEF and FA a lot on here which is due in large part to our own background, and I'm sure that might seem a bit weird to others who poke their heads in for a look, but to my knowledge none of us believe that "only HEF had all the truth".

Secondly, and equally wrong, is your assumption that no one can listen to or receive anything from anyone but HEF. As it has been said over and over, none of us are stuck in the 80's. Of those you mentioned I would say some had the gift of healing. We could also pick out error in each of their ministries; does that make them apostates? I don't think soâ€¦ at least not all.

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Notably absent from the list are Hagin, Copeland, Kenyon, to mention a few. Presumably you recognize that these men also had serious doctrinal issues concerning the doctrine of Jesus Christ which would leave one in the unenviable position of saying "yes, they had a gift of healing from God, but denied the substitutionary basis of our common salvation."

HEF embraced William Branham as a prophet of God, who later in his ministry got into serious error, or have you forgotten?

I know little about Woodworth/Etter so I can't offer any comment.

Coe and Allen, were both used of God but lacked an understanding concerning the biblical message; the crucified life.

Roberts, (I assume you mean Oral) was to my knowledge used greatly in the gifts of healing; at least until he attempted to merge his gifts with medical science. I don't recall any "miracles" after his conversation with the 100ft Jesus, but I could be wrong since I don't usually listen or follow too closely a ministry that I believe has departed from my understanding of biblical teaching. Correct me if I've miscategorized his ministry.

Hinn, to my mind, may have operated the gifts to a degree, but once again that old critical spirit has kept me from examining him closely in recent years.

The others don't even belong in the list with the possible exception of Dowie... his latter ministry was a bit frightening.

As I said, you could have mentioned many more, like the current crop:
Bickle
Wimber
Cain
Jones
Deere
Joyner

I've got a few tapes of Mike Bickle from the Kansas City Fellowship days, and have enjoyed his gift of teaching. I question his judgment on a bunch of things now, but early on he was an inspiration.

Wimber? Don't know a whole lot about him, but like with so many who lack a solid foundation, his later ministry actually did more harm than good.

Cain. Now he is an enigma. Before the allegations/revelations concerning homos*xuality, I would have placed him more in the Branham category... a prophet who shouldn't have attempted to teach... now I don't know what to think. Maybe this is a case where my discernment was lacking... (Humility is required in a servant of God!<grin>).

Jones? I wouldn't walk across the street to hear anything he has to say.

Deere? He has one of the best articles I've read that opposes cecessionist teachings (I've got it linked somewhere on this site), but he also espouses much that I think hinders the body of Christ from discerning truth from error.

Joyner. I've actually had him call me out during a service. Don't worry; he didn't lay hands on me! At the time I didn't know much about him, but rest assured, I didn't get too excited about it, nor did I place a lot of stock in what he said.

I say all of this, only as an attempt to show you that we are not all some monolithic group that you can make sweeping generalizations about.

It is interesting to note that all of the last group were close associates of each other and may still be, I don't know. However, in my opinion, this association has, at least in the case of some, proved to be detrimental to each of their ministries.

The Bible tells us to prove all things and hold fast that which is good. Most of us have attempted to do just that. Of course we reject the notion that holding fast to the underpinnings we received at FA (or through FA), has made us incapable of hearing or receiving the things that God is doing by His Holy Spirit today... our lament is that we see so little of it on display in the current crop of theologically challenged ministries that bespeckle our nation/world.

More on that later...

William

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by watchman on Wed, 17 Sep 2008 03:37:00 GMT
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If I had asked those questions of you William, I would have to stand corrected. That was well spoken. I always thought that I have belief in common with many of the persons on this forum.

But, understand William that the thoughtful look at those ministers on the list that you have made is completely different that the railing that I have received over Sharon Stone. I would even guess none of you have even heard of her until I mentioned her. I think that to state that she does not fit with the sometimes weird bunch that was displayed in that "commissioning" was all I was saying.

David

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Wed, 17 Sep 2008 03:46:07 GMT

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You are right, I had never heard of her. So she wasn't the head shaker on the video? I seem to remember another woman, maybe I'll take another look.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Tue, 30 Sep 2008 03:03:13 GMT
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To those interested, here is a website that exposes these different 'apostles & prophets', Bentley, Bickle, Cain, Jones, Sheets, Wagner, ect. Plus articles about The Toronto Outpouring, Kansas City group, Brownsville/Pensacola deception, and Lakeland. Just click on 'articles' on the left of the screen and click on the person you want to read about. Follow the different links and you'll find video's and written material on each one.

http://www.deceptioninthechurch.com

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by watchman on Fri, 03 Oct 2008 17:41:46 GMT
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Hi James:

I just wanted to relate to you what I found on the website that you linked to. This is a list of ministers that the administrator of this website believes are false prophets or worse:

False Prophets, Unbiblical Teachers, etc.
Reinhard Bonnke
William Branham
Paul Cain
Tony Campolo
Paul (David)Yonggi Cho
Gerald Coats
Paul Cunnigham
Gene Edwards
John Hagee

Christian Harfouche
Jack Hayford
Ruth Helflin
John Hinkle
David Hogan
T.B. Joshua
Bob Larson
Roberts Liardon
Maitreya
Arnold Murray
Carlton Pearson
Oral Roberts
Pat Robertson
Robert Schuller
Gwen Shaw
Don Stewart
Tommy Tenney
Bruce Wilkinson
Latest Deceptions
New Apostolic Reformation
Todd Bentley
Mike Bickle
John Dawson
Joy Dawson
Jack Deere
Francis Frangipane
Ted Haggard
Bill Hamon
Cindy Jacobs
Bob Jones
Rick Joyner
George Otis, Jr.
Dutch Sheets
Ed Silvoso
Richard Twiss
C. Peter Wagner
YWAM
New World Order
Other Articles/Related Issues
Pensacola "Outpouring"/Awake America!
Michael Brown
Steve Hill

John Kilpatrick
Quotes From Third Wave Leaders
Revivalism
Rightly Handling The Word Of Truth
Sandy Simpson Articles
Third Wave Doctrines
Toronto "Blessing"
John Arnott
Randy Clark
Colin Dye
Nicky Gumbel
Vineyard
John Wimber
Word-Faith Movement
John Bevere
Markus Bishop
Juanita Bynum
Morris Cerullo
Kim Clement
Kenneth Copeland
Paul Crouch
Creflo Dollar
Jesse Duplantis
Kenneth Hagin
Marilyn Hickey
Benny Hinn
Rodney Howard-Browne
Larry Huch
T.D. Jakes
Bishop Eddie L. Long
Clarence McClendon
Joyce Meyer
Myles Munroe
Steve Munsey
Mike Murdock
Joel Osteen
Rod Parsley
Peter Popoff
Fred Price
Oral Roberts
R.W. Shambach
Robert Schuller

Karl Strader
Robert Tilton
Paula White
Ed Young

If you were or I were a minister of some note, they would have looked up "stuff" on us and you would a denunciation of us on their website. They hate Charismatics of every stripe. I read stuff from this website myself but you must understand they hate what you stand for. Also their doctrinal statement is pure scripture so that leaves you with no idea what their doctrine is, because we obviously all read scripture differently. Do you believe that the Charismatic church is a false church as they obviously believe. Don't believe everything that you read...

David

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Fri, 03 Oct 2008 21:13:44 GMT
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David,

Of the 81 different people listed as whatever title they go by; be it apostle, prophet, evangelist, pastor, teacher, bishop, faith healer, televangelist, or owner of TBN; I've only heard of 42 of them (yeah, I know I'm not a very good charismatic tv show watcher.) and only listened to 23 of them. Some I believe are outright charlatans, robbing people by deception and lies. Others sometimes speak The Word and aren't as blatant in their deceptions. Some, at one time, probably was used of God. I think the wealth and praise of man has made the ones once used by God, drunk with power and important in their own minds. There are others who just plain don't know up from down, spiritually, and just run off emotions and feeling from the crowds they hang with. Then there's the 'apostles and prophets', I don't believe any of them are what they claim to be, from Todd Bentley to C. Peter Wagner and his group of merry men, er...apostles. btw: you said you were a prophet,(I'm not saying you aren't) but for about $650 plus attending a seminar or two, you could also be an apostle...
And to your question concerning the 'charismatic church', no, I don't believe it's false, but I believe much of the leadership over that 'movement' is false, off in error, teaching deception, and generally without a foundation. That's why they are so easily decived and always looking for something new and exciting. The church, as we know, are the people. But as the leadership goes, so goes the people. And the charismatic church is a train wreck, right now. That's not saying every church or member is messed up, just a whole lot of them.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Mon, 17 Nov 2008 00:42:57 GMT
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According to the info I found about Oral Roberts,the amount he said God told him to raise was $8,000,000. It was 1987 in Jan. and he said God told him that he, God, would take him home if he didn't raise it by March 1. He said he had 3.5 mil. and needed 4.5 mil. On April 1 he announced that he had it, plus an extra 1.3 mil.(1 month late)

It was in 1977 that he said a 900 ft. Jesus appeared unto him and told him to build a hospital.

In 1983 he said Jesus came to him in person and told him to find a cure for cancer.

IMO the jesus he was listening to was very confused, going from giving him the power to heal by the laying on of hands, to building hospitals. And if that wasn't contradictory enough, he tells him to find a cure for cancer?

The JESUS I see revealed in The Word of God heals without the aid of hospitals and sure doesn't need man to find how to cure cancer or any other affictions. The Jesus, by who's stripes I am healed, raised the dead by just His spoken word.

