

PLUMBLINE MINISTRIES

When you KNOW there has to be a better way to live...

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Why study Leviathan?

That is a valid question. From time to time I meet people who are experts in spiritual warfare and I wonder about the cost to them of knowing so much about evil. It is a far more delightful thing to be an expert in the nature and ways of God.

However, Leviathan is not primarily an evil creature. The study of Leviathan will greatly enlarge your view of God and how He makes extravagant provisions for us.

Here is the bigger picture. God the Father transforms our human relationships. The seven blessings are His provision for a richly textured, mutually life giving human community. The enemy perverts those blessings into curses through our choices, so human communities become destructive and devouring, instead of life giving.

Jesus Christ transforms our human government. There are seven righteous dynamics of the government of God manifest here on earth that cause our civil and religious governments to be life giving instead of destructive. The devil also perverts those dynamics with the results that we see daily.

The Holy Spirit acts on our relationship with nature. He is variously presented in Scripture as wind, fire, water or sound. Nature can be divided into seven categories where the power of God flows through nature in a supernatural way to empower the Kingdom work we are called to do. And the devil perverts those to cause nature to block us.

The seven heads of Leviathan pertain to light, air, life, time, sound, motion and essence. This teaching will examine each head, describe the negative aberration and clearly spell out the human choices that opened that door for devouring.

Then we lay out how God intended His power to flow through nature and what we need to do to activate the principles that will release that flow.

The beauty of this teaching is that through basic modifications of your daily activities, you can gain huge authority in each of these seven areas. This teaching is lengthy -- 12 CDs -- but there is no renunciation CD. This is about lifestyle changes, not formulas which need to be repeated.

God did not design you to be powerless. When we feel powerless, the devil is there with his toxic pain killers to tempt you. The "Joy Unstoppable" album is designed to release to you the power God intended you to have, so life is a joy to live, not a perpetual struggle.



Not all good deeds have equal impact. When you know the gift of your city, you know which principle holds the key to unlocking the treasures. Then you can craft your strategy around applying that principle in a focused way.

Visit our events page to register:

July 30-31 in Victoria, TX

Redemptive Gifts of Individuals
Presented by Nina Lemnah

The teaching on the redemptive gifts of individuals is the foundation for many other tools we have developed at Plumline. You will be limited in your ability to use tools related to the redemptive gifts of cities, the seven curses, blessings and legitimacy lies, the seven levels of parenting and the seven portions of the human spirit if you do not have a solid handle on the internal dynamics of each of the seven gifts – not just your own.

Nina Lemnah will be presenting this foundational teaching at this seminar. Nina brings a huge passion to this topic as she has seen the power of bringing the gifts into alignment and the tragedy of gifted people clashing badly because they did not know how to handle the treasures God had given them.

Visit our Events page to register:

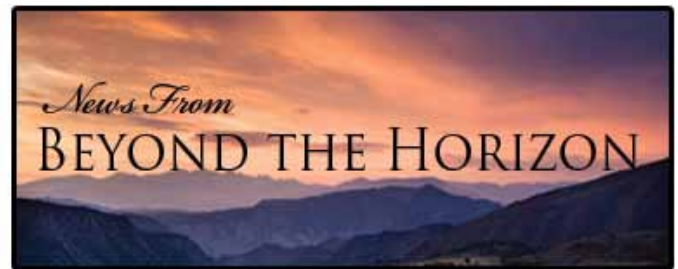
October 15-16 in Wyoming, MI

Redemptive Gifts of Cities
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All land is not created equal and the dynamics of the land hugely affects the culture that is on it. God's deposit on the land is not neutral. To some degree, it will manifest in the culture. However, the devil is very intentional about perverting the design of the land and using it to create more brokenness. We, as believers, have higher authority to use the gifts in the land than the devil does.

This seminar is designed in part, to help you interpret the history of your city so you can determine the gift, but mostly it is designed to help you be strategically proactive.

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Love and Legitimacy Seminars

Are your resources being devoured? Do you want to know how to walk in the seven levels of God's blessings? Join Megan as she shares about the seven foundational flavors of God's love that are key to walking in freedom as you serve the King.

Visit www.GoBeyondtheHorizon.com to register:

July 17-18 in Spartanburg, SC

August 20-21 in Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Teleconferences

The classes on Portals and Spirit vs. Soul sold out quickly!

We are offering two more classes on these dates:

Portals
August 5th

Spirit vs. Soul
August 12th

Class sizes are limited, so don't wait to register!



by Holt Erwin

Arthur has distilled four primary characteristics of a leader who has moved effectively from the mindset of a slave to the world view and disciplines of a son. Whether you are leading a family or a business, these Biblical principles are crucial.

Visit our Events page to register:
August 7th in Jacksonville, FL

Event in Montana

Arthur will be presenting a seminar entitled "From Slavery to Sonship" on August 13-14 in Billings, Montana.

Register through "Steppin' In Foundation" at www.steppininfoundation.com.

Cleansing Time in Switzerland

On August 21, Arthur will be presenting a seminar called "The Art of Cleansing Time" in Olten, Switzerland.

