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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As we enter 2020, God's canvas for the End-Times is being revealed ever more. While the past three months have been challenging for us all, as a family and a ministry, we press on with faith and perseverance, to go further with the Lord. I trust these articles will encourage you to seek His Kingdom with a fervent heart.

We look forward to meeting many of you here in Brisbane next week, for the three day Training School.

Stand firm, in Him.

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The Lighthorse Brigade

it's message to us today



Mark Johnson

As revival breaks out in many places, with no explanation as to why, no one will be able to say, "I started it".

History was made on the 31st October 1917. The battle for Beersheba was to be a three-phase operation, supported by British troops. The first phase was to be a night ride from the wells at Asluj and Khalasa, twenty kilometres to the south in the Sinai, to positions South and South East of the town. In the second phase, the second Australian Light Horse Brigade was to advance to Sakati acting as a cut off force. The First Australian Light Horse and the New Zealand Mounted Rifle Brigade were to capture Tel El Saba. Finally with the road to Tel El Saba

cleared, the ANZAC'S were to storm the town. This however, for various reasons this did not eventuate. This would be a very significant factor in the battle for Beersheba, forcing Chauvel to commit his reserve the Australian Mounted Division.

In a preliminary operation the British were to secure positions to the South West. At Asluj and Khalasa the men of the Desert Mounted Corps watered their horses and filled the canteens, they had to carry three days rations. Despite the great loads the horses carried, the horses

manifest an air of excitement. Smoking was forbidden and talking subdued. The bare hills of the Sinai sounded with the beat of thousands of shod horses, they rode 30 kilometres though the night.

Over 50,000 British troops had tried to take Beersheba and failed. It must be remembered that the capture of Beersheba was vital for the liberation of Jerusalem. With the day on the wane it was now or never, the horses could not go without water another day. The time had come to commit the reserve.

Chauvel issued a decisive order; Beersheba was to be occupied before nightfall. Brigadier Grant of the 4th Light Horse Brigade, and Fitzgerald of the Yeomanry were at headquarters, they pleaded to have the honour of the charge. "Put Grant straight at it" was Chauvel's order.

The 4th and the 12th Light Horse Regiments drew up behind a ridge, some 800 horsemen. From the crest of the hill Beersheba was in full view. The course lay down a

slight slope, which was bare of cover. Between them and the town lay the formidable enemy defences. The 4th was on the right the 12th on the left. They rode with bayonet's in hand. Each drew up on a squadron frontage. Every man knew only a wild desperate charge would have any hope of success, taking Beersheba before dark.

They moved off at the trot, deploying into artillery formation, five metres between each horseman. Almost at once the pace quickened into a gallop. The lead squadrons pressed forward. The 11th Light Horsemen and the



Yeomanry followed at the trot in reserve. The Turks opened fire with artillery, which filled the air with shrapnel; the Light Horsemen began to fall under the withering fire. They



charged on and got under the range of the artillery only to face heavy machine gun fire. The Light Horsemen drove in their spurs and continued the charge, they rode for victory and for the ANZACS.



The charge was so rapid the Turkish troops in the trenches forgot to adjust their sights on their rifles and the Australians were on top of them. The 4th took the trenches with hand to hand fighting. The 12th rode through a gap into the town; again, there was bitter hand to hand fighting with five Turkish troops to one Australian.

Soon the Turks surrendered; others fled the town and were pursued into the Judean hills and rounded up. In less than an hour it was all over. The Australians had done what 50,000 British troops could not. The Desert Mounted Corps

watered their horses at the wells of Beersheba the same wells that Abraham had dug so many years before. The Desert Light Horse had ridden into history.

In December 1917 they then liberated Jerusalem from two centuries of Turkish rule. The Light Horsemen had achieved the impossible, opening the way for the Jewish people to return to their own Land.

A visitation in July 2000

While praying I received a visitation from a Saint from heaven, informing me that the Light Horse Brigade was returning. Up to this time I knew nothing of the Light Horse Brigade, it was not until the next day that I did some research on the Light Horse Brigade. When reading about the battle for Beersheba something within me began to stir, and I am not a person, who is easily moved. I could feel the burden of the Lord and I could feel the emotions of those men who rode into that battle. I could feel the power of that moment in history. As I continued reading, the power



and the presence of the Lord was very real. The awe of that moment overwhelmed me. Jerusalem was about to be liberated, if ever there was a modern day Gideon's army, this was it.

God is again going to cleanse His temple. He is going to call out an army of Light, a chosen people called for this last hour. Called to liberate His people against unbelievable odds. I believe He is preparing this group of people now.

A Hidden People

As I continued to pray about this the Lord showed me that the battle for Beersheba had been relatively hidden, the world did not know about it. It was a prophetic picture of the church today. This was a forerunner of the next move of God. A move in which man would not get the glory. Those used in this next move would be the hidden ones. As revival breaks out in many places, with no explanation as to why, no one will be able to say "I started it". The Lord showed me that there are

many hidden ones who the Lord is dealing with, many are having visitations, revelations, and deep heart searchings in preparation for this last move of God. There is coming a new group of people who will go much further than the church has to date, they have been hidden but are being prepared by God. In some cases these people are not even fully aware of their place in history even as those Light Horsemen were not aware that they were making history.

But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

1 Corinthians 2:9

These people may be sitting in Church not knowing their true destiny, they may be frustrated over the seeming futility of their Christian lives, but they are called and about to be chosen. These people will begin to grow very quickly in the things of God. They will go beyond the boundaries of



church and in some cases be asked to leave their churches, but they will be taught of the Lord. These people may be hidden from the church for some time yet, but they will come forth in their time.

And all thy children [shall be] taught of the LORD; and great [shall be] the peace of thy children.

Isaiah 54:13

If we look at the battle for Beersheba, the Light Horsemen had been separated. They were not initially the main focus of the coming battle, but they sat at the rear until their time came. They were few in numbers but achieved the impossible. They were skilled in hand to hand fighting. They were not a foe to be taken lightly. God is calling a people out; He is waiting for them to have courage to respond beyond the status quo. These people are a hidden people who are now drawing near to God like never before. The time to respond is limited.

