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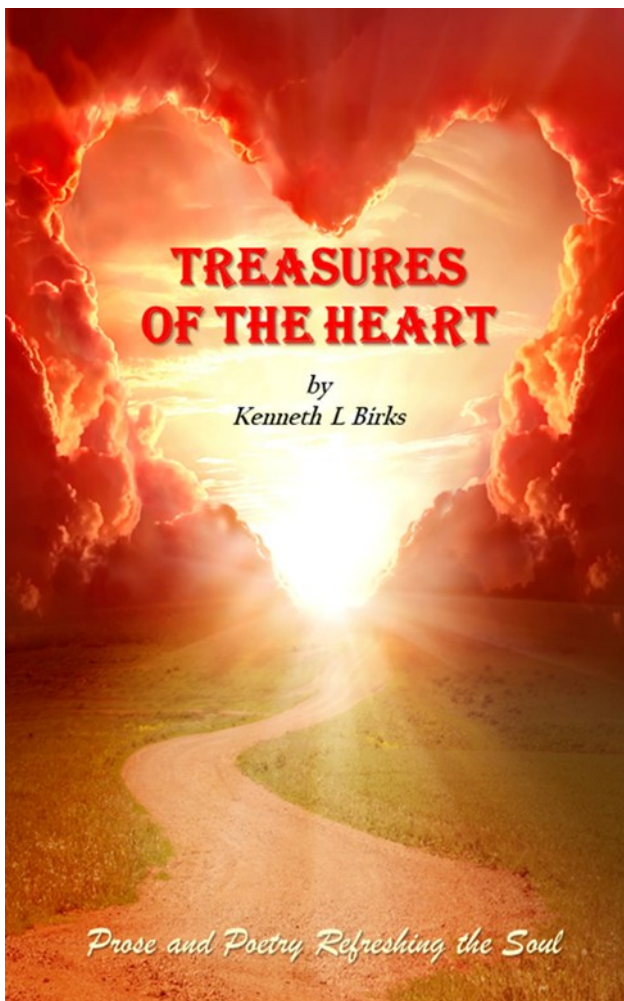
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Featured Item

Treasures of the Heart



The Goodness of God

Psalm 139:17 How precious are Your thoughts to me, O God. How great is the sum of them!

The above Scripture perfectly expresses God's goodness to each of us. The Father fills us with His thoughts toward us, and goodness flows freely from His throne into our lives as we give ourselves wholeheartedly to Him.

One of the greatest joys in life is the birth of a new child coming forth from the womb. When the child is born, the hearts of the new parents fill with gratitude and joy. Their thoughts towards this young child are precious, with goodness and warmth pouring forth from their loving hearts, as expressed by our Father, God.

When we are born again by God's Spirit, our Heavenly Father and all the angels in Heaven rejoice over us. The Father's heart fills with nothing but goodness, love, and warmth toward us. His many thoughts toward us are precious and full of love. As the apple of His eye, His thoughts are full of peace and a future as He plans our ways.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts I think toward you says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

We are encouraged as we grow and mature in His great love. We discover the wonders of His grace and how His goodness continually flows from His heart to ours. As goodness flows into our lives, shame dissipates as He sets us free. Through goodness, He replaces past strongholds with His righteousness, securing us in times of trouble. His goodness acts as a guardrail to keep us safe and protected from all of evil.

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The Goodness of God (Continued)

Nahum 1:7 *The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who trust Him.*

As His goodness fills our hungry hearts, we are filled with insight, revelation, and wisdom as we see through the eyes of His Spirit. Through the Holy Spirit, He gives us the ability to discern every good thing and His wonderful thoughts towards us. With spiritual eyes opened, we perceive His calling and gifts as we work out this great salvation in godly fear as He pours freely into us. As His goodness envelops us, He continually leads us in repentance. The more we understand the goodness of God, the more He draws us into the wonderful treasures from above, He desires to pour into our lives.

