

Do You Have A Spirit of Expectation?

Luke 3:15-16

“Now as the people were in expectation, and all reasoned in their hearts about John, whether He was the Christ or not, John answered saying to all, “I indeed baptize you with water; but One mightier than I is coming, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to loose. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.”

The key to v. 16 taking place; the Holy Spirit coming to baptize with fire is found in v. 15

- “Now the people were in expectation...”

There is a power in EXPECTATION:

This scripture is significant because of the 400 years of silence from the Old Testament time until John the Baptist came on the scene preaching The Kingdom of God is come.

- No Word from the Lord.
- Silence from heaven.

The Bible gives us a clue as to the atmosphere the Holy Spirit was looking for to be poured out on mankind again.

- **“The people were in expectation.”**

We need to understand that if God is going to **“do something”** He looks for people who have expectation of Him.

We need to expect God to pour out His Spirit in this beginning of 2018.

Last week in 2nd service, someone came forward for prayer who had back issues, then a second person came forward. The Lord healed both of these ladies.

I sensed the Lord saying there are others here who need healing of a back issue.

When the call was made, over 12 people who had back issues professed they were healed.

Are you here today and give a testimony of God’s goodness to you?

God wants to heal more, save more, bless more, deliver more.

Are you expecting more from the Lord in 2018 than you had before?

Did you come expecting to encounter the Lord here today?

Did you come expecting to receive something from Him?

Did you come expecting to be an instrument for Him to use you to bless someone else?

What are you expecting?

You will receive from this and every service and every day of your life – whatever the level of your expectation is!

We need to believe for God to do the impossible again:

- **Pray** in expectation
- **Sow and give** in expectation.
- **Praise** in expectation.

The atmosphere in which the Holy Spirit and Fire is poured out in is when people are an expectation.

Col. 2:14 “He blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross;”

- I announce to you today: **THERE IS NOTHING BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR MIRACLE. HE HAS REMOVED IT AND NAILED IT TO THE CROSS.**
- You need to be expecting good things from the Lord for 2018.

- Expect God to pour out His Spirit on you and your family – TODAY.
- Expect God to heal you today and pain and symptoms to leave your body - TODAY.
- **EXPECT TO BE DELIVERED FROM ANY TYPE OF ADDICTION YOU ARE STRUGGLING WITH – TODAY.**
- **IT ONLY TAKES A TOUCH OF THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD TO SET YOU FREE.**

EXPECT!

PSA. 119:126 “It is time for you to act, O Lord, for they have regarded Your law as void.”

- When we see people disregarding God’s Word as they are today – **IT IS NOT A TIME TO SHRINK BACK AND GIVE UP OR COWER AWAY – IT IS A TIME TO EXPECT GOD TO RISE AND LET HIS ENEMIES BE SCATTERED.**

God will not be mocked, but He will rise up and show Himself mighty to save on behalf of those who love Him.

Rom. 8:17 “We are children of God, and if children then heirs – heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”

- You have a claim to the rights God gives to you.

The power of expectation is seen in:

Acts 3:1-9 “Peter and John went up together to the Temple at the hour of prayer... And a certain lame man from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the Temple... and seeing Peter and John asked for alms; and fixing his eyes on them, with John, Peter said: “Look at us, silver and gold we do not have, but what I do have I give to you; in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” He took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he leaping up, stood and walked and entered the Temple with them – walking and leaping and praising God.”

- Yes, we know the power is in the name of Jesus, but that is not what activated this miracle: v. 5 “So he gave them his attention, **expecting** to receive something from them.”
- The miracle was dependent on the man expecting to receive something from them.

We look at people who have gifts from the Lord to do signs and wonders, BUT ARE YOU LOOKING TO THE LORD WITH EXPECTATION TODAY FOR THE NEED TO BE MET IN YOUR LIFE?

This man didn’t say: “I hope, I believe, I wish for, maybe it’s my day: he EXPECTED TO RECEIVE SOMETHING.

There is something you and I can do to upset and torment the enemy today:

1 John 3:2 “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it does not yet appear what we shall be; but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is.”

- The enemy is not so concerned with what you used to be.
- He may not be concerned with what you are.
- **But he is terrified by what you can be and your destiny that God has for you.**
- **God has created you to be a giant killer as David was.**

The enemy isn’t afraid of our past and maybe not our present; but he must be afraid of your future by the way he’s attacking you, trying to get to you, and keep you from arriving in your destiny.

There must be something ahead of us in 2018 that God is going to do to cause us to shake the earth that the enemy is trying to steal, BUT WE HAVE TO EXPECT GOD FOR SOMETHING IN THIS SEASON TO PREPARE US FOR WHAT’S AHEAD.

Expect to see the unseen in 2018.

Your greatest miracles are not behind you – they are before you.

Look ahead – Your biggest miracles are not behind you – so live in expectation of what the Lord is going to do.

1 Cor 2:9 “But it is written, eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love Him.”

- If you are among those who love the Lord; don't get left out of those things He has prepared for you.
- Expect the goodness of the Lord to manifest in your life this year – why not TODAY?

It is impossible for God to forget what He has promised you.

The only question is:

Are you expecting Him to do exceedingly – abundantly – above all that we can ask or think?

You have an opportunity today to receive what the Lord has for you.

He is calling your name today.

We need to believe God for the supernatural and the anointing to break the yoke and receive your miracle today.

When the lame man was sat down at the gate, he was looking at Peter and John expecting something from them:

- What he really was expecting is what he had gotten every time he went to the Temple.
- It was just getting by another day kind of blessing.
- I'm going to go to the Temple [like some of you came in here today] not really expecting anything different than before, just another religious service, fulfilling our duty as good Christians.
- Did you come today with just a getting-by kind of blessing?

God said to this man, because you are expecting to receive – I'M GOING TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE FOREVER.

THIS CAN BE THE SERVICE TO CHANGE YOUR LIFE - WHAT ARE YOU EXPECTING?