



Angels Ministries

Letter from Anne Graham Lotz

Winter 2012

"...The angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people.'" -- Luke 2:10

Christmas is over. The shopping, baking, decorating, and wrapping are just memories now. But the message of the angels is timeless. It's one that is desperately needed in our world, not just on December 25th, but every day of this New Year. It's a message of Hope for the world.

If ever there was a time to offer Hope to all people, it's now. The population has exploded, unemployment is high, bankruptcies are common, suicides are rampant, politicians lack leadership, leaders lack courage, Christians are unrighteous, and the masses are unrepentant. The list goes on. What is the world coming to? What hope is there for the future of my grandchildren, not just economically and politically, but morally? The land that we love is changing so drastically that future generations will not know the freedoms that we have enjoyed for so long.

The Hope that God offers is underscored in Luke's Gospel, at the Transfiguration scene in chapter 9. It's striking that Moses and Elijah, two of the greatest of the Old Testament believers who had been dead for hundreds of years, appeared with Jesus, wrapped in splendor. They were alive! They were talking to Jesus about the Cross and the Resurrection! How could that be?

The obvious conclusion is that this life is not all there is. There is Hope for tomorrow. Death is not final. The bad guys do not win. The good guys do. And the focus of history is on Jesus, the Son of God, the Hope of the ages.

Elijah, a powerful prophet, was greatly persecuted during his lifetime. He had to hide from death threats and run from his tormentors. He called down the fire, slaughtered the priests of Baal, prayed down the rain, then ran from one wicked woman. He spiraled down into suicidal depression before he was recalled into God's service. Yet there he was, sharing in the glory of the Son of God on the Mount of Transfiguration!

And Moses! A man raised in the palaces of Egypt...a man who had such an explosive temper that he murdered an Egyptian official who was oppressing a slave...a man exiled in disgrace...a man who was ridiculed and mocked...a man who wandered in circles with God's children, going basically nowhere, because the former slaves stubbornly refused to follow God by faith into the Promised Land. So Moses, a man raised in the palaces of Egypt, lived out his life in the dust and heat of the wilderness, caring for people who, for the most part, were obstinate and ungrateful. Subsequently, Moses pleaded with God to reveal His glory. But God only allowed him to see the "backside." And Moses was not allowed to enter the Promised Land. Yet hundreds of years later, he was wrapped in glory as he spoke with God in Christ face to face!

So...be encouraged!

If your New Year has gotten off to a rocky start.

If some of the problems from 2011 have resurfaced in 2012.

If the resolutions you made on January 1st have already been broken.

If your spouse is divorcing you,

your children disobeying you,

your friends rejecting you,

your boss humiliating you,

your church wounding you,

your life itself disappointing you...

There is Hope! Do not be afraid! This AnGeL brings you tidings of great joy! *One day soon*, Jesus will come back to receive you to Himself, so that where He is, you may be also. He will wipe away your tears, clothe you in a body like His, and enfold you in His arms! You will be wrapped in His glory, face to face with the One whose Word says if you suffer with Him you will share in His glory...the One who reigns as King of kings and Lord of lords! *Forever!*



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Instruction: The Time Is Now

Read Joel 1-2

I. TIME TO WAKE UP 1:1-12

- ** Who is speaking? 1:1
- ** What disaster is described? Give the phrases that indicate the disaster affected the people environmentally; socially; financially; nationally; religiously; and agriculturally.
- ** Name one disaster we have experienced recently for each of the above categories.
- ** What disaster are you experiencing in your personal world?
- ** How are you responding? With anger? Self-pity? Complaining? Or _____ (you fill in the blank).

II. TIME TO CRY OUT 1:13-20

- ** What is God's purpose in allowing the disaster to take place according to Joel 1:13-14? 1:19? 2:12-14?
- ** Do you think the disasters striking our world could have the same purpose today?
- ** How did Joel urge his people to respond to the disaster and its broad impact? Give phrases from Joel 2:12-17.
- ** What hope is given to those who "wake-up" and "cry out"? Give the phrases from Joel 2:18-27; 2 Chronicles 7:13-14; Hosea 14:1-2.
- ** How do the following verses encourage you now to embrace the hope that God promises? Ephesians 5:14; Romans 13:11; Isaiah 60:1-2; 1 Peter 1:13.

Would you choose now to embrace the hope that God promises by waking up and crying out?

Information

JANUARY

- 15 FLORIDA, Lakeland - First Baptist Church at the Mall; 863-682-0163
- 24 GEORGIA, Augusta - Kickoff for *Just Give Me Jesus* JGMJesusAugusta@gmail.com
- 28 CANADA, Edmonton - Break Forth Canada Conference; info@breakforthministries.com 780-417-5082

FEBRUARY

- 1 DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, Washington - National Women's Gathering
- 7 FLORIDA, Vero Beach - Prayer Breakfast www.verobeachprayerbreakfast.com Jennifer Featherstone, 772-971-1205
- 16 COLORADO, Denver - Christian Writers Guild Conference; 866-495-5177 ContactUs@Christianwritersguild.com

FEBRUARY

- 18 CALIFORNIA, Fresno - NEWIM Conference www.newim.org; SBarber@PeoplesChurch.org 559-298-8001

MARCH

- 23-24 CALIFORNIA, Riverside - Harvest Christian Fellowship Women's Conference; www.harvest.org

APRIL

- 19-22 INDIA, Kohima - 75th Anniversary of Nagaland Baptist Church Council; nbcc.corres@gmail.com
- 27 GEORGIA, Callaway Gardens - Georgia Baptist Women Spring Retreat www.gabaptistwomenspringevent.com

MAY

- 1 INDIANA, Indianapolis - Kickoff for *Just Give Me Jesus*; JGMJesusIndy@gmail.com

Intercession

- ** For God's perfect time and plan for our Uganda initiatives to unfold clearly; for His provision of key people and added resources to meet our practical needs.
- ** For the ongoing preparation for *Just Give Me Jesus/Augusta, GA* which will be held September 21-22; for the local Revival Team to experience an outpouring of God's Spirit to protect, energize, inspire, and grant success to their efforts; that word would spread quickly; for thousands of women to make plans to attend.
- ** For preparations for *Just Give Me Jesus/Indianapolis, IN* kickoff on May 1, to be thorough, effective, and create interest in the churches across the city that result in a ground-swell of support and commitment to revival in April 2013.
- ** For Anne to finish writing her next book and turn in an acceptable manuscript this year.
- ** For the fullness of God's blessing on each of Anne's speaking responsibilities, including a strategic opportunity in India in April, so that lives are saved and lives are changed.



The Time Is Now

Delivered on May 15, 2011 at the Epicenter Conference in Jerusalem, Israel, Anne's newest message from Joel 1 pinpoints the importance of knowing in what time we are living in human history. Through environmental, social, financial, national, religious and agricultural disaster, God is sounding the alarm. The time to wake up and to cry out to God in repentance and humility *is now*. As the signs of the end of the age and of His return are increasing in frequency and intensity, there is still time not only to embrace the hope that God promises, but to offer it to someone else.

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