

Title: No Mud Huts

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We really believe that the Spirit of the Lord is with us when we gather. We host His presence. We know that the Spirit ministers to every saint as they minister to Jesus through their personal worship. There are no words that could fully express that, but we love you, Jesus. May every saint step into that place before the Throne of Grace and wholeheartedly worship God in every way. Thank you Lord. Thank you for your presence, Father. We love you, Jesus.

I have entitled this word by His prompting, "No Mud Huts." The dwelling place of the slave mentality. Be transformed from mud huts into the temple of the Holy Spirit in the Body of Christ. The Lord has a lot to say in a lot of word today. We want to give attention to His heart, and I know that He is going to break open and continue to reveal Himself to us the way He desires. Everyone say, "no mud huts."

You have heard that God saves sinners, of which we all once were. The scripture says all have been born and conceived in sin. "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. There is none righteous, no, not one." Jesus Christ came to save us from our sin and He did that. All who believe in Him in their heart and confess Him as Lord, they shall be saved. So, this is good news for us. Oh, what He has delivered us from! Oh, what He has saved us from, amen!

Romans 6:16-23 NKJV

When we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, we exchange our sin nature, the dead old man we were born into, for the righteousness of God in Christ. We have been born again from above. Scripture says, "you must be born again." Going to church won't save you, right? You must be born again. He saves sinners. He loves sinners. That is why God sent Jesus to save us. Correct? Jesus makes us clean. Now, that process may take the entire side of this side of Heaven, in regard to working out that salvation. Allowing that process of sanctification to have its work until you go home. But, the moment you believe and confess Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you come out of darkness and death and you come right into the Kingdom of Heaven. You come out of being slaves to sin and into the righteousness of God in Christ. He says now we are slaves to God. We are slaves to righteousness. Now we are a bondservant to the Lord Jesus Christ. We are no longer our own. We have been bought with a price.

Psalm 40:2 NASB 2020

"He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the mud; and He set my feet on a rock making my footsteps firm. He brought me up and out of the pit of destruction out of the mud, and He set my feet on a rock, making my footsteps firm."

Psalm 69:2 NASB 2020

"I have sunk in deep mud, and there is no foothold. I have come into deep waters, and a flood overflows me." Hear the cry of humanity there. "I have sunk in deep mud and there is no foothold. I have come into the deep waters, and a flood overflows me."

Psalm 69:14-15 NASB 2020

"Rescue me from the mud and do not let me sink. May I be rescued from those who hate me, and from the depths of water."

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You hear a cry of humanity who seem to be stuck. Anybody ever said, "I feel stuck?" If you are human, you probably have at least once. "I just feel stuck." Sometimes, you don't even know what it is about. But, we all know what it feels like to get stuck. We know what it is like to be stuck. You may not be able to fully understand how you feel spiritually or what mud you are stuck in. But, the Spirit knows. You can get stuck in good works. You can get stuck with complacency. You can get stuck in being settled with where you are in God. *People* can be very passive and happy with where they are and happy with that. Saying, "We are good. I am good." I hear that a lot, "I am good." We can even get stuck in what is good, right? In this life, and in this world, sometimes it looks like we get buried in stuff. He calls it over and over, "deep mud." Probably a lot of this was literally. We know that it was especially for the prophet Jeremiah, who we will read about later. Sometimes in life, we seem to get stuck in the mud and the things of life weigh us down. The cry to God is, "Oh God, rescue us from the mud. Rescue us from a deep place. Rescue us from these pits. Rescue me from myself, and let me soar higher. Jesus said, "He will no longer consider unclean what He has made clean." Say, "No mud huts."

Acts 10:1-43 ESV

"At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. About the ninth hour of the day he saw clearly in a vision an angel of God come in and say to him, "Cornelius." And he stared at him in terror and said, "What is it, Lord?" And he said to him, "Your prayers and your alms have ascended as a memorial before God. And now send men to Joppa and bring one Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging with one Simon, a tanner, whose house is by the sea." When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called two of his servants and a devout soldier from among those who attended him, and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa."

Now we are reading about Peter's journey.

