

Convinced By That Which Is Unseen: By Anthony Higginson

Revelation 12:10-11 *Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. **They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.**"*

Introduction

God is looking for a company of people who know how to live by **'the word'**, by **'their individual word given'** and by **their testimony without wavering**. We must remember that we, at the Dream Centre, have already been living in our New Year for one month now, because we as a house started our New Year on December 1st 2010, for God is giving us a 13 month year as we enter the year of acceleration. This year we will interact with each other deeper, we will integrate more intensely that which we are receiving together, for this year we will see increase and greater influence. This is what is being spoken to us.

Genesis 13:14-18 *The LORD said to Abram after Lot had parted from him, "**Lift up your eyes from where you are** and look north and south, east and west. All the land that you see I will give to you and your offspring forever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth, so that if anyone could count the dust, then your offspring could be counted. Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you. So Abram moved his tents and went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he built an altar to the LORD*

We must remember we, as a house, are not looking for God, we are continuing on with Him. We are continuing on with that which He has spoken. We are continuing on with what He is doing and where He is leading.

2Corinthians 4:4-7 *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness, made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.*

This God with whom we walk has

1. Shone His light into our hearts.
2. He has given us the knowledge of His glory.
3. He has given us a treasure to show us that this surpassing power is from God Himself.

Matthew 6:6 *But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

Matthew 6:18 *So that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

2 Corinthians 4:18 *So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.*

The amazing thing for us as a house, is that God is gracing us to bring this invisible God, who is unseen to the natural eye, to make Him visible, as God is going public.

Quote: To those who believe no explanation is needed, but to those who doubt and refuse to believe no explanation will ever do.

1. That which you can see you can pursue and lay hold of.
2. That which you can hear you can authenticate.
3. That which you touch can be appreciated and valued.
4. That which you proclaim you open the door for others to enter.

Psalm 115:2-8 *Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?" Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him. But their idols are silver and gold, made by the hands of men. They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but they cannot see; they have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but they cannot smell; they have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but they cannot walk; nor can they utter a sound with their throats. Those who make them will be like them.*

They have five natural senses but each of their senses is useless.

We who also have five natural senses are being changed into His likeness and into His image. Everyone of those senses are being made spiritually alive.

1John 1:1-4 *That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. We write this to make our joy complete.*

What does this mean for you and me?

1. You will learn by the Spirit.
2. You will do by the Spirit.
3. You will live by the Spirit.
4. You will speak by the Spirit.
5. Think by the Spirit.
6. Receive of the Spirit.
7. Comprehend the Spirit.
8. Grow in the Spirit.
9. Mature in the Spirit.
10. Build in the Spirit.

Acts 10:28:-48 *He said to them: “You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?” Cornelius answered: “Four days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon. Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me and said, ‘Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.’ So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come. **Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us.**” Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favouritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. **“We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.** He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues ⁴⁴ and praising God. Then Peter said, “Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water? They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have.” So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days.*

Five Dynamics

1. **When God speaks it is so you can keep moving with what He is doing.** Cornelius was praying to an unseen God but nevertheless he was also praying to an all seeing and hearing God.
2. **When God speaks it's so that that which is being spoken can also be shared with others, so they can see and know what you see and know.** The whole point of being here is so we can corporately hear that which God is saying to us as a house.
3. **When God speaks it is to bring you up to date with the current thoughts of heaven, thus killing any religious obligations you may think you have.** Peter thought he had religious obligation to the Jews, but in fact God was moving further afield.
4. **When God speaks, He makes sense of the past, present and future, putting everything into its correct context.** God is not moving in isolation when using the Dream Centre. He is moving in context with the good work He started in us and with the context of all the prophetic words previously spoken to us.

5. **When God speaks and moves, our greatest challenge is to perceive and get in line with it.** Peter saw and perceived and made a conscious decision to get in line with what God was doing and because of this Peter became God's strategic man within the region.