

THE NAILS

As I was saying my prayers this morning and praying for the Church, I remembered a message I heard about the glory cloud of God someone had witnessed. I started praying for God to send that same cloud into all the Churches but immediately knew many people were not ready to receive that manifestation. As I continued to pray I asked God to forgive us our sins and give us an understanding of our responsibilities so He could send His cloud of glory to us.

I then saw a vision of Jesus hanging on the cross. My heart was breaking and I was crying. I knew my sins had put Him there and each sin I committed daily He had paid for. Sins when I spoke something I shouldn't have, when I was willful and wanting my own way, jealous, disobedient and even when I had a wrong thought.

Then I saw the nails. Not just little eight or ten-penny nails, but huge big nails like railroad spikes. My tears flowed as I cried over the pain He suffered. I thought of the pain from the crown of thorns, the stripes, the mental abuse and especially the rejections He felt from God, but for some reason continually the pain of those huge nails as they nailed Him to the cross.

There is no way we can imagine what those nails felt like. How many of us could stand the pain of having even a little nail hammered through our hand. Hopefully, we would pass out but Jesus didn't pass out. He was fully conscious until He said "It is finished." John 19:30. The amazing and glorious part of His crucifixion was He didn't have to die. He could have come down from the cross at any time, but He died so we could have salvation and eternal life. Thank you Jesus.

The Church cannot and will not see the powerful manifestation of the Holy Spirit until more of us are hungering for Him and living our lives according to the Word of God. Jesus said, "Blessed are they which hunger and thirst after righteousness for they shall be filled." Matthew 5:6. We have seen many miracles performed and Jesus promised us the same gifts He had and more. The disciples believed what He taught and their gifts were so powerful when their shadow fell across someone they were healed.

There will always be those in the Church who do not strive to do His will. When more of us follow the Commandments and are obedient as God expects us to be, then we will see those manifestations of the Holy Spirit we so desperately want to see. God bless.

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