

When The Higher Commission Interrupts Your Frequency

Colossians #3

Colossians 1:25-27

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are my ways yours ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts. Look the rain and the snow that come down from heaven. They do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater. So also is the case when it comes to the Word that comes out of my mouth, says the Lord; it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I've sent it.

The ultimate sign you're not getting any younger is when you take a trip to the Smithsonian Museum of Arts and Industries with your family and recognize fairly instantaneously that you've lived through three quarters of the exhibits on the scaling walls while your kids think they've just entered into a residence on Pluto.

"What's that, dad?" "Great question Darcie, I'm glad you asked." "That's an Emerson Transistor Radio, Circa 1958. You see, back when I was your age, we couldn't watch the Grand Ole Opry. We had to listen to it on the transistor radio." "Oh, sorry I asked. What about that one?" "That right there is a Zenith SC100 Black and White Television, Circa 1978. It weighs about 4 ½ tons. You see, back when I was your age, the Wizard of Oz was the only movie that was in color. Since we couldn't afford one, we had to resolve ourselves to see Dorothy's ruby red slippers in grey."

"Oooh dad, look right there! I think I see proof we are in Pluto." "No, son, those were the finest, and most advanced portable communication devices of their time." "Really? What are they?" "They are RCA Rabbit Ear Antennas with a Double Helix right in the middle. You see, when I was your age, we didn't have Direct TV or Comcast. So if we wanted to watch Dallas, the Love Boat, or the Golden Girls, we had to put those rabbit ears on the back of our black and white television, wrap them in aluminum foil, and give the Zenith a whack or two with a closed fist so that either NBC, ABC, or CBS would come in clear. If not, we were watching PBS again because it always came in clear. Or we were listening to our transistor radio.

Whether listened to our Emerson or watched our Zenith, the truth is only one thing came in real clear in those days. It wasn't the Grand Ole Opry, the Carol Burnette Show, or Kojak. Instead, it was the Emergency Breakthrough than came from a Higher Commission somewhere in tv or radio land to inform us who was talking and what we needed to do about it. Regardless of where you set your dial on your transistor or the amount of aluminum foil on your rabbit years, the message was always loud, clear, and static free. Our only response was whether we were going to trust the voice who made himself known that broke through from another wavelength and interrupted or frequency.

Ladies and gentlemen, I want to suggest to you today that when the High Commissioner interrupts your frequency, His instructions are very clear but the reasons but the reasons for them are often very mysterious. When that happens in your life, changing the radio dial or turning to a different station will be a useless endeavor. And that's because God has interrupted your frequency. The only thing you can do is choose whether to trust and act according to the higher ways of the higher commissioner. Or whether you want to hide in hole hoping against all evidence to the contrary that he forgot to install a transistor there. In short, I want to show you how the Higher Commissioner goes about telling you what he wants you to do. Turn with me to Colossians 2:25-27.

²⁵I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— ²⁶the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. ²⁷To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

How He Goes About It:

1. With instructions that interrupt your frequency (25)

A Trip to the Principals Office Now and Then: (1) Schools today equipped with a lot of high tech gadgets; (2) Principals can watch over classroom in real time via live video; (3) Once upon a time, there was something above the center of the blackboard in every classroom; (4) One way communication intercom system; (5) Not from class to office; but office to class; (6) Couldn't escape it; couldn't talk through it; you could only listen and respond when the principal interrupted classroom frequency.

Commission – entrusting a person with supervisory power or authority over a task or deed

God Commissions By Interrupting Your Life – (1) Through a stirring of the spirit, like Nehemiah; (2) Or a Damascus Road experience like Paul.

In a Way That Shows You Are Unqualified for the Job – (1) Moses – “lead my people out of Egypt because you are my spokesman” (but Moses couldn't speak – (2) Noah – “I want you to become a shipbuilder right now” (though he was a farmer) – (3) Paul – “I want you to be the greatest missionary this world has ever seen” (though he murders other missionaries)

To be the Flavor of God in the Endeavor – (1) Presenting the Word of God in its fullness; (2) A tremendous responsibility in what he's called you to.

In a Way that Demonstrates Who Gets the Glory – (1) Sarah (barren but God); (2) Matthew (gift of God)

App – Has God interrupted your frequency? Is he doing it now? Those are clues he's about to use you for something only he knows about.

