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Naked



Hebrews 4:13 (NLT)
“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God. Everything is naked and exposed before his eyes, and he is the one to whom we are accountable.”

I shared a testimony a few weeks ago about some intimate details of my life. I told how I have been saved and living (what I thought) was an acceptable life before God (and my brothers and sisters); but how I felt that there were things that I wouldn't let anyone know (or see) about me. Things of which I was ashamed to let anyone know except for the ones that were closest to me. I had hidden these things because, “I couldn't let anyone see my nakedness...my sin”.

But as Hebrews 4:13 says, “nothing in all creation is hidden from God.” Even though I

thought I was hiding these ugly traits, behaviors, actions, from the outside world... God knew and saw it.

Satan (the enemy) works hard to keep us from exposing our sinful nature and behaviors. He does this best by perpetuating and manipulating us in fear. But the Bible tells us, **“The underworld is naked in God's presence, the place of destruction is uncovered.” (Job 26:6)**. This is one of the things that Satan fears most...that our sin will be exposed and that he will lose power over us.

If we expose our own sin and get naked before God, he will hear our prayer and restore us. This isn't something that I'm saying, it's a promise from God. **II Chronicles 7:14, “Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways (SIN), I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land.”**

I like the analogy that Pastor Jones had given in Bible Study regarding intimacy. He said in order to conceive, you must become intimate. In the natural, if you become intimate...most cases you don't do so clothed. You have to get naked. As it is in the natural, so it must be in the spiritual. To become intimate with God, we must get naked. We must take off the clothes of sin. Once we are naked we can begin to have true intimacy with God. Then, we must let God clothe us with his garments. What are his garments? The fruit of the spirit and the Armor of God (Galatians 5:22 and Ephesians 6:14—17).

Proverbs 15:11 says, **“Even death and destruction hold no secrets from the Lord. How much more does he know the human heart!”** In any case, God already knows what you look like naked. He just wants you to be bold enough to expose yourself (and SIN).

Special points of interest:

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Schedule of Events

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5 RADIO
6	7	8	9 FAST	10	11	12 RADIO
13	14	15	16 FAST	17	18	19 RADIO
20	21	22	23 FAST	24	25	26 RADIO
27	28	29	30 FAST			

- **September 8**—Church meeting, **6pm**
- **September 11**—Youth Explosion, Minister Jonathan Tilghman, Greater New Hope Ministries, **7pm**
- **September 13**—Pastor & congregation to Gospel Church of God (Pastor Ronald T. Fisher), Chestertown, MD, **3:30pm** — Hospitality donations due
- **September 20**—Ushers' Day, Guest: Pastor Robert N. Brown, Jr., Bethel AME Church, Chestertown, MD, **4pm** —Education Department donations due
- **September 26**—Women's Fellowship, Chestertown Landing Conf. Rm., **3:30pm**

OCTOBER 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- **October 9**—Quad Squad 4H Club, Kent Co. Public Works Bldg., **7pm**
- **October 11**—Hospitality donations due
- **October 13**—Church meeting, **6pm**
- **October 17**—Women's Fellowship, Chestertown Landing Conf. Rm., **4pm**
- **October 18**—Education Dept. donations due

HOLY CONVOCATION WEEK

- **October 19—21**—Fast, **12midnight to 12noon**
- **October 23**—Full consecration, —Bishop Robert Pritchett, Faith Unity Fellowship, **7:30pm** —**Shut in after service**
- **October 25**—Ordination service, **11:30am** —Bishop Dane A. Coleman, Greater New Hope Ministries, **4pm**
- **October 31**—Daughters of HOPE Women's Empowerment Seminar

Bible Study every Tuesday—7pm

Fast every Wednesday—12 midnight to 12 noon

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Submitted by: Danyett Wright

Testimony: Submitted by Elder James Young “As I Lay On My Bed of Affliction”



As I lay in my bed with so much pain, so much hurt, so many things to do, so much to say, so many people depending on me.... I think, here I lay, with pain like I've never experienced before, all over my body; I've never called on the name of Jesus so much before in my life. Even though I'm in so much pain, I began to think about the price He had to pay, nailed to the cross, beaten and bruised, shackled and abused. In all honesty, I was going through nothing compared to that...but in my mind it was the battle of my life.

As my wife, Wendy, began to lay hands on me and pray for me, she began to ask God to heal my body and remove sickness and disease. And then God spoke softly to me and said, "I hear you my, daughter, and so does he." And just as Wendy finished praying and I left the room, God began to do just what she asked him to do. I found myself getting sick to my stomach. As I began to throw up, I felt like everything that was in me was about to come out. My head was pounding, my stomach felt like it was tied into 100 knots and pulling tighter from every angle. Diarrhea and dehydration was settling in because I couldn't eat. I couldn't even sleep. All I could do was call on Jesus.

After about 20 minutes of pure hell, I lay back down and began to think about what God had spoken.... "I hear you, my daughter, so does he". I knew that the enemy knows your desires, too. He comes to kill and destroy. But my God comes to bring life and to have it more abundantly.

