

Path Clearer Newsletter

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“Influencing Nations with Judeo-Christian Truth”

A voice of one calling in the desert: “Prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.” A voice says, “Cry out.” (Isaiah 40:3-6)

Insights Concerning the Current Season of 2005-2007:

Rule From Our Rear and Not Our Head! -- With regard to *rest*, all of us must learn to “*Rule from our rear and not our head!*” The place of true spiritual authority and power comes from the seated Almighty in the Throne Room of Heaven. We must learn to align ourselves with His seated authority and to enter the place of *rest*, which is symbolized by our rear (posterior). Our minds (i.e., the soul’s emotions, thoughts, and intellect) are not the same thing as the indwelling Spirit. They are in conflict with one another.

The Lord has revealed to me that ruling from our rear is one of the key effective strategies to defeat *witchcraft*, which at its roots has two married principles: (1) *rebellion* against the authority of others; and (2) *control and manipulation* by the one seeking authority over others. They are two sides to the same coin. In witchcraft, they hate all forms of authority, unless it is their “own” authority to control and manipulate others for their agenda.

Ruling from the place of rest is a powerful tool that releases genuine Holy Spirit authority and power. Rest produces *influence* over others, yet with real freedom on behalf of those being influenced! The willing listeners volunteer to follow, rather than being pushed into action. It is the opposite of witchcraft. The enemies of God do not like for you to know this truth!

A stone pitched obliquely with momentum across the surface of a *calm* stream of water will skip off of it onto the opposite bank. But, the same stone striking the surface of a *turbulent* stream will immediately be absorbed into the water! The uneasy water will accept the attack. If we are at rest, we can repel the enemy’s attack without it affecting us. May the water of the Holy Spirit keep us in a calm place of rest. Our hope and victory is found in rest.

False Prophecy and False Prophets – In late June and early July I taught three sessions on *false prophecy* and *false prophets* in Birmingham. The Holy Spirit has impressed upon me stern warnings from Jeremiah 7, 20, 23, Amos 2, Isaiah 30, and I Kings 22, where the prophets’ so-called “negative words” were intentionally suppressed. Look to the examples of these four prophets, who spoke warnings while the other so-called prophets, who greatly outnumbered them, were only tickling the ears of the hearers with “nice” words. We have been inundated in the Western world and “church” by hordes of false prophets, and some of them have titles of “pastor, teacher, evangelist, intercessor, etc.” They only say pleasant words that tickle the ears of the hearer with encouraging notions. The *spirit of encouragement* is being usurped by many false prophets! Many of these false prophets are afraid to declare that repentance is the only onramp to salvation. Many are afraid to mention sin or to discipline those in sin. Many are afraid to declare the exclusivity claims of Jesus.

Genuine prophetic voices must speak both “pleasant” and “unpleasant” truths. Evil King Ahab of Israel said of righteous Micaiah, “*I hate him because he never prophesies anything good about me, but always bad.*” Ahab preferred the pleasant numerous lies of 400 false prophets rather than the tough words of Micaiah, who spoke only the truth. When asked to give the King some “nice” words Micaiah replied, “*I can tell him only what the Lord tells me.*” The failure to say the tough cautions, warnings, corrections, and perform the necessary disciplinary actions results in a major departure from the *truth*, the whole counsel of the Lord.

We are in a serious season of *warnings*, not a season of pleasant sugar coated partial truths. We are in serious times, especially for the USA, the United Kingdom, Europe, and Israel. My elderly prophet friend Mamie Jo Hunter spoke many important revelations to me immediately prior to her convalescence. Two are especially worth noting at this time: (a) *A spirit of confusion has fallen on the world*; and (b) *In the days ahead they will no longer follow the man with the black purse, they will follow the man with the black book!* Precise and accurate prophetic individuals are hearing these “warnings” at present. What are you hearing? To whom are you listening? Who has influence in your life?

Prayer Requests & Future Events:

England & Wales – August 9-19th: We are taking a PC ministry team of 12 people to the UK. We will participate in a citywide “transformation” conference in Liverpool called *MerseyFest* (www.merseyfest.com) that is scheduled to start on August 14th. We will fly round trip via Manchester, England. In addition to spending most of our time in Liverpool, we are also planning on visiting the sites where former great British *men of faith* ministered, such as Rees Howells (Swansea), Evan Roberts (Wales), William Carey (Moulton), and Hudson Taylor (sailed from Liverpool’s docks for China in the 19th century). We will conduct intercession and ministry services in many locations.

