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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

With the end of this year drawing closer, normal church life is still not normal. The 2020 storm that hit the world has not let up. Even with uncertainty of where to go next, God's plans are still in operation. We just need to hold onto Him and weather the storm to its end. He really does have all the answers.

Be encouraged as you read these articles, be prepared to move as the Lord leads His people into new territory.

Stay strong and trust in the Lord.

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THE NEW CHURCH

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We are moving into a new age and if we strive to go back to the old way "church" operated, we will miss this next move of God

2020 has seen the catch phrase "The new norm", what does "the new norm" Church look like? Currently public meetings have closed turning into Zoom meeting, online streaming, online conferences etc. Is this the new church? - Well, yes and no, but it is part of something God is putting in place in preparation for the End-Times. The Body of Christ needs to embrace and move with what God is doing. We are moving into a new age and if we strive to go back to the old way "church" operated, we will miss this next move of God.

I was reminded just recently about something the Lord reveled to me in 2016. The one word that spoke to me was "resistance", and the inference was the French Resistance from WW2. Resistance against what? satans kingdom rule, his world system that is being implemented world wide.

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

Be sober-minded and alert. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9Resist him, standing firm in your faith and in the knowledge that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

1 Peter 5:8-9

Satan will eventually have control of the banks, government and religion. Once this happens he will gain total control of this planet. We currently live in an occupied world.

We know that we are of God, and that the whole world is under the power of the evil one.

1 John 5:19

We must resist both the spiritual and physical realms, including governmental policies that oppose God. As satan takes more control of this world it will become increasingly more difficult to live from God's Kingdom whilst in this world. So how

do we proceed in the coming days?

The New Testament Church

The early New Testament Church did not have a temple. They didn't need one because they were the Church, as you are the Church (The Body of Christ).

Do you not know that you yourselves are God's temple, and that God's Spirit dwells in you?

1 Corinthians 3:16

They gathered in homes, and what did they do in their homes?

Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

1 Corinthians 14:26

What did they do? They built each other up, worshipped the Lord, received revelation, spoke in tongues and had teaching. Putting this together with what the Lord revealed to me in 2016, it paints a picture of the End-Time Church, a resistance cell. If you don't like the sound of that you can call it a cell group, house church, underground church. Personally I prefer calling it a resistance as it gives it a mindset of we are resisting satans kingdom, while building Gods' Kingdom.

I believe this is a pattern we must start to transition to and we have already seen this happen in part. God has seen to it that we can no longer meet in church buildings, rather from our homes. We must continue down this path of gatherings of like minded people in homes. This does not mean we don't connect to a larger community, this is already happening too via online streaming but as restrictions ease, in large gatherings as

well, that is until we see the total world wide shut down of Christianity, but we must keep the main thing the main thing; Jesus as central. Remember what we read in James 4:7

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

Submit to God, then the devil will flee.

Warfare and Revival

Spiritual warfare is needed desperately in this world. An understanding of the enemy tactics, the leading of the Holy Spirit and people willing to fight is what is needed. Within this mindset of a resistance cell we can engage the enemy on multiply fronts. Tie up their forces on a battle ground that is orchestrated by the Lord.

In preparation for one spiritual warfare meeting we were planning, the Lord revealed the enemy had sent for re-enforcements. In response we stood against it, not letting the enemy gain additional numbers. We, in turn reached out to another church and asked for them to send us re-enforcements!

The enemy has limited resources, we need to take advantage of that, so here is a new strategy. With multiple resistance cells we can attack multiple targets at once. Therefore tying up the enemy's resources. The Lord is very capable of orchestrating this without our knowledge as a single offensive. This in turn sets people free for a break out of revival, that no single church can claim "revival started here". God receiving all the glory, not a church or denomination, but God.

Let me be very clear here, this must be set in motion by the Lord, we don't go out and attack the enemy because we want to. He is our commander



and chief, we must follow His orders, we must make ourselves ready and make ourselves available.

One World Government

A One World Government is where we are heading. Once this system is in place every religion will have to comply to the One World Religion. The Bible will be "Updated", Jesus won't be central, churches will have to submit and I can guarantee, some Christian churches will comply. However, how does the Chinese underground church survive? In secret, lead by the Holy Spirit.

The French Resistance cells worked because they met in secret, they were careful who they talked with and let into the network. You might be surprised to know that most churches that are moving in God will be, will have been or are infiltrated by

the enemy. As leaders you will need discernment to make sure the people who are in places of importance (worship, intercessor, warriors etc.) have not been planted. This is not a conspiracy theory but fact, as we have experienced firsthand.

Without going into too much detail, a very high ranking occultist infiltrated a church we had connections with, becoming part of the music team. The Lord revealed who this person was in due time and opened our eyes to how satan was working.

Let me end with a prophetic vision that I encourage you to read. The vision echoes this message you have just read and is available on our web site.

[The Body of Christ and the End-Time Ministries by Tommy Hicks](#)



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CHURCH OR EKKLESIA

The Ekklesia in the New Testament is a group of people who have been called out of the world and to God

On January 3, 2018 I had a very vivid dream that I was standing on a platform with a man I did not know and several prophets that I did.

The individual I did not know and I were exchanging jackets and in the dream I took this to mean that we were exchanging mantles and impartations. As I awoke I asked God what the dream meant and who the man was. The Lord said, "His name is Ed Silvano." I wrote the name down and the next morning I called one of the prophets in the dream and told him of the dream and inquired about the man. He told me they were friends and had been for years. Within a few weeks Ed Silvano was at Word Alive and we began to understand what his mission and vision is.