Again, he limiteth a certain day, saying in David, To day, after so long a time; as it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Hebrews 4:7

We need to come out of the Church age, and enter the Kingdom age. The Church was raised up to point the way to God, but it has assumed it is *the* way. Seek Him earnestly, obey Him. Respond to Him now, purify your hearts and minds, for the pure in heart will see God. You have an opportunity to be a part of the End-Time Light Horse Brigade.

Don't seek power or position, seek the Lord and be willing to go... and be willing to be hidden.



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Preparations to enter 2020

ACTIVATE DIVINE DISCERNMENT

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God is offering to each of us much higher wisdom, released by the Spirit of God. Now is the time to embrace the Teacher

The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning (the chief and choice part) of Wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is insight and understanding.

Proverbs 9:10 (AMPC)

None of us have the luxury of another forty years around the mountain, of, it's not the right time. It is time to advance with bold confidence and divine discernment of the way.

The gateway leading to the pathway of Divine wisdom is humility and reverence. There are absolutely no shortcuts to acquiring this Godly wisdom. The fountainhead is true, holy, reverential fear of God. But to man He said, Behold, the

reverential and worshipful fear of the Lord—that is Wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding. Job 28:28 (AMPC)

In James 4:6-10 (NKJV), we are warned that God resists the arrogant, but grants grace to the humble:

But He gives more grace. Therefore He says:

“God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy



to gloom. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

James 4:6-10

Ask God with a sincere, humble heart, for wisdom and enlightenment. If we ask in simple, sincere faith, God will liberally bestow this much-needed wisdom.

If any of you is deficient in wisdom, let him ask of the giving God [Who gives] to everyone liberally and ungrudgingly, without reproaching or faultfinding, and it will be given him.

James 1:5 (AMPC)

The humble He guides in justice. And the humble He teaches His way.

Psalms 25:9 (NKJV)

For skillful and godly Wisdom is the principal thing.

Proverbs 4:7 (AMPC)

The benefits and blessings of Divine wisdom are enormous! Godly wisdom produces understanding, which brings prosperity and favor. We're in a season when Wisdom can be found! Wisdom will give us an understanding of the times and revelation of what we should be doing.

And of Issachar, men who had understanding of the times to

know what Israel ought to do, 200 chiefs; and all their kinsmen were under their command.

1 Chronicles 12:32 (AMPC)

Apart from divine wisdom, no one will be able to figure out the future. Human worldly wisdom will not be able to deliver you nor prepare you for a successful future, but godly Wisdom will prepare and equip you for a victorious future. Walking in God's love and light is liberating, Godly Wisdom releases balance and confidence to every spectrum of life.

He who gains Wisdom loves his own life; he who keeps understanding shall prosper and find good.

Proverbs 19:8 (AMPC)

These are days of intense, strong delusion, and deep deception, most of humanity is duped and deluded and deceived, rushing blindly to death and destruction.

Matthew 7:13

However, for the true followers of Christ, the Spirit of God will release Divine discernment and wisdom on a much higher level (John 8:12). Mere human knowledge without Divine Wisdom is worthless; however, knowledge with Divine Wisdom is priceless (Proverbs 8:14).

It will be the people that do know their God that will shine ever



brighter and do great exploits.
Daniel 11:32

The Spirit of God states an exceptionally blunt warning.

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge!

Hosea 4:6

Scripture is not speaking about meager human knowledge, but rather Divine Enlightenment, wisdom from above. This season is not the season to stumble about in the maze of human philosophy; scripture warns us that there is a way that appears right unto man; however, it is the way of death and destruction (Proverbs 14:12).

God is offering to each of us much higher wisdom, released by the Spirit of God. Now is the time to embrace the Teacher (God's Holy Spirit). He alone can guide us into all truth, notice the words of Christ:

But when He, the Spirit of Truth (the Truth-giving Spirit) comes, He will guide you into all the Truth (the whole, full Truth). For He will not speak His own message [on His own authority]; but He will tell whatever He hears [from the Father; He will give the message that has been given to Him], and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].

John 16:13 (AMPC)

The last phrase of John 16:13 is extremely important for our day: and He will announce and declare to you the things that are to come [that will happen in the future].

It would seem that the entire world seeks to know this "what will happen in the future!" As the entire world grows ever darker, we as God's children will be able to shine; this is our time to bask in the revelatory light and illumination of Christ the Light of the World (Isaiah 60:1-3).

It's impossible for the natural mind, without the guidance and illumination of the Holy Spirit, to grasp and understand the ways and working of the Spirit of God. Paul states this fact incredibly clear in his first letter to the church at Corinth.

And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. I was with you in weakness, in fear, and much trembling. And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your



faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. 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." But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so, no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God. These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. For "who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?"

But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2 (NKJV)

As we humble ourselves and seek God with clean hands and a pure heart, the Spirit of Council will release to us the much-needed Divine Wisdom for our day. God desires to release revelation and discernment on a higher level, bringing us out of the confusion and chaos so prevalent and prevailing in our day.

We have entered a season of Divine Light and Wisdom to all that are sincerely seeking to advance the Kingdom of God. We will soon discover that God has opened a wide door of revelation for those that are genuinely hungry for God's holy presence. While ministering recently, I saw what appeared to be a very thin membrane; I asked: "Lord, what is this?" He replied, "it is the veil between the earthly realm and the spirit realm; it is thinner than ever!" Divine strategies, powerful plans are on the way to bring us to a higher level in the realm of the Spirit. The invitation is offered, "come-up here!" (Revelation 4:1).



We are instructed to obtain Godly Wisdom at all cost. Whatever action we must take to acquire this offered wisdom is a must.

Get skillful and godly Wisdom, get understanding (discernment, comprehension, and interpretation); do not forget and do not turn back from the words of my mouth.

Forsake not [Wisdom], and she will keep, defend, and protect you; love her, and she will guard you.

The beginning of Wisdom is: get Wisdom (skillful and godly Wisdom)! [For skillful and godly Wisdom is the principal thing.] And with all you have gotten, get understanding (discernment, comprehension, and interpretation).

Prize Wisdom highly and exalt her, and she will exalt and promote you; she will bring you to honor when you embrace her. She shall give to your head a wreath of gracefulness; a crown of beauty and glory will she deliver to you.