Through His goodness, He refreshes our souls daily as we meditate on how great His goodness is. Because He has come into our lives to relieve our weary souls, we place our trust and confidence in Him. He earnestly desires to refresh us daily with His goodness springing forth to all who call upon Him.

As we draw from the wells of His salvation, His goodness pours forth in many ways. He continually satisfies our longing souls and fills our hungry hearts with His goodness. In the process, He heals, delivers, and fills us with hope and encouragement as we go forth into the battles of life. The goodness we experience in this life is a foretaste of all we will encounter in eternity.

1 Corinthians 2:9-10 *But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him." ¹⁰ But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For His Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.*

God promises to reveal everything He has in store for us through His goodness. The Holy Spirit constantly searches the Father's heart for all He desires to pour into our lives from His awesome treasure house, now and throughout eternity. Ask Him to open your eyes to experience the spirit of revelation and His goodness toward you.

To Purchase Ken's Book, "Treasures of the Heart," Click the Link Below or on the book image to the right.

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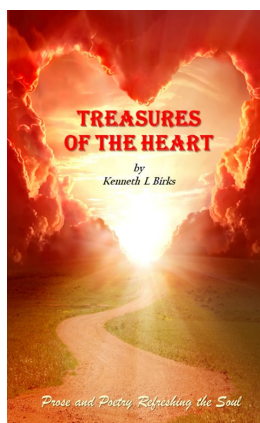


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About Ken's Book

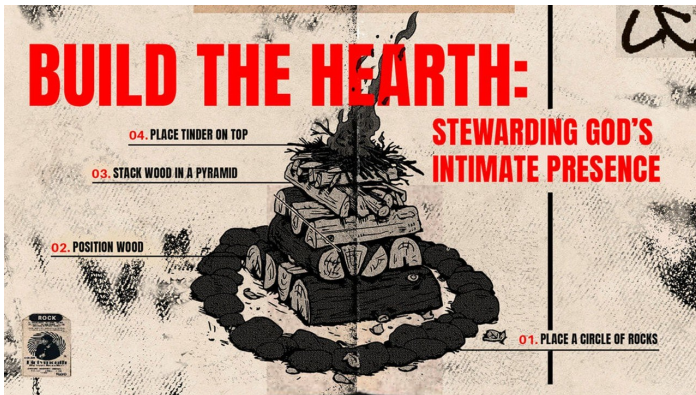


As you read through the devotional prose and poetry found in this book, you will find a beautiful blend of timeless truths fitly applied to today's culture and challenges that fill your heart. The Heavenly insights will challenge you to grow in Christ, enabling you to excel in all that He calls you to be and do.

Each devotional poem stands on its own, but together, they will propel you into a rewarding journey of experiencing the treasures God desires to fill your heart with as you journey through this life. This book's prose and poetry writings are intended to call you away from all that distracts so that your heart can be set on what brings delight to your soul and our Heavenly Father above.

The majestic flow from one poem to the next contains powerful prophetic wisdom and revelation that will fill your hearts and minds with the wonderful treasures God intends you to enjoy. The prose and poetry written here are very Davidic and musical. They will flow like delightful streams of thought with heavenly impartations as you receive encouragement to fulfill all our Heavenly Father has commissioned you to do.

May God bless you richly as you meditate on the Word of God that has been interpreted into Holy impartations of encouragement and blessings through prose and poetry.



Podcast Feature

This message deals with four major stones or biblical principles that produce intimacy with God to build a hearth that transforms God's anointed ones to go forth as flames of fire, fulfilling His Purpose in their lives.

Click Here to Listen to the Podcast

About Ken Birks



Ken Birks is an ordained Pastor/Teacher in the Body of Christ. He functions as an elder and one of the teaching pastors at The Rock of Roseville in California. He also serves as a wedding and funeral officiant in the Sacramento region. Prior to this, Ken was the Lead Pastor of Golden Valley Christian Center, a non-denominational, church in Roseville for twelve years. Ken has been married to his wife, Lydia for 45 years. They have two adult children and consider them their highest calling, along with the many teens and children whom they've been foster parents to over the past 40 years plus.