Functioning as marketplace ministers as the Ekklesia (or Ecclesia) is the revelation that we have been lacking and understanding that Ed's mandate is to break the barrier between the walls of the church and permeate mainstream culture as the

church resonated with us in our spirits. Learning more about this concept and culture opened our eyes to this: the Greek word Ekklesia was translated in the New Testament as church. It comes from ek, meaning, out from and to and kaleo, meaning to call, and has to do with a group of people called out from one place to another. It is an assembly or a congregation. The Ekklesia in the New Testament is a group of people who have been called out of the world and to God; the Ekklesia is the church. Ekklesia is not a Christian term, it is a governmental term. A delegation of apostles (another military and governmental term) who were called out and appointed ones were sent by that kingdom's ruling authority to go to a territory and institute the sovereignty of the King of the ruling territory to become just like the kingdom that had sent them. Those backed by the military and economic power of the King that sent them to establish his will and purpose in a territory were empowered by the



authority who had sent them. That is how, in a very short period of time, Palestine became a Roman territory.

This practical application of the Word of God illuminates our understanding of our purpose on earth. We are not just saved. We are called to establish God's purpose in His Kingdom, in the earth and our spheres of influence. Jesus told us in Matthew 16:18,

The church I am building the Gates of hell will not prevail against.

Matthew 16:18

We are becoming Ekklesias in this hour and that is our new normal. Our mandate is Ephesians 4: 11-12,

And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.

Ephesians 4: 11-12

The whole purpose of the church, apostles, prophets, pastors, evangelists and teachers was for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry for the edifying of the Body of Christ. God has chosen you and called you with a Holy calling. The clock is ticking and it is time to get clicking. As we forge ahead into this new frontier it is imperative to be empowered as we step into culture and the marketplace to live Matthew 18:19-20 which tells us this,

Where two or three are gathered there I am in the midst of you, whatever you ask God will do it for you.

Matthew 18:19-20

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus said,

I will build My Ekklesia (My church) and the Gates of hell will not prevail

against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom. Whatever you lock on earth will be locked in heaven. And whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

In Matthew 16:18

This is the mandate of our lives. As the Ekklesia we realize that church is not just gathering, and this is important, we are ascending. That is how we move into culture and into society as the Ekklesia as marketplace ministers. Everyone is talking about our new global normal so when Chuck Pierce recently text that the Lord said to tell me that the clock has started ticking and things are about to start clicking I was not one bit surprised. We had already had a very interesting word from my brother Dan pertaining to time. Dan has a watch that we gave him for his 60th birthday. It is a really diverse watch that keeps time in multiple time zones and honestly, it is very difficult to set to keep the correct time.

He has been wearing it just because it is a nice watch then he found a video that showed him how to set it and as soon as he aligned with Chicago's central time all the dials began to turn and came in at exactly the right time to the second.

We believe the Lord is saying in this season, "Get ready. God is getting ready to hit your button and all the dials are about to turn. If you are behind, you are going to be even, if you were ahead, you are coming back, if you are disappointed you are about to be appointed and we all are about to align with God's plans and purposes and be in the perfect timing of God." Isn't it interesting the watch was a gift to him when he was 60? Aligning with Isaiah 60 we see that scripture tells us to,



Arise and shine for your light has come and the glory of the Lord will be seen upon you. Gross darkness has covered the whole earth, but now arises and shine for your light has come. And the glory of the Lord shall be seen upon you.

Recognizing the timing we are in is crucial.

Dream with me for a minute that as we really start living this new global normal, especially in the West, that this new normal is the church becoming the 24 an hour a day, seven days a week, mobile ark of the covenant that we are designed to be. Church is not only a building where people are trying to stay saved and safe but we are apostles and ambassadors of the Kingdom of God who have realized the importance of understanding, as believers, that Jesus did not die to make us safe. He died to make us dangerous to the kingdoms of this world.

Understanding the timing of this awakening and new paradigm will keep us moving forward. Luke 16:14-17 tells us this:

Now the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, also heard all these things, and they derided Him. And He said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is highly esteemed among men is an abomination in the sight of God. The Law and the Prophets were until John. Since that time the Kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing (forcing) into it. And it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one tittle of the law to fail.

Luke 16:14-17

The Law and the Prophets were

proclaimed until John the Baptist. But since that time, the good news of the Kingdom of God is being preached and everyone is forcing their way into it. Isn't that a fascinating statement? The good news of the gospel of the Kingdom is being proclaimed since John and people are forcing themselves into it. Literally people were forcing their way into faith in Christ once they heard the good news of the gospel. Crowds came into the Kingdom on the day of Pentecost and 3000 souls were saved that day.

Within a matter of six months, a hundred thousand people came to know Jesus in Jerusalem, and then the gospel spread like wildfire in Asia. In two years all of Asia heard the word of God. We have to ask, was that just a particular case in point that this happened while Jesus was on the earth? Well, that cannot be the answer because when we move from Luke 16 to the Book of Acts we see the same spirit, the same Kingdom message was being preached and prophesied and people kept forcing their way into the Kingdom. Then we have to consider John 14:10 when Jesus says,

Whoever believes in me will do the work that I have been doing and yes, they will even do greater work than these because I am going to My Father.

John 14:10

Then Jesus began to prophesy about a future date in John 12:32-33 as He states,

"When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to Myself."

So we realize this was not just happening while Jesus was on the earth. This synergy is what happens when the true message of the



Kingdom is proclaimed and lives are transformed.