Proverbs 4:5-9 (AMPC)

We are commanded to gain and attain skillful and Godly Wisdom and prize it as a top priority. Christ Jesus states that it is as we seek first His Kingdom

that everything else will be put into proper place (Matthew 6:33). Great advice is released in Proverbs 23:4 (AMPC)

Weary not yourself to be rich; cease from your own [human] wisdom.

Proverbs 23:4 (AMPC)

It is sad to see people seeking after the temporal treasures of this world yet neglecting to give their life to Christ; He alone can give the contentment and peace they are seeking. The peace and protection one seeks is only a prayer away. Ask, and you shall receive, seek, and you will find.

You might ask the question, where do I obtain this much-desired wisdom; this has been the quest and question of mankind throughout human history. The Holy Scriptures reveal, clearly, the answer in Job 28:28 (AMPC)

But to man He said, Behold, the reverential and worshipful fear of the Lord—that is Wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding.

Job 28:28 (AMPC)

Again, and again we are instructed to go after Wisdom;

In the light of the king's countenance is life, and his favor is as a cloud bringing the spring rain. How much better it is to get



skillful and godly Wisdom than gold! And to get understanding is to be chosen rather than silver.

Proverbs 16:15-16 (AMPC)

Without a real relationship with Christ Jesus, mankind cannot find true wisdom; this truth is amplified throughout the Word of God.

The reverent fear and worship of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom and skill [the preceding and the first essential, the prerequisite and the alphabet]; a good understanding, wisdom, and meaning have all those who do [the will of the Lord]. Their praise of Him endures forever.

Psalms 111:10 (AMPC)

The greatest textbook, and operator's manual, on life, is the Holy Bible; within its pages are the insights that will transform your entire outlook on life (Psalms 119:9-11). Take time each day to feed your soul with heaven's manna.

The reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord is the beginning and the principal and choice part of knowledge [its starting point and its essence]; but fools despise

skillful and godly Wisdom, instruction, and discipline.

Proverbs 1:7 (AMPC)

These end-time days demand that we move in a deeper understanding of the ways and workings of God. To receive Godly guidance, embrace the promise of Nehemiah 9:20, God promises to release to us the Spirit of God to guide us.

A good practical exercise is to each day study a chapter in the book of Proverbs you will be surprised at the sound wisdom that will be imparted.

Beloved, My prayer for you and your family is:

May the Lord give you increase more and more, you and your children.

*May you be blessed of the Lord,
Who made heaven and earth!*

Psalms 115:14-15 (AMPC)



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Where is the POWER?

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Where is that level of power that can
turn cities to the Lord?

Throughout the Book of Acts, the church exploded in growth with new converts as a flow of undeniable miracles occurred regularly.

"Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour. And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms from those who entered the temple; who, seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked for alms. And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, "Look at us." So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. Then Peter said, "Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I

give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk." And he took him by the right hand and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God. And all the people saw him walking and praising God. Then they knew that it was he who sat begging alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. Now as the lame man who was healed held on to Peter and John, all the people ran together to them in the porch which is called Solomon's, greatly amazed.

Acts 3:1-10



All the people gathered because of this notable miracle. Peter preached the Gospel (Acts 3:12-26) and the number of those who believed *"came to about five thousand"* (Acts 4:4). Five thousand people were born again in a day! Miracles will cause multitudes to gather and hear the Word of God. Miracles confirm that the Gospel is real. Miracles are essential for effective evangelism on a large scale.

Because of the ongoing flow of power evangelism in the early church, Acts 5:14-16 tells us that

"believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed."

Acts 5:14-16

Where is this power today? Sure, we see occasional healings and miracles in the church, but we are not seeing a flow of notable creative miracles on the level of the Book of Acts that regularly cause thousands to turn to the Lord in a day. Power like that is very rare in the earth today. Why?

Where is that level of power that can turn cities to turn to the Lord? The answer to this question can be found in Luke's Gospel.

"And He (Jesus) said to them, 'Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

Luke 11:5-13

What is the Lord telling us? You



and I have a "friend" who comes to us at midnight. Our "friend" is on a journey. He is hungry. We have nothing to give him. This is a picture of the lost, the brokenhearted, the backslidden and the sick coming to us for help. For them, it is their "midnight" hour and they are starving. They are going through difficulties and are looking to us for answers. We need the POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT to set them free. We currently don't have what it takes to meet their needs! We are lacking the power of God to lead them to the Lord and/or heal/deliver them. Why? It takes the SUPERNATURAL POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. So what do we do?

We go to our "neighbor" to ask for bread. That is a picture of you and me going to the Lord and asking Him to give us "bread" (more anointing/power) so we can meet the needs of those who are in their "midnight" hour and are starving. Jesus said the "bread" in the parable was "the Holy Spirit" (Luke 11:13).

In the parable that Jesus told, the neighbor who was being asked for "three loaves" was reluctant to help. But because the man asking for bread was persistent, Jesus said that his neighbor "will rise and give him AS MANY AS HE NEEDS". Jesus goes on to interpret this parable by saying "how much more will your Heavenly Father GIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT TO THOSE WHO ASK HIM!"

In verse 8 the Lord infers that we will be given as much of the Holy Spirit anointing "as we need". How much do you and I need? It depends upon how desperate we are to reach the lost and broken. If we don't care very much about the lost, broken and needs of others, then we don't need the anointing of the Holy Spirit very much. In the parable, the man who asked his neighbor for "three loaves" was not asking for himself. It was not his own need. He was asking for the need of another.

THIS IS A KEY TO BEING FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT ANOINTING AND POWER: ASKING TO BE FILLED, NOT FOR OURSELVES, BUT SO WE CAN HELP OTHERS.

If we are going to receive "all we need" of the Holy Spirit's power and anointing, then we have to desire to meet other people's needs. In Luke 4 the Lord Jesus reveals the purpose of the Holy Spirit resting upon us.

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, Because He has anointed Me To preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives. And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed; To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord."

Luke 4:18-19



The anointing of the Holy Spirit will rest upon us so that we can:

- 1) preach the Gospel,
- 2) heal broken hearted people, and
- 3) set captives free.

