

Atmosphere 10.23.16

2 Chronicles 5:1-14 (1 Kings 8:1-13) It is 480 years after Israel has come out of Egypt, the temple has taken over 7 years to build / The year is approximately 1004 BC

The atmosphere is filled with the presence of God, in the Hebrew it is called the kabowd (kaw-bode) of God. It was the same glory that was witnessed at the tabernacle, the visible symbol of God's manifest presence. This glory, also known as the shekinah, is mentioned over 200 times in the Old Testament alone.

The atmosphere was just right for the presence of the Lord to show up in an incredible manner.

How can we expect to have the fullness of His gifts if His atmosphere is not given full reign in our lives and in our gatherings? Have we lost the "atmosphere"?

How important that we have an atmosphere that is conducive and welcoming to the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. If there is not a welcoming atmosphere, then how do we expect Him to move in our services, to demonstrate the power, might, and insight of Almighty God?

Certainly when Jesus walked into a room or a situation, the atmosphere took on a whole new "air". Discuss these passages: Mark 5:1-7 Luke 6:17-19

Atmosphere of change - of power - of healing - of His presence - of expectation (why do we need these?)

Atmosphere is defined by the dictionary as 'the pervading tone or mood of a place'... surrounding influence or spirit, environment. What is the prevailing atmosphere of our life, family, church, ministry or location right now?

Scripture teaches there are spiritual battles all around, we live in two atmospheres. – physical, spiritual Ephesians 6:12

The world lives in an atmosphere of chaos, emptiness, and darkness. Sometimes the church is hard to differentiate from the world. A spiritual atmosphere is one where the presence of God is there, the Holy Spirit is moving, transformations takes place, and the Heavens are opened.

What affects the atmosphere we live in? Discuss this quote:

"God responds to atmosphere as well. He is everywhere—but He does not manifest His presence equally everywhere. God manifests His presence when the atmosphere is right. He loves a celebration. He loves the atmosphere of praise and of true worship from His people. The Bible says that God inhabits the praises of His people (Ps. 22:3). The word inhabits means He is enthroned or feels comfortable enough to sit down in the place where the atmosphere is filled with celebration, praise, and worship. When you fill the atmosphere with complaining, fault-finding, and murmuring, it's not inviting to the presence of God. It has quite the opposite effect." Jentezen Franklin.

spiritual thermometers or spiritual thermostats? 2 Chronicles 7:1-3

The importance of faith The Christian life is lived through faith. "The just shall live by faith" (Hk. 2:4; Rom 1:17; Gal 3:11; Heb 10:38). (Gal 2:20).

A. Keep in an Atmosphere of Faith.

In order to have a shift in the atmosphere, we must have a climate of great faith, boldness, and courage. We want the gifts to manifest, but could it be that the gift giver is waiting for an atmospheric shift to take place in our own hearts?

B. Worship. (John 4:23). (1 Peter 2:9).

C. Change the Atmosphere by Speaking Words of Life (John 6:63)

D. We as leaders create atmosphere! We must live in and under the atmosphere of heaven! Some priorities must change!

E. We must have hearts of thankfulness and expectation! Declare it over this city, this church, your home and your family!