I don't know if Oral Roberts was used by God at one time early in his life or not, but I know for sure he hasn't been for the last 30 years. He teaches 'seed faith' for the false prosperity doctrine and milks millions out of people who fall prey to his false teachings and lies.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Mon, 29 Dec 2008 19:09:01 GMT
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Sageshroomer wrote on Thu, 04 September 2008 09:31It truly is amazing some of the deceptions that are out there in the charismatic world. And unfortunately there is alot of it creeping (no, make that running) into the mainline churches. If I remember right David Hogan visited the re-invented Faith Assembly, long after Brother Freeman had died, a couple times. I do not remember anyone giving testimony of any miracles done there. Somewhere I have an old tape of David Hogan that was passed out in the late 80's or early 90's and remember him telling a story of being in a McDonald's restaurant when it was really busy, but he did not have time to wait in line, so he started to speak in tongues out loud. Now this scared some of the people so then he was able to go to the front since people left. I believe he said he would do this when he was in a hurry. What a mockery of the wonderful gift of the Holy Spirit. Seems like all these people are closely linked together one way or another, like with Rodney Howard Browne, who brought the "holy laughter" to the "revival" in Toronto. I can remember him telling people he was praying for, to just put their

mind in neutral, not pray, just laugh. Then he would have everyone just start laughing. There was even a part where someone would stand up front and lead everyone in "holy laughter." When people put alot of these deceptions together you end up with Toronto, Brownsville, Grand Rapids First Assembly, Lakeland, some churches in England, Africa, and only the Lord and the Devil know where else much of this is going on.

If you can believe some of the stuff on the Internet, a lot of Hogan's stuff cannot be substantiated... I remember being impressed with all of the 'miracles' when he spoke at FA.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Thu, 01 Jan 2009 13:41:05 GMT
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Just wondering William, when he was there at FA, was he there performing miracles OR, talking about what he had done elsewhere? That always bothers me, when people who claim to have the anointing to work miracles and heal, just go around to churches talking about what is happening somewhere else.(and usually getting a 'love offering') Was there no one there at FA in need of a miracle in their lives? Of course there was, even if they had prayed in faith(Mk.11:24)and received, by faith, that which they had asked God for.

As for being able to believe that which is written on the internet...Usually when I research something, especially anything to do with what a religous group or persons stand for, you can find one website exposing their errors or false doctrines, and another one proclaiming how wonderful they are.
Like with Lakeland/Bentley, even until the end there were those who insisted Todd Bentley was a man of God with the anointing to heal, accompanied by Emma, the angel. While the whole time there were those of us who was saying to anyone who would listen that this was a false anointing and not the working of The Holy Spirit. I'm thinking this is where discernment comes in, and lining up what someone says or does, with God's Word.

james

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Tue, 13 Jan 2009 15:13:18 GMT

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Gary wrote:

" It seems like there are a lot of these manifestations in the south..."

That's funny, I guess Toronto, Canada IS 'south' of the north pole... Well, we are called the 'bible belt', maybe we should change it...

Your question made me wonder too, so I went to Fresh Fire Ministries website and read their lastest defense of Todd Bentley, it was written the end of Nov.08. I googled around trying to find any update on the Lakeland aftermath, but didn't find anything since about Sept. I guess someday there'll be a book written about it and then we'll know...

I read that Todd is under the direction of Rick Joyner and Bill Johnson in the Carolina's and is going to move there. I believe we can see where that's going...'apostle Bentley back in the saddle again...' OBTW: FFM will still take your donations while they're regouping and seeking a fresh vision from within their leadership. Of course they insist that the revival was of God and defend it, what else they gonna say? At least they, FFM, acknowledge Bentley was in sin, but defend his ministry.

Yep, the never ending thread...

james

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Tue, 17 Feb 2009 14:52:34 GMT
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Quote:Just wondering William, when he was there at FA, was he there performing miracles OR, talking about what he had done elsewhere?

Sorry James, I just noticed your question from way back when.

I didn't see any miracles or any thing like that from Hogan, but he sure did lay it on thick when talking about them!

Blessings,

William

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Tue, 17 Feb 2009 14:54:25 GMT
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You did ask me that question, right? <grin>

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Tue, 17 Feb 2009 15:11:10 GMT
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Hey brother, it's O.K. at least you answered....Now what was the question?

I hadn't heard of him until ya'll mentioned him, then I googled around...didn't get a positive witness in my spirit about his 'ministry'. And anyone I asked about him just said the same thing...it always was happening somewhere else, and he was just 'there' TELLING about it and collecting 'love offerings'...

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by Mark L on Tue, 17 Feb 2009 16:25:43 GMT
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Hank Hannegraffs people went into Mexico? Central America? can't remember looking for evidence it was true. Evidently they didn't find any. At the time I just chalked it up to non charasmatic non believing xians not wanting to find anything. with the benefit of hindsight now I'm not so sure. Steve Hill took him to Brownsville which is where Hannegraff heard about him.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by mark1124 on Sat, 21 Feb 2009 13:34:45 GMT
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Well, you folks have been talking about Todd Bentley, someone who I never knew about until reading the posts here. My curiosity was aroused so I went on youtube and found this. I can barely watch this guy:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yN9Ay4QAtW8. The warning throughout the video speaks for itself.

Mark

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Sat, 21 Feb 2009 14:31:59 GMT
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Hey Mark,

You didn't miss a lot, other than several months of false prophecies, false anointings, false apostles, displays of angels of light, doctrines of demons, lies and people being deceived by the 100's of thousands. But in the end it all collapsed because it wasn't of God, and Bentley was exposed as the man he really was.[what's tragic is the lives that was adversely effected by it all, and the damage it did to 'christianity' and how those on the fence view christians]

It was sad for the 'charismatic movement', because it exposed the lack of grounding in The Word that the majority of those getting sucked into this deception had. They were 'looking' for excitement, signs, wonders, and failed to test the spirits or see if what Todd Bentley was saying and doing, lined up with God's Word.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by mark1124 on Sat, 21 Feb 2009 17:26:52 GMT
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Hey I'm still a relative newbie at this, lol.

Did Jesus say something like straining at a nat and swallowing a camel? He never did say anything about straining at a period!

J/K brother. Thanks for pointing it out. I'll have to make sure I do this legalistically or I will get rebuked again

BTW I was watching a bunch of videos on Youtube this morning about this guy Bentley and boy is

he a freak!

Thank the Lord that we have a group of people here that is so well grounded in the Word that nobody fell for this deception.
I will still watch some of the videos just to see what everyone was talking about...maybe .

Good thing that I believe in divine healing because this guy makes me sick!

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by mark1124 on Sat, 21 Feb 2009 22:00:09 GMT
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Like my post indicated, Hombre, I was just joking about that. I know it wasn't a rebuke. I was poking fun at my faux pas.

Meedless to say that watching this goof was educational indeed.
It makes me glad that I didn't get duped into this maniacal lunatic's nonsense.

More later.

Mark

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Mon, 23 Feb 2009 16:21:21 GMT
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Actually this is the same thread... It's funny because it's been going so long it's turned from Lakeland Revival/Todd Bentley thread into Apostles somehow... Reminds me of the Energizer Bunny...

Anyway, Sharon Stone is the woman David 'watchman' said prophecied over him and it all came true, he said. We did a pretty thorough examination of her back in September. She and Cindy Jacobs have prophesies posted on websites if you google them. She's part of the self promoting, modern day group of prophets/apostles, who go around having 'conferences' and 'seminars' on how to become a prophet and an apostle (of course you must PAY to attend and receive this stuff, thus the comments about how much someone would 'pay' for a prophesy.)

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Fri, 08 May 2009 23:54:56 GMT
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I saw something today that I found to be interesting, and it made me think of Todd Bentley(whom I've not thought too much about lately). The most popular name given for a baby girl in the year 2008 was, drum roll.....EMMA....for real!

Now I wonder, just how many people WAS caught up in the Lakeland/Bentley Revival. Surely it's just a coincidence, but when I saw the name Emma, I couldn't help but think of Bentley and his 14 ft. angel, Emma.

Now if the most popular name for a baby boy had been Todd, I'd have really been impressed...It wasn't, it was Jacob.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Tue, 19 May 2009 15:07:17 GMT
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Todd Bentley

Brother Grandom recently shared with me a web site of Rick Joyner, Morning Star Ministries, where there are updates on Todd Bentley and the restoration process that's designed to get him back in the ministry. The link is: http://www.morningstarministries.org/Publisher/Article.aspx?ID=1000045589 If you'll notice at the bottom of the page, Fresh Fire Ministries had relocated to SC where Rick Joyner's headquarters is located..hummm. And there is info on how the 'partners' and faithfull followers of Bentley can contribute and make donations to FFM once again...

You can watch videos with him and Joyner, and the 'restoration' of Bentley. First,let me say that I believe in restoration (Gal. 6:1) and I believe we should have compassion for all people...BUT, as is evident by reading these comments by Joyner, there has been no repentence. Because repentence would be a turning away from the sin, what sin, one may ask...The sin of adultery(or as Joyner tries to sugarcoat, premature relationship) Todd has divorced his wife and has married the woman whom he had been commiting adultery with. A minister of God is disqualified from the ministry when he commits adultery. And for a person to be restored unto God, FIRST, there must be repentence, and repentence is turning away from the sin, and continuing in it no longer. One can not be restored unto God as long as they've not repented.

I believe these men who have decided to 'restore' Todd Bentley into the ministry, are doing it for their own selfish reasons. There is a huge amount of ego and power involved with these 'revivals' and the worldwide exposure of the 'apostles and prophets' and those who hang onto the fringes of

the 'wave of revival'. Not to mention God TV, and the money generated. I believe, as evidenced by the notation of where to send money and the relocation of FFM to NC, that this is all about the money. It's getting the 'cash-cow' back up and running, reguardless of what sin he's living in. Oh, Todd also mentions he's working with a writer to put together a 'book' on what happened in Lakeland as well as 'his' ministry...Can you spell best seller?