Jesus commanded the church to "GO and preach the Gospel to every creature" and to "make disciples of all nations". When we love God enough to obey this mandate, we become burdened to reach the lost and broken. (If we are not seeking to obey the Great Commission, then we don't need and won't receive the power of the Holy Spirit in great measure.)

When we are burdened and determined to reach the lost and broken, it will drive us to persistent prayer. This will result in fresh baptisms of Holy Spirit fire and power. This kind of burdened prayer is the missing ingredient in the lives and ministries of most churches and believers today. This is why we are not seeing more power.

Acts chapter 4 (vs.1-22) records how the apostles were persecuted and arrested because of the notable miracle that happened to the man at the Gate Beautiful. They were then threatened and commanded not to speak any more in Jesus' Name (Acts 4:17-18). How did the apostles respond? Did they pray "Lord, please protect us from persecution?" "Lord, please

comfort us?" No! *They were not focused on their own needs.* Because they were determined to obey God and reach the lost, they re-gathered with all the saints and prayed for more boldness to preach the Gospel.

"Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, ³⁰by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus."

And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all.

They were all FILLED with the Holy Spirit and GREAT GRACE was on them all. They never prayed "Lord, please fill me. Hold me. Bless me." No! They prayed "God give us boldness so we can obey you and preach to the lost. Grant miracles to make us bold." God answered their prayer by FILLING ALL of them with the Holy Spirit and granting GREAT GRACE on all of them.

It is time to re-visit the Great Commission. It is time to pick



up the burden of the Lord for the lost and broken. It is time to obey God and make it our

aim to preach the Gospel to every creature, making disciples of all nations. It is time to pray as the Lord instructed us in Luke Chapter 8, with perseverance. It is time to pray for boldness and miracles like the believers prayed in Acts Chapter 4. It is time for Holy Spirit Power!

"And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

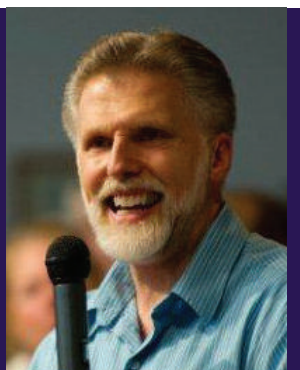
Mark 16:15-18

"But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Matthew 9:36-38

May the Lord bring us, His body, to the place of obedience to the Great Commission. May His burden to reach the lost burn in our hearts until that burden translates into passionate and persistent prayer for Holy Spirit boldness and power. May we be about our Father's business in Jesus' Name.

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THE TIME IS NOW

KENT MATTOX

We are living in the Now moment where anything and everything is possible with God.

A few months ago, for the first time in years, my wife and I were having a short holiday after ministering at a conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. We had spent an entirely lovely day touring the grounds of a stately home that had been built in the 1800s. We were amazed at the detail and work that went into completing the vision for the French style chalet and the grounds. The whole project seemed to have been supernaturally conceived and implemented. The next morning as we were preparing to leave my wife told me that she sensed Holy Spirit speaking to us that we are in a NOW season and that we are walking in unprecedented favor. That was exciting and intriguing because over our thirty-two years of

ministry we have lived and walked in almost unparalleled favor in every endeavor that we have embarked upon.

Does that mean that everything happened exactly the way that we thought it would or that everything came together and was executed without any failures? The answer is of course not, but we have always believed that as God gave instructions and we followed said instructions as best as we had revelation to implement them that God provided everything necessary to manifest the vision. For certain not all outcomes always look exactly as what we have envisioned them but God's great grace and mercy has covered us over these many years.



On Father's Day of 2019 Prophet Draper Smith released this word to our congregation, "The time is NOW!" Isaiah 43:18 instructs us to forget the former things behold NOW I do a new thing. We wholeheartedly embrace the time is now as confirmation for this season in our lives. We know we are in a new cycle and as his words were spoken there was an immediate sense of God's Favor being released into our spiritual and natural atmosphere.

As I mentioned in the introduction to this topic we have really experienced incredible favor throughout our years of ministry. Especially in the early days when we would pray and seemingly supply and provision would come straight to us with the fragrance of heaven still wafting in the atmosphere.

After twenty years of the Lord literally meeting us at every point there did come more time in between answered prayers and it started to seem as if His favor had shifted or perhaps we had missed something in our training manual.

There seemed to be plenty of time for all of the growing in wisdom that the Word teaches us as we waited on the Lord. Recently, the Lord directed me to Psalm 30:5 and said, "Read this, 'His anger is but for a moment but His favor is for a lifetime. Sorrow may endure for

a night but joy comes in the morning.'"

I studied this and realized the psalmist wasn't talking about God's anger, but rather they were having a conversation about David's personal disappointments, trials, difficult circumstances and everything that he was challenged by.

The context of the Psalm is that compared to the favor of God that David's seasons of difficulties seemed like only a moment compared to the many seasons of blessing and favor he had already experienced. When he writes of sorrow enduring for the night, the word sorrow literally means "the length of an overnight guest visit," a sojourner that you would give room for the night just to help them on their way.

Sorrow, pain, disappointments, and trials are not meant to be a normal, everyday part of our lives, but only an overnight guest. These set-backs, no matter what they entail, are meant to be only temporary. In the simplest of terms this scripture literally means sorrow may be an overnight guest, but be encouraged, joy comes in the morning and your guest, sorrow, is leaving. 2 Corinthians 6:9 expounds upon this revelation, "In the day of my favor I heard you; in the day of my salvation I helped you. Now is the time of my favor,



now is the day of salvation." We believe, that as the Body of Christ, we have entered into an unprecedented new season of God's favor.

The Lord has always given us strategies for a ten year season. The Hebrew word for ten is yod. The number ten also speaks of God's completeness, quorum, God's order, and base number. We believe that our sorrow, an overnight guest has departed and great joy and favor has come to abide with us as we continue to seek the Lord and establish His Kingdom on Earth and we are entering into a brand new season full of favor, creativity, abundance and above all, joy.

