

Vision Given to Pastor John Hinkle
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By The Holy Spirit

On October 18th, early in the morning, God gave me the most powerful vision I've ever had. Suddenly, I was in this gigantic football stadium with the game going on. I do not know where it was or who was playing. I only heard the announcer say that over 80,000 people were in the stadium. As I watched, in the next split second of time, the Holy Spirit came as Light and seemed to stand beside everyone in that stadium. The Holy Spirit was not in them, but was beside them and on them. Instantly, everything stopped. The game ceased, for in that moment God had shown everyone individually just where he stood on the pathway of life and eternity in relationship to the glory of God; or to evil and eternal darkness. It was so awesome it is impossible to describe. The players, the officials, and everybody in the stadium were on their faces weeping and crying out to God, either for His mercy or for the joy of seeing the glory of heaven revealed, according to whether they believed or did not believe.

Again, let me say, the Holy Spirit was beside each one, and He showed them exactly where they were on the pathway of their present life, moving either toward darkness or light. It was as if God had caused time to stand still for a few moments and everyone looked into eternity. Everyone knew it was God, and they knew that they knew it! There was no doubt left anywhere. It was as if God stripped away every deception that man had let come into his life, and there he stood before the reality of life as revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. There was no condemnation from the Lord and there was no judgment, but it was God reaching out to everyone in His love to let them see just where they stood on the true pathway of life, and whether they were going toward evil or God, and there was no doubt in anyone's mind that it was God. I also knew at this moment that it was happening worldwide.

There was weeping and wailing and crying all over the stadium. Some were wailing because they saw the darkness before them, and they knew that if they kept going the way they were, hell would be waiting for them. Believers everywhere were crying because they wanted more and more of the great light and the glory they saw, and God was making them hungry and thirsty for His righteousness. Every believer, in that moment, was shown the glory of the Kingdom. They saw how God in Jesus Christ was the Creator of all things, as well as themselves, and that in Him everything in heaven and in earth was held together, and eternal life alone was in Jesus Christ our Lord. No one looked to his right or his left. He was not concerned about anyone else, but only his personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ. He knew in that moment beyond all shadow of doubt that Jesus Christ was King of kings and Lord of lords.

The scene changed and I was looking at the stock exchange, and everyone in it was on their faces before God, and crying out either for mercy or for more of His righteousness and glory to rule in their lives. Everything in the whole world paused for that moment! How long the pause was, I do not know. Just a few moments, I assume, but it was enough. The people on the streets of every city in the world were on their faces and everyone was shown that if they believed in less than Jesus Christ, they had been deceived. All shortcomings were exposed in the light of His love and mercy, and that forgiveness awaited those who truly repented and wanted eternal glory in Him.

Tens of thousands of people began to head for the churches, and the churches were filled to overflowing, but there were no services as we know them, because every minister, priest, and rabbi was on his face before the Lord, for he, too, had had his very soul exposed totally to the glory of God and he realized his own shortcomings, and wanted more and more of the Lord Himself. Every person in the world knew in that moment that he had a choice to make. God did not force, and again, let me emphasize that there was no condemnation and there was no judgment, just the darkness of man exposed to the glory and the love of God for him.

In that moment, the Lord gave me the scripture of John 16:8

“When the Holy Spirit is come, He will convince the world of sin and of righteousness, and of judgment. Of sin, because they do not believe in Me.”

The Holy Spirit is the only one that can really convince anyone of anything concerning God. People can tell you about God and you can read about Jesus, and His glorious life, but suddenly the Holy Spirit exposes you to Him as your new life in Him, and then you know the reality of God for yourself.

Immediately following this,

the Lord gave me Isaiah 40:5 as a confirmation of all that was going on. It says,
“And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together.”

All flesh was seeing it! The world that was came to a total halt in that moment and everybody made his own decision which way he was going. Every believer’s heart was so lifted up because he had seen the glory of God that went beyond anything that he could even imagine or conceive of, and he knew that it was the power of the Holy Spirit that was revealing it to him and calling him into a new righteous relationship with God. He knew that this was in spite of his mistakes and that the Blood of the Cross had set him free and would set him free to continue on.

It is my personal belief that this is going to happen soon for the whole world.

God did not mention a date, but scripture speaks of it and I believe it will be happening soon, for I see clearly now that only the Spirit of the Living God can change the world. Jesus Christ is still King of kings and Lord of lords, and no matter how dark it looks in the world, the power of

God can change it, and will change it in one great burst of His glory if He so chooses to do it that way. Praise God! Praise God that we are all in the palm of His hand and the reality of Jesus Christ as our new life in Him is being revealed momentarily to every believer!

In the moment that this great power of the Spirit came upon every person in the whole world, it was like each individual had an experience with the Lord like Paul had in Acts 9, as he was on the way to Damascus and felt that all- powerful, glorious change. I believe that deep in everyone's heart there is a hunger and thirst for the reality of Jesus Christ as our new life, and that the Holy Spirit will soon reveal this to each one of us. Praise God! Praise God!

In the book of Colossians 1:16, it says,

“For in Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions, or principalities or authorities; all things were created through Him and for Him. He is before all things and in Him all things hold together. He is the head of the Body, the Church. He is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all of the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, Making peace by the Blood of the Cross.”

I pray that this vision of His glory and power will be a blessing to you and to everyone who reads it. I believe it is a foretaste of His soon to be revealed glory. Praise God for His wonderful love for us in Jesus Christ our Lord!
In His Most Precious Name, Amen.

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