I hope there are none reading who are caught up in this deception, but in case there are, please understand this, we as Christians are supposed to be forgiving and compassionate, this isn't about that. I hope Todd Bentley does repent and is restored to God if he's a Christian, and if he's not, then I hope he's saved. But this is about the warning to deceived Christians, who because of a lack of grounding in The Word of God and teaching of the Truth; have bought into this mindset that says we should give people another chance and God's Word is too harsh and judgmental. It is a 'love boat' mentality and the enemy is deceiving many with it. God's Word is specific as to the qualifications of a minister and in no way does Todd Bentley qualify...and there's nothing Rick Joyner can do to change that.

I just wonder what the editor of Charisma magazine will have to say about this...has anyone learned anything from all this?

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Tue, 19 May 2009 20:50:30 GMT
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I think you hit at the heart of the problem when you said it may be for selfish reasons...

Quote:James wrote: I believe these men who have decided to 'restore' Todd Bentley into the ministry, are doing it for their own selfish reasons.

I went back and listened to the Youtube video, the second one about 7 minutes in, where Joyner is talking about this being 'just the beginning'. He states that Bentley has other wells that he will 'unstop', other cities, other places, where he will minister. Joyner goes on to 'prophesy' that there is 'longevity' to his ministry, and that these wells that will be unstopped will catch on fire.

Pray tell how this is to be fulfilled unless Bentley is restored to the ministry? Of all people, Joyner knows that his own credibility is on the

line after making such bold statements. In fact, all of those 'prophets' at that meeting have a vested interest in proving not only that the Lakeland revival was 'a move of God', but that Bentley himself is 'of God'. They have no chance of that if Bentley quietly fades into the background.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Tue, 19 May 2009 21:52:21 GMT
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I agree, William, they have their credibility and pride at stake. I'm thinking there's nothing Bentley could have done that they wouldn't have overlooked. I mean, how many things worse can a 'Christian' minister do, than commit adultery and be a drunk? Of course, Jesus didn't really mean for us to take His Word literally, nobody's perfect, and who whould expect us to be?

" Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." ~Mt.5:48 Jesus' words....to us.

I don't know the background of the apostolic 'team' that 'commissioned' Bentley, but if they are willing to overlook these disqualifications, plainly taught in The Word of God, then maybe he's not the only one living this type lifestyle.

" This is a true saying, If a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity." ~I Tim. 3:1-4

They ALL have a vested interest in him, God TV; the prophetic community that has uttered great and swelling words; the 'restoration' and 'commissioning' teams; as well as Fresh Fire Ministries...both in the way of credibility and financially.

I really am amazed that so many people buy into this watered down version of the gospel...then again, it's so much easier to sell. And who wants to spend all their time with their nose stuck in The Bible trying to find out what God really says, when one can just follow the flowing of the spirit and go to a meeting with thousands of other people, and 'feel good', see a man putting on a display of signs and wonders and get caught up in the excitment of it all, never questioning if it lines up with The Word of God...

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Tue, 19 May 2009 22:55:02 GMT
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james wrote on Tue, 19 May 2009 10:07Todd Bentley

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Actually James they are well aware of this. It was through the links on their web site that I was able to find this article.

I have not been impressed with that magazine because if memory serves correct they were pushing the Lakeland deal.
They have columns by some of the TBN crowd like Joyce meyers etc.

I dont think you will see an out cry from them.

Its pretty much like christian book stores now days. Outside of them selling the Bible there really isnt anything much offered promoting the Lord.

Its mostly what can God do for me.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by JWBTI on Wed, 20 May 2009 00:14:11 GMT
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You can find it, in almost any large church today.
Terms like: Accountability, submission, group leaders itâ€™s still out there.
Some of the terminology has changed but itâ€™s still the same Bondage ! All lead by Mans intellect and desire to rule over others and Not The Leading and Will of the Holy Spirit.
Todd is accountable to Rick Joyner and is under submission to his authority.
I wonder where Jesus fits into this plan ?
I wonder who Rick Joyner is under submission to ?

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Wed, 20 May 2009 00:43:33 GMT
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I don't put ANY trust in Charisma Magazine, I was just saying that as a way of reminding us of what Lee Grady wrote about a year ago. In the first article he wrote, after visiting Lakeland, he was in Bentley's corner. Then later on he wrote an article in which he started back-pedaling; and finally when it started becoming apparent to even the blinded religious charasmatic community, that something was wrong...he wrote about where were the watchmen and questioned the apostolic commissioning team; too late, the animals were already out of the barn.

That's why I raised that question, has Mr. Grady learned anything and what will be his response to these latest developments...will he stand up against the 'prophets' and 'apostles' and expose this as it really is, or suck up and say what will his readers will want to hear...after all, his priority is to sell magazines.

I would say, based on what he has embraced and 'prophecied', that Rick Joyner is under submission to the leader of the end time false religion movement...and that ain't Jesus.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Wed, 20 May 2009 15:28:41 GMT
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As I was waiting on the Holy Spirit this morning I heard Him ask me, What is your opinion of

Todd Bentley the man? Do you see him as a tattooed freak that should burn in hell or do you see

him as

A potential brother in the Lord in need of salvation? That caused some very heavy soul searching. It is so easy to write off unsaved people especially when they have deceived so many in the guise of ministry.

How did the Lord see us before salvation. I don't think it was a very pretty picture. Look at the descriptions

In the bible about what He thought of Israel when they sinned and turned their back on Him.Or even look at what He thinks of us when we feel we are righteous in our own stead. I believe He said they are as filthy rags and from our teachings we know the meaning of filthy rags. The most despicable meaning imaginable.

I think some times we get so full of ourselves that it`s impossible for any one to see Jesus in us.

What if Jesus allowed Mr Bentley a Damascus road experience. What would our reaction be? I personally see no restoration for his ministry as others have indicated he has disqualified him self from ministry though his life but he has not disqualified him self from salvation. Unless he has committed the unpardonable sin and that is not for me to judge.

Are we to be wary of people like him? Absolutely.

Not only wary but to warn of deception, but then we are to seek the Lord on there behalf IMO. Okay brothers and sisters. Fire away. Show me where I`m wrong.

Luke 6:35

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Wed, 20 May 2009 16:00:43 GMT
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How could someone show you that you're wrong, when you're not? Who among us would want to 'fire' away at you, anyhow? You're probably wearing a kevelar vest, anyway...

If I may quote myself...

"First,let me say that I believe in restoration (Gal. 6:1) and I believe we should have compassion for all people...BUT, as is evident by reading these comments by Joyner, there has been no repentence. Because repentence would be a turning away from the sin, what sin, one

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"I hope there are none reading who are caught up in this deception, but in case there are, please understand this, we as Christians are supposed to be forgiving and compassionate, this isn't about that. I hope Todd Bentley does repent and is restored to God if he's a Christian, and if he's not, then I hope he's saved."

my answer:

I believe that's a scriptural position to take, I DO hope he is saved...or gets saved...along with untold millions of others who profess to be Christians, but without the fruits of salvation.

What I dread to see happen, is for him to pop back up with this false revival and stuff (that we went over and over last year) and draw in more deceived Charasmatic Christians who learned nothing from what happened in Lakeland. And are afraid to apply the Bibical standard to test and see if this 'ministry' is of God...because they are afraid to make a 'judgement' of the fruit of ones life based on The Word of God.

Compassion and mercy, of course(and I don't see the tattoo's as keeping him out of heaven)for him as an individual...

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Wed, 20 May 2009 16:23:55 GMT
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I don't see anything wrong with what you've stated. It would be wrong if we didn't desire to see the man walking in the benefits of the gospel message!

I do think that there is a gray area that we might be missing though, and it is this: (I welcome any who disagree to offer more wisdom in this matter, because I certainly don't claim that I'm settled on this issue!)

Both you and James have clearly indicated that you believe he has disqualified himself from ministry. Is there a scenario in which you think he could be ever be qualified in the future?

I think you all know my position on ministry and eldership, and that I see distinctions between these groups. In other words, I see the ministry gifts as just that, gifts, and I view eldership more in the light of rulership within the Church. That may color my opinion a bit, but even if you all don't see those same distinctions -- would you forever limit his involvement in *any* type of ministry within the Church? (i.e. healing gifts, prophecy, etc.?)

I know that we are speaking to a specific situation, but can our position be broad enough to include more general situations that arise in the Church?

Think about this: What if Bentley (I'll use him specifically but think about it in a general way)... what if he was not saved, and then became a Christian at some point in the future. Would he then still be disqualified? I'm guessing the answer would be yes with regards to eldership, but no when you speak of his ministering the gifts. But if you don't see distinctions between ministering the gifts and eldership, is he disqualified from all?

Are there universal 'rules' that would prohibit some from involvement in ministry based upon things that were pre-salvation?

Just thinking out loud...

Blessings,
William

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Posted by grandom on Wed, 20 May 2009 16:31:52 GMT
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Oh man that hurt. Every one knows I`m just a pussy cat.

Getting back to repentance, your right James. It`s a complete turning away from sin. I think all to often people think they have repented but they havent turned away.They havent put the axe to the root of the tree of sin. When ever a branch comes forth ,say lust or bitterness or whatever they cut that branch off so other christians cant see that branch coming forth again. So with each new branch that comes out they cut it back. If we dont die to self and keep allowing the flesh to have it`s way then repentance has not truely happened.

Mat 12:33 Jesus said a tree is know by it`s fruit. If it`s fruit is not good then the tree is not good. So can we tell if a person is truely repentant. The Bible says by their fruit you shall know them.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by grandom on Wed, 20 May 2009 16:50:46 GMT
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William,

If we were to say that Bently was not saved and now gets saved I would agree with you that he is disqualified from a leadership role if you will. If we say that he is disqualified from ever ministering any gifts, what hope is there for any of us to minister. We all were the children of wrath at one time.

