



Ebenezer Baptist Church

KEY LESSONS OF 2009

There's a **NEW 'SHERIFF' in TOWN (YOU)** - with the **POWER** to (Phil 3:13-14)

- **BE YOURSELF** (this one thing I do....)
- **FREE YOURSELF** (forgetting things behind....)
- **SEE YOURSELF** (reaching and pressing to the prize.....)

"I AM" - the most **POWERFUL DECLARATION** in the Universe (Ex 3:14)

UNHAPPINESS occurs when your **PRESENCE IN A PLACE** conflicts with the **PURPOSE OF THE PLACE** (Matt 20:6)

GOD'S OFFER: LET ME BE YOUR 'BOSS' (Matt 20:1-16)

- I'll keep on **COMING (TO YOU)**
- I'll keep on **CALLING (FOR YOU)**
- I'll keep on **COVERING (YOU)**

The **MOMMA BIRD SAYS**: "Its **TIME** for you to **'LEAVE THE NEST'**, because **YOUR GOD is TOO BIG**, and **THIS HOUSE IS TOO SMALL**" (Matt 13:1)

YOU are **'SATANS' MOST WANTED'** (Luke 22:31-32) when

- you have a **LONG CRIMINAL RECORD** (testimony of **FAITH**)
- you are a **MENACE TO SOCIETY** (making a **'DIFFERENCE'**)
- you are **ARMED AND DANGEROUS** (with the **WORD**, the **WITNESS**, and the **WAY**)

If you want to be **'CLEAN'** (Gen 35:2), you need

1. **PURE WATER (WORD)** - Prov 30:5, Eph 5:26
2. **STRONG DETERGENT (BLOOD)** - 1 Pet 1:2; Rev. 7:14
3. **AN 'AGITATOR' (TRIBULATION)** - Deut 8:4, Job 23:10)

INSIGHTS OF REVIVAL (Acts 12)

- the **PURPOSE** of REVIVAL is to **BE RECHARGED**
- you cannot **RECHARGE** a **DISPOSABLE** 'battery'
- you cannot **REVIVE** what has **NOT DIED**
- the **'SECRET'** to REVIVAL is **'AGAIN'**

the **PROCESS OF REVIVAL** (Acts 12:5-9)

- **SHAKE UP (AGITATION)**...kept in prison
- **WAKE UP (ACTIVATION)**...prayer was made
- **SHOW UP (INVITATION)** ...the Angel came
- **LIGHT UP (REVELATION)**...A light shined
- **RISE UP (ELEVATION)**...Arise up quickly
- **GIVE UP (ELIMINATION)**...his chains fell off
- **MOVE UP (EMANCIPATION)**...And he went out

KEEPING IT REAL (Acts 19:13-16) requires a **'CONTENDER'** (**evil spirit**) to distinguish the **'PRETENDERS'** (**vagabonds**) from the **'ASCENDERS'** (**Jesus, Paul**)

The **PROFILE OF A 'PRETENDER'** (vagabond - Acts 19:13)

- a **WANDERER** (here today, gone tomorrow)
- a **COPYCAT** (a replicator/duplicator)
- a **DUCK** that **CAN'T SWIM** (all **'PART'**, no **'HEART'**)

The **LESSON** of **SAMUEL** reveals that **SUCCESS IN LIFE** is **NOT** based solely on **what you DO**, or **what you HAVE**, but on **what you LEAVE** (1Sam 8:1-5)

You can say **'I GOT IT'**, when you recognize that **'LIFE'** is **all about** (Psalm 37:23-25)

- the **ADVENTURE** - so **KEEP ON COMING**
- the **ATTITUDE** - so **KEEP ON CALLING**
- the **'AGAIN'** - so **KEEP ON CONQUERING**

WHEN YOU 'CRY', you get (Ex 2:23-25, 3:6-10)

- **GOD'S ATTENTION** - you are now **ON HIS MIND** (Ex 2:24-25)
- **GOD'S ANSWER** - you are now **IN HIS MOUTH** (Ex 3:6-8)
- **GOD'S ASSIGNMENT** - you are now **ON HIS MISSION** (Ex 3:10)

Lessons of the **PRODIGAL SON** (Luke 15:17-24)

- **ACCESS** ('IT' is **'IN REACH'**)
- **ATTENTION** ('IT' is **'REACHING FOR YOU'**)
- **ABUNDANCE** ('IT' has **'MORE THAN ENOUGH'**)
- **ANSWERS** (When the **'ANSWER'** is **PRESENT**, the **'QUESTION'** is **NOT RELEVANT**)

When **GOD** tells us to **HEAL** the one that has **HURT** us, it becomes **PERSONAL** (Jonah 4)

FACING GOLIATH (1Sam 17)

- **DANCE** with the **DARE** (v10)
 - **D-ANGER** (conquers paralysis)
 - **A-DVENTURE** (conquers fear)
 - **R-ADICAL** (conquers loss of identity)
 - **E-TERNAL** (the effects are everlasting)
- Face the **FIGHT** - **THE LIGHT IS GREEN** (v31-37)
 - **GOLIATH** is **NOT** the **'FOE'** - the **'FOE'** is **NOT** the **'presence'** but the **'power'** (**YOU!**)
 - **The KING** didn't say **'NO'** - he said **NOT** (v33), but he **'SENT'** for you (v31)
 - **YOU** have to **SHOW** (there is a **GOD** in Israel)
- **GOLIATH** is not a **GOD**: **YOU** supply **IT** - **IT DOESN'T** supply **YOU** - **PULL** the **PLUG**, and it **won't OPERATE**

GOD'S WORD to the **'Good Man'** (Psalm 37:23) - **YOU ARE COVERED** (e.g. Gen 3:9, 21)

1. You are **ON HIS MIND**
2. You are **IN HIS HANDS**
3. **HE ORDERS** your **STEPS**

The **TIME** is **'NOW'** (Rom 13:11), and the **WORD** is **'GO'** (1Sam 17:37)

The **CHALLENGE** to the **CHURCH** - Do you want to be **RULED** by a **'KING'**, or **LED** by a **PROPHET** (1Sam 8:19)

The **MESSAGE** to the **CHURCH** - You are **OF AGE**, **SPEAK FOR YOURSELF** (John 9:21)