



TEMPLE TALK®

DRY PLACES; From the Pastor's Pen

LUKE 11- 24, When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he saith, I will return unto my house whence I came out. ²⁵And when he cometh, he findeth it swept and garnished. ²⁶Then goeth he, and taketh to him seven other spirits more wicked than himself; and they enter in, and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. **Dry: free or relatively free from a liquid and especially water....lacking freshness.**

Allow me to share a thought from verse 24.

Jesus told the woman at the well... Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewst the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. We are living in a dry time. Not in a natural sense but in a spiritual sense.

Jeremiah 2:13, For my people have committed two evils; they have forsaken me the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water.

People have forsaken God. People today have forsaken the right way. The bible says there is a way that seemeth right unto a man but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Judges 10- 13, Yet ye have forsaken me, and served other gods: wherefore I will deliver you no more. ¹⁴Go and cry unto the gods which ye have chosen; let them deliver you in the time of your tribulation. ¹⁵And the children of Israel said unto the LORD, We have sinned: do thou unto us whatsoever seemeth good unto thee; deliver us only, we pray thee, this day. ¹⁶And they put away the strange gods from among them, and served the LORD.

God has shown us mercy but I'm telling you right now there will come a time where the mercy seat of God will turn into a throne of judgement. WE HAVE GOTTEN DRY AS A NATION! Did you know that 52 of the 56 signers of The Declaration of Independence were orthodox, deeply committed Christians? The other four all believed in the Bible as the divine truth, the God of scripture, and His personal intervention.

Immediately after creating the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress voted to purchase and import 20,000 copies of scripture for the people of this nation. Patrick Henry had some famous words which have now been erased from our textbooks...he said... There is a just God that presides over the destinies of nations. The battle sir, is not of the strong alone. Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it almighty God. I know not what course others may take, but as for me, give me liberty, or give me death." Before he died he said this....I have disposed of all my property to my family...there is only one thing I wish I could give them and that is the Christian religion.

Thomas Jefferson not only said he was a Christian but wrote this on his bible....I am a Christian ...that is to say a disciple of the doctrines of Jesus. George Washington our first president said this...it is impossible to govern a nation without God and the Bible.

In 1782 the United States congress voted this resolution. The congress of the United States approves and recommends the use of the holy bible in all schools. Out of the first 108 universities in our nation 106 of them were distinctly Christian including the first Harvard....and for the first 100 years more than 50% of all Harvard graduates were pastors!!!

In 1962 prayer was removed from our schools. Here is the prayer that was banished "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence on Thee. We beg Thy blessings upon us and our parents and our teachers and our country. Amen."

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In 1963 the Supreme Court ruled that the reading of the New Testament in schools could be psychologically harmful to our children. Taking the bible out has been the thing that has been harmful!!!!!!

In 1980 the Ten Commandments were outlawed in our schools. We say GOD BLESS AMERICA....but HOW CAN HE? Our nation has become dry! We need the living water! LISTEN TO THIS---I MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO CHANGE EVERYTHING BY MYSELF I KNOW BUT ONE THING I CAN CHANGE IS ME!!

I don't know about you but I'm TIRED of DRY! I'm tired of dry church.

Isaiah 43-19, Behold, I will do a new thing; now it shall spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The beast of the field shall honour me, the dragons and the owls: because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen. ²¹This people have I formed for myself; they shall shew forth my praise. I'm tired of dry places!!!! It's up to you and it's up to me to keep the water flowing in our lives. HOW??? I'll tell you how.

PRAYER...FASTING...READING THE WORD...ATTENDING CHURCH TO HAVE CHURCH INSTEAD OF COMING JUST TO BE THERE.

God won't dwell in a dry place. I want to stay revived no matter what is going on around me. It's all up to ME!

Until our next communication,

Pastor T. Marc Gandy

Praise the Lord to the Miracle Temple Family and the people of God everywhere. I greet you in the Matchless Name of Jesus! **Our Spiritual Theme for May 2017:** We continue with "Restoration of the New Testament Church", taken from a series written by Apostle Henry Alexander. We will share the lessons over the next several weeks so you don't want to miss a week.

We would love to see you in class at The Miracle Temple, Wednesdays at 7:00pm. If you are unable to attend the bible study, you are welcome to call our conference line and listen in dial (605)475-3200 and use access code 943444# or view it live on Facebook.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

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- 28/ Alexis Harris

"Too Blessed to Be Stressed"

Submitted by Sister Barbara King

I'm too blessed to be stressed and
Too anointed to be disappointed!

I refuse to be discouraged,
To be sad or to cry.
I refuse to be downhearted
And here's the reason why.

I have a God who is almighty;
Who is sovereign and supreme;
I have a god who loves me,
And I am on His team.

He is all wise and powerful'
Jesus is His name;
Though everything else is changeable
My God remains the same.

I refuse to be defeated.
My eyes are on my God.
He has promised to be with me,
As through this life I trod.

I am looking past my circumstances,
To heaven's throne above.
My prayers have reached the heart of God.
I am resting in His love.

I give thanks to Him in everything.
My eyes are on His face.
The battle is His; the victory is mine;
He will help we win the race.