

# BEHIND *the* CURTAIN

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### The Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation

We are coming down to the last few days of our consecration for the year of 2013. I try to view this month as a first fruit offering to God as we offer the first month of the year to prayer and fasting. One of the main topics that I have taught this month has been related to seeking God to change you; to focus on the need to have your heart changed and not focus on the change that needs to take place in the lives of others. In order for change to happen in all of our lives, we have got to receive guidance from the Holy Spirit to help us make important decisions.

*Ephesians 1:17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*

*18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. 19 And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power*

Paul's prayer to the Ephesian church (Ephesians 1:17-19) is an important scripture for you to apply to your own life. The word wisdom in this verse is an old Greek word that was used to describe insight or wisdom that is not naturally obtained. In other words, this is not natural human wisdom, but spiritual insight.

The word revelation refers to something that has been veiled or hidden for a long time and then suddenly, almost instantaneously, becomes clear or visible to the eyes. It is like pulling the curtains out of the way so that you can see what has always been just outside of your view.

Oftentimes on Sunday morning, before the choir sings, the curtains are closed and they are seated and waiting. At the right moment, the curtains suddenly open up and we are able to see what has been just outside of our view. They were there, but we just couldn't see them because the curtain blocks our ability to see what is behind it: the real picture. When the curtain opens, it's like they came from out of nowhere. **The moment you see beyond the curtain for the first time and observe what has been there all along but has not been evident to you is what the Bible calls revelation.**

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Applying this word to the realm of spiritual truth, the truths that we now know and enjoy were always there in the realm of Spirit, but veiled and hidden to us. It wasn't the time for these truths to be revealed yet, so they remained obscure and out of sight even though they were always there. When the right time came, the Holy Spirit removed the veil that obstructed our view, our mind instantly saw, and we understood. When this occurs, you and I receive revelation.

I'm sure that you can remember a time in your past when you suddenly saw something in the Bible that you never saw before. That truth had been there all along, but it had been hidden from your eyes, then suddenly it was as though someone pulled the covers off and it jumped off the page at you. You saw it; you understood it; you had a revelation. It is a fact that truths remains hidden until God chooses to reveal them to us. This is why I have prayed, and I hope that you have prayed all month, that God will give us a Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation. My hope and prayer is that this time of prayer and fasting has changed your life for the better forever, that you have seen things about you and about God that were there the whole

time, and that, now that you see it, you are ready and willing to do something about it.

This week, we are asking everybody to go without meat completely (including all seafood). I know that it is a sacrifice. Remember what I have said in the past, if it means nothing to you then it means nothing to God. This is to be done in addition to all of the other things that have been given up already this month.

## Matthew 17:19-21

19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? 20 And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. 21 Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.



## Was This Month Worth It?



God has all of the answers that you need. By yourself, you will never be smart enough to figure it all out. So, we should pray and ask God to impart into us the wisdom that we need. When Jesus came down from the Mount of Transfiguration, he was confronted by a crowd who said that His disciples could not cast out a demon out of a child. After confronting the demon, Jesus spoke a word and the demon left immediately. When the crowd had left, the disciples came to Him for understanding, and asked Him "why could we not cast him out?" His reply to them was that this kind goeth not out, but by prayer and fasting; I am convinced that if you have been sincere in your prayer time and fasting this month that there already has been (and will be) wisdom and revelation that the Holy Spirit has released to you that can only come forth through prayer and fasting.

*If you haven't learned anything, then you may need to give yourself and obedience check.*

In His Service,

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