Miracles, deliverance, and healing occurs when the message of the Kingdom is decisively declared. Not only are people affected and transformed by the message of the Kingdom but as Revelations 21:14-27 tells us:

Nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it. Its gates shall not be shut at all by day (there shall be no night there). And they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it. But there shall by no means enter it anything] that defiles, or causes an abomination or a lie, but only those who are written in the Lamb's Book of Life." Nations are saved, delivered and healed as entire people groups and populations come into the saving grace of the good news of the message of the Kingdom of God.

Revelations 21:14-27

It is past time to pray for nations to come to the light of the Kingdom of God so we must ask ourselves the question, "If the Law and Prophets were preached until John the Baptist but since John the message of the Kingdom has been preached why aren't people everywhere forcing their way into it?" My conclusion, after studying and understanding the movement of Ekklesia, is that we are not seeing a massive influx of people forcing their way into the Kingdom because our message is balanced on the fulcrum of understanding the difference between the Law and the Prophets and the Gospel of the Kingdom. The Law and the Prophets are not something that was done away with when Jesus came to earth. Jesus came to fulfill the Law.

Moreover, there was a transition in dispensation in time that all the Law and the Prophets were preached up to a certain point. Once that point shifted, the message changed, and something began to happen through the power of the Kingdom of God. That is what happened when Jesus showed up. When we understand the Law and the Prophets versus the message of the Kingdom we transition and transform as individuals, communities, and nations. When we fail to transition from the Law and the Prophets to the Kingdom we find ourselves with an irrelevant message in modern legalism. Why? Because the Law and the Prophets were all about the past and the future. That is what the Law and the Prophets consisted of. What has happened in the Western church, especially, is that we mostly preach the Law and Prophet's message rather than the good news of the gospel. You may be asking, "What do you mean?" Well, the answer is simple, we are always preaching about the past and talking about the future. We rarely live in the right now of what God is doing.

In most church environments we will hear one of two messages, there are varying sermons, but one theme about the past: Jesus died for our sin on the Cross and that is true. That is a fact, thank God, but that is the past. The other theme, with just as valid sermons, we will hear Jesus is coming again, which is true, once again, thank God, but how relevant is His coming then, for now. Look on the side of the Cross of Jesus, where two other crosses are found. Those two crosses on the side of Jesus' Cross were for thieves. The first thief said, "Forgive me for my past." The other thief said, 'Please remember me in your future Kingdom."

The thieves are the past and the



future because Jesus said, "Today, you will be with Me in paradise." What is happening is the message we preach has failed to transition to the message of the Kingdom and we are preaching a message that focuses on the past and the future instead of the message of the Kingdom and the right now and the right here. The right word is what Jesus is doing right now today, just as He did in Mark 14:15 Jesus went into Galilee proclaiming the good news of God. He said,

The time has come and the Kingdom of God has come near. Now repent and believe the good news. The Law and the Prophets are saying, "Jesus will come again." Jesus is saying, "I am here.

Mark 14:15

The Kingdom is right here, right now. Yes, He will come again. However, He is already here preparing for when He will come again in the flesh.

When we aren't relevant about Him being here now we get caught up in traditions, legalism, and performance worship. Rituals and liturgies relegate Jesus to something that He did in the past or something that He will do in the future. But the authority and power that He lived and walked in, then died for us to have is negated because He is not active right here and right now in most people's lives. This is how we have to transition as the Ekklesia. In John 4:3-5, Jesus says,

Don't you have a saying that it is still four months to harvest, but I tell you to open your eyes and look at the fields. They are already white for harvest.

John 4:3-5

I prophesy to you now revival is not coming, harvest is not coming, the Harvest is already here. May God open our eyes so we may see what is happening in the here and now Harvest.

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An Essential Key to Living in **His Presence**

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The time for the saints of God to arise and shine is here

Without a doubt, we are living in the days of the fulfillment of Isaiah 60.

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the Lord will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you.

Isaiah 60:1-2

The deep darkness that is now covering the earth is a clear indication that the time for the saints of God to arise and shine is here. Walking in the glory of God is not optional. We must arise until His glory is seen upon us!

The "glory" of God is His manifested presence, love and power in and upon believers who are walking in Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

We must understand two things:

- 1) The glory of God is not only available as our inheritance in Christ, it is imperative that we walk in it so that God's kingdom, through us, will triumph over darkness.
- 2) We must learn how to enter and abide in His glory/presence.

We have been chosen for salvation that we might obtain His glory.

But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, ¹⁴to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

God chose you for salvation from the beginning (before you were born) so that you would obtain the glory of the Lord Jesus.

Our salvation is comprised of three parts:

- 1) Justification
- 2) Sanctification
- 3) Glorification

Justification

When we trust Jesus Christ as our Savior, we are justified by faith. We are delivered from the penalty of sin. Through the gift of imputed righteousness, God declares us "justified". This is only the first step in our salvation. Sadly many believers never move very far past this. That is never God's will.

Sanctification

The second part of our salvation is "sanctification". This is an ongoing process whereby our souls (mind, will & emotions) become purified and transformed into the image of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is God's great purpose for all believers (Romans 8:28-29). Jesus commanded His disciples "Follow Me and I will make you". Sanctification involves obediently following, by faith, in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. We do the following and He makes us; He transforms us into His image.

