**The Sign Of God’s Entrance**

The writer of the Gospel of John equates God with the eternal Word that is the manifestation of God.

***John 1:1****In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* ***2****The same was in the beginning with God.* ***3****All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.* ***4****In him was life; and the life was the light of men.* ***5****And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

The entrance of the Word, the entrance of God, was unmistakable, and could not be ignored. The word was light, and it exploded into the darkness. The writer of Psalm 119 summed up the explosive power of the entrance God.

***Psalm 119: 130****The entrance of thy words giveth light…*

Of course both John and the author of Psalm 119 are merely reiterating what we already know from Genesis. God never makes a small, quiet, entrance. When the Word came, when God arrived on the scene, there was an explosion of light.

***Genesis 1: 1****In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.* ***2****And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.* ***3****And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.*

God steps into chaos and there comes order.

God steps into a void and there is a world.

God steps into nothing and everything erupts out of the nothing.

God speaks into darkness and there is light.

God’s first entrance was marked by an unmistakable sign, light exploded into darkness, **God never makes a quiet entrance. Every time God makes and entrance there is an unmistakable sign.**

In ***Genesis 11*** God comes down onto the plains of Shinar to observe the tower that humanity was building to defy him, the entrance of God confounds humanities language.

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When God chose to step into Moses’ life in Midia, ***Exodus 3,*** there was a bush that was burning that was not consumed.

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According to ***Hebrews 12*** when God gave His law to Moses the entire mountain shook, and thunder rolled off of it, and fire spilled from the summit of the Mountain.

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I will not drag you through every entrance of God into the affairs of humanity, I will simply point out that you never find where God slips in unobtrusively, nondescriptly, quietly. Even on the few occasions He tried, it didn’t take long for someone to realize… The disciples on the road to Emmaus said that while He walked with us, seemingly incognito, *our hearts burned within us…* ***Luke 24:32***

Every time, without fail, when God arrives, there is a sign.

The prophet Isaiah said in his day, that not only was this true historically, but it would be true of the greatest arrival of God up till that point.

***Isaiah 7:14****Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.* ***God with us…***

Isaiah said that when God arrived to be with us, there would be an unmistakable sign.

As impressive as fire, thunder, light, and spontaneous new languages are, a pregnant virgin is a dumfounding sign. That is as radical an announcement as has ever been made. God declares in the most extraordinary way possible, I AM HERE.

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As if this exhaustive record is not enough… Look at the announcement of the arrival of Immanuel.

***Luke 2: 8****And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.* ***9****And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.* ***10****And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.* ***11****For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. 12****And this shall be a sign unto you****; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger****. 13****And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,* ***14****Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

God always makes a big entrance. There is always a sign when He arrives. Not only has that been true historically, but it will be true of His future arrival.

***I Thessalonians 4: 16****For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:*

God is really into the big entrance. There is always a sign.

Light

Creation

Babbling of languages

Thunder

Pregnant Virgin

Angelic Choirs

A shouting archangel and a trumpeter blast.

With every entrance of God, there is a sign.

Jesus walks among us for three years. Then He goes to Calvary, and then ascends back to Heaven. But He leaves His followers with a promise… We may not see Him, for now, in a physical body, walking with and among us. But He promised to not leave us alone…

***John 14: 16****And I will* ***pray the Father****, and he shall give you* ***another Comforter,*** *that he may abide with you for ever; 17 Even* ***the Spirit*** *of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for* ***he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.***

*I am with you now, in bodily form, but I will come in Spirit and not only be with you, but be in you. This is a promise of the Father..*

Jesus said I will make an entrance, not into a darkened universe, not to a solitary prophet, not into the events of one nation, but I will make an entrance into the hearts of humanity.

***Hebrews 10: 16****This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;*

This entrance was prophesied a long time ago… The OT prophet Joel told us that God would make a stunning entrance into the hearts of humanity…

***Joel 2:28*** *And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.*

Now we know this, from the record and what is coming, **God never makes a quiet entrance. Every time God makes an entrance there is an unmistakable sign.**

So when this prophecy of Joel, this promise of Jesus, comes to pass, when the Spirit of the eternal God pours into a human heart for the very first time, we can expect that there will most definitely be a sign that God has arrived in that heart…

The Bible records the fulfillment of the promise of Jesus, and the prophecy of Joel in the book of Acts. And as usually, just as when He entered the universe, just as when He entered the world, when God entered humanity in Spirit form there was an unmistakable sign…

***Acts 2: 1****And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.* ***2****And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.* ***3****And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.* ***4****And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.*

***12****And they were all amazed, and were in doubt, saying one to another, What meaneth this?* ***13****Others mocking said, These men are full of new wine.*

***14****But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words:* ***15****For these are not drunken, as ye suppose, seeing it is but the third hour of the day.* ***16****But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel…*

This is the promise of the Father. This is what was prophesied, This is God writing His law on human hearts as Hebrews 12 says, this is God making an entrance into the hearts of men and women, and as with every entrance of God there is an unmistakable sign.

