

Dear Pastor Jesse,

My best friend's mom passed away on Saturday and I have been commissioned with task of writing the obituary. So last night we all met up at my friends church to have bible study and a meeting about what we would do. I used to visit at that church before finding Grace, and I stopped going because the pastor really bothered me, he always looks for opportunities to expose emotions and not the glory of God.

He knows someone is hurting or struggling and he picks at that until you are crying and blithering all over the place. He also puts everyones business out while on his rant that he calls prayer meeting, so you cannot confide in him whatsoever! Anyhow I knew he would detract from the purpose of this meeting. I walked in and he and the members were in a prayer lead by him where a gospel song was playing and everyone was singing it with eyes closed as he would yell "sing to God you know the words!"

This went on for 30 minutes then the music went off the lights went out and he and his wife just kept screaming and directing everyone to pray and say certain words like "Breakthrough" and "Heal" And he and his wife and a couple others were babeling in tongues. When I heard that I stepped out because I know you said that is not of God. The youngest of his two children who is 7 was hollering "Heal" so frantically that she burst out into tears and his oldest said that her mom and dad said she was going to be a missionary because of that.

Pastor ----- went on with his praying saying there were bad spirits in the room of drug abuse and fornication and that we needed to use our spirits to talk to those spirits...well my best friends husband has been having a drug habit for a while and that was the pastor's way of putting that out. He finally ended with telling everyone financial blessings were coming their way and that they needed to yell Heal from their bellies so they could feel God's spirit. I was there for a solemn reason but I did more laughing at the Pastors antics. I said my own prayer that God deliver these people from this spiritual bondage. **Are any of these practices Godly or was I correct in walking out on this exhibition?**

Answer !

You absolutely did the right thing! You may not know how unbiblical, unethical and manipulative that sort of things is. But God's people ought to never engage in such folly. Never!

For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints. 1 Cor 14:33

By Grace, Alone

PJesse

Pastor's Commentary And Outline

*And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

I asked the Lord that I might grow In faith, and love, and every grace; Might more of His salvation know, And seek, more earnestly, His face.

'Twas He who taught me thus to pray, And He, I trust, has answered prayer! But it has been in such a way, As almost drove me to despair.

I hoped that in some favored hour, At once He'd answer my request; And by His love's constraining pow'r, Subdue my sins, and give me rest.

Instead of this, He made me feel The hidden evils of my heart; And let the angry pow'rs of hell Assault my soul in every part.

Yea more, with His own hand He seemed Intent to aggravate my woe; Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, Blasted my gourds, and laid me low.

Lord, why is this, I trembling cried, Wilt thou pursue thy worm to death? "'Tis in this way, the Lord replied, I answer prayer for grace and faith.

These inward trials I employ, From self, and pride, to set thee free; And break thy schemes of earthly joy, That thou may'st find thy all in Me."

Hanna's Pain, Prize and Praise

(1) **A pattern of prayer** Ps 25

(2) **Partnership in the plan.**

But as the woman is of the man, so the man is by the woman.

1 Cor 11:12

(3) **Paradigm** (model) **of redemption:** Gen 3:15/ Rev 21:9. Gal 4:19/ Gal 4:26.

(4) **Hannah is an omen and warning to Israel's spiritual desolation, before God:**

Rachel weeping with her children / John Baptist Ch 3:1,2,3 - 2:12-17

" Sub-narrative Narrative - Redemptive message (Meta narrative)
Samuel

(5) **Pain of Hanna** *Personified!*

(1) She was not the exclusive, sole singular object of her husbands joy.

(a) Mistress/ Adversary - Sarah and Hagar? Gen 16:4,5 (World/ harlot Rev 17,18

2) The deep hunger and desire for God's favor upon her soul.

(3) **This attitude is prayer:** Is from God. Ps37:4,5 : Vs10,11 / Rom11:33

" Of Him, Through, to Him , all things!"

(4) **The prize of Hanna:** " Samuel" God heard, Vs 17,20,27 Asked of Him

Simeon Gen 29:33 - Prayer, Promise, Pattern. Chp 2:18/ 26 . Luke 2:52

(Priest - Prophet) A type of John, Christ earthly ministry !

Hanna's Praise: Chapt 2:1-10 Joy, Holiness, faithful Rock, Power, providence, electing love demonstrated to poor sinners, Preserving power to the saints. The coming exaltation and dominion of Jesus Christ

QUESTION AND ANSWER

(Insights into my counseling ministry)

Question

Hi Pastor Jesse,

What are your thoughts about Halloween? Do you allow your kids to dress up and go door to door? Since being saved, I have not celebrated this Halloween since it promotes darkness, witchcraft and evil spirits and stuff. What are your thoughts on this?

Sis. Carmen

Answer

Hi Carmen

Never have, never will ! Deut 7:1-6 / Lev 20:1-7 / Eph 6:1-4

To do so, is to support a whole system of rebellion against a traditional Christian society.

Halloween, is fullllllllll of evil associations. Just blog, or surf and you will get more than enough evidence to know that the enemy is being celebrated, openly, and vilely!

One of the things, you and Xenon will have to accept, as professing Christians, is the battle for your children. Ps 127:1-5 / Hosea 4:6 / This is a Manasseh church age. 2Kings 21:1-11

Take it serious, because there is a day coming where the work you do or do not do, will pay off, by their either understanding evil and error, and walking in the light of the gospel, or succumbing to this extremely perverted society. Which agenda is constantly after the children, 24-7.

Praying for you,

By Grace, alone!

PJesse