

CTHIM NEWSLETTER

“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lamp stand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.” Matt. 5:14-15

Testimonies from Cleveland

After the trip to Cleveland in October, Theodore also returned in November to do a healing meeting. At the second meeting, a woman in a wheelchair who had already lost one leg testified that the second leg which was scheduled to be amputated had been healed, and it didn't need to be amputated. Praise the Lord! Another miracle from this meeting was a woman with a swollen lump on her back who said the lump was completely gone. Thirdly, a man with COPD was healed fully, and now he doesn't need the breathing tank. Hallelujah! We serve a miracle working God.

Cleveland Again

On Jan. 3-4, we will be returning to minister in Cleveland again. This time, however, we will be going back to Pastor Melinda's church, Worldwide Great Commission Fellowship. Theodore will be preaching on *Prophetic Insights into 2020*.

Dr. David Harrison

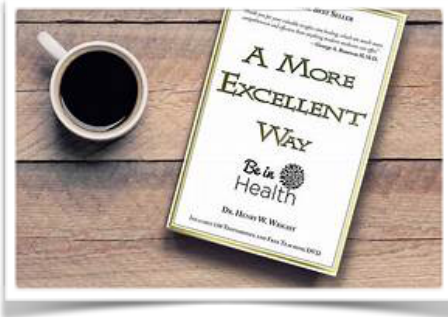


CELEBRATING 1 YEAR AT OUR NEW BUILDING

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY CTHIM! On December 1st, we celebrated one year of being in our new building! To celebrate, we invited Pastor Tim from Cleveland to come down to share the word. He spoke of faithfulness to the Lord and faithfulness to the ministry God has called you to partner with. We also had a delicious "Thanksgiving" meal afterwards to celebrate.

Then, on Dec. 15th, we had the pleasure of hosting Dr. David Harrison from Tennessee, who is a revivalist with 40 years of ministry experience. He shared with our church about how revival comes when people are devoted to prayer, and hungry for the Lord.





BE IN HEALTH visit

This month, we had the pleasure of going to Georgia to visit the ministry of *Be in Health*, which was started by Dr. Henry Wright, the author of "A More Excellent Way". Having made contact with them back in October regarding their ACTS program, we wanted to experience the way that they do the ministry there.

Certainly, we saw many things that they are teaching which are similar to the things that we teach at CTHIM, and it was interesting to see how they structured it. We are thankful for the connection, and are trusting God to further direct us.

Sadly, Dr. Wright passed away on Nov. 18th, just shortly before we went down there. While we were sad to have missed the opportunity to meet him, we are still thankful for the man of God that he was exemplified by the legacy he left.

We also want to honor 2 other great men of God, Reinhard Bonkke and Henry Gruver, who passed away recently. We are grateful for the examples that they have been, and the inspiration they have given.

Jesus, the Light of Hanukkah

by Theodore Aluoch

“Now it was the Feast of Dedication (or Hanukkah) in Jerusalem, and it was winter. And Jesus walked in the temple, in Solomon’s porch” (John 10:22-23). Just one chapter prior to this, Jesus proclaimed that He was the light of the world. He was basically saying that He is the menorah. The light of the world was here, but darkness in the world blinded their eyes. They did not comprehend it. Even today, they continue in this darkness, not knowing that the light of Hanukkah is the Messiah.

In 165 BC, A Syrian king named Antiochus invaded the Jewish nation and demanded that God’s people abandon the God of Israel and His ways. He was imposing Greek customs, including idolatry, on God’s people. Antiochus defiled the temple in Jerusalem. He placed idols in the house of the Lord and sacrificed a pig upon the holy altar. He not only defiled God’s Temple, but he took the title “Epiphanes,” which means “God manifested,” and demanded to be worshiped.



It was a period of darkness in Israel’s history, but God raised up a small band of heroes led by a family known as the Maccabees. (Maccabee means “hammer”.) Therefore, God

raised up a hammer to hammer in the truth. Prophets are also known as hammers. Just like God raised Noah, he also raised up Elijah and John the Baptist to hammer in the truth. True prophetic people will rebel against the encroachment of evil in the temple of God.

The Prophetic Maccabees waged a successful rebellion against Antiochus, who is a symbol of evil, and drove the Syrians out of Israel. The Feast of Hanukkah commemorates the victory God gave the Jewish people over Antiochus. This can be likened to our victory over the evil powers of darkness who try to steal our faith.

So as Jewish people celebrate Hanukkah (feast of dedication), commemorating the rededication of the Temple in Jerusalem, God is calling us to rededicate our bodies (His temple) to Him. We need to bring back the light of God in our souls. We must put up a fight against the darkness that wants to infiltrate our souls and pollute the temple of God. Let us eject darkness from our soul by allowing the light of the Jesus to come in fully.

The Maccabees faced a pressing problem; they needed consecrated oil to light up the menorah. They found only enough oil for one day, and it would take a full eight days to procure enough oil for temple use. The thought of lighting the menorah for only one day, only to see it go out again was troublesome for them. They needed a miracle.

Just like the Maccabees, there are things we cannot do in our own strength and we need God's help. At these moments, we walk by faith and not by sight. Even our little faith and commitment can spark a great miracle.

The Maccabees pursuit of consecrated oil shows that they did not want to be like the foolish virgins without oil in the midnight hour. Their zeal and their fire to rededicate the Temple was so strong that, despite the problems they faced, they decided to light the Menorah. And "a great miracle happened there", when by faith they decided to obey God and light the lamp. The great miracle was that the light continued to burn for eight whole days, which was enough time to make and sanctify new oil. This is why the Jews celebrate Hanukkah for eight nights and why the Hanukkiah (Hanukkah menorah) is lit for eight nights.

Just like the Maccabees desire for holy oil, we need to pursue an intimate relationship with God that permeates our souls and our experience. When we are

willing to make an effort to keep our bodies full of the light of God, who is Christ in us the hope of glory, then God will satisfy our hunger and quench our thirst.

Jesus is the light of Hanukkah, and He wants to shine His light through us. Jesus says, "I am the Light of the World" (John 8:12). Then, in John 9:5 He says, "While I am in the world, I am the Light of the world." Also, Simeon said of Jesus when He was brought to the temple that He is "a light of revelation to the gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." (Luke 2:32)

When Jesus was born, the scripture reads, "And she [Mary] brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7). The world he came to rejected him. There was no room for him in the darkened hearts of men. Instead, they preferred darkness over light. "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil." (John 3:19).

"The inn" mentioned in the above scripture is a picture of our lives. Our lives are busy and we have crammed a lot of things into our hearts, and there is no room for His light. However, Jesus wants to introduce us to an Intimate relationship with Him that includes a relentless love and passion that burns like fire. He wants to give us passion and desire for Him and only Him. "The oil" is the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and the hunger for more of Him so that a miracle of light can take place in our lives, which is our body, His temple.

What light is burning in you? Do you have room for Him in your heart? Are you willing to allow His glow, and His fire to burn bright in you?

This may mean that just like the Maccabees, you have to refuse to yield to rebellion in your heart, and turn inwardly to the Lord, hungering for the oil of his holiness. You have to refuse to compromise in the house of God, which is your body, and allow His life and His fire to burn in you and through you.

Prayer: "Jesus light of the world, shine your light in me. Shine your light brighter each and every day. Help me to yield to your passion, and hunger more for You. In Jesus name, Amen."