So, without a second thought, I began to speak in the spirit; a loud bellowing sound --- an unnatural sound --- to the natural ear. But when I spoke it sounded like it was so far away. Right from my bed, I knew the sound was reaching heaven. This went on for about 20 minutes but I knew I was touching the heart of God. The communication was just between me and my God.

I finally got some relief. The knots in my stomach felt like they were being untied. My headache didn't leave but it subsided. Thank God for answering our prayers. But through it all, it's a joy in knowing that I didn't once wonder where God was. I knew he was always there with me.

I thank you, God for another intimate experience with you. I love you Jesus.

Love,

Jimmy

Testimony: Submitted by Roshelle Henry “Praising God from the Valley”

Praising from the valley is not always easy but it's necessary....#1 – it confuses the enemy..... #2 – your dance determines how you deal with your circumstance....#3 – you learn and grow intimate with the Lily of the Valley and#4 – ultimately, you become as a mallard duck (water/problems) just roll off of you.



Can you tell by my appearance that for the last year or so I have been going through a financial storm? My finances may be here today, gone today but I have learned so much during my trial, my training ground. In the beginning I would be blessed with money (doing hair, errand-taking, whatever) I would give tithes, not always offerings. No over-spending like I would do so many times before. Until one day He spoke through an angel to me and told me, “Thank you for your tithes and offerings, you are here in this place (situation) to learn that I AM blessing you with unemployment from a job you stopped working at two years ago to take over utilities at this home – (training ground) to prepare you for your home.”

I had used the money for everyday things. With no more unemployment I began to wonder, “How can I do this without any currency, no car to get a job and no way out?” An awesome thing happened; “God” began to move after I decreed and declared, “I am coming out with my hands lifted!” I put the enemy in his place for trying to run rampant in my life. I began to speak over my life and situations. I feel myself growing closer to Daddy in this process, which is exactly what he wanted from me...a closer walk, intimacy, brokenness.

I remember coming home after hearing Bishop Dane A. Coleman speak on faith. My God, my God, I was bubbling. I called a sister I'm fond of and we are believing god for one another concerning similar things. At that service I got out of my comfort zone. It's true, “when the praises go up the blessings come down”. Hallelujah, Hallelujah!

Saturday after the mail came it was placed on my bed. For the first time after filing for it in January (and forgetting about it), God blessed me with a C.S. check (Hallelujah!). The next day I was blessed again with an unemployment check that was misplaced in June. (I thought it was lost, BUT GOD). All of those monetary blessings came in time for school. Oh, I'm not done...clients are rolling in. I am able to pay utilities. Hallelujah! I'm on the road to my own.

I encourage you to “praise God” from your individual valleys. I heard someone say, “praise Him when you feel like it and praise Him when you don't”. “Your breakthrough is in your praise”. Hallelujah. Once you praise, worship him. For he is worthy. Be encouraged while going through your storms.

ROSHELLE

Article Submitted by: Mae Green
“It is well with my soul”

“My peace I give you...do not let your hearts be troubled and...afraid.” (John 14:27 NIV)

The peace Jesus gives brings a sense of assurance that no matter what happens, you know “it is well with my soul.” He says to us: “My peace I give you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts and...afraid.” The doesn't depend cumstances. It you're God's child controls the uni-always has your heart. That's why everything will wouldn't trade even if it meant losses.



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Joni Erikson Tada discovered a supernatural peace when an accident confined her to a wheelchair, and Corrie Ten Boom found it in a Nazi death camp. Missionary Elisabeth Elliot found it ministering to the Indian tribe who massacred her husband. She wrote, “Only in acceptance lies peace...not in resignation.”

There's a big difference! Author Creath Davis points out that: “*Resignation* is surrender to fate. *Acceptance* is **surrender to God**. *Resignation* lies down quietly in an empty universe. *Acceptance* **rises up to meet the God who fills that universe with purpose and destiny**. *Resignation* says, ‘I can't.’ *Acceptance* says, ‘**God can.**’ *Resignation* paralyzes the life process. *Acceptance* **releases the process for its greatest creativity**. *Resignation* says, ‘It's all over for me.’ *Acceptance* says, ‘**Now that I'm here, what's next, Lord?**’ *Resignation* says, ‘What a waste.’ *Acceptance* says, ‘**In what redemptive way will you use this mess, Lord?**’ *Resignation* says, ‘I'm alone.’ *Acceptance* says, ‘**I belong to you, Lord.**’”

First Lady's Corner

Have you ever felt like you were going to lose your mind? Well, that's how I was feeling through my tests. But I still thank God.

This is my season to overcome and do what Jesus wants me to do. I'm a 'work in progress'. I'm almost there, but please continue to pray for me. Don't talk about me....remember... tests and trials come but they don't last always. The biggest problem is passing and overcoming, but with God on my side (and in my life) He will see me through.



