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O Fire of God, The Comforter

This poem was written during the Dark Ages, by Hildegard (1098-1179)

O fire of God, the Comforter, O
life of all that live,
Holy art thou to quicken us, and
holy, strength to give:

To heal the broken-hearted ones,
their sorest wounds to bind,
O Spirit of all holiness, O Lover of
mankind!

O sweetest taste within the breast,
O grace upon us poured,
That saintly hearts may give again
their perfume to the Lord.

O purest fountain! we can see,
clear mirrored in thy streams,
That God brings home the wanderers,
that God the lost redeems.

O breastplate strong to guard our
life, O bond of unity,
O dwelling-place of righteousness
save all who trust in thee:

Defend those who in dungeon dark
are prisoned by the foe,
And, for thy will is aye to save, let
thou the captives go.

O surest way, that through the
height and through the lowest deep
And through the earth dost pass,
and all in firmest union keep;

From thee the clouds and ether
move, from thee the moisture
flows
From thee the waters draw their
rills, and earth with verdure glows

And thou dost ever teach the wise,
and freely on them pour
The inspiration of thy gifts, the
gladness of thy lore

All praise to thee, O joy of life, O
hope and strength, we raise,
Who givest us the prize of light,
who art thyself all praise.

The Watchman...

Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame— Revelation 16:15.

Those that have read the Book of Revelation and desire to understand the book have had to deal with its hidden meanings: Frogs, horsemen, angels, seas, images, personages, the list is often overwhelming to the casual reader. The question is often asked: *What does this mean and what truth is being revealed.*

The Apostle John, unlike the other Gospel writers, does not take time to reveal all the hidden messages. Often, little details are missed by the casual reader. And if one is not familiar with the day to day life of the Jewish people true meanings are missed. This is particularly true if one is not familiar with the services of the Temple and its daily administration.

One such verse is Revelation 16:15. The Lord says to the Apostle, *Behold, I am coming as a thief. Blessed is he who watches, and keeps his garments, lest he walk naked and they see his shame.*

Unless a person has studied the ways of Temple life, this verse simply reads: *Stay awake or your garment will be stolen.* This is far from the intended meaning.

Remember, John was very knowledgeable about the Temple and was well acquainted with Temple life. It was John that opened the way for Peter to come into the courtyard of the high priest, John 18:15&16. These two verses tell us that



The Temple Guard

John was a man of means, he gave enough money that the high priest and his household knew who John was, and Peter was allowed in upon the word of John.

Other Gospel writers would have explained that little piece of information. John allows us to dig it out by reading the traditions and histories of Jewish leaders and rabbis.

So, what does it mean: *Blessed is he who watches and keeps his garments, let he walk naked and they see his shame?*

Here's the story: There was activity around the Temple 24 hours a day. We know about the morning and evening offerings and sacrifices. We forget that there were also night ministries. And yet, we recite Scriptures that give us clear insight into 24 hour Temple activities. Psalm 134:1&2 reads, *Behold, bless the LORD, All you servants of the LORD, Who by night stand in the house of LORD! Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the LORD.* This clearly tells us there were people at the Temple all night.

One group was the Temple

Guards. It was the responsibility of the Temple Guards to see that nothing unclean entered the gates of the Temple. There were 24 gates that were guarded. Each gate had 10 guards—that's a total of 240 guards plus 30 priests.

During the night the Captain of the Guard would make his rounds. As the captain passed by, every guard would stand and salute his captain. If a guard was not awake and did not stand, the captain would take his torch and light the guards tunic on fire. Of course, a man would strip himself of his burning clothing and be *left naked*.

Let's take a look at the action leading up to Revelation 16:15. In Revelation 14 the final evangelists have been sent forth. These are the 144,000 evangelists.

In chapter 15 seven angels with seven golden bowls are about to be released from the Temple in heaven with their bowl judgments.

Revelation 16 is a picture of the release of the seven angels and their bowls. Suddenly, the action of chapter 16 stops at the 15th verse and Jesus Christ makes this statement about watching, garments and nakedness. Revelation 16:16 is the call to Armageddon.

