

MANIFESTING THE WORKS GOD HAS ANOINTED US FOR

INTRODUCTION

These are days in which we cannot afford to be easily swayed by the waves of public opinion and the winds of false doctrine. Prophetic days require an inner strength that only a deep personal and intimate relationship with Christ can give; a strong rooted foundation that only the word of God can provide. Those who have ears to hear, let them hear what the Spirit of God is saying to the church. We are to be strong in the Lord and in the power of God's might, remaining faithful till the end. The world is longing for the manifestation of the Sons of God who walk in both the power of God and the perfection of His love. We must therefore begin to release the authority of God's Kingdom that has been delegated within each of us through the anointing of the Holy Spirit. We must understand that God has anointed every believer to do good works that will cripple the devil's power, by sharing the good news of salvation, healing the sick and delivering the bound from satan's bondage.

I. THE FULLNESS OF DARKNESS OF THE LAST DAYS

- A. The Bible paints a picture of what the last days will be like prior to the coming of the Lord. If the Body of Christ is to make a difference and a lasting impact on society, we must be well versed by knowing what the days will be like just prior to the Millennial Kingdom of Christ being established. The prophet Isaiah paints a picture of darkness covering the nations and deep darkness covering the minds and hearts of humanity.

“Arise, shine; for your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people; but the LORD will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.” Isaiah 60:1-2

- B. The prophet Daniel spoke in great detail about the pressures and persecution that God's people would have to endure in the days during the rise of the antichrist. Daniel reveals how a man filled with sinister schemes would come to power and have great influence in the nations of the earth. The wickedness of the nations will be the perfect scenario to allow the antichrist to manifest in fullness.

“And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have reached their fullness, a king shall arise, having fierce features, who understands sinister schemes.” Daniel 8:23

- C. Jesus Himself spoke of a great harvest that would come to fullness just prior to His return and just before He establishes His eternal kingdom. The Lord reveals how there will be a fullness of wickedness and a fullness of righteousness that will coincide together in the last days. Darkness will manifest through the sons of wickedness and righteousness will manifest to its fullness through the Sons of God.

“Let both grow together until the harvest, and at the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, ‘First gather together the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them, but gather the wheat into my barn.’” Matthew 13:30

II. THE FULLNESS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE LAST DAYS

- A. There is a people the Holy Spirit is quickening in this prophetic hour for this very purpose. A people who by revelation understand their purpose in life; specifically for such a time as this. A people who will come into agreement for the reason of their existence on this side of eternity. A people who will commit themselves to fulfill the works of God that He has ordained for them to walk in even before their birth.

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” Ephesians 2:10

“Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith, and I have works. Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.” James 2:17-18

- B. Like Jesus, the source of our power comes from the fact that the Father has anointed His sons with the person of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is only given to those who have been born into the kingdom of God. The result of the Spirit of God coming upon His sons is seen in the healing and deliverance they release upon those needing freedom from the devil's stronghold. It is the Holy Spirit that gives us confidence to go forth and be commissioned as ambassadors and workers of God throughout the nations of the earth.

“After these things the Lord appointed seventy others also, and sent them two by two before His face into every city and place where He Himself was about to go. Then He said to them, ‘The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs among wolves. . . Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” Luke 10:1-3, 19

“. . .how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.”
Acts 10:38

- C. Manifesting the works of God is something we choose to cooperate with God in. Good works do not happen automatically but come forth as a result of agreeing with what God's Word says about us. We must agree that we are His workmanship and the need to submit to His leadership, by applying faith in all that God has revealed and given to us. The anointing of the Holy Spirit is the power of God that we must learn how to yield to and function in, in order to allow the works of God to work through us.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” ***Matthew 5:16***

“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.” ***James 2:26***

III. THE ANOINTING OF THE SPIRIT IN THE LAST DAYS

- A. The anointing on the life of Jesus was directly connected to the confidence He had in His relationship with His Father. Sons of God have every right to operate in their inherited authority they have received from God the Father simply because of their relationship to Him. God loves us not because we do good works on His behalf but because we are rightly related to Him. Before Jesus ever did one miracle, the scriptures reveal that the Father had testified of His love and pleasure for Jesus as His Son. Being confident and understanding God's love for us, does something in our inner-man that allows faith to manifest in releasing the anointing and the gifts of the Holy Spirit

“And the Holy Spirit descended in bodily form like a dove upon Him, and a voice came from heaven which said, ‘You are My beloved Son; in You I am well pleased’. . . Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing, and afterward, when they had ended, He was hungry. . . Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region.”
Luke 3:22, 4:1-2, 14

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.” 1 John 3:1-2

- B. The world needs to see a manifestation of the true anointed Sons of God. The anointing that is upon God's people is meant to be revealed for the purpose of setting captives free. The works of the devil are to be destroyed when the people of God understand who they are in Christ and why the Holy Spirit was sent by our Heavenly Father. Like Jesus, we have been commissioned to go forth and manifest good works. Good works equals destroying the works of the devil; making unjust things just.

“For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God.” Romans 8:19

“He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.” 1 John 3:8

- C. Faith in Christ and in His words is what produces faith in us to operate and manifest the works of God. I believe that this is an area the Western Church must learn to wrestle with God in, in order to overcome fear and unbelief. The spirit of unbelief is so prevalent in many believers today is crippling the power of faith from working in us and through us. The last day's church will be a church that will require of her to lean upon God and His word. Pressures and needs in life are God's opportunities for us to use our faith muscle in order for strength and confidence in God and His word to become a reality. There is no substitute for faith. If we want to operate in God's anointing and power, faith is the requirement!

“So Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.”’
Mark 11:22-23

“Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.” John 14:12