

SUPERNATURAL ZONE

"The Last Outpouring"

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- **Psalm 71:18 (NKJV)** Now also when *I am* old and grayheaded, O God, do not forsake me, until I declare Your strength to *this* generation, Your power to everyone *who* is to come.
- This 'scripture' was the mandate given to Pastor Rick four years ago (while he was still sick), for the rest of his life to share what he has seen and experienced. Each week he will try to bring at least one personal 'supernatural' story he has experienced.
- If you're a Bible-believing Christian, you need to believe the whole Bible, and realize there is a supernatural power available to the church today. All Bible-believing Christians should experience God working through them to bring forth supernatural things . . . not happening all the time, but happening in our lives, where God uses us! God heals and does miracles today!
- When Pastor Rick was a kid, he saw first-hand many miracles and the power of the Holy Spirit manifested.
- Example: Ronnie Cohn came to Pastor's church when he was a boy (7-8 y.o.). He had an accident that destroyed the eyeball, having only a socket, and was given a fake eyeball. God miraculously healed this man, and he could see out of the fake eyeball. Woody (Pastor's dad) was skeptical. Ronnie called Woody out of the congregation, and told him to bandage his good eye to see if he could read from the false eye. Ronnie read Woody's driver's license, then went one step further and took the fake eye out . . . and could still read from the empty socket! I saw this with my own eyes! You can't convince me after witnessing this that the power of God isn't real!
- Everyone needs to see and have such an amazing experience sometime in their lifetime.
- There is a whole generation that has not seen what I have. My boys have seen some, but I am really concerned about my grandchildren, for them to see and experience those things.
- **Judges 2:7 (NKJV)** So the people served the LORD all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the LORD which He had done for Israel.
- **Judges 2:10-12 (NKJV)** When all that generation had been gathered to their fathers, another generation arose after them who did not know the LORD nor the work which He had done for Israel. ¹¹ Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals; ¹² and they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from *among* the gods of the people who *were* all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the LORD to anger.
- I am on a mission for our kids and grand-kids to see, hear, know and experience the supernatural power of God. It isn't enough for them to 'hear' stories I tell, but they need to experience them! Soon we will see them! God will not leave this generation without a witness.
- When the children of Israel crossed over, God commanded them to put stones of a memorial so that when you passed by with children/grand-children, you can tell them the story of God's miracle power and deliverance.
- God has shown me my own supernatural connections to the Azusa Revival.
- Charles Parham, in 1898 began a home for ministry healing, in Topeka, Kansas, and then a Bible school. Two weeks ago, I said it was in Galena, KS, but that was wrong; it was Topeka, Kansas. Donna found a book in my library, "They Saw It Happen," (by Gordon Lindsey, Christ for the Nations). Parham had gone to Zion City, begun by Alexander Dowie for healing, but there was no outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They were studying Acts Chapter 2, in January, 1901, and began to experience Acts Chapter 2 all over again.