TV Broadcast in the UK & Europe – August 15th: I have been honored to be invited to London as a guest on *Revelation TV* for satellite broadcasts in the UK and Europe airing on the 15th and 16th. The program will focus on insights and revelations into contemporary issues of news from around the globe.

Nigeria – December 8-19th: I have agreed to my second ministry trip to Nigeria, hosted by friends within the Redeemed Church of God in Lagos. I have longed for several years to attend their annual *Holy Ghost* meeting, which draws the world’s largest live on-site audience of millions of people. They come because of the *PRESENCE of God*, rather than the *PROGRAMS of men!* One of our board members, Samuel Sorinmade (Boston), and Colonel Stone Johnson, a former bodyguard to Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Birmingham) will be coming as well on this Path Clearer ministry trip.

President Bush & Israel: I believe that President Bush erred in declarations of concessions that the Palestinians are entitled to lands in Israel associated with the former borders established in 1949. We should pray that President Bush, the Cabinet, Condi Rice and the State Department will seek God-honoring counsel and revelation in all matters, and especially the issue of Israel. If God said He will bless those who bless Israel, shouldn’t America bless Israel wholeheartedly and avoid duplicity regarding God’s Word?

Senator Sam Brownback: Pray that the Hand of God will bring favor on US Senator Sam Brownback's legislative initiatives to: (a) provide a resolution declaring an official governmental apology to the Native American peoples for historic offenses, such as hundreds of broken treaties; and (b) legislation in opposition to human embryonic stem cell research and the production of chimeric organisms in which human and non-human cells are mixed.

Pat McEnnerney in Birmingham – July 29th: We are sponsoring Pat McEnnerney (www.worldwindministries.org) for a special evening of ministry and healing prayer in Birmingham on Friday night July 29th at The Living Room.

Recent Highlights in Ministries:

Therefore I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me in leading the Gentiles to obey God by what I have said and done by the power of signs and miracles, through the power of the Spirit. (Romans 15:17-19).

Annual Board of Directors Meeting: Several friends from Liverpool were present for the 2nd Annual Board of Directors meeting in April. Afterwards Path Clearer honored Colonel Stone Johnson, a bodyguard to Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during the Civil Rights Movement of the 50's and 60's. The following weekend many of us attended the annual *Panim el Panim* conference in Atlanta, where many good friendships were reinforced.

National Day of Prayer on 5-5-5: I joined with some intercessors in Washington, DC for prayer in the Cannon Office Building during the National Day of Prayer. Path-clearing meetings were arranged with selected congressional leaders, foreign diplomats, and Judeo-Christian ministry leaders. I attended the meetings hosted by Shirley & James Dobson of Focus on the Family. One interesting *coincidental* meeting was with Rep. Katherine Harris (FL), with whom Jeff Newcomer and I prayed a specific blessing concerning a key decision in her life. Then, in June she announced that she had decided to run for office in the US Senate. In addition, I especially enjoyed meetings inside the Pentagon and a foreign embassy.

Sacramento, CA: I led a mini-conference at the invitation of Scott & Erin Bertoni, who are friends formerly from Birmingham. We also visited the California State Capitol in support of Lou Shelton of the Traditional Values Coalition seeking the support for legislation to enact a traditional definition of marriage (i.e., between an adult male and an adult female) in California.

Global Day of Prayer: Our friends at Greater Calling ministries requested our participation on the global prayer teleconference on May 15th associated with the Global Day of Prayer.

Teaching in Birmingham: From early April through July 8th I taught on various topics from *Praying Faith* at the Living Room. We also hosted guests, *Hearing Heart* from Atlanta, John Manwell and his colleagues from Liverpool, and Dennis Arnold.

Recommended Resources:

- Charles Spurgeon -- *Praying Successfully*
 - Henry Blackaby & Richard Blackaby -- *Called to be God's Leader: Lessons from the Life of Joshua*
 - Carl Lawrence & David Wang -- *The Coming Influence of China*
 - Paul Hattaway, Brother Yun, Peter Xu Yongze, & Enoch Wang -- *Back to Jerusalem*
 - John Pollock -- *Hudson and Maria: Pioneers in China*
 - Ruth Ward Heflin -- *Glory: Experiencing the Atmosphere of Heaven*
 - Gerald Fry -- *In Pursuit of His Glory*
 - www.Humanitas.Org (bioethics from a Judeo-Christian perspective)
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