Revelation 16:15 is the final call for men to hear the Gospel during the Great Tribulation. If the call is unanswered men, will be like one whose garment is set on fire, has made himself naked and will be ashamed. In every age

Happy Birthday Dr. Kramer...

On March 13, 2009 Dr. Kramer will celebrate his 75th birthday. We congratulate you, Pastor, on 75 full years of life and ministry.

Dr. Kramer preached his first sermon when he was 12 or 13 years old in his father's church in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. That message was on "Faith." He has been challenging people to exercise their faith ever since. Dr. Kramer has been an evangelist, having his first week of meetings at age 15, and a pastor.

In his years Dr. Kramer has done things and seen things that some people only dream of. He has been around the world at least 4 times, visited Israel 26 times, preached in the Philippines, Korea, Japan, Germany, South Africa, Tanzania, Central & South America, Canada and of course India.

Dr. Kramer has led a multi-million dollar organization that ministered to the elderly. He has owned and flown a variety of airplanes. While pastoring in Springfield, MN he owned a Carrier Current Radio Station that used the power lines of the city to broadcast the Gospel. Later Dr. Kramer had a television program for 18 years on 134 stations around the nation.



However, the thing we will al-

ways appreciate about Dr.

Kramer is his ability to help people through dark valleys with his wit and wisdom.

When one considers all the things L. D. Kramer has accomplished, the one thing he has never forgotten is his call to minister. Dr Kramer looks for those that find themselves overwhelmed with disappointments in life and feeling like giving up. Many times Rita and I have watched Dr.

Kramer help people that we have felt were simply using him. We have asked him many times, "Why do you keep allowing people to use you?" He just smiles, doesn't answer, and goes back to helping. He just never seems to give up on people.

One time I remember a man coming forward for prayer. We saw the man gloriously delivered. The guy returned home that night and fell into his old traps.

After dealing with this a number of times I told Dr. Kramer, "I'm done praying for him if he doesn't even try."

Dr. Kramer looked at me and said, "Nobody will ever attend our church and not receive prayer." He just doesn't give up on people.

The anointing God has placed upon this man is truly precious and

a great gift. Some months ago we had the privilege of praying for Dr. Kramer's grandson Michael. During that time of prayer it became evident that the anointing on L. D. Kramer's life would be generational. Dr. Kramer, your ministry lives beyond you through your sons and their children.

We will honor Dr. Kramer on

An Evening of Praise...

After taking a month off we are about to resume our second Friday of the month meetings. A new name has been given to the second Friday with a whole new vision.

On Friday, March 13, 7:00 PM, Rejoice Christian Center will host An Evening of Praise. Our Sunday night worship leader, John Didier, will be leading the night of Praise & Worship.

Over the past couple of months the level of worship and anointing has been increasing. On Sunday mornings and evenings more and more people are remaining in the auditorium, sitting in the presence of



God and worshipping. We've been calling it the After Glow (for lack of a better term). During these times the presence of the Lord has been so very sweet. Often God will bring out a Scripture and God will give John a prophetic song from the depth of the Scriptures.

Just as every service is different—every After Glow is different. None can be duplicated, however. The one common thread is the very real presence of the Spirit of God.

We invite you to an Evening of Praise and Worship. Our only plan is to be in the presence of the Lord and allow Him to speak to us, guide us and fill us with His Spirit.

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Women of God International... Men's Breakfast...

Roberta Morrison will be the guest speaker at Women of God International, Friday, March 6, 7:00 PM.

Pastor Roberta has a passion for people to experience the presence of God for the purpose of having intimacy with God. She has spent over 30 years as a pioneer in exposing racism, religious spirits and legalism in the church.

Her heart cry is to let the oppressed be free from spiritual abuse and control in every environment. She has come out of retirement because the true Glory of God must return and abide in the house of God.



Roberta Morrison

worship and demonstration of the Holy Spirit in deliverance and freedom.

Pastor Roberta has a psalmist and prophetic teaching and preaching gift. The Word and the Spirit must come together or we will have chaos and weirdness. Pastor Roberta is not released to pass the baton to the next generation "yet".