"The next day, as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the housetop about the sixth hour to pray. And he became hungry and wanted something to eat, but while they were preparing it, he fell into a trance and saw the heavens opened and something like a great sheet descending, being let down by its four corners upon the earth. In it were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. And there came a voice to him: "Rise, Peter; kill and eat." But Peter said, "By no means, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common or unclean." And the voice came to him again a second time, "What God has made clean, do not call common." This happened three times, and the thing was taken up at once to heaven. Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision that he had seen might mean, behold, the men who were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood at the gate and called out to ask whether Simon who was called Peter was lodging there. And while Peter was pondering the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Behold, three men are looking for you. Rise and go down and accompany them without hesitation, for I have sent them." And Peter went down to the men and said, "I am the one you are looking for. What is the reason for your coming?" And they said, "Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say." So he invited them in to be his guests. The next day he rose and went away with them, and some of the brothers from Joppa accompanied him. And on the following day they entered Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. When Peter entered, Cornelius

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met him and fell down at his feet and worshiped him. But Peter lifted him up, saying, "Stand up; I too am a man." And as he talked with him, he went in and found many persons gathered."

What a divine set up.

And he said to them, "You yourselves know how unlawful it is for a Jew to associate with or to visit anyone of another nation, but God has shown me that I should not call any person common or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without objection. I ask then why you sent for me." And Cornelius said, "Four days ago, about this hour, I was praying in my house at the ninth hour, and behold, a man stood before me in bright clothing and said, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon who is called Peter. He is lodging in the house of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.' So I sent for you at once, and you have been kind enough to come. Now therefore we are all here in the presence of God to hear all that you have been commanded by the Lord." So Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

There is the gospel. Amen.

Verse 44-48, "While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, "Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days."

Amen. The Holy Ghost chose to come specifically to this man, to his household and his associates, because God heard his prayers. Yet, he was not in the covenant. But, God heard the prayers of those in the nations. He heard even those crying out to the unknown God, or the God out there, and maybe to the false gods they served. God always looks at the heart. God always sees the heart of the individuals. I believe that He saw the heart of this man, and I believe he was divinely chosen just as surely as Peter was. Amen.

You know the story about how powerful and how supernaturally the Spirit worked. How He worked when someone was on the roof waiting for lunch. How He spoke to those who were going about their daily business, and angels came to them. God speaks through visions. God rebukes Peter and He gives him visions. Because the Jews knew the law. They knew what they were called to do and how they should walk. They knew what they should eat, what they could

not eat. All of a sudden, God is saying, "Eat," but Peter says, "God, you know I am not supposed to eat that stuff." He's a good Jew and was kind of rebuking God a little, correct? Three times later, Peter was convinced that God said, "No longer consider unclean what I have made clean." From that point forward, he chose to go out into all the Earth, to all the peoples, to the nations, tribes and tongues, so that all would hear and know the gospel of Jesus. This is where it started. Isn't that amazing? The outpouring here is not like they just went up to the altar, bowed their knee, and got saved. This is a super natural outpouring of the Holy Ghost to capture hearts. So, even his friends would want to come and be a part, when he shared what God was showing him in the visions. He shared about the angel that came to him, the connections, and how even the servants had to get all this arranged. They couldn't just email or call them up. Right? But, they came, and they came, and they came, because the Spirit was moving.

Hearts were gathered and the ones that needed to be gathered came. Just like the 120 who were in the upper room. They were gathered. The Lord had appeared to 500 of them after He was risen, but only 120 were in the upper room waiting on Him when the Spirit of God came. Holy Spirit was poured out upon them, and they had evidence of speaking in other tongues and they prophesied. As Peter is sharing all of this, while Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. He didn't have to have a prayer line. The Spirit just "**whoosh**" came and immerse them. They were baptized in the Holy Spirit, even before they were water baptized. That's why he says, normally we lead them to Jesus and then they get water baptized. But, the Spirit was "jealous," and He poured out upon them with the evidence of them speaking in tongues extolling God in high praise to Him. What fruit of the Spirit! What a revival! Amen!

Acts 10:47-48 ESV

"And Peter declared, can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people who have received Holy Spirit just as we have? And He commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ."

I don't know about y'all, but I really haven't commanded anybody in the house to get baptized. Right? But, that is the authority of Heaven moving in to break something open, to go above and beyond, and to bring people out of "mud huts." Bringing in those who have been stuck in the mud, and slaves of sin all their life. Some even slaves of their own righteousness, their own good works, their own memorials, their own pleas, or their own service. That is the cry.

