

## Jachin Boaz Ministries

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Dear Friends.

## EASTER - Times Two!

Wow! What a privilege! To celebrate what is probably the most important event on the Biblical Calendar – EASTER – twice in one year; is absolutely amazing! We have just celebrated Easter as we know it, on our Gregorian calendar, in the month of March. However, on GOD's CALENDAR – the Jewish-Hebrew calendar – it is celebrated at Passover; in the month of Nissan (April); on the 14-15-16-17 days of Nissan! And for me personally, I cherish the fact that I can spend just a little more time contemplating the... REAL meaning of Easter and WHY it is we DO place such importance, on this occasion... and even get the opportunity to correct our "wayward" - calendar of events!

If you don't want to MISS what God is doing - get on... HIS CALENDAR!!!

He didn't <u>ARRIVE</u> on our Calendar dates; He didn't <u>DIE</u> on our calendar dates; He didn't <u>RISE from the GRAVE</u> on our calendar dates; and He certainly will <u>NOT</u> <u>RETURN to gather His Bride</u>, on our calendar dates! He <u>ONLY</u> operates on <u>HIS</u> <u>CALENDAR DATES</u> - and He is very <u>SPECIFIC about the ORDER</u> of His calendar, and the significance of WHY He asks us to DO certain things, on certain days – that He has circled on HIS <u>CALENDAR!</u>

I ended last year with a serious look at the meaning of <u>The Cross!</u> And I think it appropriate if we revisit some of that again right NOW! Simply because – <u>The Cross</u> (of Christ's Death, Burial and Resurrection) – <u>NEVER loses its POWER!</u> The significance of the <u>REDEMPTATIVE -POWER</u> of <u>The Cross</u>... is imperative to our eternity - with Him - or NOT!

Our December letter began - Let's Discuss - The Focal Point of Spiritual Power!

Galatians 6:14 ...But far be it from me to glory [in anything or anyone] except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah) through Whom the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world! (Amp) Amen!

I want to share with you some very powerful words from our departed, but dearly beloved brother, Oswald Chambers. Listen to what he has to say about a very important topic... <u>The</u> Focal Point of Spiritual Power! (Emphasis is mine).

"If you want to know the <u>POWER of God</u> (that is, <u>the resurrection life of Jesus</u>) in your human flesh, you <u>MUST DWELL on the TRAGEDY of God</u>. Break away from your personal concern over your own spiritual condition, and with a <u>completely open spirit</u> consider the <u>TRAGEDY of God</u>. Instantly the POWER of God will be IN you. "<u>Look to Me</u>..." (Isaiah 45:22).

<u>Pay attention to the external Source</u> and the INTERNAL POWER will be there. <u>We LOSE POWER because we DON'T FOCUS on the RIGHT thing.</u>

The <u>EFFECT of the Cross</u> is - salvation, sanctification, healing, etc., but we ARE NOT to preach any of these. We ARE to preach "<u>Jesus Christ and Him crucified</u>" (1 Corinthians 2:2). The PROCLAIMING of Jesus will do its OWN work!

CONCENTRATE on <u>God's FOCAL POINT</u> in your preaching, and EVEN IF your listeners seem to pay it NO attention, they will NEVER be the same again. If I share MY OWN words, they are of NO MORE importance, than your words are to me.

But IF WE SHARE the TRUTH of GOD with ONE ANOTHER, we WILL encounter it again and again.

We have to <u>FOCUS on the great POINT of SPIRITUAL POWER</u> — <u>The CROSS</u>. If we STAY in CONTACT WITH that <u>CENTRE of POWER</u>, its energy is RELEASED in our lives.

In HOLINESS movements and SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE meetings, the <u>FOCUS</u> tends to be put - <u>NOT on the Cross of Christ</u>, BUT on the <u>EFFECTS of the Cross</u>. (Remember what the EFFECTS are – salvation; sanctification; healing etc....)

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One reason for the feebleness is - that there has NOT been this FOCUS on the TRUE CENTRE of SPIRITUAL POWER.

We have **NOT** dwelt enough on the **TRAGEDY of Calvary, or on the MEANING of REDEMPTION.**"



If we fast-forward to today; I opened my devotionals to read...

## Genesis 8:4 On the seventeenth day of the seventh month the ark came to rest on the mountains of Ararat [in Armenia].

"For 40 days and nights, it rained so hard that the whole world perished, except for Noah and those who were with him in the ark. At the end of 150 days, on the 17th day of the seventh month, the ark rested on the mountains of Ararat.

In Hebrew, the word "Ararat" means "the curse is reversed". The waters of judgment receded, causing the ark to rest on the mountains of Ararat, on new ground where the curse is reversed. And it happened on the 17th day of the seventh month on the Feast of Firstfruits—the exact date that Jesus rose from the dead 4,000 years later!

When Christ rose from the dead, we were raised together with Him. (Colossians 2:12). We who are in Christ our true ark stand on resurrection ground where the curse has been reversed (Galatians 3:13), where diseases, poverty and failures have no right to operate!" (Destined to Reign).

It's called – <u>Standing on NO-CURSE Ground!</u>
Thank you Pastor Joseph Prince – for reminding us of just how effective that "<u>Redemption Plan</u>" of God's - really was – and <u>IS – and continues to BE!</u>

It TRULY - <u>NEVER loses its POWER!</u> Hallelujah!

That's shoutin' time about there!

That IS the very <u>MEANING of REDEMPTION</u> – The <u>Tragedy of the God</u> – <u>The Cross of Christ!</u>

He DIED - that you might LIVE! Hallelujah!



And then I went on to read...in part - some more of Oswald chambers writings...

Mark 9:9 He <u>commanded them</u> that they should <u>tell no one the things they had seen</u>, <u>till the Son of Man had risen</u> from the dead.

As the disciples were <u>commanded</u>, <u>you should also say nothing</u>... <u>UNTIL</u> – the... Son of Man has <u>risen in you</u> — <u>until the life of the risen Christ so dominates you</u> - that you truly understand ...what He taught while here on earth.

"...tell no one...." <u>But so many people do tell what they saw</u> on the Mount of Transfiguration — <u>their mountaintop experience</u>. They have seen a vision and they testify to it, <u>but there is no connection between what they say and how they live</u>. <u>Their lives don't add up because... the Son of Man has not yet risen in them</u>. How long will it be before His resurrection life is formed and evident - in you?

It's a very valid question! And it is a question you NEED to answer – if you anticipate Heaven being your Home for eternity! And remember – you NEED to DO this NOW! Tomorrow may be too late!

<u>EASTER - Times Two!</u> Yes - this is a timely SECOND reminder of what <u>EASTER is</u> <u>REALLY about - The Focal Point of Spiritual Power!</u> Let's take another look...

"If you want to know the <u>POWER of God</u> (that is, the resurrection life of Jesus) in your human flesh, you <u>MUST DWELL on the TRAGEDY of God</u>... (<u>His REDEMPTION</u> <u>PLAN</u>).

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Till next month

From my house to yours

Blessings of the abundant kind!

Leila Nord.

