

SUPERNATURAL ENCOUNTERS

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JER. 29:13 KJV, MSG

Throughout history, many have experienced supernatural encounters with God that transformed their lives and ignited within them a renewed passion to live for God. Moses at the burning bush received an assignment that affected the course of two nations. Isaiah got a revelation of God's holiness that impacted his life forever. Paul encountered Jesus on the Damascus Road and was totally transformed. Throughout his life he referred to this encounter to explain how he was changed. Mary's encounter involved an angelic visitation. She was called "blessed among women" by all generations ever since. Andrew Anzevino encountered Jesus in Heaven and was given an assignment to tell people about Him. His encounter led to an appearance on Cornerstone TV, the 700 Club, and a book called "We Believe". One of my encounters involved hearing God's audible voice saying, "You will be the next Pastor of that church". An encounter, like Paul, I have referred to for over 43 years of ministry.

Isaiah's Encounter (IS. 6:1-8 NLT)

Isaiah's encounter reveals four things that were accomplished.

- 1.) Clarity: How we see things, perspective, God's view vs. man's.
- 2.) Conviction: Awareness of sin, inadequacies, hang ups, etc!
- 3.) Cleansing: God's goal is to cleanse, not condemn. To make fit, equip.
- 4.) Commission: God authorizing to carry out a mission.

Clarity – Isaiah clearly saw God's glory and holiness. He saw his life in the light of God's perfections, which exposed his sin.

Conviction – He identified with shortcomings.

Cleansing – God's intent was not to condemn, but to cleanse.

Commission – to equip to go and do God's will.

Paul's Encounter (ACTS 9:1-6)

- 1.) Clarity – Whatever his view of Jesus was, it was forever changed.
- 2.) Conviction – He knows he's done wrong and wants to do right.
- 3.) Cleansing – He got saved and filled with the spirit.
- 4.) Commission – ACTS 9:10-16.

- ACTS 26:8-19 Paul referred to his encounter 26 years later.

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People are having encounters with God, and experiencing clarity, conviction, cleansing and commission also. God's intention is not for the outpouring to remain localized, but to spread (ACTS 1:8).

David's Encounter (2 SAM. 11, 12).

2 SAM. 11:26-27 NLT God was displeased with what David did, but David didn't see things as God did. David didn't repent.

2 SAM. 12:1-6 NLT As king, David gave his ruling. He deserves to die, but have him repay the man with four lambs.

2 SAM. 12:7-12 NLT God provides clarity through Nathan. David saw himself justified. Uriah was dead and the marriage was ok.

2 SAM. 12:13 Conviction, cleansing and commission in one verse.

2 SAM. 12:14 Unconditional judgment is pronounced for three reasons: David displeased God (**2 SAM. 11:26-27 NLT**); He despised God's commandment (**2 SAM. 12:9 KJV**); He gave great occasion to God's enemies to blaspheme (**2 SAM. 12:14 KJV**).

Our Encounter (JER. 29:13 MSG)

Our part is to surrender, seek and search with all sincerity of heart through worship, prayer, praise and declaring God's Word. We can't manufacture a revival because they're God-breathed not man-made. If we do our part, God will do his!