Ezekiel 36-39 NKJV

Now I'm going to do this as brief as I can. You hear God say this phrase, and I have spoken of this often. The Lord God said, "I will sanctify My Holy Name." He said, "The nations shall know that I am the Lord." He says, "The nations also know that, "I the Lord sanctify Israel when My sanctuary is in their midst forever." Again, "The nations also will know that I the Lord sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forever. Thus, I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will be known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the Lord. When I brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I'm hallowed there in them, in the sight of many nations, then they shall know that I am the Lord their God, and I will not hide my face from them anymore. For I shall have poured out my Spirit on the House of Israel says the Lord."

That is good news. That is the sovereignty of God. That is the power of Almighty God that can bring everything around in fullness, till everything is fully restored. Even in these passages in Ezekiel 36-37, you see this entire amount of "wow, prophecies." Some already are fulfilled, some are being fulfilled, and some will be fulfilled. You hear the heart of the Lord calling all men to Himself, and all these nations to Himself.

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This one, Cornelius, was just one plucked out of the fire, plucked out of his own slave mentality, and that group of people. They were brought into the fullness of the Spirit, and to walk with those born again Jews who called themselves Christians. Right? “You are clean because of my word. No longer considered unclean, whom I have made clean.”

You know, the enemy of your soul will wrestle with you, in your own mind, to bring you to guilt, condemnation and shame. Correct? You will believe the lies he says about you. You plead the blood, you confess who you are in Christ, and you bring the righteousness of God front and center. But, that is what it looks like in the battlefield with the mind. Jesus, says, “You are clean because of my word.”

John 15:3 NKJV

He had not even gone to the cross yet. But, He declared that His disciples were clean by His word,” you hear it?

II Kings 5:1-8 NKJV, Naaman Healed of Leprosy

“There is a prophet in Israel.” That means the Word of God is there.

Verse 9-12

He threw a fit of carnality right?

Verse 13-18

This is an amazing testimony. In light of what the Spirit is saying to us today, we can put it all around one man God sovereignly chose to heal. We could talk about the witness of the little girl who spoke about her God, even as a slave in another land. We could talk about the seriousness of Naaman in all his false gods and even how he served in those courts of his false gods and the authority that he was under. But, the word of the Lord chose to go to this one by the grace of God, and the Prophet was there. The king was freaked out thinking this is just a sneak with a plot and a plan. But, the word of the Lord prevailed. The word of the Lord prevailed to get to the one, because with leprosy you are going to die. Sin is as leprosy. If you were born in it, you are going to die in it. If you had leprosy there was no cure. You were going to die in it. It was often associated with sin. Yet the word of the Lord came, “Bring him to me and I will show him.” There is the word of the Lord. There is a prophet in Israel. Someone who hears God, fears God, obeys God, and released to do what God says.

But, it wasn't quite like Naaman thought it would go. It went another way. “You want me to go get in that dirty river?” That is like us going down to the Concho, and saying, “There is a cleaner river.” Come on, guys. “Let's go swim somewhere else a little clearer like the Guadalupe River. We understand that in Texas.” But, it is a reality of the divine place of God's choosing. When He chooses to bring us up and out of the mud, up and out of slavery to sin, and all the depravity we are in. God works to make a vessel clean. He goes above and beyond. We have a whole Bible full of stories about how He goes above and beyond to say, “You have been made clean.”

The Body of Christ often struggles a lot with this. Often many get into “works,” trying to justify themselves and feel clean. Correct? You can go off and do evil sin. But oftentimes, it is the same thing when pride gets in there. Saying, “Well, I don't really want to do that. I know that is pretty simple, but I really don't want to do that. Isn't there something better? You are just wanting me to believe your word? You want me to take you at your word? “No longer consider unclean what I have made clean.” No matter what life brings you in disappointments, or what people group, or church, or governing authorities, no matter who or what they may be, God is able to make them clean. He knows the hearts.

