

WHY OHOP AND WHY 24-7 PRAYER

Re-evaluating our core values- Part 2

INTRODUCTION

What we now know as the Orlando House of Prayer (OHOP) came about out of a personal encounter that I had with the Lord. On May 8, 2005, I was encountered by an Angel. My spirit-man came out of my body and I could feel someone cradling me. As I was taken to Heaven, I was allowed to hear a conversation that Jesus and the Father were having; it was a conversation that shook me and has brought about the birthing of OHOP and what it is today. The conversation with the Godhead dealt with the following key values:

I. RECAP OF PART 1

A. CORE VALUE #1: INTIMACY WITH THE ETERNAL GODHEAD

All of His–Story (history) is about an eternal union. From the opening of the biblical scripture, to the beginning of Jesus earthly ministry, to the beginning of the 1000 year reign of Christ, the bible clearly paints a picture of God preparing a wedding between Himself and redeemed humanity.

1. The first recorded wedding ♦Genesis 2-3
2. The first miracle of Jesus ♦John 2
3. The first eternal wedding ♦Revelation 19

Mark 12:30 "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment."

Ephesians 5:30-32 "For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bones. "For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh." This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church."

B. CORE VALUE #2: CONFORMITY TO THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST

The primary role of the Holy Spirit is to make us more like Jesus. The Holy Spirit yearns to reveal Jesus to us for the very purpose of causing each of us to become obedient children of God. While most in Pentecostal and Charismatic circles focus on getting more of God's power and more of His spiritual gifts, many do not realize that besides the nine manifestations of the Spirits' power are also the nine fruits of the Spirit.

Romans 8:29 "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren."

C. CORE VALUE # 3: END TIME URGENCY

The lack of having a strong foundation on the teaching of eschatology (End-Times) is a key reason why many in the Church have a complacent attitude regarding their faith. Over and over again we are exhorted by Jesus' words on the need to be watchful and alert concerning His return. Jesus linked our spiritual readiness with ones' willingness to be spiritually alert for His return.

Matthew 24:42 "Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming."

Luke 21:34-36 "But take heed to yourselves, lest your hearts be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that Day come on you unexpectedly. ³⁵ For it will come as a snare on all those who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Watch therefore, and pray always that you may be counted worthy^[a] to escape all these things that will come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."

II. CORE VALUE #4: THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

It is evidently clear from scripture that Jesus never intended for the baptism and empowerment of the Holy Spirit to be experiences by only a few select believers. God's word is clear enough to cause us all to believe that His Spirit is for all who believe in Him. We have the right to claim His power, His anointing and His spiritual gifts that He makes available for all.

Luke 12:49-50 "I came to send fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how distressed I am till it is accomplished!"

Matthew 3:11 "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire."

A. The Spirit's indwelling is for ALL who would believe in Jesus.

John 7:37-38 "On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. ³⁸ He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water."

B. The Spirit's power is for the purpose of servicing humanity by His gifts and His anointing. Jesus allowed the Holy Spirit to flow through Him with healing, deliverance, meeting human needs and restoration of life.

Acts 10:38 "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."

Matthew 9:35 "Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people."

- C. We are living in exciting prophetic days. It would be easy to focus on all the evil that is reported by the media and the reports that we hear from people we know. While in the natural things are getting more challenging and will even be more difficult as His return approaches, the Church needs to believe the End-Time promise of a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit that is promised to the generation in which the Lord returns.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Justice. - Joel 2:28-3:1-3

1. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit was first given to the early Church in the Book of Acts- Joel 2:28-29, Acts 1-2
2. The full promise of God's outpouring is yet to be experienced. The End-Time Church will embrace the five core values making it possible for God's Spirit to fully baptize and empower her to become the Bride of Christ. Acts 2:19-21
3. The End-Time outpouring of God's Spirit will be manifested in the greatest display of righteous Judgment upon the Nations of the Earth. – Joel 3:1-2, Isa 42:13-15, Zech 12-14

Hosea 6:3 "Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth."

Zechariah 10:1 "Ask the LORD for rain In the time of the latter rain. The LORD will make flashing clouds; He will give them showers of rain, Grass in the field for everyone."

III. CORE VALUE #5: INTERCESSION

Intercession is the means by which God allows redeemed humanity to partner with Him through voluntary weakness, humility and utter dependence upon His Spirit and obedience to His word. Such a believer begins to speak in agreement the revealed word of God, which is God's revealed will for all of humanity. Intercession is speaking back to God His word in the place of prayer.

- A. God promises to answer prayer on His terms.

2 Chronicles 7:14 "if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

- B. God calls the Church a "House of Prayer" –Isa 56:7, Mat 21:12

- C. Intercession affects the spiritual atmosphere shifting and moving demonic spirits as well as angelic beings. – Dan10:1-2, Ps 103:20-21

- D. Intercession releases Justice in our cities.

Luke 18:7 "And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them?"