So if we apply that to Bentley and not ourselves the I think we are sadly mistaken.Is there certain sins in your estimation that would preclude ever ministering in any gift?
I dont see general rules that one can apply in operating in the gifts. After all the gifts are just that and God can soveriegnly use people as he sees fit. I dont think He would violate His own word though when it comes to what He has stated as the requirements for leadership or eldership.

Some could argue that teaching in the church is leadership. If that were true then would not all of us be disqualified from teaching. All to often I think we equate the building as the church and not the people. Jesus didnt die for the building. He died for His church.

Thats my reaction off the top of my head, which by the way we have to do in a lot of instances dealing with questions.

Maybe after some more serious thought I will change but that remains to be seen.

Subject: Re: Apostles

Posted by james on Wed, 20 May 2009 21:03:42 GMT
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William, both you and Grandom raise thought provoking questions, as well as making points that cause one to think.

I don't have at my disposal any teaching in this area, besides The Bible. I frankly don't recall what Bro. Freeman taught, except to believe that what I believe, is what I was taught by him. I think there is a difference between what you William, term as eldership(in my mind I always think, 5-fold...are we in agreement that they're the same?)and the ministry gifts. I believe we all agreed on that when we were having our discussion on women in leadership roles.(although, to be candid, I never fully understood exactly were everyone stood on that)
I believe there's a difference between a prophet,(Isaiah) and a member of the body who The Lord gives a word of prophecy to for the body.(any of us). I believe there's a difference between a MAN, called by God to teach the body,(HEF) and a person within the body who might be 'gifted' to share or teach on a more personal level with younger women or children(women). I also believe that only MEN are called to the leadership(eldership/5-fold) positions of...Apostle, Prophet, Pastor, Teacher, and Evangelist. I futher believe that the 'gifts' of ministry are given by The Holy Spirit unto both men and women, within The Body of Christ; healing, helps, miracles, discernment, interpreting tongues, knowledge, wisdom, faith, ect...

So, back to Todd Bentley, could he ever become 'qualified' to be in the 5-fold again(I don't think he ever was) based on the fact that he has been the husband of MORE than one wife...NO, not according to what I see in scripture...can you show me differently?(btw: is there anyone who thinks one can be a 5-fold minister/eldership role having had more than one wife?) Now as to could he ever be used in the body in 'spiritual gifts'(going on the assumption that he's not saved and someday will be), that certainly would be up to The Lord, but I believe I'd sure examine the fruit of his life and the manner in which he was ministering those 'gifts'.(no BAMMM...and 14 ft. angels telling him to kick folks in the face)
IS IT POSSIBLE? Well, The Word of God says with God ALL things are possible.
Now to expand that to general applications, of course, that's what Grandom was saying, I think, we've all came from lives of sin and rebellion and it's only by grace we stand...but those qualifications apply to ANY man...and I see no exceptions.

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by william on Wed, 20 May 2009 22:43:04 GMT
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Without opening up the same can of worms again, let me briefly state where
I think we disagree on the eldership thing.

I don't think the 5-fold ministry is to be *automatically* equated with the ruling eldership.

This doesn't mean that the ruling eldership isn't comprised of the 5-fold ministry... I would think that a ruling elder in the Church would generally be from those with the 5-fold gifts.

That is a far cry from saying that all of those who have the 5-fold gifts are are automatically ruling elders within the Church/Assembly.

Regardless of whether or not you agree with the above, we both end up at the same place when we consider the qualifications for eldership.

Your view of eldership is expanded to include all of the 5-fold gifts, while I have a more narrow view as to who the ruling elders are... my view doesn't include *all* of those who are, or claim to be, endued with 5-fold ministry gifts!

This really is a pretty moot point, at least for me... I know of very few teachers and pastors, fewer evangelists, and no prophets or apostles. And while there may be some good ruling elders out there I don't know any well enough to vouch for them!

I'm not going to argue if someone has a bunch of five-fold-ers in their Church and wants them all to be ruling elders. Heck, I might even join a Church that had an abundance of 5-fold ministry types!

So I guess the only other point would be the one concerning "husband of one wife", and I'm not going to argue that it could mean husband of one-wife-at-a-time, although I have heard that as a possible interpretation.

Interestingly enough we had one 5-fold minister at FA who took the former position and unless my memory is very faulty, remained a 5-fold minister after he remarried... (presumably taking the later position, although I never heard him say that he had changed his interpretation.) Not that his experience has any authority as to making it right... just throwing it in as an interesting side-note.

Grandom, I believe it was, mentioned Joyce Meyers... now before you tar and feather me, let me preface what I'm about to say with this: I know almost nothing about her ministry and cannot speak specifically to her

situation, so I'm only speaking in generalities... okay?

Let's say she had the gift of exhortation (Rm 12). Would you consider her out of line to utilize that gift in meetings that are outside of the local Church? For example, let's say she has a local church that she attends. She's not an elder... (I don't know if she is or if she isn't but for the sake of the discussion, let's say she is not in any leadership position in her local Church.) Would you consider that the Bible forbids her from speaking to large audiences (including men), or not?

Got to run...<grin>

Blessings,
William

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Posted by william on Wed, 20 May 2009 23:13:15 GMT
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On Tue, 19 May 2009, Ron wrote:

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> --
> Ron
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Hello Ron,

I've seen the same sort of thing... like you said, they change some of the terminology but in many cases they don't even bother. I still hear people ask "who is your covering?"

So often there isn't any difference between religious "power" and worldly "power". They want it so badly, and they can't get enough of it. It is a disease... once they have it, they'll do anything to keep it. Sure, they might temporarily cede it to their "restoration coach" but they only do that for the ultimate end of getting it back. They won't go even that far if they can convince enough people that their sin wasn't really that bad given the burden that they were under at the time, you know, the stress of the ministry.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Thu, 21 May 2009 00:09:51 GMT
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William, you're talking to somebody that ain't got no dogs in the 'women in charge' fight. I don't have women in my life pushing people like Joyce Myers or wanting to run churches(not inferring that ye do, just stating where I'm coming from)I was speaking of what I believed the NT church should be like, not what is out there now, for the most part. I don't know any apostles or prophets either, and I don't think as a general application, apostles, prophets, and evangelist are usually in 'elder leadership positions' in local assemblies. I would think if a church/assembly was fashioned after the NT example, the pastor/teacher would be considered in a 'elder leadership role'. So no, I don't think that 5-fold is automatically equated with the ruling eldership. And I'm not concern with who 'claims' to be whatever, I'm speaking of those appointed by God.

As for Joyce Myers, no, I don't think she should be doing what she's doing. But I could go down the list of 'TBN' televangelist, the ones David/watchmen listed back last fall, I don't think there's ANY that I have seen or heard that lines up with The Word in what they teach, preach, or their

'rock star preacher' lifestyles.

And the one-at-a-time wife theology? Well yeah, there are hundreds of 'possible interpretations', surely that's not a point one who has been taught better would argue, is it? But it sure would make the strait and narrow way a little easier to navigate, wouldn't it? I mean, adultery sounds harsh, Jesus must have mean something else, and else, and else.....yeah, there are a lot of possible interpretations and everybody and his wife are standing in pulpits spoon feeding the flock with compromised, watered down, cotton candy doctrines.

Joyce, Marilyn, Paula, Sharon, Patricia, Gloria....nope, not sent forth by God...not because they can't encourage people or quote the Word, but because The Word shows that it's not God who has sent them forth. But there is such a lack of men standing up and being men(of God) and teaching the body of Christ what the Word says, people don't know that women aren't suppose to be in these roles.

Ladies, or anyone care to prove differently?

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by watchman on Mon, 06 Jul 2009 03:58:06 GMT
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You do know that there were women prophetesses in the Bible, James, Right?

Just checking.

David

Subject: Re: Apostles
Posted by james on Mon, 06 Jul 2009 15:40:15 GMT
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Hey David,

How's it going man? Yeah, I'd heard somewhere about a godly woman named Deborah and Aaron's sister, Miriam. I even heard about Anna, recorded in the book of Luke...I guess going to Sunday School taught me something.(actually, it taught me a lot, I received a good elementary biblical foundation in a Baptist church, thanks to a mother who insisted on me paying attention in

Vacation Bible School and Sunday School.)

But what I don't see are prophetesses today.(and that's not to say there aren't any anywhere) That's probably where we differ, while I certainly don't discount the validity of the office, I believe that those who go around professing themselves to be prophetesses(and prophets) with their seminars and conferences today,(and in effect, selling people what they want to hear) are false, and not anointed and called by God.

So yes, I do know that there were prophetesses in times past which are recorded in the Bible.

Thanks for checking...ya never can just assume someone knows something, however obvious it is to others.

Subject: Lakeland Revival/Todd Bentley
Posted by james on Sun, 20 Sep 2009 21:26:35 GMT
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UPDATE on Todd Bentley,

I've kept an eye on Rick Joyner's Morning Star Ministries web site and his updates on the Todd Bentley 'restoration' process. And as I thought when Joyner got involved, the goal was to get Todd Bentley back 'ministering' again. According to both Bentley and Joyner the process has gone well and they're having a fellowship this coming week in N.C. at Joyner's Heritage conference/get together; Todd will be signing books and meeting his 'partners'(those who continue to support him financially). FreshFireMinistries USA is Todd's website here in the U.S. because the people in Canada broke ties with him after the adultery and exposure of his true character in Lakeland, FL.

Joyner had him and his 'new' wife write a doctrinal statement on marriage and divorce that will soon be posted on the website. I'm sure the 'new doctrinal statement' will support the life of adultery they're now living. Yeah, that makes perfect sense, let him write and re-define the doctrine of divorce and remarriage...thus, validating his position and ministry. Joyner said that 'they', Todd and the new wife, had some wonderful new insights on this subject...I'll bet they do!