2. Known only to God at first (26a)

Gravity Hill – (1) In McKinney, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, there is a stretch of road that operates outside of the laws of physics; (2) It's called gravity hill and operates like this: (3) Stop car at top of hill and shift to neutral and let go of the break; it will roll downhill; (4) It rolls up it; (5) Same thing with a ball; (6) You could even roll your kids up it if they are acting a fool in the car. (6) It's a mystery

Mystery – Something kept secret and will remain unknown apart from divine revelation.

That's Always How Walking With God Begins – (1) Moses go to the land I will show you. (2) No specific location given. It was hidden until the appropriate time: just walk (2) Moses didn't know: (a) challenges in the land – “there's giants in land” (b) or the problems within – “let us go back to Egypt” (c) or the blessings – “land of milk and honey” / “a land where a prophet like me (Moses) will arise

That Means That You Have to Learn to Walk With God With His Purposes Hidden: - Telemachus, the monk, went to Rome when God interrupted his frequency. He didn't know why. He discovered why when he heard the sound of the Gladiatorial Games. And God used him to stop them forever in Rome when they murdered him.

The Mystery That Would Be Revealed Here – God had a plan through the Jewish Messiah: the Ecclesia (Church) of God; made of Jews and Gentiles.

App – Mysteries don't unravel in the economy of God in your life unless you walk forward

3. But known to you in time (26b-27a)

Tomb of the Unknown Soldier – (1) In Arlington National Cemetery, a tomb was erected in 1931 that contains this inscription: *HERE RESTS IN HONORED GLORY AN AMERICAN SOLDIER KNOWN BUT TO GOD.* **(2)** 67 years later, Thanks to advances in mitochondrial DNA testing, scientists were eventually able to identify the remains of a Vietnam War soldier entombed there. **(3)** Name was Air Force 1st Lt. Michael Joseph Blassie. **(4)** A mystery concealed for years; revealed in God's timing.

The Problem We Have: (1) Show me now and I will follow; (2) When we do that, we are like (a) Lot, not Abraham. When given the choice, Lot took to lushest land that would one day be turned to salt and barren. While Abraham took the barren land that became the land of milk and honey. (b) Like Thomas, Not John. Unless we see we will not believe instead of I don't have to see right now because I know who He is.

But "Now Disclosed" Means: (1) It implies that the heroes of the Bible walked in the exact opposite way; (2) It implies that they followed now so others can see later; (3) It implies we have the privilege of knowing something they didn't: Christ as Messiah of Jews and Gentiles in fulness; (4) But without the walking of the former, there is no disclosure to the latter.

This is Very Significant: (1) If you say to the Lord, "show me and I will follow," then you (a) not only thwart your on faith; (b) but the faith of others down the road. (2) The reverse is also true. When we follow and then see, we (a) understand eventually by and by and (b) others benefit in the future from our faith.

4. That far surpasses anything you could ever think, ask, or imagine.

Chester Nimitz – *"I asked God for strength that I might achieve. I was made weak that I might learn to obey. I asked for health that I might do greater things. I was given infirmity that I might do better things. I asked for riches that I might be happy. I was given poverty that I might be wise. I asked for power that I might have the praise of men. I was given weakness that I might feel the need of God. I asked for all thing that I might enjoy life. I was given life that I might enjoy all things. I got nothing I asked for, but everything I hoped for. I am, among all men, most richly blessed."*

In the OT, the Holy Spirit Empowered Certain People for Service Then Left: (1) Saul – "spirit departs; (2) The judges of the Book of Judges; (3) Permanent Indwelling was a mystery to them.

But Jesus, Sent the Spirit to Indwell and Never Leave After the Ascension: (1) Now the covenant isn't written on stone, but resides in our heart; (2) Now we don't go to the temple. We take the temple with us.

Consequently, Christ in You the Hope of Glory: (1) is the fulfillment of the promise of restoration and one day (2) see Jesus face to face. (3) OT saints like Moses prayed for this and didn't receive it. (4) But we have seen his glory. And now it resides within.

This Message Is An Interruption Into Our Frequency: don't ignore him when he stirs. Do what he says. You'll understand why in time. And walk forward knowing it's better than you can think, ask, or imagine. For his ways are not our ways. And his thoughts are not our thoughts.