

# The Jesus Invasion

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*“Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down...” (Isaiah 64:1).*

- I. **In every generation, Isaiah’s cry has been the deepest longing of God’s people.**
  - A. At the baptism of Jesus, heaven was torn open; the Spirit of God descended upon Him; and the Father thundered His approval (Mark 1:9-11).
  - B. When Jesus died, the curtain of the temple was torn in two. The earth shook; the rocks split; and the tombs broke open (Matthew 27:50-54).
  
- II. **Bill Johnson, in his excellent book, Hosting the Presence, explains the effect of the invasion of Jesus to earth in three statements.**
  - A. The heavens opened. The prince of the power of the air (Satan) had no authority over Jesus, the prototype of every believer who followed (Matthew 18:18-20).
  - B. The veil was torn. A new covenant for God’s people began. The requirements for relationship with God are now met by faith in Jesus (John 3:16; Matthew 27:50-54).
  - C. The rocks split. The hardest places on earth began to respond, signifying that Jesus, the King of Glory, was welcome to rule there. God sends us to the hardest places on earth. We are built on the rock of believing that Jesus is the Son of God, and that the gates of hell cannot prevail against us (Matthew 16:13-19).
  - D. The Spirit of God came down upon Jesus, and this experience becomes every Christian’s experience (Acts 1:3-8). We are His witnesses (Matthew 28:16-20).
  
- III. **The key issues for our time are as follows.**
  - A. Every believer has an open heaven. We live like Jesus and go. We do what the Father is doing as He shares His affection for us and the world (John 5:19-20).
  - B. We don’t let the darkness shape our awareness of God.
  - C. We refuse to respond to the enemy’s spirit of fear (II Timothy 1:7; Phil. 1:27-28).
  
- IV. **We are a presence-driven church. Our main job is to steward the presence of God, even in times of trouble. King David understood this better than most believers do today.**
  - A. David believed the Lord was his stronghold and would fight for him. According to David, dwelling in God’s temple is the safest place on the planet (Psalm 27:1-14).
  - B. In our day the Church is God’s temple, gathered as living stones, and agreeing together in prayer for our world (I Peter 2:4, 5, 9, 10; Ephesians 6:18-20).
  - C. We also host the Spirit of God inside of us, as temples (I Corinthians 6:19, 20).
  - D. There is power and influence exerted from our individual and corporate dwelling places in God. Our attitudes, actions, speech, worship, and prayers shape the world around us and supernaturally cover us (Psalm 27:4-14; Psalm 91).

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