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Sometimes, He will let us in to hear His desire for those hearts. He sees the heart, and often the church is offended with the hearts He chooses. Yet God is looking in that heart and says, "No, that will do, right there." Even in our weakness in our own flesh, because we were all once sinners. Yet, now we have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, and the Holy Ghost is so eager. He just wants to baptize everybody immediately. He is right there. Then you are going to be speaking a whole new language. You come in one way, and you leave another way. You come in one way, and you are going to be filled with the Spirit of the Lord to accomplish His will. You end up seeing that through these vessels, and you would say, "There is no god but the God of Israel, Jehovah, and Lord God Almighty. Jesus Christ is Lord, and the Holy Ghost is Lord. Flesh get ready, God's got a lot of people coming out of the mud. If the Church is not sanctified in faith to believe it, you are going to fall short and miss it. Because, we have been called to bring them up and out.

You may be that prophet that brings the word of the Lord, puts your hand on them, and they start praying in tongues. They come out of where it took you 20 years to get out of in that place. They are in it overnight. That will bring pride or offend the religious spirits and all that we say is God, right? He turns something around for His glory. There is always a witness involved. So far, I have talked about a lot of witnesses here, and they are just sharing what God has done or what God has said. "The angel told me." You can argue all you want, but that "angel told me." Okay, "God told me." Well, "God doesn't speak in visions anymore." "Sorry, but God told me. He came to me and this is what He told me to do." You are ready. Your heart is open.

Anybody ever heard of a mud room? A few. Okay, I think they are more prevalent up north, because of the snow, cold winters, and all the rain. We do not get that much rain in Texas, and we don't necessarily need a mud room. A dust room, but not necessarily a mud room. Okay, so you are laughing, but this is what I saw in the night. A mud room is traditionally a casual or secondary entrance to a home, and a dedicated space to remove muddy boots, coats and wet clothing. So, before you come into the main house, you take off the muddy boots and leave all that there so you don't track it in. Farmers and ranchers understand what I'm saying. Now, before entering the presence of the Lord in worship, we need to leave the mud outside. Okay, there is this mud room, and we can't bring mud in before the throne of grace. We have to take off muddy boots and shoes that have been muddied and dirtied by this place. We need to leave the mud outside, even all false flesh judgments. You know what those are? "Leave the shoes at the door," He says. How about making mud bricks? We know that the Israelites were delivered from Egypt where they were slaves and they made mud bricks. They built them okay. You get the point? How can you come into the House the Lord without carrying in that mud slave mentality? Knowing who God has now redeemed you to be. Not fighting mud with mud.

You know how it is. You throw mud at someone and they might throw some mud back at you. I've had some mud fights back in Amarillo where I was born. They were with dirt clods and they hurt. On this topic, we will talk about one expression of just throwing mud at each other. Right? It's like that, those dirt clods hurt. When you are going after somebody, they work. You have heard of throwing stones, mudslinging, accusations. Disgruntled humans do this. Humans throw it at each other. God is saying to come out of that. Leave the mud in the mud house. Because, you are the temple of the Holy Spirit now. You are not sinking in that anymore. You are not in that anymore.

When I am bringing people out of that, and they are slinging mud. They are throwing stones everywhere. They are disgruntled, and they have clods, clubs, and use a baseball bats to swing them. Whatever they can do, because they still have a slave mentality. They are fighting with all they have to bring down those who have been made right with God. To judge you and say, "You think you are "holier than thou," when you have been called to walk uprightly and righteously in a dark, depraved world. You are lights in darkness.

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When you show yourself strong and you are witnessing that, “God, my God can heal. You just say the word, and it will be done!” They feel that they are unclean right there. But, then comes this praise out of you. “There is a God in Israel. There is a God who heals. There is a God who delivers and saves! In the same way which He has saved me!” There is that testimony, and the Spirit goes in “boom.” Here come the tongues and they are glorifying and praising the Lord right there. In that moment, it's a holy moment. Where have our eyes been muddled due to life and ungodliness? What are we expecting? What have we come to really see? Are we really believing? Are we really believing in a God who does the impossible? What can He really do here, that is up there? That is where God wants His Church to be right here. Right here, right there with Him. Right there. Because, we are seated with Him in heavenly places the Scripture says in Ephesians.

We want to hear what God is thinking here. We want to hear what God is doing here to bring the Kingdom. He wants to bring the Kingdom, the Kingdom of Heaven. He wants to bring the Kingdom. So, how are you going to do this Lord? Who or what have you had it with? You know what I mean? A lot of us say, “I have had it up to here.” If you are in West Texas, it's real. “I have had it up to here.” I know you know what I'm talking about. Everybody knows, and you say, “God, how does she know that, I have had it up to here, right?” It's not just what, but with whom you have had it with? Sometimes, it's yourself. “I have had it up to here with myself. I know better than that. What was I thinking?” Right?