Website Features

Ken's website located at kenbirks.com has lots of features worth exploring. His website receives around 2000 visitors a week featuring Bible Studies, Sermon Outlines, Devotionals, Podcasts, Devotional Poetry, Books he has written, past Newsletters and more information about him and his testimony as well.



Captivated by God's Love

by Ken Birks

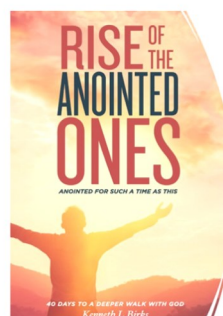
Captivated by Your Love, we cling to You in mercy.
Your blood washing, it cleanses through and through.
In Your enduring love, minds and hearts take captive.
Captivated by Your love, we cling to Your presence.
In You, we embrace strongholds of righteousness.

Captivated by Your love, we come as living sacrifices.
Your will, not ours; we surrender to Your purposes.
Filled with zeal, we dedicate hearts, souls, and minds.
Knowing You fill all in all, we bow to You in submission.
Filled with unfailing love, we go forth in Your Love.

Captivated; we leave behind all traces of ungodliness.
No longer bound by worldliness, consecrated, we pursue.
Your kingdom reigning, transforming thoughts purge.
The smell of darkness gone, new fragrances emerge.
Your fragrance filling everywhere, new life materializes.

Captivated; vision, destiny and purpose converge.
Resurrection power conforming, mightily we emerge.
Knowledge of Your will enlightening, we press hard.
Pressing forward, Your kingdom presence spreads.
Fully embracing the cross, we reach for what's ahead.

Embracing righteousness in captivity, we gain all.
The prize before us, Your love beckons, unrestrained.
Your fullness yet to be revealed; we run, uninhibited.
To be known as You are, we gladly purify ourselves.
Longing for fullness of Your love revealed, we rejoice.



See Ken's 40 Day Devotional Book

Poems included in each Devotional

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Featured Bible Study from Straight Arrow Ministries

The Great Mystery Revealed The Biblical Truth Between Christ and His Church in Relationship to the Rapture and the Second Coming of Christ

The Bible refers to the Second Coming of Christ and the truth concerning Jesus' relationship with His Bride, the Bride of Christ, as a great mystery.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 *Behold, I tell you a mystery: (hidden truth) We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed - in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

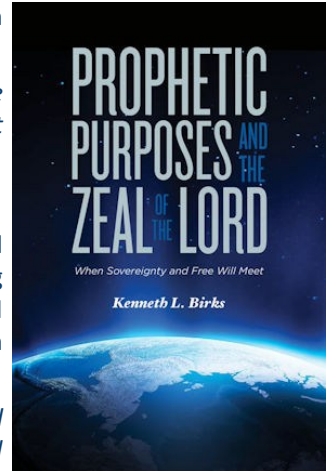
Ephesians 5:32 *This is a great mystery, but I speak concerning Christ and the church.*

There are many key scriptures, thoughts, and words that will enable us to rightly divide the word of truth concerning the timing of the Second Coming of Christ. One of the major keys to unlocking the puzzle of this great mystery concerning Christ and His Church is understanding the timing and events that take place at the last trumpet. If one is to solve this mystery, then one must approach it in the **same way a detective would approach a mystery, which is by looking for clues.**

1 Thessalonians 4:15-17 *For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air...*

In the Book of Revelation, at the sounding of this seventh trumpet by the seventh angel the mystery of God will be finished that He has declared to His servants the prophets. According to Acts 3:20-21 Jesus is being retained in heaven until all that the prophets have spoken since the world began comes to pass. It's at this point that the Bible says everything that has been declared by the prophets is now finished, and Jesus is free to return.

The goal of this study is to approach the subject looking at all the clues found in the scriptures. By putting them together, you will begin to see a clear picture emerging of the Second Coming of Christ and the Church during the Great Tribulation.



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