I love this prophetic word from several years ago as it seems so appropriate for the season we are in now:

This is an amazing season where the double and even quadruple portion of God comes of Him entering into those with an open door to the Lord, and thus He overflows bringing nourishment, creative miracles, rest, and transformation (favor). It is also where the Apostolic release will be manifested in a greater order (and in all His kingdom not just in the Church). The grace of God that brings an overflow of Him, Jesus Christ in us and His church, and thus being a sanctuary and answer in the season of war. A

true place of rest, perhaps even from the season of war, where the battle strategy is to rest in Him. Watch for the King of kings entering (and coming with His sword). Expect to see a renewed call to gather and watch for His return, and hearts of God's people (Israel and perhaps even the Church) opened to receive a mighty move of God to enter into our realm as preparation for Christ's return. In this season we will see the grace of God bringing an overflow of Him in us and His church, thus being a sanctuary and answer in the season of war. A true place of rest, and a season of rest from war.

In summation this is what we are expecting to manifest as the favor of God in our realm as the year where the Lord enters into our heart, His house in a new and fresh way and that the Lord's favor will overflow in us:

- The double portion
- The Lord entering every heart
- An overflow and double portion of the Lord in us
- Nourishment and food
- An end of war and warring for nourishment
- The sword of the Lord (in the natural and spiritual), with the Sword of God (His word) triumphant
- Christ (who bore our sins in His body on the Cross of Calvary) is watching over His word to



perform it, and to see His Holy Spirit visit, invade, and fill His house and His people

- Rest and resting in the Lord
- Where the House of God is the refuge from war, and whose prayers counter war
- God entering into the open doors (of our heart and life, and those who open their churches and businesses to Him) in answer prayer and worship
- Creative miracles
- Prophetic overflow
- Transformation into the call of creation
- Apostolic release

We are in a new season of joy and sorrow has departed. We are living in the Now moment where anything and everything is possible with God. Talk to Him just as King David did and let Him know what's in your heart and mind.

I assure you He is there waiting, willing and ready to act on your behalf and to move you from a season of disappointment, despair, dejection and depression to His seasons of great blessing and favor.

You just have to be willing to go.

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Preparing for the Coming Move of God

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When we move with the power of God, we will be positioned exactly where the Lord of the Harvest wants us.

In the day of Pentecost, the disciples experienced a huge move of the Holy Spirit, the likes of which had never been seen before. Acts 2 describes how approximately 3,000 were added to their number in a day. In recent history, we have seen moves of God that have touched thousands, including:

- The Welsh Revival (1904-1905)
- Azusa Street (1906-1915)
- The Hebridean Revival (1949-1952)
- Argentinian Revival (1949-1968)
- Brownsville (1995-2000)

However, these moves of God were typically not sustained, and while impacting many thousands of people, and

generations to come, some are now just a distant memory or a point in history. When did we last see a sustained move of God in our lifetime? More to the point, when did your “shadow” last heal a cripple lying in the streets?

We can read and study the healing revival that was seen through people such as Alexander Dowie; John G Lake; William Branham; TL Osborn; Kathryn Kuhlman; Aimee Semple McPherson; AA Allen; Jack Coe; Oral Roberts but to name a few.

Having studied these amazing moves of God, my wife and I began to pursue power evangelism with healing, signs and wonders over a number of years, taking teams out to



Uganda, Nepal, France and Germany and here in the UK. We all experienced a measure of the miraculous: the blind seeing, cripples walking, cancerous tumors disappearing, and yes we loved what we saw, but we knew then, and are even more convinced now that there is more.

In this article I want to share a glimpse of this incredible move of God that will eclipse all the revivals that we have so far experienced or even read about.

People of God! A massive move of God is on the horizon!

As a student of Biblical prophecies, you will no doubt be familiar with the letters written to the Seven Churches in the Book of Revelation, and how the parables taught by Jesus in Mathew 13: 1-50 relate to 7 Church Ages. In fact, Neville Johnson expanded on this in a number of teaching videos in the Word for the Week (Episodes 18-25), which I recommend you listen to, if you haven't already.

"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write, 'These things says the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God: "I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.

Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'—and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked—

I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne.

"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

Revelation 3:14-22

The invitation is given to everyone living during this Laodicean church age to overcome, and to buy from Jesus gold that is refined in the fire, white garments and eye salve to see. Without true repentance and humility, a large number of today's professing believers will find themselves on the outside looking in.

The final parable that Jesus tells in Mathew 13 points



towards the two harvests at the end of the [Laodicean] age. Let's have a look:

The Parable of the Dragnet

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet that was cast into the sea and gathered some of every kind, 48 which, when it was full, they drew to shore; and they sat down and gathered the good into vessels, but threw the bad away. 49 So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come forth, separate the wicked from among the just, 50 and cast them into the furnace of fire. There will be wailing and gnashing of teeth.

Matthew 13:47-48

The Two Harvests

There is coming at the end of this age, two large harvests where both the good and bad will be brought in. We are already seeing a massive rise in wickedness, which is being widely accepted and even approved of by mainstream society, and even the established church (but not by the True Church). Laws are being changed to accommodate wickedness. We are told that the angels will do the separating and sorting of the good from the bad. So let's focus here on the good harvest that's coming in.

The First Church Age Harvest

There are two specific catches of fish noted in the Scriptures, one at the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry and one at the end.

These two catches prophetically describe two moves of God bringing in two harvests of souls. The catch at the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry represents the first church age harvest, which began at Pentecost in the book of Acts and was nearly lost.

When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch."

But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master, we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless at Your word I will let down the net." And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and their net was breaking. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink.

Luke 5:4-7

Note that the net was breaking, and that the quantity of fish caught caused both boats to begin sinking. The catch was nearly lost. What followed the first church age was a period of a thousand years without the Word of God, and without the gifts of the Holy Spirit being in operation throughout the church of the day. This historical age is called "The Dark Ages".

The Last Church Age Harvest

As demonstrated in the final



catch of fish recorded in John 21, which was at the end of Jesus' earthly ministry, not one fish was lost! We are going to witness and participate in a move of God, which by the power of the Holy Spirit will eclipse what we have so far seen. This move of God will come upon His remnant company of people, where the 'greater works' Jesus refers to in John 14:12 will be common place.

He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn.