The guy is getting ready to re-enter the ministry with the full endorsement of Rick Joyner and the commissioning apostles and prophets. God help the charsmatic, gullible, people that come under his influence.

If anyone wants to watch the video updates, they're at Joyner's website.

http://www.morningstarministries.org/Group/Group.aspx?ID=100 0040651

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival/Todd Bentley
Posted by james on Sun, 18 Oct 2009 03:46:59 GMT
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Well, I've still not seen anything on Todd Bentley's web site as to the promised 'doctrinal statement' on marriage and divorce. But they, Rick Joyner, Todd, have updated their 'restoration' video series, and the new wife, Jessa, appears and explains a bit about what happened from her perspective. To give her credit, she does admit that what they did was sin and doesn't try to excuse their behavior. And they ask for forgiveness and appear to have given all the right answers. And of course the example they use from The Word is David and Bathsheba, and how God used David even after he had sinned, both in committing adultery and murder. I don't see a restriction given in scripture concerning being a king...but I do in being a minister of the NT church.

I Tim.3:1-7 as well as Titus 1:6-9 both set the qualifications of a bishop(that includes all 5-fold offices, I believe, Bro.Freeman taught this and I've not found anything that proves it wrong) and both state that he must be blameless, not given to wine, not given to filthy lucre, sober, the husband of ONE wife. Now I am aware that some are of the 'opinion' that that means one wife at a time. I don't see the scriptures saying that...not literally or in the context of the whole text. I don't see any examples given either of NT church leaders, 5-fold office holders, or elders having more than one wife.

So, forgive them? YES. Put him/them back in the ministry again? Not Biblical, he has disqualified himself by his actions.

The web address to watch the video is...

http://www.freshfireusa.com/

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival/Todd Bentley
Posted by GWB on Thu, 12 Nov 2009 23:43:01 GMT
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Here is an interesting article entitled:

"Sloshed in the Spirit: It's Time to Get Sober"

www.charismamag.com/

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival/Todd Bentley
Posted by james on Fri, 13 Nov 2009 00:24:16 GMT
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Thought I'd help make it a little easier, cause I had to search for a while to find it.

http://www.charismamag.com/

It's under newsletters and authored by J.Lee Grady...after clicking on newsletters go to 'Fire in My Bones' and it's down the list a few articles.

Just to find out what the majority thought, I took the poll on whether or not The Holy Spirit manifests Himself with drunken behavior. It was no shock to me to see that over 20% of those responding to the poll thought it was right...(remember these are, by and large, 'charismatics' who read his magazine, so what else would ya expect?)

I guess Todd Bentley felt he was just helping The Holy Spirit out by getting drunk on his own????

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival/Todd Bentley
Posted by GWB on Fri, 13 Nov 2009 01:09:10 GMT
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Who knows!?!

Thanks for the help, James. I really do try though!

Blessings,

GWB

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival/Todd Bentley
Posted by jisamazed on Sat, 14 Nov 2009 05:06:16 GMT
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We've seen this happen over and over again. A super-powered preacher trades in his old wife for a new one, just like a used car. He cries a few tears, then insists that everyone receive him back again. I'm incredulous that people would do so. There are many unsaved people who know better and live better than that.

I'm very disappointed in Rick Joyner. I will pray for him that he will see his blind side in this matter.

Maybe it will be a catalyst for him to get down to the root of the deeper problems, the whole reason why he was blind to this problem in the first place.

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by james on Fri, 04 Dec 2009 22:09:36 GMT
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james wrote on Tue, 13 January 2009 09:13

I read that Todd is under the direction of Rick Joyner and Bill Johnson in the Carolina's and is going to move there. I believe we can see where that's going...'apostle Bentley back in the saddle again...'

So here we are 11 months later and the latest update from Rick Joyner and Todd Bentley has them announcing that Todd is back in ministry again. He is putting on webinars to teach and 'impart' healing and the word of knowledge. soon after that he's going to do a 4 day teaching at Rick Joyner's church. After 11 months he's 'back in the saddle', turned loose with Rick Joyner's blessings.

Here's the latest video announcing their plans...And guess what? People will come flocking to him again, why? They still had rather experience something supernatural with all the excitment, than spend time with God developing a personal relationship with Him, and spending time in The Word and prayer so they can rightly discern what is of God and what's manifestations of demons. God help those who have endorsed and backed this guy, I don't know if Rick Joyner is motivated by money or power, or if God has sent him a strong delusion(II Thess.2:11); but he's determined to stand behind Todd and even join in with him, according to what he says on the video.

http://www.freshfireusa.com/media/0,87

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by william on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 00:49:59 GMT
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The thread that never ends...

I got this email today... apparently the 'restoration' process is moving right along!

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KUNDALINI WARNING - Urgent
-by Andrew Strom.

I just saw the video of Rick Joyner announcing that Todd Bentley is back ministering every night at Morningstar in North Carolina and now they have so-called "revival" manifestations eerily similar to Lakeland. They also announced that they are streaming these big meetings every night on their new TV channel - and they are greatly promoting the whole thing.

Now I am a tongues-speaking Pentecostal myself - but can I ask a simple question here please? What kind of "spirit" was it operating in the Lakeland revival - when the leader and main focal-point of the meetings (Todd Bentley) was having an adulterous affair behind the scenes? Was it truly the "Holy" Spirit that was anointing something so sensual and unholy? And now that Todd divorced his wife and married his mistress - are we supposed to welcome him back and this "anointing" with him? What is going on here? Rick Joyner has been warned very specifically by high-level ministries not to do what he is doing now - bringing Todd Bentley back into the limelight. And yet it seems he does not care. Apparently the "manifestations" are all that matter.

So what exactly are these 'manifestations' if they are seemingly at home in such an unholy environment? Are they from God at all? (I am talking here about the violent "jerking", uncontrollable laughter, bodily contortions, drunkenness, 'portals', strange "angel" encounters, etc.) Why do we not see such an 'anointing' in the Bible? Why aren't Jesus or the apostles promoting these manifestations if they really are true Revival? Why instead do we see these things all the way through the New Age and Hinduism, etc? Do we not realize that many false religions have their own version of "laying on of hands" that results in these very types of manifestations? This 'spirit' is not in the Bible - but it is all the

way through Kundalini-type Hinduism! Don't you think this should alarm us?

WHAT is KUNDALINI?

If you search for Kundalini and Shakti on the Internet, you will find that multitudes of people in the New Age and Eastern religions still experience these powerful manifestations. Often this is with the help of a Guru, who touches them on the forehead so that they can experience a "Kundalini Awakening".

As researcher Robert Walker wrote in 1995:
"The meetings which mystic Hindu gurus hold are called 'Darshan'. At these meetings devotees go forward to receive spiritual experience from a touch by the open palm of the hand, often to the forehead, by the guru in what is known as the Shakti Pat or divine touch. The raising of the spiritual experience is called raising Kundalini. After a period when the devotee has reached a certain spiritual elevation they begin to shake, jerk, or hop or squirm uncontrollably, sometimes breaking into uncontrolled animal noises or laughter as they reach an ecstatic high. These manifestations are called 'Kriyas'. Devotees sometimes roar like lions and show all kinds of physical signs during this period. Often devotees move on to higher states of spiritual consciousness and become inert physically and appear to slip into an unconsciousness..."

And as the guru Shri Yogãnandji Mahãrãja wrote:
"When Your body begins trembling, hair stands on roots, you laugh or begin to weep without your wishing, your tongue begins to utter deformed sounds, you are filled with fear or see frightening visions. the Kundalini Shakti has become active."

In China there is a popular Kundalini-type movement called 'Qigong'. When a Chinese Qigong spiritual master spoke in the USA in 1991, the San Francisco Chronicle reported that many in the crowd began to experience "spontaneous movements". The master told his audience, "Those who are sensitive might start having some strong physical sensations - or start laughing or crying. Don't worry. This is quite normal."

When you see videos of these "kriyas" or other Kundalini-type manifestations, you would often swear that you are watching a

modern "Impartation"-type church meeting. (And I say this as someone who believes strongly in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. I just don't believe in "alien" anointings infiltrating the Body of Christ! There is a big difference between Kundalini and the real Holy Spirit).

Since 1993-4, I believe a foreign spirit has been allowed to invade the church - first through Rodney Howard-Browne's ministry - then Toronto, then the Prophetic movement (which I was part of at the time) and on into Lakeland and many other ministries and movements. I urge people now to "test the spirits" just as we are commanded to in Scripture. Do not let just anyone lay hands on you. This is a powerful spirit and it has the backing of a lot of big-name ministries. In fact, these men and women are the very ones responsible for allowing it to spread right through the body of Christ. And one day they will be answerable to God for doing so.

We are specifically warned in the Bible that the Last Days will be a time of "seducing spirits," false prophets, 'lying signs and wonders,' and that we always need to watch for "angels of light" masquerading as the real thing. Why does the modern church not take these warnings seriously? Aren't we living in the very days that the Bible warns about?