God said, “Come out of the mud huts, guys.” The Church has been and still can be shocked at whom God is going to choose to bring forth His ways, Kingdom purposes, and deliverance for His people. Deliverance for His people, because that is always in His heart. His people and His covenant. We have been grafted into that covenant, hallelujah, through Jesus. We are the Children of God. The Bride of Jesus Christ, who is supposed to be pure, spotless, clean, and without blemish for Jesus. Perfect and complete for Him. That is what God is doing. Only God can make us clean.

Psalms 51:10-11 NKJV

Most people know this scripture. We know why King David had to say this, because he was guilty of sin. He walked with God and he knew he had grieved God. He knew he disobeyed the Lord. He was grieved and this was his psalm. We have written whole songs about this passage of what humanity looks like as slaves of sin. Then God extends His hand and forgives the sin. Hallelujah.

But, the enemy would have you waddle down in there and stay in that place. You can't get clean and say, “I have just been an old sinner, so, wash me, cleanse me, and I will be whiter than snow. The blood has set me free.” “Create in me a clean heart, Oh God,” comes by the Holy Ghost. He is the One that breathes and gives us a literal new life. He makes us holy and the whole point was, “Don't leave me. Don't cast me away from your presence. Don't keep me out of your temple, Lord. I have to be in your presence.” The Lord said, “You are the temple of the Holy Ghost now, Beloved. I am living in you. Get out of that mud hut. Wash up, clean up, and do some forgiveness here. You have to rise above this thing and let the angels come to you. Let the visions of God come to you. Let the Spirit of God come to you to take you higher as I am indwelling you with my presence. Don't get stuck in the mud where you have been.” He needs a pure heart, and to the pure, all things are pure.

Titus 1:15-16 NASB 2020

“To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. They profess to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable and disobedient and worthless for any good deed.”

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“To the pure all things are pure. The pure in heart shall see God.” That is what Jesus said.

“To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, and both their mind and their conscience are defiled.” Do you hear it? “They professed to know God, but by their deeds they deny Him, being detestable, disobedient and worthless for any good deed.” Even in a profession of knowing Him, God is going to go to that heart isn’t He?

I will read it again, *“To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure, but both their mind and their conscience are defiled. They profess to know God, but by their deeds, they deny Him, being detestable disobedient and worthless for any good deed.”*

The Lord wants to cleanse hearts. He wants to cleanse hearts. He wants everybody to just change the way we are thinking a little bit. The grace and goodness has been extended to each and every one of us. If you get before the throne of grace, there in that place of worship, it will be easier to flow out of you to encourage others. “Lord, I don't know if I should pray for them right now. They haven't gone through ABCDEFG yet.” The Spirit of God says, “Put your hand on him. As a matter of fact, just invite them in to your apartment. I am going to pour out my Spirit there. Have them over for dinner, and see what happens.”

See how they leave, saying, “I just thought I was going to come in for this game over pizza. I just came over for pizza.” Out of them comes speaking in tongues by Holy Spirit. We just gave Him an opportunity... You hear it?

Let's stand up and pray. I pray to God that you hear what He is trying to say today. Those who have ears to hear let them hear, Lord. Thank you, Holy Ghost. You are faithful and true to us. We honor you more than ever. What a privilege and honor to be at your side Jesus. What a privilege and honor to be called the temple of the Holy Ghost. What a privilege and honor to be born again from above, cleansed from leprosy, sin, and a slave mentality. Raised up in Christ to be righteous, holy, without spot, blameless, and perfect in your eyes. We honor the blood of Jesus. We honor your power and your name, God. It is our heart's desire that you will be made known, and that the nations will know that you are the Lord. You are the Lord, and may it be found in our prayers and praise everyday. Thank you for going into our closets and our houses and cleaning. Clean us up, Lord, and show us where we have left or where we are in that mud room. Take off those old boots, God. Clean us up, remodel, restore, and renew our homes. I pray that every person who hears this message to be freshly filled with the Holy Ghost and fire. Filled, healed, fully restored and open to the more that God has for us. In Jesus name, amen.