John 21:5-11

I believe there will be an unprecedented flow of evangelism in the nations, as never seen before. This is where the Holy Spirit will anoint and empower a group of people who have overcome the world, who follow the Lamb wherever He goes, and a people who love their lives not even unto death. (Revelation 14:4, 12:11)

These character traits of a people undone for Jesus, fly in the face of the spirit of the Laodicean age. To qualify for this, our character must measure up to the anointing that is coming. How much of Christlikeness do people see in us, are we living a crucified life and do we no longer live? Galatians 2:20. What we must do, is live that crucified life, surrendering to the leadership and Lordship of Jesus.

Some years ago I had a marvelous experience with the Lord while I was sleeping. Whether in the body or not, I cannot tell, but it seemed utterly physical to me. I was taken out of my bed, pulled by my wrist through the roof of my house. I was led through the skies and I felt the dew and damp of the atmosphere on my face and chest. I was taken to a distant shore and told by the Lord Jesus: "Look for the wave". I looked around and so many others in the water were sitting on their surf boards, waiting for the



'big wave'. I realised however that I had no surf board, I felt like a novice in comparison!

I looked and saw a wave coming towards me, and I knew that this was the wave I had to catch. On the surface however, it was not impressively large, but the power lay beneath the surface. I shouted out to everyone "this is the wave!"

I started swimming to catch the wave. Immediately the wave caught me and propelled me on top of the water at incredible speed, so that I could hear and feel my thighs slapping on the water. I remember holding my breath with no chance to raise my head up to see where I was going. I thought to myself "Wow, I'm just going to plough right into the beach!" Then I was lifted out of the water and planted on my feet. There were numerous people on the beach that were in awe of what they had just witnessed, and started to come

towards me.

There are two main points I want to highlight here:

1) Everyone was looking for the 'big wave', and yet the powerful wave was just beneath the surface. Let's have discernment and truly be Spirit led about the coming move of God! If we are led merely by experience, we could miss what God is doing!

2) When we move WITH the power of God, we will be positioned exactly where the Lord of the Harvest wants us to be, and we will see that harvest come in!

And Joshua said to the people, "Sanctify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you."

Joshua 3:5

**Saints, get yourselves ready!
What the Lord is going to do
amongst us is absolutely glorious!**



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The Truth *about* GIVING

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Clearly, where your treasure is, so is your heart!

1 Chronicles 29:10-19 "Wherefore David blessed the Lord before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of

thee, and of thine own have we given thee. For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own. I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee. O Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee: And give unto



Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision."

I got saved in the early 70's and I can remember from my first experience in church that there seemed to be an inordinate focus most of the time on finances. At times, most of the service would be given over to 'encouraging' the people to give sacrificially and when you do, expect a good return on your giving.

Whole ministries were founded on the concept of 'give to get', telling us that if you give to a certain ministry you will be more blessed than if you give somewhere else. We were even told that if we had a physical need and gave a specific amount our prayers would be heard, and we would be healed.

This twisting of scripture and gifting has continued to this day and in some cases has grown worse. I call it the "Gospel of Mammon."

Clearly, where your treasure is so is your heart!

For years I would test the spiritual condition of churches I would minister in. I would share testimonies of salvations, visitations, healings and restorations. Most of the time I would receive a measured

amen or Praise the Lord for these testimonies.

Then I would share a testimony of a financial miracle or breakthrough and every single time, the raucous loud clapping, cheering and 'amening' would reverberate throughout the church! It was a sad display of the condition and focus of the hearts of God's people.

The scripture above gives us a clear picture of the purpose of giving – to build the Temple of the LORD.

In verse 11 we find that David indicates that ALL that is in heaven and in the earth is the Lord's. Verse 12 continues stating that both riches and honor come from Him, and He reigns over all.

The first thing we need to understand is that as believers, everything we have is His! We have been bought with a price – the blood of Jesus. When we entered into that covenantal agreement, we committed ourselves and all that we have to Him for the purposes of the Kingdom.

As such, we now become stewards of anything materially that comes into our lives realizing that we own nothing – it belongs to the Lord. There should be no need to ever coerce or pressure God's people to give! As stewards over the resources He has placed in our hands we



have a responsibility to hear His voice and obey Him in the area of giving.

Look at David's expression of humility and awe at the privilege of giving to the Lord for the building of His temple, "But who am I, and what are my people, that we should retain strength and be able to offer thus so willingly? For all things come from You, and out of Your own [hand] we have given You. For we are strangers before You, and sojourners, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope or expectation of remaining.

O Lord our God, all this store that we have prepared to build You a house for Your holy Name and the token of Your presence comes from Your hand, and is all Your own.

I know also, my God, that You try the heart and delight in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things. And now I have seen with joy Your people who are present here offer voluntarily and freely to You."

1 Chronicles 29:14-17 AMP

David, and his people counted it a privilege to give! It was an honor to them, and they fully realized, repeatedly, what they were giving was already the Lord's.

Today, the temple is defined by Paul in 1 Corinthians 6:19 which

says,

What? Know you not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which you have of God, and you are not your own?

1 Corinthians 6:19

When we give to the Lord that which already belongs to Him we are giving towards the 'building' of the temple – the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit. That temple is people! Our purpose is to fulfill the great commission – to fill up the full measure of people that are Christ's inheritance!

Part of the failure of the church is we have not had our focus on the real goal – building His Temple! We are not called to help build a man's kingdom or ministry – but the Kingdom of God.

We are commanded to be obedient to His voice and do as He says. We have reached an hour where the Remnant are awakening to the reality of Kingdom Life with the understanding of the transitory nature of this earthly realm. Revelation is beginning to transform how we conduct ourselves and how we can fully engage in the Kingdom Life we were born into.

Part of this transition is the understanding of the abundance of resources that are available to the believer



as part of our covenant. We have access to the wealth of our King!

With this understanding a shift is taking place where we begin to conduct ourselves as the true heirs we are – not impoverished and malnourished but living an abundant life. We give freely and joyfully without even being asked because we are part of a Royal Family that has more than enough!

In the days ahead those who have come to realize and walk in the resources of the Kingdom will be positioned as end time

Joseph's to help the multitudes who lack.

I've had a dream, a vision that in the days ahead we will come to the place where we have to actually tell the saints to stop giving! We have enough to complete this mission. We will not be taking anymore offerings for this project or conference.