Right now I need to do something that I have never done in such a way before. I have never before published a list of ministries or movements to watch out for. But this time I have to. This sickness has gone on long enough. I urge you to cut yourself off from the following ministries and their tainted "anointings" my friends. Even though some of these people say "good things" at times, it is simply not worth having any involvement with them due to the tainted anointing that they endorse or minister in themselves. Here is the list-

(1) Todd Bentley.
(2) Rodney Howard Browne - the so-called "Holy Ghost Bartender."
(2) Rick Joyner or anyone connected with Morningstar Ministries.
(3) John Arnott & any connected with TACF (The "Toronto Blessing").
(4) Peter Wagner of the 'New Apostolic Reformation' who claims to be head of a worldwide network of 'apostles' - who publicly endorsed Lakeland and will soon preach at Toronto TACF alongside other "false anointing" advocates.
(5) Mike Bickle and IHOP Kansas City (-I lived nearby for over

two years - and know how much they are into all this stuff. Mike Bickle promotes it in his book).
(6) Bob Jones - the Kansas City prophet whose ministry is utterly tainted by it all.
(7) Patricia King and anyone else from 'Extreme Prophetic.'
(John Crowder & anyone connected with "Sloshfest."
(9) Bill Johnson of Bethel church, Redding - who says some good things but publicly endorsed Lakeland and promotes the "false anointing" very strongly behind the scenes.
(10) Heidi & Rolland Baker of IRIS Ministries - who do good work amongst the poor in Mozambique - but who have also carried and promoted this tainted anointing for years.
(11) Randy Clark, Wes & Stacey Campbell, and other key figures from the "Toronto blessing."
(12) The Elijah List - and almost anyone featured on it.

Of course there are a huge number of lesser-known preachers and ministries who carry or endorse this Kundalini-type "anointing" around the world. But I have concentrated here on the most influential that I know of. It really is an enormous issue in the church. I urge anyone who is a supporter of any of the above ministries to really check them out thoroughly. If you find (as I have) that they carry or endorse this false Kundalini spirit in the church, then please stop supporting them in any way - and whatever you do, don't let them "lay hands" on you!

I am putting everything on the line to be "naming names" like this. But I believe it is that serious. How on earth did we get to the point where "kriyas" just like Hinduism are spreading through the church?

Please forward this email to everyone you know, blogs and boards, etc. These people are trying to "relaunch" this whole thing right now. Help us get this warning out. To see a video showing "kriyas" and other Kundalini-type manifestations, please click on the Youtube links below-

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QyW1UFzS2LY

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eaNiuRWHZrY

Please send feedback on this article to- prophetic@revivalschool.com

God bless you all!

Andrew Strom.

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Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by james on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 01:10:28 GMT
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Speaking of testing the spirits.....

This post went from Anonymous Please to Moulder as the author in just a matter of minutes. Blam!

No, my real name's not Andrew Strom...

Looks like he's came to the same conclusion we came to last year. I've thought all along Joyner was going use Bentley to get 'back into the saddle'.
It was obvious from watching the progression of the videos they kept releasing, the envelope kept getting pushed closer and closer.
Some deceptions and errors are hard to discern, this one you could see coming from a mile away.

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by sparkles on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 01:32:23 GMT
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Thank you for sharing this William. We were warned time after time after time to not let people lay hands on you, but in the past 15 years it seems everybody wants to lay hands on everybody else. Even some of our mainline denominations have gotten in on it.

I remember hearing a message by David Wilkerson warning his church to not let people lay hands on them, unless they knew the ministry and the person. He said you could pick up the same spirits they have if you arent' careful. Of course, there is always the being led of the Lord, but the point is to be very careful and discerning whom you allow to do this.

Makes a person wonder if some of the ministry was more cautious years back if things could have been different. Some were letting a so called prophet, who turned out to be homosexual and an alcoholic, lay hands on them and give personal prophecies. Not to mention how he made fun of the faith message and trusting God.

We each need to take heed to the warnings of the Lord and the checks in our spirit when something is wrong, and this comes by fellowship with the Lord and knowing Gods word.

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by william on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 01:59:17 GMT
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That's because I posted with my other email address instead of moulder@overcomersonline.com! I see that Sincerely has posted the link which I should have tried to find instead of reproducing the whole article.

Something interesting... the first time I heard the term "kundalini" was in a message Steve Hill did at FA way back when. (Of course he was warning us about the phenomena surrounding that spirit.)

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by james on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 02:07:27 GMT
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Something I just wondered about, wasn't the 'laughing revival' part of that spirit?

And wasn't S.J. into that, down in Pensacola, Fl.?

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by william on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 03:23:16 GMT
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I'm not sure about SJ's participation, but yes, I would lump the
laughing thing with the rest of the bathwater.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by sparkles on Fri, 15 Jan 2010 03:48:46 GMT
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Here is a little something about Steve from the fathers glory site:

"S.J. has been on the faculty of the Brownsville Revival School of Ministry and the F.I.R.E. School of Ministry. He has also taught at Mike Bickle's Forerunner School of Ministry in Kansas City, Missouri."

Alot of what has gone on at these so called revivals have come from the Toronto Vineyard. There is an very interesting article written by a man who went to the Toronto Vineyard church that was posted in this thread on Tue, 27 May 2008 15:40. The man who wrote the article is Paul Gowdy. I had the opportunity to hear him in person at a discernment conference and this man is sure on fire for the Lord.

There is a web site that I have enjoyed and is exposing the very errors that people embraced from the Kansas City Prophets and Mike Bickle. It has also continued to expose deceptions the church of today is following after. The site is: discernment-ministries.org
Which also has a link to a site called: herescope.blogsite.com

These truly are days to watch and pray.

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by watchman on Thu, 28 Jan 2010 22:09:08 GMT
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Hi all.

The pastor of my church is friends with Rob McMillian (past Morningstar pastor) and Rick Joyner. Rob has been a good sound pastor as I have observed for the last three years. He must have been removed to make room for Todd B...I'm thinking. My wife and I don't plan on participating in Todd B's work at Morningstar. This is not because I don't believe that God can forgive Todd, but I think that it has been way too soon to put him back in ministry. He is encluded in the next conference at MS in February.

Peace to you all

David

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by wishing34 on Fri, 29 Jan 2010 16:13:08 GMT
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Regarding: the current "new Lakeland revival"

Summary:

I emailed them for info on apostles - they know of none.
They are using a lot of (human effort) manipulation tricks.
They claim incredible miracles - but never medical proof.
Possibly is only human efforts with emotional responses from people.

Can anyone show anything clearly supernatural? - No? then why not view
it as human efforts - why credit devil with doing anything. And
why associate it with God doing anything?

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I emailed Morniningstar Ministries(Rick Joyner's church which is hosting a new "Lakeland type revival" right now- with Bentley) a couple weeks ago. I found on google that they are affiliated with groups of "prophets" from Kansas City and others that have been talking about modern prophets and apostles for more than 10 years.

I asked for web link to any apostle that they know of. They got back that they do not know of any apostles.

A sincere, honest person (with no bad intent) could, with human zeal, impersonate any of the 5-fold except apostle because apostles must have the "signs of an apostle." Clearly there are many sincere impersonators out there - but not as apostles unless they "dumb-down" the definition of apostle to not require the "signs of an apostle."

I think in their current revival they are "impersonating" God's true anointing - replacing it with human effort manipulations.

(note: they are not claiming apostles at all
as seen by my email question to them above)

I find what they are doing to be totally human effort -

long music time - close to chanting to set an emotional state in people,

music in background while preaching - very obviously manuipulating emotions to fit the message

much talk of coming miracles to set expectation,

lifting up of certain men as having special anointing for miracles to
set expectations,

spontaneous shouting during preaching as if God overwhelmed them,

dancing, shaking, laughing as if God's presence is too strong to stand still

then peer pressure so others shake also - "come on don't you also have
God's anointing on you? can't you feel it?",

stand over someone and shout (very loud) "FIRE!" 15 -20 times,

suggestible people fall/lie down as if "slain in the Spirit" and stay
down enjoying their prayer language,

STRONGLY push people in prayer line to cause more to fall down "slain"
power of suggestion causes others to fall "slain" when prayed over.

Sincere sick people with real needs think (in emotional, suggestible state) that
they feel something (warmth, etc) near their ailment and testify that a healing
occurred.

All I see on their web TV could have a human, natural explanation.
Is anyone aware of anything supernatural for sure? Clear miracles would
mean either God or the devil but I think all they have might just be human
manipulations - carnival tricks.

I would like to know of real signs/wonders that would mean this is something
much more serious.

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On the Rick Joyner videos about restoring Bentley . . Rick said, months ago, that in future revivals they were going to get medical documentation of the signs and wonders because back in Lakeland a couple years ago there were no records and now he (Rick) cannot verify any miracles even occurred except that he saw them in person.

I saw on their web feed a few days ago that a guy was overjoyed that he felt warmth inside his skull where he has cancer. We all hope this brother is/gets better. But that should easily be verified by X-rays and med reports. In fact such reports would be a great testimony to bring the world to hear the preaching. So far no med reports. I saw an emotional, sincere testimony but did anything real actually happen?

Without med reports I see it as manipulations causing emotional testimonies which are proof enough to them that God is doing things. But anyone at all skeptical can see there is nothing that was "for sure" supernatural.

No one is ever skeptical of their own meetings - only stranger's meetings. So the flock there is "sold" on these revival meetings.

If these people have meetings long enough eventually there will be a cancer or other bad disease go into remission (happens naturally 2% of the time I read somewhere) and then they will begin proving their anointing with those medical records.

So I realize ministries that are big enough for long enough can produce some medical records. Can't be gullible.

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by james on Sat, 30 Jan 2010 15:29:15 GMT
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watchman wrote on Thu, 28 January 2010 16:09Hi all.

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Hello David,

I don't know anything about Rob McMillian except what is on websites, but the observation that he may have been removed to make room for Bentley doesn't sound too far fetched. His name isn't exactly a household one here in America, where as Todd Bentley is know worldwide inside Charismatic circles. And we all know the bigger the audience, the more money they will get in offerings. And know this, it IS all about the money and adoration of man(from their side; from Satan's, it all about the deception and destruction of gullible Christians)

I too believe God can forgive Todd,(I believe to be forgiven he must repent, and repentance is TURNING from the sin) but I don't think time has anything to do with him being qualified for the ministry. I have noticed that he's putting on 'webinars' and teaching others.

