

Discerning Things in 2013 Pt. 2

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Proof of His presence

- People today feel they must prove the presence of God with physical signs and wonders in order to show that He is moving among his people. *Matt. 12:39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:*
- The truth of the matter is that the mere fact that we are walking and breathing miracles, taken from the dust and made in the image of God should be all the proof we need.
- Signs and wonders don't really prove God's presence because the enemy can manifest these as well. *Acts 8:9 But there was a certain man, called Simon, which beforetime in the same city used sorcery, and bewitched the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one:* The fruit is the proof and we must get back to a place where God's power operating through us brings forth fruit as a sign of his indwelling. *Matt. 7:16 Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?*



True Signs

- **Repentance** - The fact that many walk in pride and desire to be lifted up proves that they are not filled with God's spirit. We cannot expect revival or his presence to come if we are walking in pride. Repentance brings his presence to us and fills us with his power. *Acts 3:19 Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;*
- **Healed Homes** - How can we claim the power of God and it not heal our relationships in our homes and minister to our marriages and children? It's impossible to be in the presence of God and still operate in selfishness and bitterness. A true sign and wonder of God's ability is his power to fix what the enemy tries to break. *Mark 10:9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*
- **Health** - The temple of God is where he resides. Not a building but within us. So, we must take care of our bodies and make living and eating healthy a priority. It's amazing how people preach against sin but embrace gluttony, and slothfulness. Does the power of God give us a pass when it comes to our health? A real move of God will cause us to eat healthy and exercise to keep our temples clean. *1Cor. 3:17 If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.*
- **Obedience** - True revival produces obedience. Men desire to obey God's plan and not their own. Women desire to be obedient to their husbands and not try to rule them. Walking out the plan of God for our lives, doing our creation roles, abiding in sound doctrine are all proof of his presence. *2Th. 3:14 And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed.*
- **Change** - The miracle that God performs when His presence is here is opening the blinded eyes! We were in the darkness and now we are in the light. We must walk in this light and bring this light into our

homes, our churches, and everywhere we go. It's not about a exterior "blessing" as much as it is an interior change. To know it's God, the people must change! *1Pet. 2:9 But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

- **Truth** - All moves of God that don't expose lies and uphold truth are false moves. Anytime denial is present and the elephant in the room is not addressed, it's not a true move of God. The disciples of Jesus lost their lives because they refused to play church and allow the elephant to exist! They would address the issues of the leaders, the people, and anyone else that joined forces with darkness. Their attitude was, if you are not for Christ then you are against US! And they preached truth no matter what it costs them. This is when there is a true move of the Holy Ghost. When truth is preached without fear, compromise, or selfish motives.



Summary

It's time to separate the real from the fake. It's time to get unemotional for a minute in order to rightly divide what is going on in our churches. We must address these leaders that are merging the church with the world. It's time to address these traditions of men that are causing people to accept idolatry and serve men as gods. It's time to address the sin in the body of Christ and hold the church accountable to the Word of Truth. It's time to address ourselves, and deal with the issues that are plaguing us. If we do not discern the times, we will attach ourselves to false moves. These false

moves are going to lead the church into the arms of false prophets, and ultimately into the hands of antichrists. It's time to discern what time it is!

2Th. 2:8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

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

2Th. 2:10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

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

2Th. 2:12 That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.