



The Times of Refreshing

A Partnership Newsletter Publication

Welcome to

The Times of Refreshing

The Times is designed to keep our partners up to date on what's happening with this television ministry, *Times of Refreshing*.

We're confident you'll find this a valuable source of information, providing regular contact from the show host, Craig Buroker, a sneak preview about what's next on the show, and our latest product orders.

We feel that God is using our ministry to impact this nation both as an oasis of God's presence to its viewers and as a trumpet call to Canada's church.

It's important for our partners to stay informed, and that's why we've started **The Times**. If you'd like to write to us, see our contact information at the end of the newsletter. We love to hear from our partners!

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From Pastor Craig's Desk...

As we approach the summer season, it is important to remember a couple of things.

Firstly, summer is the last quarter of the spiritual year which makes it a great time to look back and identify changes and initiatives that God started in your life.

What began last September, October, and November? Has there been a progression of those things since then? For instance, what dreams or desires started last fall? Have you given up on them or forgotten them? Ask God what needs to happen for them to be realized. Then trust Him for the next step in His divine sequence.

Secondly, summer is a great time to reassess values and motivations. For instance, when I was a kid, my Dad owned two construction companies which kept him very busy through all the warm months. I can only remember one time when we did a family summer vacation with Dad along.

When my wife, Anne, and I had our first child, Benjamin, I determined to somehow make sure my children would have holidays with both parents and happy memories of times together at the lake.

For years we scrimped and saved each spring, borrowed tents or tent trailers from friends, stayed with relatives or in cheap

motels, just to be able to have fun in the sun. Sometimes we had to put expenses on the credit card, believing God to pay off the charges that fall.

Not only has this decision given us many great times together that have helped create our wonderful family relationships, it has given both Anne and me a time each year to rest, do fun things and not focus on "being spiritual."

Make sure that you take some time this summer for those things that are so precious. Your marriage, your children, your time to rest. You'll be glad you did.

Be refreshed this summer!

Pastor Craig Buroker



A Sneak Preview... airing July 6 through August 31

Gates & Doors



Have you ever wondered why it sometimes seems so difficult to gain victory over certain attacks of the enemy? Why do certain problems in churches keep repeating themselves, despite changing pastors and people? In this six

part series, Pastor Craig looks at what Jesus said about the gates of hell and how they conflict with God's plan for the church. Can a city or region be delivered from spiritual darkness the same way a person can? This series is an extensive study on how this conflict between good and evil takes place and to what place God is drawing the church in order to see His will done on the earth!

Partner's Prices: On Cassettes: \$27 On CD: \$27 On Video: \$40

Order your copy of these series today! Remember to mention your partnership discount!

All prices are in Canadian Funds, and include shipping and handling. Call 1-8777-8777-87 and have your Visa or Mastercard ready!

KEYS to PERSONAL REFRESHING



I Samuel 30:6 says that "But David encouraged himself in the Lord." How do you keep yourself personally refreshed? What can you do when your devotions seem mechanical instead of alive or

when God seems far away? In this single tape message Pastor Craig shares practical insights from personal experience how to keep your personal relationship with God a vibrant one.

Partner's Prices: On Cassettes: \$7 On CD: \$7 On Video: \$11

Pastor Craig's Itinerary...

June 18 - 20 Church of Abundant Life
5313 - 91 Street, Edmonton, AB
Call Norma at 780-465-7394 for service times and directions.

June 26 - 28 New Life Victory Fellowship
8831 - 90 Avenue, Lac La Biche, AB
nlvfles@telusplanet.net
Call 780-623-7600 for service times and directions.

June 30 - July 3 Dominion Conference at CJIL: The Miracle Channel
450-0310 Street North, Lethbridge, AB
www.miraclechannel.ca
Call 403-380-3399 for more details.

July 4 - 9 Veteran Full Gospel Camp
10 km south of Veteran, AB
Call Betty at 403-575-2128 for details and registration.

July 15 - 18 Inner Peace Pentecostal Camp
5 miles south of Rycroft, AB
(Grande Prairie area)
Visit www.innerpeacecamp.com for info.
Call 780-835-5355 for details and registration.

August 20 - 22 New Life Victory Fellowship
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Call 780-623-7600 for service times and directions.

If you would like to receive updates on Pastor Craig's itinerary by email, please contact us at info@timesofrefreshing.ca.

Would you like to have Pastor Craig minister at your next function?

Please contact our office by phone or email and speak with Mara at info@timesofrefreshing.ca or at 1-8777-8777-87.

Feature Article - Understanding the Anointing

Exerpts from a message by Pastor Craig Buroker

What is the anointing? People say things like “There was such a strong anointing in the service today,” and, “I sure felt the anointing when so-and-so prayed for me.”

For many of us, the significant times God has touched us has been in church. We come up to the altar or somebody prays for us and we get touched. And everybody knows we have been touched, too. People at work can notice a difference in us the next day and there is a measure of joy and life that others can see.

All the things we do in church are for one reason: to allow us to open up individually and corporately for the touching of the Spirit of God.

I believe God wants to touch His people in an even more significant and ongoing way. He desires to relate to us in a way that allows Him to touch us and communicate with us.

How do we come to the place where we are very comfortable in our relationship with God and He can touch us? If we receive an understanding of what the anointing is and how it works, we will be able to flow and relate with God.

What is the anointing? It’s the manifest presence of God. Psalm 139 says God’s presence is everywhere from the heavens to the uttermost parts of the sea, but His presence isn’t manifest or tangible everywhere.