To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:21

And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him
Hebrews 5:9

Let's read 2 Thes. 2:13b-14 again:

God from the beginning chose you for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth, to which He called you by our gospel, for the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sanctification means that we are set apart exclusively for the will of God. To the degree that we yield to the sanctification process, to that degree the manifested glory/presence of God increases in our lives.

but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy."

1 Peter 1:15-16

Holiness defined in Scripture

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints.

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

Romans 13:10

Holiness can be defined as abounding in pure love for God and for all men. Holiness does not mean that we never make an error in judgment. We would have to be omniscient to do that and only God has all knowledge. Holiness is when every motion of our heart springs from love. We can and must pursue this. We can obtain this because God's love is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5) and causes us to become harmless and blameless (1 Thes. 5:23-24). This results in God's abiding glory to increase in our lives.



Sanctifying the tongue

One of the essential keys to moving into this abiding glory realm is the sanctification of our tongues.

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.

Proverbs 18:21

Years ago I heard the testimony of an esteemed prophet of God who often ministered in powerful healing and prophetic gifts. I was blessed to meet him a few times, to be in some of his meetings and to watch God use him mightily. He told of a time when he was in the green room with a few other ministers immediately after he had just finished ministering under a strong anointing. Hardly anyone in the sanctuary was left standing after being ministered to as they were overcome by the power of the Holy Spirit. Gifts of the Spirit, healings and miracles flowed.

After the meeting, while in the green room, another minister spoke to the prophet who had just ministered. He said something like: "That was powerful how God just used you, and just think, pastor so-and-so has been saying that you are a false prophet".

When the prophet heard the negative words that had been spoken about him by another minister, he replied by saying "His ministry isn't going anywhere". This prophet later said that as soon as those words left his mouth, the word of the Lord came to him saying "By speaking those words against your brother, you just released My power to destroy his ministry. Now you shall be on a sickbed one month for each word. If you ever speak a negative word about a brother or sister again, I will take you home early". The man of God immediately became ill and bedfast for the next

five months. Despite all the prayers that were offered for his healing, he remained on the sickbed. After five months he was healed and was never known to speak anything negative with his tongue for the remaining years of his life. God's glory and power only seemed to increase upon and through him until he finished his race.

God will not anoint us with His power if our tongues are not yielded to Him because whatever we say will come to pass. If He allowed the power of His Spirit to rest upon us mightily, and our tongue was not sanctified, we would cause much harm to His people and God would have to judge us.

God absolutely DOES want to fill us with His Spirit and anoint us mightily. He wants us to be anointed with His power more than we want it because He longs to reach those who are in darkness. He yearns to save, heal and deliver many people through us, but He cannot do it until we become safe with our tongues.

God wants us to be filled with His Spirit and power so that what we speak, according to His Word, comes to pass. He wants a people who can say "Be healed" and the healing immediately manifests. He wants a people who can say "come out" and the person in front of us is immediately delivered and transformed.

We must not waste any time. Darkness is covering the earth. Deep darkness is covering the people. We must NOW give ourselves wholeheartedly and without reservation to the Lord, allowing Him to sanctify us completely so that He can release His love and power through us.

The power of our tongue

Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds,



they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. ⁵Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things.

James 3:4-5

Our tongue is like a small rudder that turns a very large ship. How our tongue goes determines how our life goes. If we do well in several areas of our life, but our tongue is not sanctified, our whole life is adversely affected.

The following Scriptures reveal that when our tongue is under the control of Holy Spirit, our whole body comes under control. When our tongue is unbridled, it nullifies the rest of our religion.

For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body.

James 3:2

If anyone among you thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this one's religion is useless.

James 1:26

The Greek word for "religion" in this verse is also translated as "worship". Our worship is useless if we don't bridle our tongue.

Scripture tells us in James 3:6, that if our tongue is not surrendered to the Lord, it "is set on fire by hell". What are our words?

A Prophetic Word

Recently a prophet, Sadhu Sundar Selvaraj, was ministering at our church in Lancaster, California. Toward the end of his message, an angel of the Lord appeared and spoke a prophetic word to him which he then relayed to the congregation. The word was:

"You must Guard your mouth. Speak

words of Life and God will anoint you with healing power. Creative miracles and resurrections will happen."

This truth of this prophetic word is not only confirmed by Scriptures but by the witness of numerous men and women of God who have consistently walked in His power. Our mouths must be sanctified if we are to be vessels of honor that He will use powerfully.

Following are some of the ways we sin with our tongue. Later we will look at the positive things that we should be speaking.

Ways we sin with our tongue

1) Repeating things

"He who covers a transgression seeks love, But he who repeats a matter separates friends."

Proverbs 17:9

God hates when we sow discord among the brethren (Prov. 6:14). One of the primary ways we do this is by "repeating" things that are no one's business. It is wrong. It only fosters gossip and strife.

"A talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is of a faithful spirit conceals a matter."

Proverbs 11:13

2) Criticism

A fault-finding spirit is an offense to God. It is the opposite of what we are supposed to be doing. When we are abounding in love we look for and "affirm what is excellent" (Philippians 1:9).

Criticism and fault-finding block our prayers from being answered.

"Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; You shall cry, and He will say,



'Here I am.'

(His manifest Presence) If you take away the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness

Isaiah 58:9

3) Passing judgment

When we draw a conclusion about "why someone acted the way they did" we are judging. In pride, we are taking the place of God. When we are in pride, God is obligated to resist us. When we judge others, we bring judgment upon ourselves.

For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.

Matthew 7:2

We are not to pass judgement on others, but are to judge ourselves.

For if we would judge ourselves, we would not be judged.

