

SALT AND LIGHT

An amazing thing happened as I walked to my house after being dropped off at the mailbox. I saw my neighbor who has the same house number as me, but lives on the street behind me. Sometimes our mail gets in the wrong box and I get his mail and he gets mine. The day before, I had taken two pieces of mail to him.....noticing that both pieces were from Christian ministries.

And there he was tonight, riding his bike and as he rounded the corner by my house, he stopped and waited. I wasn't really close enough to hear him when he began to speak to me, but what I heard apprehended me. "You are the salt and light in the neighborhood." Tears filled my eyes.

I think of all the times I read the Grace statements out into the atmosphere of my neighborhood before they were even Grace Cards. I saw no visible change. Life seemed to continue on as usual. One day I walked the whole boundary as I felt an urgency to mark our neighborhood with the blood of Jesus. And then a house caught on fire on a windy day and the fire only spread to the next house stopping before reaching my neighbor with the same house number as mine.

We all do those things, but we do not see the fruit that is growing. Things seem to continue on as is usual and sometimes, we even feel resistance in the air.

When Dutch Sheets relaunched the Appeal to Heaven, I ordered a flag, purchased a flag holder and on a cold day, stood on a ladder to hang the new flag. I wondered if the HOA would send a letter telling me to take it down. Yet, here I am, coming home from picking up the mail and it is like the Heavens rolled back and there is a messenger on a bike ride and he stops and tells me, "You are the salt and light of the neighborhood". And you wonder if he is an angel that just looks like your neighbor and you come away feeling kissed by God.

I encourage you to stay faithful in your neighborhoods. You ARE the salt and light. Just your presence establishes a beachhead for the Kingdom. Always, God has stacked things in our favor and He has positioned us both spiritually and geographically to hold the gate open for the King of Glory to come in.

Matthew 5:13-14 speaks of our being the salt and light of the world. We are the flavor, the taste that causes others to see the Goodness of God. We are a light that is compared to a city that is set on a hill that cannot be hidden. Light stands out in the darkness.

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Graham Cooke has spoken to Aglow repeatedly about our becoming a visual aid in the earth. Here are a few bullet points from his prophetic message to us in 2008:

- » The Holy Spirit is brooding over you and stirring up your depths.
- » Aglow is pregnant with new life.

- » What Aglow is carrying has never been seen in the world of the church because He is doing something new.
- » The spirit and power of Elijah will be seen through Aglow.
- » Aglow is a prototype company that is God's visual aid in what is coming next.
- » You are moving away from God meeting your needs into unprecedented provision.
- » The way you pray must change.
- » We will see the return of the modern day equivalent of David's might men.

1. Using the statements spoken by Graham above, think about the 2017 conference and write out any new statements that were said about Aglow next to the statements Graham made.

2. To help you, here are a few statements made by Chuck Pierce and Dutch Sheets:

- » I have felt an amazing weight of the Holy Spirit on this gathering all day.
- » This meeting marks a recommissioning and a re-mantling.
- » Aglow is a leading voice in the earth.
- » New doors are opening which will cause what we have accomplished to pale in comparison, because what God will do in the earth, we have not seen anything like it before.
- » Aglow is positioned both spiritually and geographically to pull people groups through a window.
- » Aglow will be one of the key ministries involved in the Third Great Awakening.

3. Acts 17:26 says, *And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings.*

Knowing that God has chosen the specific place where you live, the town, down to the street, He has sent you as the help the town needs. You are the salt there. You are the light.

How are you partnering the prophetic words that God has spoken over Aglow to see the Kingdom come forth with new life in your town, your group?

4. Graham Cooke told us that our role in the earth is to exemplify the nature, power, substance, and promise of the Kingdom of God. What does this mean to you? Share your answer with the group. *Exemplify* means to demonstrate, represent, illustrate, and embody. How is your group exemplifying the Kingdom in your community?

5. Studying, meditating upon, and aligning with Aglow's prophetic words releases the power and fulfillment of those words. Those prophetic words and our inheritance scriptures come together to form our identity. How is your group partnering with those specific words so that there is evidence of His Presence through your group.