What Are We Expecting?

Illustration: God is “into” minorities!

Do you know these Guys:

Shammua, Shaphat, Igal, Palti, Gaddiel, Gaddi, Ammiel, Sethur, Nahbi, Geuel

Do you know these Guys:

Joshua & Caleb

Numbers 13:27-33; 14:6-9, 24

27 They gave Moses this account: “We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. 28 But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan.”

30 Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, “We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it.”

31 But the men who had gone up with him said, “We can’t attack those people; they are stronger than we are.” 32 And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, “The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. 33 We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them.”

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6 Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes 7 and said to the entire Israelite assembly, “The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. 8 If the Lord is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. 9 Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the Lord is with us. Do not be afraid of them.”

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24 But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.

(Compare the 10 with the 2)

Enemies of "Expectation"

Ephesians 6:12 speaks of the “world forces of this darkness….”

1. Rationalism

-seeks a rational explanation for all experience, making reason the chief guide in all
matters of life.

2. Individualism

- Places an emphasis on independence and self-reliance.
- This comes with a desire to “control” everything: people, things, events. Thus the individual, not the family, group or community reigns supreme.

3. Materialism

- Nothing exists except for matter and its movements and modifications
- only what can be seen, tested and proved is real
- this warps our thinking, making us live as though the material world is more real than the spiritual – blinds us to the supernatural

4. Relativism

- Denies that there are absolute truths making all “truth” dependent on personal experience
- “That’s truth for you, but it isn’t for me.”

5. Secularism

- This is a lethal combination of all of the above.

- The idea that we live in a material universe that is closed off from divine intervention

Intro:
- If we are praying for a Move of God, what are we looking to happen?

- We need to raise our expectations, but we need to have RIGHT expectations

- Before we Get into that there is Revelation we need:

"We Don't have to Climb the Mountain Anymore”

- There is NO Mt. Sinai or Mt. Hermon (Transfiguration) to climb

- The idea of we need mountain top experiences to be able to survive the valleys is inconsistent with New Testament Teaching
For Example:

-During the Transfiguration Peter, James and John saw the glory of Jesus

-Jesus knew it was not enough to just “see the glory” thus He said it is better that I go away……

-Now the Glory of God is IN US

2 Corinthians 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

-The spiritual disciplines in our life are not tools to get up the “mountain” they are a means to release the glory of God in us

Illustration: Gideon’s clay pot, torch & horn

2 Corinthians 4:6-7 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 God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ. 7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.

A Powerful Quote:
“When I stand up to preach the Gospel, I often preach to people who have no idea who God is, because they often worship idols. Very terrible idols! They spread the table for their gods. And I tell them that the Christian God does it the other way around, he spreads the table for His children. And in every other religion, people always seek god, but in the Christian faith… God seeks man.” - Reinhard Bonnke

-How we so NEED this Revelation of Who is in us!

Illustration: What does a “revelation” of something feel like?

-Example of loosing your glasses or keys and then discover they were in your hand or on your head the whole time!

2 Peter 1:3-4 His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 4 Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil
-Our Expectation is rooted in this:

**Colossians 1:27** To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

**Isaiah 40:4** “Let every valley be lifted up, And every mountain and hill be made low; And let the rough ground become a plain, And the rugged terrain a broad valley;

-We are Praying for a Move of God in our Day, but what will it look like?

-Misconceptions: More people coming to church, speaking in tongues, slain in the spirit, 4 hours of singing worship songs…

-100 years ago Canadian pastor Oswald J. Smith in his book “The Revival We Need” pointed out 4 signs of an authentic move of God is taking place in a region or an individual heart:

1. **Confession of all known sin**
   -Genuine Repentance

2. **Search and remove all secret and doubtful things**
   -The Deep Sin
   -Deeper Sense of Personal Conviction
   -Greater self evaluation

3. **Confess the Lord Jesus openly**
   -Boldness

4. **Pledge that you will fully obey the Spirit (Instant obedience)**
   -Double-minded ceases
   -We want what you want not vice versa