1 Corinthians 11:31

Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Matthew 7:5

4) Opinion

It is not always a sin to give our opinion, but it is one of the ways that we most often sin with our tongues. Do we really need to "chime in" and give our opinion? Most of the time, the answer is "no". Often, as soon as we start to give our opinion, we begin sinning with ungodly criticisms and/or judgments. The less we say, the less we sin.

In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

Proverbs 10:19

5) Debate

Debate is another way that we get ourselves out of the Spirit.

But avoid foolish disputes, genealogies, contentions, and strivings about the law; for they are unprofitable and useless.

Titus 3:9

I was blessed to know a very saintly man of God from India, DGS Dhinakaran. He walked with God like Enoch. Because of his close walk with the Lord, all the gifts of the Holy Spirit flowed through him mightily. Whenever he held an outdoor meeting, the average attendance was between 300,000 and 500,000 people. Entire cities would be shaken by the power of God as he ministered.

I once heard DGS Dhinakaran say that he had resolved to never debate or dispute with anyone, but rather to abide in the peace of God. He said "If someone comes to me and tells me that the donkey that Jesus rode on had three legs, I will just smile, nod my head and agree. I am not going to argue." This is wisdom. There are conversations that we do not need to get involved in. We don't need to give our opinion. It is better to be quiet, to stay in the Spirit and to walk in the peace of God.

6) Gossip

Gossip is when two or more people are talking (not in a positive way) about a person who is not there and can't defend themselves. It is when the brethren are together in unity that God commands the blessing (Psalm 133). Gossip destroys the unity of the Spirit. Professing Christians who gossip are probably the number one tool that satan uses to keep the body of Christ in a place of disunity and



powerlessness.

7) Slander

This is to maliciously malign a brother or sister, even with knowingly false statements. It is a grievous offense and brings God's judgment.

Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I will destroy; The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I will not endure.

Psalm 101:5

Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it.

James 4:11

7) Complaining

The Bible has much to say about the sin of complaining. Complaining is not a little sin. It is an affront to God. It reveals a self-centered and ungrateful heart. Because of complaining the Israelites wandered aimlessly for many years and eventually died in the wilderness. While "thanksgiving" bring us into His Presence (Psalm 100) complaining keeps us out. Complaining will prevent us from inheriting His promises.

Do all things without complaining and disputing, ¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.

Philippians 2:14-15

We should all learn to talk less

Proverbs 10:19

In the multitude of words sin is not lacking, But he who restrains his lips is wise.

*Every time we put a halt to that critical thought we were about to utter, and we repent and replace it with grace, kindness and love, we bring our body under control.

*Every time we do not speak that negative word, we make our heart a more suitable place for the Holy Spirit to abide.

*Every time we do not complain, but rather give thanks, we are ushered into the presence of God (Psalm 100:4)

*Every time we do not pass on gossip to others, we purify our own heart. We make room for the Holy Spirit. We also prevent others from sinning by listening to and passing on corrupt and harmful words.

Guarding our hearts and lips

Whoever guards his mouth and his tongue keeps his soul from trouble.

Proverbs 21:23

Guarding our lips starts with guarding our heart and thought life.

From the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks

Luke 6:45

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

Proverbs 4:23

What should we do?

1) We must repent! Let's confess and forsake all sins of the tongue.

2) Let's make a plan to sanctify our lips by regularly meditating on His Word.

Sanctify them by the truth; Your Word is truth.

John 17:17



3) Pray

Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer

Psalms 19:14

Set a guard, Oh Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips

Psalms 141:3

4) Begin to cultivate positive and life-giving speech.

And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, ¹²speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, ²⁰giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

Ephesians 5:18-20

I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise will continually be in my mouth

Psalms 34:1

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for

you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Ask God for words of encouragement

The Lord God has given me the tongue of the learned, That I should know how to speak A word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear To hear as the learned.

Isaiah 50:4

Pray to have God's love that sees what is excellent in others

And this I pray, that your love may abound still more and more in knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰that you may approve the things that are excellent, that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ, ¹¹being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are by Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:9-11

As our tongues become more and more yielded to the Lord, His Spirit will begin to rest on us with power. The time is now here. Let us arise and shine in the Name of Jesus!



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THE HEAVENS DECLARE

The Lord is going to use mighty signs and wonders
and marvelous miracles in these days

We know the disruption that Covid-19 has caused across the land. However, this is just the start of things being shaken.

The Shaking

For thus says the Lord of hosts: 'Once more (it is a little while) I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land;

'and I will shake all nations, and they shall come to the Desire of All Nations, and I will fill this temple with glory,' says the Lord of hosts.

Haggai 2:6-7

This is the beginning of a shaking and it will not stop until. Until what? The Lord's return.

The cry from heaven is for the Bride to prepare Herself for the Bridegroom's return.

This scriptures says it all.

Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.

Revelation 19:7

The Bridal Company and The Revelation 12 Sign

Everyone is invited to be part of the Bridal company of people. You can listen to my talks on 'The Marriage Ketubah', the ancient Jewish marriage contract, you will see that we have to go through a procedure, and it all begins with signing a contract of marriage between two parties. A call has gone out from heaven for the Bride to prepare Herself. The Ketubah talks are found on our YouTube channel.