First of all, I had to know who I was before God could really speak to me and tell me my purpose. Saints, I didn't know until Pastor was speaking... "know who you are"; and a light came on for me. All that I've been through before I knew everything was okay, but I had to know the truth and the truth is what made me free. Jesus, I thank you for allowing me to know who I am in you.

For the last several months, I didn't know because I wasn't intimate with him like I was supposed to be. But when I laid flat on my face and cried for help, He heard me and I'm free. Praise the Lord!

There will be another storm that will come my way but with you, Jesus, I know I will overcome all the tests that I will go through. These will come in order for god to get me where I need to be. I thank Jesus for not giving up on me. Man will put you down but I thank Jesus that He always lifts me up to let me know I'm somebody in him.

I want to tell you that, 'weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning.' We all have some things that we are battling with but once we give it to Jesus everything will be alright.

Like the songstress sings... 'The battle is not yours it's the Lord's.' If we learn to give it to him as soon as it comes and not try to fix it ourselves, we won't give Satan time to add and multiply the situation that we are going through. If we give Satan an inch, he will go a mile.

Once I stopped allowing Satan to whisper in my ear things that weren't true, that's when I became free from all the naysayers speaking negative things and lies to me. I thank Jesus. It was a process but I made it and I'm going all the way to see what my end will be in Jesus.

Lord I thank you, thank you, thank you....
I'm free...praise the Lord!

God gets the glory,

First Lady Sherrilyn Jones

Pastor's Reflections

The Arrow That Points To Jesus



(Matthew 6:33) *But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.*

God bless you saints of God, I want to thank our Lord, and Savior Jesus Christ for all that He is revealing to His anointed sons and daughters in the last days. As children of God, we have to concern ourselves only with two things. First, on the heavenly side, we prioritize God's mitzvahs in our lives. The Shema says, "Hear, O Israel (that includes us): the Lord is our God, the Lord is One. You shall love Him with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." Second, on the earthly side, we are to seek his righteousness- tzedakah- His acts of kindness, charity, and love toward our neighbors.

Then what? Then, "*all these things shall be added to you.*" What are these things? They include the things we once spent our lives worrying about: food, clothing, shelter, possessions, and finances. Jesus acknowledged our need for these things and acknowledged that the Gentiles focus on them, yet He emphasized that God's children are not to spend time and effort trying to obtain them. We are to live with constant vigilance for any opportunity to be god's lights in a dark world. If we prioritize God and His righteousness, He is faithful to care for our needs.

(Psalm 37:23-26) The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord upholds him with His hand. I have been young, and now am old; yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor His descendants begging bread. He is ever merciful, and lend; and His descendants are blessed.

That Scripture says it all. First, the steps of a good man are "ordered-put on a path-to lead and teach him". The righteous- those who do acts of tzedakah, or charity- will not be forsaken. Those who show mercy to others will see their seeds- their children and grandchildren – blessed.

ALL THESE THINGS SHALL BE ADDED TO YOU

More than merely an outer ritual, the Torah and the Bible teaches us to live as God's children on the inside-in our hearts. In living out the Bible, we shine a light into darkness of the world and point others toward the goodness, mercy, and love of Christ. Jesus said in Matthew, that the world hates you, why? Because you are too bright, of a light. This is why they look for reasons to come after Gods messengers. Jesus said "*Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you. And persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.* In other words you aren't the first man or woman of God that they persecuted and found guilty without a fair trial, Remember Jesus unfair trial. Saints, don't you expect a fair trial either.

Ok! All these things; As we go forward, I'd like to focus not so much on god's don'ts as his dos. There is a misperception out there that a life with God is dominated by all the things you are forbidden from doing. What a lie! A life with God is completely saturated by all the activities, adventures, and blessings that you get to experience. Unfortunately, I believe that many of the very activities and practices that God gave to His people as ways to better connect with Him have been forsaken and abandoned throughout the centuries. I hope that you will see, saints, that these are not obscure rabbinical teachings hidden in Jewish lore and oral tradition but God's direct teachings and commands in our Old Testament, which Christians have written off, along with the Jews themselves.

I know someone may ask the question, why is Pastor Jones talking about the Torah. The answer is because Jesus was a practicing Jew not a converted Jew. The church and the synagogue were synonymous for three hundred and twenty-five years after Christ's resurrection. Jesus never intended for his followers to be separated from Israel, from God's people or from the Torah. As Christians, we were to be grafted in."

As I conclude I would like to remind you to seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all things shall be added unto to you. Saints, Israel is a part of our family tree, with out knowledge, and observance of the teachings of the Torah, it can hinder some things. We need to under stand Yom Kippur, the book of blessings.

My prayer is that the Lord blesses you; keep you, so that your body soul, and spirit, may be found blameless until the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Your Servant in the Lord,

Pastor Guy E. Jones, Sr.

God is not through with us yet!

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News and Events

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Youth Explosion

Friday, September 11, 2009

4th Annual

Daughters of HOPE

Saturday, October 31, 2009
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2nd Annual

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October 19—25, 2009

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