Today we are beginning to see the Spirit of God pour Himself out more and more in a tangible way. The manifest presence of God is God becoming obvious to our senses. This is a whole new thing for most of us. I have to put a caution in here because God does not want us to be led by our senses. But as the Word of God brings stability on one hand, on the other hand the Spirit of God brings freshness. When I pray for people, I do not judge the level of anointing by what kind of physical reaction they have; what I judge is the fruit that results in their lives.

The stronger the presence of God is, the more we are affected by it, even in our senses. There have been times when I have come in contact with an anointing I could literally feel. Sometimes it felt like honey. I remember a time sitting in a chair waiting to share with a group of people and I could not stop shaking. And I am not one who has been particularly sensitive to the anointing.

What does the anointing do? Let’s look in Exodus 30:22-33. This scripture is talking about the anointing oil that the priests used. Oil is a type of the Holy Spirit, and as we see how it was used in the Old Testament, we will also learn things about the Holy Spirit and the anointing in the New Testament.

What was the oil used for? When the oil was put on something or someone, it consecrated them. It dedicated them or set them apart, chosen for the Lord. The anointing oil sanctified that person or object, taking them out from among the common and making them special or holy. When the anointing comes upon us, the first thing it does is it calls us out, sets us apart and dedicates us for the Lord.

The second thing that the anointing does is empower. When a person is anointed, he is not only set apart, but also empowered to do His will. In I Kings 19, God told Elijah to anoint Elisha. Once a prophet was anointed, he began to have visions and revelations. The Lord empowered him to do what His will was for that prophet. Look also at Exodus 29. When the priest was anointed, he was empowered to minister before the Lord and to mediate between God and His people. One more example is when Samuel anointed David in I Samuel 16. All of a sudden, David became set apart, anointed with a king’s anointing and empowered to rule a nation.

In the New Covenant, we have been anointed to be prophets, priests and kings unto God. I Peter 2:9 speaks of us as a royal priesthood, set apart and empowered to proclaim His praises.

How does the anointing work in us? First it affects us spiritually. We feel conviction, peace, or security. This is especially noticeable when we come together corporately and the anointing is stronger than when we are alone.

Second, it affects our emotions. We feel joy, confidence, hope, or fulfillment. People cry at the altar. People laugh in a service. Don’t be scared to laugh or cry. It’s good for you. God is the one who has put His capacity in us to experience emotional responses.

Third, the anointing affects us physically. We may feel heat, electricity or even fall down because of the anointing. Luke 5:17 says the power, or anointing of the Lord was present to heal. Remember the woman with the issue of blood? She was healed physically from the anointing on Jesus. II Chronicles 5 talks about the presence of God coming into the house of the Lord so that priests could not even stand to sing and praise due to the strength of the anointing.

When the anointing begins to flow in a service, I encourage you to let the Holy Spirit touch you. What you’re doing is allowing the Spirit to sanctify you, consecrate you, and empower you to do His will for your life.

The Father wants anoint you. He wants to pour out His Spirit upon you. Right now, begin to call out to the Lord and ask to be touched. Tell Him that you want to receive from His Spirit. Receive His anointing today!

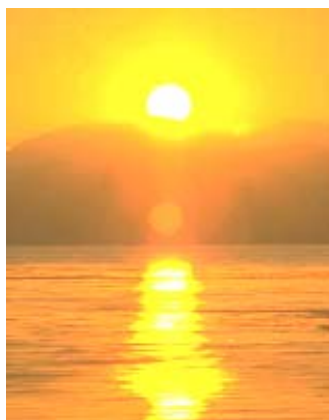


Understanding the Anointing is a two-part message available on audio cassette. Call our office at 1-8777-8777-87 for ordering details.

Latest Product Updates...

Remember to mention your partnership discount when you make your order!

Last Days' Glory



Last days' glory is an exciting series showing the progression of the glory of God through and upon the church as she moves into her greatest hour. Pastor Craig begins with Moses' revelation and moves to expound on the three elements necessary for the glory to abide, the expression of the "glory-ous" church. This series will inspire

you and thrill your heart with a desire to move deeper into God's glory.

Partner's Prices: Audio Set: \$21.60 CD Set: \$21.60
Video Set: \$34.20 (Canadian Funds, includes shipping)

Kingdoms in conflict



May Christians are fearful and unsure about the condition of the world today. What is happening and where is God in the midst of this? In this series Pastor Craig explains from a biblical context how the kingdom of God is displacing both man's and Satan's kingdoms. The key to coming through successfully is recognizing what God is doing and responding to Him the right way.

Partner's Prices: Audio Set: \$21.60 CD Set: \$21.60
Video Set: \$34.20 (Canadian Funds, includes shipping)

Add these resources to your library! Remember to mention your partnership discount!
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Pray for Us...

Some of our partners have committed to pray for our ministry. Below are some things that you can pray for *Times of Refreshing*:

1. **Pray that God's vision** for *Times of Refreshing* would be accomplished:
 - to release His truth and anointing into the nation
 - to touch and help the viewers
2. **Pray for Pastor Craig:**
 - for wisdom and sensitivity to know what God wants to share and for physical stamina and protection from attacks
3. **Pray for finances:**
 - that the program would be completely self-sufficient
4. **Pray for favor:**
 - with our viewers that we may meet our partnership goal
 - that *Times of Refreshing* would be covered with the favor of God and take each step that God reveals.

Thank you for your prayers! If you would like to send us any encouraging insights, feel free to email us at info@timesofrefreshing.ca.

Drop Us a Line...

We love to hear from our partners! Let us know what blesses you from our ministry, and any prayer requests you have so we can stand in agreement with you, or requests for other information you would like to receive. We are praying for a special refreshing for you today! Thank you for your input! Your messages can be given to us at:



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