In 2017 Brother Sadhu Sundar Selvaraj kindly asked me to share a revelation that the Lord had given me all about the "Revelation 12 Sign", at the Open Heavens Conference that he was hosting in Jerusalem in June. I spoke about the constellation that was in the skies above Jerusalem on the 23rd of September that would see the planet Virgo, with the Sun behind her and the moon at her feet and 12 stars above her as if a crown. Then Jupiter would move into Virgo and remain there for 9 months and then move out



of Virgo from between her feet. This astronomical event would depict the woman giving birth, that we see in Revelation 12.

The Fully Matured Man Child

I believe, that Jupiter represents the birthing of two groups of people, a Man Child, as told in Revelation 12. The first group we see in Revelation 7 is redeemed from the 12 Tribes of Israel, and the second group in Revelation 14 is redeemed from man. Two groups: one for Israel, and; the other for the rest of mankind, who will be clothed in the character of God and will take on and show a fallen world the very nature of Christ. They will shine with such light as we see in Isaiah 60, and love will be their banner.

They will be like the five wise virgins that Jesus speaks about in Matthew chapter 25:4 who took oil in jars and their lamp to meet the Bridegroom. If the oil represents our passion for, and relationship with Jesus, then what does the lamp represent? Lamps light up everything within their sphere – I believe lamps represent our earthly ministry. So, the wise virgins were born again passionate believers, lives totally focused on the return of the King, the Bridegroom.

The foolish virgins, however, took only their lamp with no oil reserves. The Bridegroom was delayed. The wise virgins were prepared; they had prioritized their love and relationship with the Lord here on earth. The foolish however were more concerned with their earthly ministry, than their eternal personal relationship with the Lord. My dear brothers and sisters, how easy it is to let our earthly ministry drain us and take priority over what matters the most – knowing Him and nurturing our relationship with Him. The Lord is reminding me to say, *“Don’t let your ministries become more important than your relationship with Jesus, otherwise you will miss the Lord’s return!”*

Back in June of 2017, I spoke about a Man Child being birthed on the 23rd September 2017. At the time of writing this article, it is September 23rd 2020, exactly 3 years ago.

Depending on what you read, some could say that not a lot has happened and anyway, where are these three groups of people depicted in Revelation 12:

- The Woman
- The Man Child
- Her Offspring?

I would like to suggest that they are alive and kicking!

Before I explain, let me lay down some Biblical foundations in relation to taking note of the stars and the signs in the heavenlies.

The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language. Where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world.

Psalms 19:1-4

God speaks to us through His heavens, this is not Astrology, but Astronomy, a natural science of the alignment of the heavens as stated in Psalm 19 and Genesis 1:14, and in many other places throughout the Old and New Testament. These signs are just that - signs - they point to something, or rather, to Someone.

The Lord is uttering speech to us and all we have to do is look up and read. Remember, we are not discussing what is an abomination to the Lord, namely astrology or horoscopes, rather we are reading the signs in the skies that the Lord Himself put into place, that point to His great return. The enemy has perverted the signs in the heavens as we see in the



New Age movement, however, they are God's creations, and as all of creation speaks of His glory, so do the stars. Let's boldly take it back, and use God's Word to understand what He is saying.

Direct Opposition in the Heavens

Being aware that there would be a 'Super Blue Moon' on 31st October 2020, on the exact day of Halloween, I sought the Lord to hear what He had to say about it. To give you a summary, during the month of October, Mars (representing the red planet / war) is in conjunction with Venus (the bright Morning Star representing Jesus). However, also within the constellation is Draco (the dragon) in direct opposition with Jupiter (The Righteous One / Justice). It is interesting as we see the forces of evil directly oppose Truth on the world stage.

If ever we need the justice of God to be revealed, it is now especially over the supposed Democratic votes of the American people that has been completely hijacked by demonic forces.

In summary, there is a maturing of two groups of people, as follows.

The Wheat and the Tares

Jesus tells us about the two harvests coming into maturity in Matthew 13:24 with the parable of the wheat and the Tares. Both come into full maturity at the end of the age. Both

groups will start to come to the fore over these next few months and begin to activate in 2021. We must get ourselves ready. 2021 is made up of 20 and 21. According to E.W. Bullinger in his book "Numbers in Scripture", 20 means a time of expectancy and waiting. How many of us have been waiting? Well, I would like to suggest that the waiting is over. 20 being one short of 21, threefold of 7.

$3 \times 7 = 21$, which signifies Divine (3) completion as regards spiritual perfection (7). I believe that the Man Child of Revelation 12, 144,000 of Revelation 7 for Israel, and the 144,000 redeemed from man in Revelation 14 will start to come forward in order to help the Bride to prepare Herself for His return.

Brothers and Sisters, we are a lot further into this than the majority of the church may believe, and we must now wait on the Lord and gain His direction, because God is about to fulfil His plans and His purposes through a body of people who are 'Kingdom' minded. And the Spirit and the bride say "Come!" Revelation 22:17

The Temple will be filled with His Glory

The Lord is about to fill this "Temple". Which Temple? You and me. What will we be filled with? Him in us, the mystery Paul wrote about: The mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Col 1:26-27

You may feel ill equipped in your own strength, but where your heart, soul, mind and will say 'YES' to the Lord Jesus Christ, then be encouraged! His strength and grace will come upon you, He will continue to lead you through this maturing process. Say YES to Him today!

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FISHING IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM!

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I shivered as the wind drove the rain deep into my clothes. It was one of the most tempestuous times I've ever experienced

Snuggled deep beneath a warm comforter, I am sound asleep in my bed in Moravian Falls, North Carolina.