We will only come to this place when we begin to realize what we truly have in Christ – every need is supplied, every request is answered, every debt is paid, because we ARE sons and daughters of the King!



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2020

YEAR OF PREPERATION

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One year has been appointed for us.
What is this one year count?

The Word of the Lord came to me on December 21, 2019, for 2020.

The Lord Jesus said, "2020 is a Year of Preparation." From 2021 onward, great and dangerous events are going to take place in this world; it is going to be the beginning of times of great persecution and trials. Many things that were prophesied concerning the end-times would begin to take place in large-scale all over the world.

So, one year—2020 has been appointed for the Body of Christ to prepare itself for that which is coming from 2021 onwards. Remnant saints of God, note this: 2020 is a year of preparation! One year has been appointed for us. What is this one year count?

1. A Year Is Appointed

He also spoke this parable: "A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none.

Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, 'Look, for three years I have

come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?'

But he answered and said to him, 'Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it.

And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.'"

LUKE 13:6-9

In this parable narrated by the Lord Jesus, a certain man planted a vineyard and he also planted a fig tree there. During every harvest season, he came looking for fruit on the fig tree and found none. For three long years, he came regularly looking for fruits and he found none. So, in the third year, he told the gardener, this fig tree is not bearing fruits at all, cut it down and throw it away and plant another tree in its place.

On hearing that, the gardener who has been tenderly tending to the vineyard all these years fell at the owner's feet and said, 'Sir, I've been looking after this tree for three years,



I'm sorry it's not bearing fruit. But give me one more year to tend it well. Let me fertilize the tree well. I will try to make it fruitful. And if it bears fruit at the end of the one year, it shall be good, but, if it doesn't, then I will cut down this tree as you had commanded.

Please observe the owner of the vineyard's attitude here carefully: *he granted a one-year grace period.* One year to prepare the tree to bear fruit. Likewise, the Lord Jesus Christ counsels you: *in this one year —2020, prepare yourselves to bring forth fruits.* Let us read of another incident mentioned in Mark 11:12-14.

Now the next day, when they had come out from Bethany, He was hungry.

And seeing from afar a fig tree having leaves, He went to see if perhaps He would find something on it. When He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.

In response Jesus said to it, "Let no one eat fruit from you ever again." And His disciples heard it.

Mark 11:12-14

The Lord Jesus was very hungry and came to the fig tree looking for fruits but He only found leaves. Disappointed, He cursed the tree, which soon withered and dried up. Why did the Lord Jesus curse that tree? A person should chiefly bear fruits and not just leaves. Leaves are works – don't just do works of the ministry, but rather you should bring forth fruit. There should be fruit in your ministry. There should be fruit in your life. You should not just go about doing many works. Are you bearing forth fruit? How to bear fruit? In John 15:4, the Lord Jesus said, if we abide in Him, we shall bear fruit. If you do not abide in Him you will only bear leaves. You can be a good preacher, you can be a good teacher, you can be a good prophet, and even be a good evangelist. All these are leaves. But the Lord Jesus said, "Bear

fruit." Even the apostle Paul said, "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account" (Phil 4:17, KJV). The fruit is the result of a transformed life. It is what comes from within. And the thing that's from within can only come if you as a branch are yoked to the main tree (Jn 15:4).

The Lord Jesus told me—while preaching this message live on TV on Jan 1, 2020, that there are many branches—believers that are not bringing fruit, but only leaves which will be cut off this year. The Lord has given you time after time, the opportunity to bring forth fruit. The fruit that God expects and demands in your life is a *transformed life*. The Lord Jesus said, "bring forth fruits, and not leaves." This year—2020 – one year of grace. If leaves continue to be found on your tree then that branch will be cut off. Bring forth fruit.

I hear the Lord Jesus say, "They are many false liars in the Body of Christ. Pretenders – those who pretend to be believers, and pretending to serve God. You will be cut off this year unless you bring forth fruit worthy of a transformed life. If you continue in the works of thieving, if you continue in the hypocritical life, if you continue in the pretentious life, be warned today, you will be cut and thrown into the fire."

God cannot be mocked (Gal 6:7). God cannot be fooled. He is a good God, abundant in goodness, slow to anger, great in kindness. At the same time, He is a righteous God, holy God. Whatever weaknesses there are in your life, whatever sin that keeps on tripping you over and over again, each time you fall, you cry to God asking for forgiveness. Time after time He has been gracious to forgive you. But in this year, He is saying to you, "Put that sin to death, crucify that flesh, mortify those deeds of the flesh in this year. It cannot continue any



longer. If you allow it to continue, then the ax of the Lord will come and lay to the root of the tree to cut it (Lk 3:9). This is a year of preparation; bring forth fruits and not leaves.

2. Daniel 4.

God shows King Nebuchadnezzar a dream. He saw a great tree and many birds come and make their home in the tree. As he was looking at the tree, a Watcher—saint came from heaven and cut the tree down. King Nebuchadnezzar obviously didn't understand the dream. He had the prophet Daniel brought in to interpret the dream. The prophet Daniel told him, "You are the great Tree. You are full of pride. It is God who prospered you, it's God who strengthened you to become a mighty warrior to conquer many nations. But you had forgotten that and had allowed pride to get into your heart. The king began to tremble as he heard the prophet Daniel's interpretation. The prophet Daniel then gave the king a word of counsel: Therefore, O king, let my advice be acceptable to you; break off your sins by *being* righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to *the* poor. Perhaps there may be a lengthening of your prosperity" (Dan 4:27).

Did King Nebuchadnezzar pay heed to those words of counsel? Exactly on the 365th day—one year from the day of the dream, King Nebuchadnezzar, while walking in his palace, and seeing its greatness, with great pomp and great pride, said, "This is the great palace that I have created." As soon as he said those words, a voice came down from heaven saying, "You are cut off." He was given exactly one year to repent. One year to prepare to bring forth fruits of repentance. He did not, and he was cast out.

3. Deuteronomy 24:5

"When a man has taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war or be charged

with any business; he shall be free at home one year, and bring happiness to his wife whom he has taken.

Deuteronomy 24:5

The Lord gave counsel to the prophet Moses concerning newly married men. When a man is newly married, he is given a *one-year* leave of absence from military duty. God gives a newly married man to prepare to build his home during a one-year period and to enjoy his life with his new bride.

