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NEWSLETTER

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SEEING YOUR BREATH



MORNINGS WHEN THE AIR IS FROSTY AND YOUR HANDS AND NOSE GET RED; THOSE ARE THE MORNINGS I WOULD RATHER STAY WARM AND TOASTY IN MY BED. I REMEMBER THOSE LINES FROM A POEM MY MOTHER WROTE WHEN SHE WAS A CHILD. REALISTICALLY, FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS WE WILL BE ABLE SEE OUR BREATH. WE WILL OBSERVE CHILDREN PLAYFULLY PUFF VARIOUS SHAPES WHILE ADULTS WALK BRISKLY WITH MUFFLED MOUTHS. BUT WHEN WE SEE OUR BREATH, IS THERE NOT SOMETHING MORE WE ARE ACTUALLY SEEING? ARE WE NOT SEEING THE BREATH OF GOD?

GENESIS 2:7 TELLS US “THEN THE LORD GOD FORMED MAN OF DUST FROM THE GROUND, AND BREATHED INTO HIS NOSTRILS THE BREATH OF LIFE; AND MAN BECAME A LIVING BEING.” IN JOB 27:3 THE ANCIENT PATRIARCH INDICATES THAT THE BREATH OF GOD IS IN HIM. AND IN JOB 33:4 HE ACKNOWLEDGES THAT “THE SPIRIT OF GOD HAS MADE ME, AND THE BREATH OF THE ALMIGHTY GIVES ME LIFE.” INDEED OUR BREATH WAS BREATHED INTO US BY THE GOD! WHEN WE SEE OUR BREATH, WE ARE SEEING THE BREATH OF GOD.

“THUS SAYS GOD THE LORD, WHO CREATED THE HEAVENS AND STRETCHED THEM OUT, WHO SPREAD OUT THE EARTH AND ITS OFFSPRING, WHO GIVES BREATH TO THE PEOPLE ON IT AND SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO WALK IN IT,

‘I AM THE LORD, I HAVE CALLED YOU IN RIGHTEOUSNESS, I WILL ALSO HOLD YOU BY THE HAND AND WATCH OVER YOU, AND I WILL APPOINT YOU AS A COVENANT TO THE PEOPLE, AS A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS’”

(ISAIAH 42:5-6). THIS GOD WHOSE BREATH IS IN US, HAS CHOSEN US AS HIS OWN SPECIAL PEOPLE.

FINALLY, IN EZEKIEL 37:9-10 THE PROPHET WRITES, “THEN HE SAID TO ME, ‘PROPHECY TO THE BREATH, PROPHECY, SON OF MAN, AND SAY TO THE BREATH, THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD, COME FROM THE FOUR WINDS, O BREATH, AND BREATHE ON THESE SLAIN, THAT THEY COME TO LIFE.’ SO I PROPHECIED AS HE COMMANDED ME, AND THE BREATH CAME INTO THEM, AND THEY CAME TO LIFE AND STOOD ON THEIR FEET, AN EXCEEDINGLY GREAT ARMY.” IT IS THE BREATH OF GOD THAT MADE THEM DEAD BONES LIVE AGAIN!

WHAT A WONDERFUL GOD WE SERVE. A GOD WHO LETS US SEE OUR BREATH. A GOD WHO LETS US SEE HIS BREATH! MIGHT WE PRAY TO HIM AND PRAISE HIM AND REJOICE IN SEEING HIS BREATH!

LOOKING UP,
PASTOR CHUCK CIRCLE