The covers are pulled tight around my shoulders because of a sudden cold snap as the first prophetic event begins to unfold. I was awakened by the sensation that the covers were being pulled away from my shoulders. Half asleep, my first impression was that my wife was trying to rearrange the covers. However, she lay quietly, sleeping by my side. Quickly I turned to the other side of the bed, and it was at this point that the Lord spoke to me in a very firm yet gentle voice, *"Get up! It is time to go fishing!"*

Standing In The Storm

The time was precisely 2:22 A.M. In this prophetic experience, the Spirit of the Lord transported me from the comforts of my bed to an enormously large body of water; as I was standing on the edge of this massive sea, the sky was very dark. The clouds were violently turbulent, and the winds were swirling and blowing incredibly strong. Lightning flashed across the

darkened sky and illuminated the storm-tossed sea. This setting was not a tranquil, peaceful, serene setting but rather unsettled, troubled waters. The waters were extremely stirred, with waves mounting high with white caps and foam. The raging wind caused the rain to sting against my face. As the lightning flashed and the thunder was crashing, the sound rolling across the waves seemed to be amplified. I shivered as the wind drove the rain deep into my clothes. It was one of the most tempestuous times I've ever experienced, but I could feel that this storm was more than just a natural storm. I could not explain it, but I could sense that this was a very unnatural disturbance I was beholding.

Meat For The Master

Standing at my side, the Lord said, *"I am hungry! You are to catch supper."* Intensely, He was steadfastly gazing over the troubled waters. I knew He was expecting me to catch some fish, but I was thinking how hard it would be to fish in such a violent storm. It was difficult for me to even stand in

the strong gusts of wind. Although I did not voice my thoughts out loud, He reassuringly said to me, *"This is the best time for fishing. Fish are more easily caught at this time."*

A Place Of Perfect Peace

Then I looked more closely at Him and noticed that His hair was not being blown about by the wind. Neither were his clothes wet and flopping wildly in the wind, as mine were. Christ, knowing that I was now observing Him, said, *"Come closer to ME."* As I moved ever closer to Him, the winds became calmer. When I came near to His side, there was a place of perfect peace and protection from the storm. He smiled, saying in a most comforting tone, *"Yes! I am still the PRINCE OF PEACE."* Even though the situation with the wind and weather had not changed, there was a quiet, calm confidence in the Lord's presence. I wondered why I didn't come closer sooner. Looking deep into my eyes, I knew that He was expecting more from me than just standing by. I could sense that He expected me to get busy obeying His command.

The Heart Of The Lord

I was extremely ill-prepared to fish, so I said to Him, *"I don't have anything to fish with, I don't have any bait."* He said, *"You still don't understand. I AM the bait."* He then slowly placed His right hand over His heart. Holding it there a moment, He extended His hand out from His bosom. I was not prepared for what I saw. There in His hand was a part of **HIS HEART**, and it was the deepest crimson red, almost purple. He placed it in my hand. I was overwhelmed with the immense worth and value of just a tiny piece of **HIS HEART**. I could feel its eternal worth and value, and I knew at that moment that what I had in my hand was most precious. The statement of **1 Peter 1:18-19** filled my heart:

Forasmuch as you know that you

were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain lifestyle but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Peter 1:18-19

Truly God gave His very best to ransom and redeem fallen mankind. Christ Jesus is the ETERNAL LAMB without blemish or spot. He is the sinless, perfect sacrifice. Words cannot express the worth of one single drop of the precious blood of the Lamb. I could not think of casting this portion of His heart into the dark, troubled waters that were raging and roaring at my feet. Yet He instructed me, saying, *"Cast this upon the water."* Now I was openly weeping, saying, *"No, Lord, no, this is far too precious to cast away!"* He said, *"What you feel is right. Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy!"* He filled my heart with the promise of:

Those who sow in tears shall reap in joy. He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 126:4-5

I looked at the part of the Lord's heart in my hand, and it now appeared to be very bright orange, almost illuminated, or glowing. He said, *"Cast it out upon the water."* This portion of the Lord's heart was attached to His heart through my hand by a very thin, yet bright, scarlet line. I knew that I was to throw this as far as I could, with all my might.

The Huge Silverfish

I released it into the air. Because of its bright orange glow, I could see it clearly as it flew through the gusting wind. At the instant, it came in contact with the water, an extraordinarily large shiny silverfish leaped out of the water, taking the object in its mouth. This fish was a magnificent, brilliant, beautiful



fish, and the lightning flashed against its shiny silver body. There was no fight or pulling against the line in my hand, but this enormous fish quickly swam to the shore at our feet. This huge fish was stunning—solid silver. However, as I looked closely at the fish, it appeared almost transparent. You could see into the fish, and it was filled with untold numbers of smaller precious fish. I gazed into the face of Christ Jesus, and His face was radiating the most satisfying, pleasant, joyous smile. He spoke with great compassion, saying, **“For this cause, I came into the world: the seeking and saving of lost mankind. This is the reason I’ve established my church on the earth—to reach mankind with MY HEART.”**

The Multiplying Fish

He questioned me, asking, *“Do you know how big this fish is?”* I somehow knew this was a 55-pound fish. I said, *“Yes, it weighs 55 pounds.”* “Yes,” He replied, *“but it is 55 X 55.”* At these words, the fish would multiply in size each time it was touched.

