

# Kingdom Thoughts!

*Maranatha Ministries Unlimited*

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Dear Friends,

It is kind of neat to be writing this as a combination Thanksgiving and Christmas letter since both



of those celebrations express the incredible Joy that is ours through Jesus! Recently I was reflecting on Jonathan Helser's song, "The Cry of Moses." The lyrics of the song are pretty simple but they have spoken to me in profound ways over the past three years. I know that I have shared some thoughts about the song in the past, but feel the need to drop a few more thoughts in this letter. The lyrics: I want the cry of Moses, I want the ears of Samuel, I want the heart of Mary--but most of all I want the likeness of Jesus--I want the prayers of Daniel, I want the voice of John, I want the walk of Enoch--From glory to glory I am transformed, nothing between us, the veil has been torn--I want to be Righteous as He is Righteous, I want to be Holy as He is Holy, but most of all I want to be like Jesus. I may have jumbled the lyrics a little bit but you have the gist of them. This is one anointed song.

I had shared before how the one statement, "I want the heart of Mary", had affected me and it really seems that the Lord is stirring that cry deep in my spirit once again. We have all read or had read to us Luke's account of the angel Gabriel making the announcement to Mary concerning the birth of Jesus. There are several things about this exchange that I want to share with you in this letter,

especially in light of current affairs in our nation and in the Body of Christ in America at this time. First of all we have Heaven breaking into human history and we have God speaking into human history in an incredible and profound way. Folks, God is breaking into our human condition and profoundly speaking to us in this day. Are we listening? Can we hear what He is saying when it doesn't make sense in the natural? Have we become so captured by the natural mind that we cannot receive what the Voice of God is saying? Mary's heart was so open to God that something which made no sense in the natural was received with a simple question--how can this be since I am a virgin? The answer she was given was as baffling to the natural mind as the announcement she had been given: "The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the

Holy One to be born will be called the Son of God." Wow, that clears it up.

Yet when Mary was told that her cousin Elizabeth, who was old and barren, was in her sixth month of pregnancy and that nothing was impossible with God--Mary's answer didn't come out of rational understanding of how these circumstances could work out, but she answered out of her heart with faith and belief as she said, "I am the Lord's servant...may it be unto me as you have said." Folks, what an amazing heart! Matthew 5:8, "Blessed are pure in heart for they will see God." The word "see" in this passage means, "to lay hold of, to appropriate as real, to apprehend and to take for yourself the reality of." The Holy Spirit is working to purify our hearts so that our hearts will so hunger for Him that with all our being we will declare--be it unto

## About Our Finances

**Dear friends and faithful supporters--thank you!** We are making it another year and we are so grateful to you and our Father for the privilege of serving Him and others. We are closing out another year and find ourselves immensely excited about the future. Our finances, like many others in ministry are very difficult right now. We need your help to end the year with our obligations met and to plan for next year. If you can help us with a special offering for the end of the year, it would be deeply appreciated. I know we are not the only folks you help so please pray and see how He would have you to respond. We need approximately \$20,000 above our normal monthly giving to finish the year with things caught up. We know Who our Source is and have no doubt He will supply, but our commitment has always been to let our friends and Gideons know what our situation is so they can pray and give as the Lord provides. Betty Jo and I thank you more than we can ever express!!

me as you have said. In other words, God whatever your Will, Word, or Way is for me that is what I want. Whatever my agenda or understanding is--whatever the natural mind or my personal preferences are--may it be unto me according to your Word. This kind of heart is what allowed Mary to stand next to the Cross on the day her Son was crucified--that allowed her to be identified with Him at the place of death. It is what allowed her to courageously embrace what her natural mind could not comprehend and with her HEART say, "be it unto me according to your Word." Proverbs 3:5 says, "Trust in Him with your whole HEART and lean not to your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

In this day of many voices, to hear His voice we need to set our hearts firmly on Him. I believe if we listen to His voice we will hear Him say, "return to your first love." We are in the days of revival folks--listen with your whole and expectant heart and you will hear the sound of many waters! Betty Jo and I love you folks and are so grateful that you are sharing this journey with us. Thank you so much for your love and support and may Jesus be big in all that you are about.

In His Great Love,

*John*

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## John's Schedule

December 3-5	Zion Church	Millersville, Pa
10-12		
17-19		
24-26	Liberty Christian Fellowship	Kill Devil Hills, NC
January 2	Liberty Christian Fellowship	Kill Devil Hills, NC
7-9	Liberty Christian Fellowship	Kill Devil Hills, NC
14-16	Nerd's Retreat	Alexandria, VA
21-23	Prayer Conference	Kill Devil Hills, NC
28-29	Earl Tyson Retreat	Williamsburg, VA
30-Feb 3	East Stone Gap UMC	East Stone, VA

*Merry Christmas and Best wishes from the Hobbs family!*



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