But it's been apparent to me from the time he relocated from Canada to Rick Joyner's place, that the whole purpose has been to reestablish him in the ministry. You can see the progression from video to video, each one revealed more and more what was behind it, rehabilitate his name and regain the trust of any doubters.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Sat, 30 Jan 2010 18:33:31 GMT
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wishing34 wrote on Fri, 29 January 2010 10:13

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it as human efforts - why credit devil with doing anything. And
why associate it with God doing anything?

I don't know for a fact if anything supernatural happened in Lakeland or not, though many people believe it did. You ask, 'why credit the devil with doing anything'? Well, one thing for sure, supernatural or not, he is responsible for bringing reproach upon the body of Christ, and through the vessels he used, lead many to believe that they were experiencing God.

As to apostles, if I remember correctly, at the time of the 'commissioning' of Bentley there was a group of men claiming to be part of some apostolic team, lead by a man named Peter Wagner.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by Mark L on Sat, 30 Jan 2010 19:30:23 GMT
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I think the same about these guys as you do but just trying to be fair Rick Joyner seems to have an affinity for trying to help people like this. There are other people like this who have been hurt (dersevedly or not) who he takes into his ministry. Bob Jones for eg. So I'm saying from his point of view he is being Godly and trying to help the Body of Christ. Or in other words his motives are good.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Sat, 30 Jan 2010 23:29:09 GMT
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Hardbones wrote on Sat, 30 January 2010 13:30So I'm saying from his point of view he is being Godly and trying to help the Body of Christ. Or in other words his motives are good.

Yeah, I'd imagine that in his mind he feels he's doing the right thing. I don't want to judge Rick Joyner the person, but I do think the fruit of his ministry should be observed with discernment.

If you'll go to YouTube and type in the search box, Rick Joyner-Morningstar Madness, you'll see one of the things that I'm concerned about. Also you can search around and listen to some of his 'prophecies' and teachings. There's another one about A.A.Allen(2 parts) and some strange 'releases' and declarations.

This seems like the environment that Todd Bentley thrives in, chanting 'Fire' and strange impartations, with the jerking about of the body.

From 'my point of view', he's hurting the Body of Christ. Maybe David/watchman could enlighten us if this is indicative of what goes on at Morningstar.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by watchman on Thu, 04 Feb 2010 23:29:12 GMT
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I have had a few one-on-one conversations with Bob Jones and he seems to be very cautious these days. I think it is more normal that his â€œprophesiesâ€• are confusing and simple rather than radical and scary. I know that Jones is being used in many large ministries for guidance. I withhold my judgment, given what I have seen. It is true that Joyner has tried to repair a few ministries. Jim Baker states that Joyner helped him when no one else would. I saw Baker preach last year and he sure has a gift. Joyner offered to help Paul Cain when the fallout came out about him. Cain left the state and wouldnâ€™t come under Joynerâ€™s oversee. One thing I know, Joyner doesnâ€™t care what is said about him. He states he has a mountain home and would prefer to spend his time there rather be involved in all of this.

David

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Fri, 26 Feb 2010 17:25:37 GMT
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Here's a YouTube link to Todd Bentley and his new wife back in 'ministry'.

Looks to be the stage area of Morningstar's church.(Rick Joyner)

I guess this wife has picked up the 'fire'...(strange fire)

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PAaGpg3cawQ

btw:David/watchman, what will it take to open your eyes to the truth?

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by grandom on Fri, 26 Feb 2010 18:49:29 GMT
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james wrote on Fri, 26 February 2010 11:25
btw:David/watchman, what will it take to open your eyes to the truth?

Jh 18:38 Pilate sayeth unto Him, "What is truth?"

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by sparkles on Sat, 27 Feb 2010 01:34:47 GMT
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Wow, James thanks for sharing. It is amazing that people are so desperate for the supernatural to following such messages. I can remember going to an assembly of God church and the same head jerking and shaking and body jerking was going on there. This church had brought this sort of thing back from the Pensacola "revival." Thankfully there were not the barnyard noises like Kansas City and Toronto Airport Vineyard. And I do not say this laughing or mocking, but rather grieved that the people of God do not discern these things, and the so called laughing in the Spirit and getting drunk in the spirit. I can remember someone I know, that talked of having a type of anointing where they pretended to throw something at someone and that person would fall down under the anointing. I just can't see the anointing of God being thrown like a baseball and someone fall under the power. These people were doing this out in public at restuarants and on the street. God will not be mocked. The world makes fun and laughs at some of these so called "revivals." Many of these ministers have brought reproach on the body of Christ by their actions and extravagance, with their mansions and personal jets, and fancy cars. May God have mercy on them.

For me, I pray to take heed and do what the Lord Jesus would have me to do. To pray for true revival and for people to be blessed by the Word of God. To walk in the light God has given me and to be an encouragement to others. When I look around there is so much hurt and hard times people are going through, and we as christians need to have the joy of the Lord and let others

know why we can be joyfull in the midst of trials. To let people know that our God will never leave or forsake us, but rather work all things for our good. And to always thank God for all that we have, as we in the United States are a very blessed people who have an abundance that many in the world do not have, nor ever will. May it not end up being a curse to us also where we don't learn to trust Jesus in every area of our lives. May we be willing to wait on the Lord, and trust Jesus that His timing is perfect, knowing that He is doing a good work in us as we wait in faith for that which is promised to us. Jesus loves us with an everlasting love, and wants to lead us and guide us in our walk with Him.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by wishing34 on Sun, 28 Feb 2010 18:11:50 GMT
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On the Morningstar web cast last week they had a woman
come up and testify that she bad cancer and was now healed.

She brought her "medical reports" which they showed on the
camera over the web cast. It was some sort of psuedo-medical
company that prints out a percent efficiency for every organ
of the body. There were before and after print outs which
the "on stage personalities" showed as proof of healing.
Very low standards for confirming a miracle.

Most people would consider such psuedo-scientific healing
systems as quackery.

Hopefully this nice woman will survive her cancer.

Many consider this "revival" as the cutting edge of God's current
activity in Christendom.

But I still would like to see even one case where something
"for-sure" supernatural happened in these meetings.

If Christians "dumb down" the definitions for signs/wonders then
man can impersonate God's real anointing.

Please react to this idea:

In these modern times of abundant medical imagery any ministry that says they have had lots of signs/wonders will be able to produce many before/after medical proofs.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Sun, 28 Feb 2010 19:34:56 GMT
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Hey jman,

Like I said earlier, I don't know if anything supernatural goes on in the meetings or not, cause I've not been there. But I do know that Satan himself has the ability to be transformed into an angel of light.(II Cor.11:14) And I believe there is probably a combination of both demonic manifestations as well as people getting 'caught up' in the flesh. The people attending and watching on the internet are seeking supernatural signs and wonders and Satan is more than happy to oblige them. Also they're drawing people who NEED healing, one thing about faked medical records, if the person really has cancer or other serious affictions, just 'saying' they're heal doesn't make them well. That's part of the tragedy, not only are they being spiritually deceived and fleeced of their monies, they could die believing they've been healed. Meanwhile someone is waving a computer printed sheet to everyone watching, that 'proves' they healed them.

I think I see your point about it being just the power of mental suggestion and total quackery and that nothing is happening supernatural at all, neither by God or Satan. But I personally tend to believe, just based on watching a 'lot' of video in '08 as it was happening in Lakeland, that there are supernatural manifestations taking place....but they're demonic impartations, not the 'fire' of The Holy Spirit.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by sparkles on Mon, 01 Mar 2010 02:21:12 GMT
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"In these modern times of abundant medical imagery any ministry that says they have had lots of signs/wonders will be able to produce many before/after medical proofs."

Greeting Wishing 34,
I would certainly agree with your statement, as all it takes is a deceiver, a good computer, a printer and viola: proof of supernatural healing. Like we have been taught, God will confirm the word with signs following, so if the word being taught is deceptions, heresy and error, then who is confirming the word? Or is it all just a show and actors? Or worse, is it demonically done? At a friends church the pastor just asked the people if there was someone across the street giving personal words and prophecies, would they go to see that or would they come and hear the word taught? I pray our answer would be to hear the word of God taught and not follow after signs and wonders with no biblical teaching.

Ya know, even if something supernatural did happen in the meetings, we still need to line up the teaching with the word of God, because the devil will make sure there are supernatural things going on, because alot of people want that instead of sound biblical teaching. Most want a quick fix, a "word from the Lord," that way they don't have to spend the time and effort seeking God for themselves, but can get a quick prophecy from a "prophet."

We need to be careful in these days as the devil is walking about seeking whom he may devour, but we can put on the armour of God and use all the weapons we've been given so we can stand.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Thu, 11 Mar 2010 18:22:25 GMT
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I just noticed that Todd Bentley is going to conduct a 'School of the Supernatural' June 9 through 12, 2010. He is pitching it on his website, 'FreshFire Ministries'. He says he's going to teach about the different realms of heaven, the 2nd heaven and the 3rd heaven; angels; imparting of the fire; soaking; and supernatural manifestations, plus much more.

While I thought this was going to happen, and even though I said over a year ago it was all designed to get him back before the people...still it makes me shake my head (no, not that kind of shaking)

And the deception continues on...and they'll line up once again to partake of the strange fire.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by yeah_well on Fri, 12 Mar 2010 21:59:35 GMT
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should leave lots of free time if you stick with what the Bible teaches about said subjects

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Mon, 15 Mar 2010 23:25:58 GMT
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On Fri, 12 Mar 2010, Matt wrote:

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> should leave lots of free time if you stick with what the Bible teaches about said subjects :d
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Be sure to send in your love gift even if you don't go... these
'ministries' can't exist without your tithes and offerings. <grin>

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by watchman on Fri, 02 Apr 2010 02:57:51 GMT
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Hey everyone:

My wife and I are disgusted with the goings on lately with Todd B. and his new wife. As I stated before I think it is too early at best to bring Todd back out into ministry. Quite frankly though, I have had many dreams as I stated before, and I know that revelation that would even shock Todd Bentley is real and coming out in these last days. I have had many such dreams and have wrote to you about a few of them. My wife and I have a growing homegroup and we encourage the

ministry of the gifts with much success.