To much is given...much is required. Pastor Roberta wants to finish her race and

Pastor Roberta's assignment is to bring God's people into prayer, intercession,

assignment.

Women of God International

All men are invited to enjoy a breakfast on Saturday, March 7, 8:00 AM. Gordon Hawkins has a wonderful menu prepared.



Everything will be hot and ready to go for the 8 o'clock start.

Following breakfast Dr. Kramer will lead us in a

Bible Study. The topics are always relevant and meaningful.

This is a super time to get to know each other better. The setting is informal and casual. We meet in the coffee room and a free-will offering is received. Bring along your son or a friend or your son and his friend.

Everything will be over by 10:00 AM. You'll have plenty of time to get to the honey-do list.

Time Change...



Please Remember to set your clocks ahead before you go to bed on Saturday night, March 7, 2009.

Daylight Savings Time Starts Early This Year!

Sunday Night Live...

*Sunday Night Live
Bi-monthly Contemporary
Service March 8 & 22, 7:00 PM.*

*Speaker
Dr. Don Wolden*

*Worship is led by
John Didier*

Evangelism Class...

*Evangelism Class
Saturday, March 14 & 21
9:00—11:00
With Dr. Kramer*

Dr. Kramer is looking for 12 disciples to train in evangelism

Meeting in the coffee room

Good News Brothers & Company...

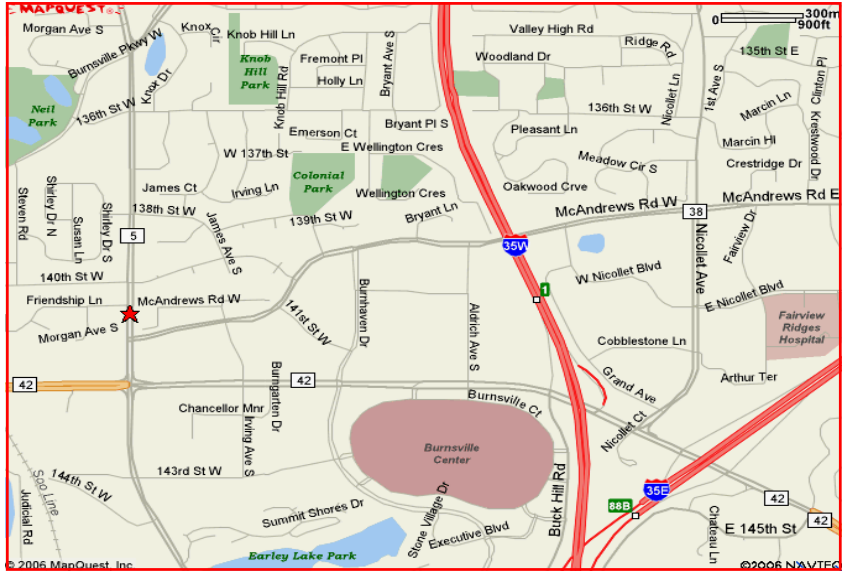


*Sunday Night
March 15, 7:00 PM*

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Gram's Irish Stew

A family favorite from County Cork:

Prep Time: 20 minutes

Cooking Time: 3 hours & 30 minutes

Ready In: 3 hours & 50 minutes

Ingredients:

- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 4 pounds cubed beef stew meat
- 2 teaspoons sage
- 10 potatoes, peeled and cubed
- 4 carrots, diced
- 1 (4 ounce) can sliced mushrooms, drained

- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 teaspoon celery seed
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cube beef bouillon
- salt to taste
- water to cover
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1/4 cup warm water

Directions:

1. Heat the oil in a skillet over medium-high heat. Add the beef to the oil and season with the sage; cook the beef until

browned on all sides; drain.

2. Place beef, potatoes, carrots, mushrooms, onion, celery seed, Worcestershire sauce, pepper, and beef bouillon in a slow cooker; season with salt. Pour enough water over the mixture to cover. Set slow cooker to HIGH and cover. Cook about 3 hours, stirring occasionally.
3. Whisk together the cornstarch and warm water in a small bowl until smooth; stir through the stew. Allow the stew to cook until thickened, 15 to 20 minutes.

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