

FIVE DAYS OF ENCOUNTER

Introduction

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GOSHEN AND GILGAL

1. **Goshen - A place of hiding in Him.**
2. **Gilgal - A place of consecrating ourselves to Him.**

Word #1. “The Filling” from Acts 2

The Story...All missionary activity was put on hold until the Church received the promise of The Father — the infilling of The Holy Spirit. Only by His enabling power could God’s program possibly succeed. Even the Great Commission yields its demands to the Church’s pursuit of supernatural enablement.

The Meaning of the Word...God is about to pour out His Spirit in a fresh way to those who understand their need. He will fill every hungry heart, but will not contaminate His anointing by “mixing oils.”

The Burden of The Lord...God desires for us to wait upon Him in humility and a willingness to let Him come to us in a form we may not expect. We must see that our victory is “not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit says The Lord!”

Word #2. “The Cleansing” from Acts 5

The Story...As the church came under the supernatural grace of giving, the atmosphere of blessing was threatened by the impurity of Ananias and Sapphira. Such hypocrisy was not uncommon. The sons of Eli corrupted the gifts of the congregation. Even in the presence of Jesus, Judas was allowed to get away with pilfering the funds. But now God would deal with the sins of His Church powerfully and intentionally.

The Meaning of the Word...The church will find that she is unable to function under God’s new updated operating system until sin is dealt with. “Full Surrender” and “True Holiness” is the next focal point of God’s Kingdom.

The Burden of The Lord...We must understand that judgment must take place first in God’s House. We must embrace the blessing of chastisement, and embrace the Fellowship of His Sufferings. We must realize that it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of a wrathful God.

Word #3. “The Correction” from Acts 8

The Story...An entire region once thought unreachable was converted by the preaching of The Gospel and demonstrations of Holy Spirit power. One of the converts named Simon would make the mistake of thinking the gifts of The Holy Spirit could be bought and controlled. The future of the move of God in Samaria was at risk. God again moved powerfully through Peter, and such carnal thinking manifested by Simon received an eternal warning. God would not allow His church to be manipulated by the flesh.

The Meaning of the Word...There is coming a cleansing of ministries that will be so thorough as to strike terror in the hearts of manipulators and charlatans. The Church will grow up at last, and will not be swayed by what we see, but will truly be led by The Lord into a true ministry of The Spirit. The Prophetic community in particular will find itself in the middle of a major realignment and shaking.

The Burden of The Lord...The most frequent violation of the command to “not take The Name of the Lord in vain” may be occurring in the prophetic community of the Church. It is no longer an awesome, fearful thing to speak in the Name of The Lord. True prophetic ministry has often been reduced to entertainment at best and an expression of our own spirit at worst. As He did in the days of Jeremiah and Ezekiel, God will no longer stand with self-appointed prophets. Ministries and churches that insist on their own agenda and own power source will find themselves devoid of His presence and power as God reclaims the sanctity and glory of His Name, His House, and His Word.

Word #4. “The Embracing” from Acts 10

The Story...Few of us can understand how radically the world of Simon Peter and the Jerusalem church was rocked by the conversion of Cornelius and his household. Gentiles were not part of the Commonwealth of Israel - until now!

The Meaning of the Word...God will break our hearts as we see the Lost as He sees them. Our requirements and expectations of sinners will fall by the wayside as He fills our hearts with a supernatural baptism of love.

The Burden of The Lord...One of the foundational causes of Israel’s apostasy and exile was a sense of superiority in regard to other nations. Instead of rejoicing in the opportunity they had been given as God’s own special possession, they began to view themselves as better than others who were not like them. They lost the sense of grace, and lost their sense of mission. God will elevate the harvest in our thinking, and our selfish kingdoms will be reshaped. Churches who have lived in ivory palaces will soon see themselves as humble barns that are designed to cover, protect, and mature the harvest.

Word #5. “The Distinction” from Acts 12

The Story...God was not only moving in Supernatural power and sending Angels on assignment, He was about to judge a man called Herod with severe and grotesque judgment for his sin. God’s mercy is often mistaken as His acceptance of sin. His goodness is often seen as weakness. But God will move against sin swiftly and thoroughly.

The Meaning of the Word...Sin will be seen by God’s people as it really is. Personal struggles with iniquity will be won as we see the true nature of evil. Without reservation, entire households will discover and embrace a new standard of holiness, “As for me and my house, we will serve The Lord!” The nations will tremble as God shows there is a distinction between those who serve Him and those who are servants of evil. Love will no longer be a synonym for tolerance, but true love will boldly declare the requirements of The Lord God.

The Burden of The Lord...“Come out of Babylon, My People, and do not be partakers of her sins or her judgment. I have brought you out of Egypt, and my heart is now set on bringing Egypt out of you!”

Revelation 18:1-10 ESV “After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. ² And he called out with a mighty voice, “Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast.³ For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living.” ⁴ Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, “Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; ⁵ for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities.⁶ Pay her back as she herself has paid back others, and repay her double for her deeds; mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed.⁷ As she glorified herself and lived in luxury, so give her a like measure of torment and mourning, since in her heart she says, ‘I sit as a queen, I am no widow, and mourning I shall never see.’ ⁸ For this reason her plagues will come in a single day, death and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her.” ⁹ And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning. ¹⁰They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, “Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come.”

The Response of the Remnant

1. Settle the issue of Goshen.
2. Come to The Lord in humility, asking Him to open your spiritual eyes and ears.

3. Ask for the gift of hunger and thirst. Only those who do so are promised satisfaction and fulfillment.
4. Ask God to deal thoroughly with sin in our lives. He knows that we are but dust before Him. He is compassionate and not critical of our weakness, but we must deal with the wickedness pointed out by Holy Spirit.
5. Expect a paradigm shift in every service. The messages will live with us throughout the week, and the eyes of our hearts will be opened in ways we might not expect.
6. Worship with all your heart!
7. Lay judgment aside.