- Miss Agnes Osmond wanted Parham to pray for her to receive the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, even though he had not been baptized himself. He humbly prayed. She was gloriously baptized, and began to fluently speak in Chinese and to write it.
- Mr. Parham left to speak at another place. When he came back they were in a room praying, and singing, "Jesus, lover of my soul." Then they began to sing in different languages.
- Mr. Parham asked God for the baptism, was baptized and spoke fluent Swedish, and other languages until morning. This 'event' hit the news.
- Why was I stuck in Galena? Mrs. Arthur came to Kansas City, to hear Parham speak. She had a big home in Galena, Kansas, and invited Mr. Parham to come. He did. Miracles happened for months. It was in the news. The meetings grew. They moved to a large warehouse, which held 2,000 people, and the meetings went on for a couple of years.
- In 1968, a childhood friend, Danny Thacker came to take Pastor Rick on a vacation to visit family in their hometown of Galena, KS. Danny's dad was an older man, and he began to share with Pastor Rick about things that happened when he was a little child, tracing the steps of Parham, and the Azuza Street Revival, showing him Mrs. Arthur's home, and other places in Galena where there was an outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- Mr. Parham took 24 people with him from Galena to Houston, Texas, to start a Bible school.
- William Seymour was not allowed in the school because he was a black man, but he was baptized in the Holy Spirit, sitting outside a window, and listening to the teachings. He got a burden to go to Los Angeles, and went to a house meeting on Bonnie Brae Street. Within weeks, hundreds of people were coming. When the power of God would fill the house, the 100's of people outside on the lawn and in the street would fall out under the power of God. The police came and saw 100's of people laying on the lawn and street and demanded that Seymour shut the meetings down, or find another place.
- BUT before Parham went, an African American woman named Lucy Ferrell was a cook in Houston. She was an intercessor, baptized with the Holy Spirit, and had a burden for Los Angeles. She shared this with Parham, and he paid her way to LA. She got a bunch of women together in a little house on Bonnie Brae Street; they began to pray, and the power of God fell on them. She writes Parham, tells him what is going on and says, all we know how to do is pray. Send somebody to preach. And that's when he sent William Seymour.
- Seymour didn't have any money to get a larger place. The people were poor. He prayed and the Lord told him to get on a trolley and go to Pasadena. The Lord led him to an apartment; he knocks on a door. Inside were a bunch of young women who had been praying for two years for God to send an outpouring of His Holy Spirit on Los Angeles. Sixteen years old Miss Carney answered the door. He asked if they were praying for a move of God in LA. "Yes!" They invited him in. He prayed, and taught them, and they (all Baptists) were filled with the Holy Spirit.
- He told them he needed a building but didn't have the money. These young ladies (in their teens and 20's) took offerings, and raised enough money to pay the rent at 312 Azuza Street.
- 312 Azuza Street had formerly been an AME church, but for years was used as a stable. Both the ladies from the prayer meetings in Pasadena, and Bonnie Brae Street, and William Seymour got together to clean, and paint the building. That became his team to start the Azuza Street Revival. God moved powerfully. People came from Africa, Asia, and all over. There were tremendous miracles. People would walk by and fall under conviction, repent, miracles would take place, and they would fall out in the street. This was written up in the LA Times.
- God spoke to Pastor Rick in 1980, and said gather generals of the Holy Spirit movement. Have them impart to our church.
- We had a prayer conference in 1982. Pauline Parham (Charles Parham's daughter-in-law) came and told many stories.
- This week, Theresa Garcia gave Pastor a book, "They Tell Me Their Stories - Youth and Children of Azuza," retold by Tommy Welchel, storyteller (detailing how teens and children were mightily used for miracles, signs and wonders at Azuza Street).
- One teenager named John G. Lake (14 years old), was used of God. He went to South Africa and founded an organization, Apostolic Faith Mission. Gertrude Wright (John G. Lakes' daughter) spoke at our church in 1982.

- One of Miss Carney's friends was 13 y.o., C. W. Ward. He was used mightily of God, praying for people that were healed, getting out of wheelchairs, growths disappearing from bodies, etc. He was one of two men who founded the Assemblies of God Church organization in 1914. His son, C. M. Ward, came to our church two times in the 80's.
- GOD IS ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING!
- In 1909 or 1910, Mr. Seymour, under the power and glory of God, stood and prophesied that about 100 years from now there will be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will surpass what's happening at Azuza Street.
- Parham was in another place, and he also prophesied that in 100 years there will be another out-pouring that will supersede the Azuza Street and the 2nd Chapter of Acts outpouring! (Parham was unaware of Seymour's prophecy!)
- **Joel 2:23 (NKJV)** Be glad then, you children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God; for He has given you the former rain faithfully, and He will cause the rain to come down for you— the former rain, and the latter rain in the first *month*.
- This verse speaks of the former and latter rain. He has given former and latter rain faithfully . . . former and latter rain in first month.
- **Joel 2:28 (NKJV)** "And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions.
- Peter extracted this verse to explain the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Book of Acts . . . like rain . . . "this is that!"
- **James 5:7-8 (NKJV)** Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See *how* the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. ⁸ You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand.
- God is waiting for the 'church' to ripen, to be ready to receive the former and latter rain. (The word 'rain' always refers to an outpouring.)
- 'farmer' is God the Father. He's waiting . . . waiting for something to happen 'patiently' to the 'fruit' (you and me). He's waiting for the 'fruit' to receive the 'former and latter rain'
- 'former rain' - in Acts 2, initiation of the Church; outpouring of the Holy Spirit.
- 'latter rain' - Azuza Street was the fulfillment of the latter rain, had never happened since Acts.
- God will give both, the 'former' (for planting seeds), and the 'latter' (to ripen crop just before the harvest).
- I have a sense things are about to change. What this means is something so wonderful and great to eclipse both, and to prepare for the return of the Lord Jesus!
- To the people here at Life, I love the presence of God!