I took you through this meticulous study of scripture, I laid line upon line of scriptural precepts simply to bring you to this simple understanding…

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And when God made good on His promise to enter into the hearts of men and women He did not change form. And there is no recorded instance of His every filling someone with His Spirit without there being a sign.

***Acts 8: 14*** *Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John:* ***15****Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost:* ***16****(For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.)* ***17****Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.* ***18****And* ***when Simon saw*** *that through laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Ghost was given, he offered them money,* ***19****Saying, Give me also this power, that on whomsoever I lay hands, he may receive the Holy Ghost.*

Simon ***saw*** something.

***Acts 10: 44****While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.* ***45****And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.* ***46******For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God.***

The Jews present in the house of Cornelius HEARD what God did in them when He made an entrance.

Likewise, when the Apostle Paul preaches to the disciples of John the Baptist.

***Acts 19:6*** *And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.*

You don’t find where God makes an entrance into human affairs or a human heart without a sign. Here is the question for every one of us who declares by faith that Jesus lives in our heart. For every person that invited Jesus into their life….

***What was the sign of His arrival?***

Well, I just believe… I am not sure… I invited Him into my heart… When did He move in?

Let me get this straight. Jesus was Immanuel, God with us. The Holy Ghost is God in us.

God fills all of time and space. God spans the oceans with His hands and tells the waves how far they can come up on the shore. God speaks and the foundations of the earth shake. God created all that is out of His spoken word. God’s glory shines brighter than the combined light of the cosmos. God’s power dwarfs any that is in nature. All that is has come out of God. That God moves into your heart and you were not sure….when…or if…

Seriously?

It would be hard for a mouse to spend much time living in your house and you remain unaware. I am pretty certain you would notice if a stranger suddenly started living with you. But you not sure when God moved in….

Why did God choose tongues for a sign in the Book of Acts?

James…Little bit turns a great horse. A little rudder turns a great ship. When that is yielded God has the entirety of your physical being yielded to him.

Tongues are for a sign to them that believe…. A sign of what? The entrance of God.

But that entrance of God into your life does more than just give you some esoteric spiritual experience. There is a profound impact in your life. I don’t think God can move in without radically altering the landscape of your life. <JOHN > Not just in that moment when there is this obvious thing happening to you. Look at what happens when God enters a life.

***Acts 40****: 3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven: 4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks. 6 And he trembling and astonished said, Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. 7 And the men which journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing a voice, but seeing no man. 8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw no man: but they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink.*

* Saul that thought he saw the purpose of God and was so confident and sure had to be helped from His encounter with God.
* The encounter in the third dimension always impacts the first, and leaves the flesh a little weaker.

***Revelation 1****: 12 And I turned to see the voice that spake with me. And being turned, I saw seven golden candlesticks; 13 And in the midst of the seven candlesticks one like unto the Son of man, clothed with a garment down to the foot, and girt about the paps with a golden girdle. 14 His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire; 15 And his feet like unto fine brass, as if they burned in a furnace; and his voice as the sound of many waters. 16 And he had in his right hand seven stars: and out of his mouth went a sharp twoedged sword: and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. 17 And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: 18 I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.*

* When John had an encounter in that third, spiritual dimension, (I was in the spirit…) his knees buckled, his heart rate plummeted, his breathing was abnormal….
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Moses walked away from an encounter with God with His face so lit up that people could not look upon it.

* If you want victory in the first dimension, that of your flesh, get in Gods presence.
* If you want to impact your flesh, get in the spirit.
* Romans 8:13 lets you know the only way to mortify or kill the deeds of the flesh is through the spirit!
* ***Galations 5****: 16 This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.*

Genesis 32 Jacob about to face a lifetime of mistakes gets in what he later called a face to face encounter with God.

* Jacob laid hold of God demanding a blessing. Tired of a life of fear, deception, and running from his mistakes.
* Wanting a legitimate blessing from God instead of one he robbed from his brother.
* Wounded in his leg, You will not emerge from an encounter with God without your flesh being weakened.
* If you leave a purported meeting and your flesh is not impacted, if its influence is not diminished, I submit to you in the strongest terms possible that you have not had a true spiritual encounter with God.
* He declared unequivocally that *“no flesh would glory in His presence”.*
* Why was it his leg? Why not an arm? All of his life he had ran from his problems…
* I suspicion that the impact in your flesh will be in that area you need it most. That chink that Satan is searching for is the one the mighty Presence of God can seal up. The spirit of God can kill that strong carnal desire that your enemy is trying to sniff out.