Remnant saints, God is giving us one year to prepare. Three scriptural proofs have been given to validate it. 2020 is the Year of Preparation. Why prepare? What is coming ahead? These are a few things that are coming ahead for which God wants you to start preparing beginning from this year. What are they?

1. Dangerous And Perilous Times

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come:

2 Timothy 3:1

Dangerous and perilous times of tribulation are coming soon. Therefore, the Lord says, "My people should be prepared for that." The apostle Paul warned in his writing in the first century that perilous days will come in the last days. Those days – last days, are near to us now. Perilous days are at our doorstep. Therefore, prepare for the perilous and dangerous times that are coming.

Since perilous days are coming, prepare your faith. The Lord Jesus warned the Jewish people in Matthew 24:16-20, "When you see Jerusalem surrounded all around, flee." You must have the strength to flee. Running up the mountain requires physical strength. Do not take this lightly. Do not listen to any false teachers or false prophets or false pastors who say such things will never take place. The Lord Jesus told His disciples, and



even the apostle Paul warned that false teachers will come, false wolves will come, and scatter you and bring divisive teachings in your midst.

Remnant saints of God, let your faith be grounded in the Word of God. Give due diligence to the study of the Word of God like never before. Be like the Christians of Berea who studied the Word of God to discern if every teaching is right or wrong (Acts 17:10-11). There are already many false teachers, and false prophets presently in the world who are conducting devious teachings in the Body of Christ. These are the times when heretical teachings are no longer stealthily but boldly creeping into the Body of Christ today.

2. Prepare To Flee From The Wrath To Come

Then he said to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?"

Luke 3:7

We must prepare to flee from the days of wrath that are soon coming upon all the earth. The wrath of God is going to manifest soon. We read in the Book of Revelation where the apostle John saw seven special angels in heaven and they were given bowls bearing plagues of the wrath of God (Rev 15:6-7). And then, we read in Revelation 16 that each of the seven angels goes into seven different directions to pour out the wrath of God upon the Earth. Great times of tribulation comes upon the whole world.

How can we prepare ourselves to flee from the wrath to come? One way is to bear fruits worthy of repentance (Lk 3:8). When you bring forth fruits worthy of repentance you will be spared and protected from the wrath to come. The Bible also tells us the righteous shall be hidden in the times and days of wrath (Ps 27:5). Consider for example

this incident mentioned in Jeremiah 36:26: "And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king's son, Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to seize Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet, but the LORD hid them."

The king gave the order for Baruch, the servant of Jeremiah and for the prophet Jeremiah to be arrested but the Lord hid them. The Lord protected them from the wrath to come. This is amazing. We also read in the gospels of the three occasions when the Lord Jesus Himself was hidden from the Jews who sought to kill Him (Lk 4:24-30; Jn 8:59; 10:38-40). The righteous will be hidden in the days of wrath. The Bible further assures us God will hide preserve us from the wrath to come (Ps 32:7; Isa 14:2).

3. Prepare To Meet God

The Lord Jesus told a parable concerning a very rich man who cared for nothing except for his riches (Lk 12:16-21). He had lots of riches, and his business was flourishing. So, he said to himself: *let me expand my business by building more storages*. And he said he to himself one night, after a great dinner before he went to bed: *O, my soul, I have so much of riches, I don't need to work anymore*. That night God spoke to him, "Oh you good fool, tonight you will die, what will then happen to all your riches? You prepared yourself with great riches, but you did not prepare your soul to meet the living God."

Once I conducted a healing crusade in Gangtok, Sikkim in 1988. While I was preaching, the Lord showed me, one particular man, in the meeting said, "Tell him, today you will see the glory of God." He was in his 50's. So, I pointed my hand at that particular man and gave him the Word of the Lord. When he came home, he called all his children and grandchildren and narrated to them all the wonderful



things that he witnessed in the meeting. He shared with them all the testimonies of God's miracle-working power in the meeting. He then told everyone to live righteous lives so that all of them will enter into the kingdom of God. He spoke to all his family up to 2 o'clock in the morning. After which all went to sleep. At about 6 o'clock in the morning, his wife woke him up for a cup of tea. But he never woke up. He went home to be with the Lord in his sleep. When I gave the Word, "You will see the glory of God tonight," his soul was prepared to meet his Redeemer. So prepare to meet the Lord your God.

4. Prepare To See & Participate In God's Glory

And the Lord said to Moses, "Behold, I come to you in the thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with you, and believe you forever." So Moses told the words of the people to the Lord.

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Go to the people and consecrate them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes."

Exodus 19:9-10

Prepare to see the glory of God and participate in it. As the Israelites prepared themselves to see the glory of God, likewise, we should prepare ourselves to see the coming great

move of the glory of God. Not only to see but also to participate in it. The Bible tells us that in the last days God will pour out His glory in a great manner (Hag 2:8-9). The glory will be so great that it cannot be compared to any past moves of God's glory. Why is that so? Because the glory of the last days will be seven times greater than all the past glories (Isa 30:26).

What is the seven-fold glory? One, the Seven Spirits of God (Isa 11:2; Rev 1:4; 4:5). The seven spirits of God are the seven power manifestations of the Holy Spirit. For more information about these seven spirits of God, please read my eBook *On Wings of Eagle & Dove* available from www.jesusministries.org/webstore. Two, the Seven Horns of the Lamb of God (Rev 5:6). What are the seven horns? Again, I recommend you to read my eBook *The Seven Horns Anointing*. These are the seven-fold glory of God that is going to manifest in these last days. So, prepare to receive the seven-fold glory of God. Don't just sit on the stands to see others working the works of God. God is calling you to be a participator.

The Lord said, "Use this one year—2020 that I have given you to prepare yourself and strengthen yourself. From this day till the end of this year, prepare." How to prepare? Be rooted and planted in the Lord. Strengthen your relationship with the Lord Jesus. Be grounded in the Word of God? Fill your heart with the Word of God (Col 3:16).

Prepare by strengthening your relationship with the Lord Jesus. Ground yourself in the Word of God. When you do these two then the roots of your faith will go deep down to anchor in the ground of your spirit. And then, no matter what kind of severe winds of persecution will blow you will never fall.

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