No pre-registration is required for this seminar.

Visit Our Events page to register:
August 21st in Olten, Switzerland

Who am I and what am I doing here?

Those are the two questions that have followed me around for decades. After warring against the mesmerizing spirit for the last few years and asking God to shine His light on the things He wants me to see, I am receiving some unexpected answers. They are bigger and more comprehensive than I expected. Also, to my surprise, they are not just about me.

And, of course, they hit where it hurts.

The set-up

Recently I thought I was helping a young friend start a business and pursue her life's passion. I over-helped, over-resourced, enabled her poor behavior, and in short, made myself her savior, not to mention victimizing myself to the point of damaging my health.

In doing so, I dishonored God, my friend, and myself, all the while, intending to do a good deed. It ended in an explosive meltdown of our relationship, which is not yet restored.

What was exposed?

According to Melody Beattie in *The New Codependency* (2009), my habits of enabling and rescuing were classic examples of codependent behavior. (I say "were" because I have repented deeply and am working on learning new behavior.)

Unfortunately, what we enablers have produced in the next generation is “a sense of over-entitlement, over-protection, and inflated self-esteem that crosses the line into narcissism.” We have raised a generation who “expect life to be easier than it is; they want everything done for them no matter how they behave. Then they become depressed and confused when they don’t get what they believe they deserve.” Codependency has mutated. (Beatty, p. 12)

My young friend and I are a snapshot of America today. My generation has too often been rescuers. While we knew that being an enabler did not help the other person in the long run, we had no idea we were doing huge damage to them.

Today’s young adults are too often welfare junkies. They truly believe that those big, bad rich people should pay for everything, that government should care for their health, and that they deserve to be happy and comfortable, regardless of whether they invest in themselves or in the system.

Since government is vigorously supporting that mindset, this generation is being shielded from the consequences of their poor choices. Generally they cannot see that there is any benefit to good behavior and hard work. Somebody, somewhere (often government) is surely going to assume the role of rescuer, and they truly expect someone else to foot the bill for their needs and wants, even to the point of absorbing the consequences of their bad choices.

A historical perspective

This issue is bigger than these two generations. We are back to the Garden. We don’t know who we are, and we don’t know Who our God is. The lies that make a place for entitlement and codependency are about His Nature and Character.

He did not design us to be powerless. He did design us to have a relationship with Him where we receive resources from Him to

build for Him. We have generations of people who have never seen us model that kind of relationship with God.

Some walk in a theologically sanctioned poverty spirit. Some walk in a magic wand Christianity which expects endless free money without personal responsibility, which is theologically sanctioned welfare mentality.

Where are the sons who model receiving raw materials from God so they can build a life, a community and a Kingdom presence by adding their sweat equity to the raw materials He gives?

Our nation’s future is at stake. Your victory and my victory over this codependent world view means we would have the earned authority to change the values, hence the destiny, of our republic. Freedom is where our God IS God.

Personal assessment

So where are you on the minus 100 to plus 100 continuum?

Are you a rescuer? Do you make it a habit of meeting other people’s needs according to YOUR riches in glory in Christ Jesus? Do you want The Anointing to come so you can fix someone’s problem without their investing any sweat equity or learning any wisdom through suffering?

Or do you have an entitlement spirit? Are you expecting other Christians to meet your needs because they obviously have so much and it comes so easily for them? Is escape from pain your top motivator?

The cure

Melody Beatty sums up the antidote to codependency as the oxygen mask principle: on an airplane, always put on your oxygen mask before helping anyone else with theirs. (Beatty, p.14) For Christians, the principle might read like this: all oxygen comes from

Father God. Always expect Him to meet your needs and others' needs.

Period.

If He so directs, then you partner with God in meeting someone's needs in a way that helps them recognize and use the resources they have received directly from God. Their pain is not your mandate for resourcing them. And when you do resource them, the first thing you offer is perspective on what they have received from God and how to use it.

to find the resources God has given you to build with and to help other people find the resources God has given them.

The myth of the modern Christian culture is that the answer to your problem lies in someone else's wisdom or anointing. It is a myth. Look first to His grace given to you.

Holt Erwin
June 17, 2010

The Monday morning look

Last week, when I was in the midst of my personal agony over that codependent relationship self-destructing, I called a friend who is way ahead of me in walking out of victimization. We processed the situation. She identified my failings, poor choices, and bad decisions.

Then we celebrated. First because she did not default into praying away my pain, and second, because for once, I did not ask her to.

Where would we both be, we mused, if we had followed this kind of processing for the last thirty years? God wants us to grow up. He wants us to see the resources He has given us more clearly than the resources He has given our neighbor.

Foolish people, we have used the power of God against Him, refusing His dealings with us, trying to by-pass lessons to be learned from the reproofs of life. When we are in pain from the violation of principle, we have usually been able to find an enabler who will buffer us from reality by taking our pain from us, instead of showing our resources to us.

The bottom line

God has not called us to be comfortable or to make other people comfortable. He has called us to build. Your two primary jobs are