I have listen to sermons from Brownsville, IHOP, Christian International, and even some from Morningstar and believe that there are good ministers working in all of them. I do not feel myself responsible for Rick Joyner's decisions(this is not the first time that he has picked gifting over character), and none of you have suggested that I am. I just want to point out that God is moving in power and healing people everyday. God is giving words to me that consistantly come true. I sense that some of you have lost faith in God or have suffered injuring still and I want this to be an encouragement to you.

I saw in a dream the house that I now live in and recount the unusual furniture. I saw my wife and I having these meetings and people being ministered to. I saw the fan and the canopy bed in the bedroom and the diamond shaped ceiling ten years before it existed. The building was built and furnished by someone else for me. In another dream in 1994, I saw the planes flying into New York and causing great destruction (911 of course) and have had amazing revelation in hundreds of dreams since. God doesn't always do what I expect him to do, but I have no complaints. I hope you find encouragement in what I have written.

In Christ:

David

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Fri, 02 Apr 2010 03:15:28 GMT
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Thanks for the encouragement, David. And I'm encouraged in seeing that you are seeing through Todd Bentley, hopefully others will as well.
You 'could' very well be right, some of us may have lost faith in God...may He forgive the unbelief.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Wed, 04 Aug 2010 17:21:34 GMT
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I periodically check out Todd Bentley and his new home, Morningstar/Rick Joyner. As far as I can tell from reading his website (Fresh Fire Ministries, USA) and viewing videos, he has been 'restored'. He is conducting 'Webinars' regularly on healing, the supernatural, and other topics and is 'ministering' at Morningstar on occasion.

I see that, Nov. 10-13 there will be a School of Prophets with Rick Joyner, Bob Jones, and Todd Bentley. Before you laugh or write them off, let's look at some of the alumni of this great institution. I believe that Elijah and Jeremiah both graduated from there, with honors if I may add, and John The Baptist went there on a full scholarship. I'm being factitious because it's so obivously not God's way of calling prophets, or anointing them.
But someone has to train the 'prophets of tomorrow' how to properly pronounce the 'ah' at the end of words, for maximum impact.

Example: "Be heeeeled...ah" OK, enough! point made...

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I wrote this to make a point, not mocking or backbiting T. Bentley. What they're doing is very serious and certainly not a joking matter...May The Lord be merciful to them as individuals; but as to their false teachings and doctrines, I believe they should be exposed as what they are, deceptions that are robbing Christians.

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by william on Wed, 04 Aug 2010 17:27:16 GMT
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Wow... that must mean... drum roll...

Joyner's prophecy about the longevity of TB's ministry... is still... it's still viable!!!

I'm sure the rest of the stagehands are now breathing easier too.

Blessings,
William

Subject: Re: Lakeland Revival???
Posted by james on Wed, 04 Aug 2010 20:10:04 GMT
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Speaking of the 'stagehands'...

Remember the 'Commissioning of Todd Bentley' by C. Peter Wagner, Bill Johnson, Che' Ahn, John Arnott, Rick Joyner, and Stacy Campbell? Well as I was reading about something related to Bentley and his restoration, I came across this interesting excerpt from a book that tells a little about C. Peter Wagner.(the founder/leader of the International Coalition of Apostles or better know as the 'Apostolic Reformation Movement') It shines a lot of light on the emergent church movement and other things happening in the apostate church of today. Pay attention to his (Wagner) title as 'professor of church growth on the graduate level'...As compared to people like Rick Warren and John Wimber who are only at the elementary level???

Wow! A church planter extraordinar'.

http://www.talk2action.org/story/2009/5/28/19033/8502

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by james on Thu, 23 Jun 2011 18:45:18 GMT
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james wrote on Fri, 04 December 2009 16:09james wrote on Tue, 13 January 2009 09:13

I read that Todd is under the direction of Rick Joyner and Bill Johnson in the Carolina's and is going to move there. I believe we can see where that's going...'apostle Bentley back in the saddle again...'

So here we are 11 months later and the latest update from Rick Joyner and Todd Bentley has them announcing that Todd is back in ministry again. He is putting on webinars to teach and 'impart' healing and the word of knowledge. soon after that he's going to do a 4 day teaching at Rick Joyner's church. After 11 months he's 'back in the saddle', turned loose with Rick Joyner's blessings.

Less than 3 years removed from the Lakeland, Florida REVIVAL, Todd Bentley has determined that Williamsburg, Virginia will host the 'next' great signs and wonders with impartation move. He says that the 'Revival Healing Angel' that visited him in Lakeland, Florida, recently came to visit

him during a prophetic experience. Also the lord told him to set aside at least 30 days for this newest revival, from June 27,2011 til July 26,2011. He plans to have David Hogan as guest minister around the 4th of July. I wish I had been wrong about him, but no, Todd is once again 'back in the saddle'...and there are people lined up to let him lay hands on them, imparting to them the deception to spread around...just like Lakeland, Brownsville, and Toronto. To read of his latest plans, here's the link:

http://www.freshfireusa.com/index.php/articles/view/206

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by grandom on Thu, 18 Aug 2011 12:09:40 GMT
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Lest we forget. The latest on Todd Bentley.

http://www.examiner.com/revivals-in-national/todd-bentley-of
-lakeland-revival-florida-outpouring-endorsed-by-bill-johnso n

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Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by james on Thu, 18 Aug 2011 14:06:49 GMT
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grandom wrote on Thu, 18 August 2011 07:09Lest we forget.

George Santayana once said, "Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Charisse Van Horn has really done her homework,<tongue in cheek> she's using quotes from Benny Hinn, Rodney Howard-Browne, Rick Joyner, Bill Johnson, and J. Lee Grady in explaining Todd Bentley. Only to Andrew Strom's info would I give any credence, the others have a track record similar (if not worse) than Bentleys'.

Bill Johnson and 'his' Bethel church in California is very much like Joyner's Morningstar church in South Carolina, perfect examples of the 'harlot church system' and a shameful reminder of what happens when people aren't grounded in God's Word...Flaky and kooky, tossed about by every wind of doctrine, chasing after signs and wonders and 'new things', and Satan is right there to

provide his counterfeit supernatural experiences.

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by GWB on Thu, 18 Aug 2011 17:27:13 GMT
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".....a shameful reminder of what happens when people aren't grounded in God's Word...Flaky and kooky, tossed about by every wind of doctrine, chasing after signs and wonders and 'new things', and Satan is right there to provide his counterfeit supernatural experiences."

I was reading Revelation 13 today. This is all a perfect set up for the false prophet. He will be calling fire down from heaven, doing great signs and wonders and making the image of the Antichrist speak.

I am so thankful for good teaching in Theology, etc. It can't be replaced. I beleive many things are about to happen, and are happening, on earth concerning end-times. If you are not grounded, it is going to be very sad.

Things were not perfect at FA. We have all acknowledged that fact. However, there was valuable teaching that, I believe the critics who attended FA, will be eating their words very soon and will be scrambling to recall what was valid in order to survive.

As for me, I am thankful for a certain cornfield in Northern Indiana.

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by james on Tue, 07 Aug 2012 11:47:37 GMT
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I got this update on Todd Bentley from Grandom , it looks like at least some people are learning from past mistakes...

http://christianresearchnetwork.org/2012/08/06/mp-calls-for-Todd-bentley-to-be-banned-from-Britain/

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley

Posted by william on Tue, 11 Feb 2020 03:08:37 GMT
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I had to look up this thread (for another reason) and I found that the link to the "Commissioning of Todd Bentley" video had been removed/privatized by somebody (I wonder who!). Anyway, I found another one, which looks like it was a recording of the TV streaming the event. I'm not sure it covers everything that the original contained but in the interest of truth here are the links:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4YlqSV949g

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QmuNHHEvgZs

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RNsSyN9qUGM

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yg_Zao0mC4s

William

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by watchman on Tue, 11 Feb 2020 18:36:12 GMT
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I am not sure why I received this as it was a thread from 2008. Anyway, Hello everyone.
Watchman

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by william on Tue, 11 Feb 2020 21:15:16 GMT
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Hello Watchman,

The system automatically sends out updates to threads where you participated.

The links to those youtube videos, linked to in the thread, were deleted. I found new links that showed the "commissioning" and posted them. They are relevant because of the new information that has been in the news concerning Todd Bentley.

Blessings,

William

P.S. You weren't singled out to get the update... everyone who participated in the thread should have received a notification. I think you can turn off notifications in your Control Panel if you don't want to be updated.

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by james on Fri, 20 Aug 2021 16:40:48 GMT
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Todd Bentley, does he ever go away? I was checking the background on the author of a book someone wanted me to read and wound right back to Bentley. I admit I had to check it out (quickly) and needless to say it's not edifying (as if anything about the whole debacle was). I got nothing good to say so I'll refrain from further comments.
Oh! And the book? It was tied to Morningstar/Rick Joyner healing ministry and was filled with errors and false teachings. I kindly returned it without comments because at some point the person is going to ask my take on it and I'm praying for wisdom in explaining the false doctrines and unscriptural teachings.

Subject: Re: Todd Bentley
Posted by william on Fri, 20 Aug 2021 16:48:43 GMT
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And wisdom you shall have! (James 1)

I'm convinced that at some point this seemingly never-ending barrel full of error that's being poured out will be met by those who believe and know the truth. Even so Lord Jesus, COME!

Blessings,
William