The Master’s Meat

He said, *“Pick up the fish and place it into MY HANDS.”* When I placed the fish into His hands, Christ placed the

fish into His heart, saying, *“This is the meat I have to eat of.”* I was thrilled and sad at the same moment—thrilled because of the immense pleasure the Lord was having, yet sad at the thought that I didn’t have any more of the *“special bait.”* Knowing my every thought, He said, *“You will always have MY HEART from MY HAND if you will come to Me. The more you give away, the more you receive.”* Words could not describe the contentment I felt as I stood on these shores with Christ. I could see, without a doubt, that bringing people to Christ is the highest calling one could ever undertake. Nothing we do will bring more pleasure to Christ than presenting to HIM the souls for which He died. These are the most brilliant crowns that we will one day lay at His feet. Now is harvest time! Only as we follow Christ can He make us become true **“fishers of men”!** This is the greatest task one could ever give himself to do.

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Each encounter has been a building block or stepping-stone towards this ultimate purpose – the coming forth of mature sons of God

Over the past 20 years I have had a yearly encounter with the Lord on Rosh Ha Shanna, the Hebrew New Year. This was not something I asked for nor at first did I really understand the plan and purpose of the Lord in these visitations. I cannot say I do even now.

As the years progressed and I recorded these visitations, I noticed a far greater meaning in the accumulated messages as a whole as well as the significance of each encounter on its own. The overall theme I've recognized is the significance of the coming of age or maturation of the Body of Christ at the end of the age. Each encounter has been a building block or stepping-stone towards this ultimate purpose – the coming forth of mature sons of God.

"For the concentrated and undivided expectation of the creation is assiduously and patiently awaiting the revelation of the sons of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not voluntarily, but on account of

the One who put it under subjection upon the basis of the hope that the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation groans and travails together up to this moment, and not only, but we ourselves also who have the first-fruit of the Spirit, we ourselves also are groaning within ourselves, assiduously and patiently waiting the full realization of our adult sonship at the time of the redemption of our body. For we were saved in the sphere of hope. But hope that has been seen is not hope, for that which a person sees, why does he hope for it? But if that which we do not see, we hope for, through patience we expectantly wait for it. "

Romans 8:19-25

(Wuest, K. S. (1961). *The New Testament: an expanded translation* (Romans 8:19–25). Grand Rapids, MI: Eerdmans.)

This year during my time of prayer and waiting on the Lord I had a very interesting and weighty encounter,



especially in light of all that is taking place in the world right now!

I found myself standing before Jesus. He smiled at me and gently reached out and touched my mouth. As He did so, I felt an intense tingling, as if my lips were on fire or numb for a moment. The sensation lingered throughout the whole experience.

The Lord turned and began to walk away. As He did, He turned and looked at me beckoning me to follow. So, I started walking with Him. At first there was nothing to see, as if we were in a fog or mist. Jesus turned to me and put His finger to His mouth, as if saying Shhhhhh, don't speak.

Immediately I understood that I was not to speak or say anything without the direct unction of the Lord. I understood that I needed to set a watch before my mouth (Ps. 141:3) and take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5). I also understood I needed to control my actions (Gal. 5:22-24).

The Lord wanted me to fully yield to Him so that His power and blessings can be released in me. If I yield to the inclinations of my flesh or the devil, I would receive a corresponding impartation from those sources and open myself to an even greater foothold of the flesh or the enemy into my life.

I continued to follow the Lord through the mist/fog until suddenly it disappeared. What was before me were three men, all in various states of confusion, sickness and demonization. As I stood there, the Lord turned to me and looked into me. I don't know how else to describe this moment. I was laid bare before Him in a way I had never experienced before. Although I had a peace from being in His presence, I also trembled under His gaze.

After a few moments that felt like an eternity the Lord smiled. He 'spoke' to me (heart to heart, thought to thought) and indicated I was to minister to the first individual. As I walked toward the man and saw the terrible bondage he was under I immediately commanded, "In the name of Jesus, spirit of infirmity leave!"

Nothing happened! I was confused and turned to the Lord. He 'spoke' to me and indicated I was to move on to the second individual and minister to him. So, in a little bit of confusion I move to the second man. I noticed there was a demon hanging on him, so I bound that spirit and commanded it to leave. Again, nothing happened!

Again, I was confused, and I turned to the Lord asking Him why nothing was happening. This is what He said, "When I released you to minister to those men, you did so with your own wisdom based upon what you have seen to be effective in the past. I have had mercy upon those whom My people have ministered to because of My love. However, in this hour, I require that My people fully understand the need for complete submission to Me as the hour is late and the enemy, knowing his time is short, is raging."

"No longer will I allow my children to rest on past victories or past strategies to gain the victory and overcome in this hour. As I stated in My word that I could do nothing by myself but only what I saw the Father doing (John 5:19), so it is for my people now. You must learn, and quickly, to be totally reliant upon my leading and my voice, doing NOTHING (He emphasized this) without clear direction from My Spirit."

As I digested this and allowed His words to sink into my heart, something within me shifted. I had a new confidence and awareness of the importance of our union with Christ



and our ability to hear His voice and respond immediately by faith.

As the confusion cleared the Lord once again looked into me. He smiled and indicated I was to minister to the last individual before me. This time, as I approached the man, I turned my heart to the Lord and listened. The man was in terrible bondage and had spiritual chains wrapped around him. He was listless and hopeless. As I waited for my instruction from the Lord, a great sense of love and peace rose up within me for this individual.

It was at that moment that I heard the Lord telling me how to minister to the man. I immediately looked into the man's eyes and said, "Jesus makes you free."

Instantly the chains fell off him and he stood straight. His eyes overflowed with joy and thanksgiving and he went away singing and praising the Lord.

The Lord once again spoke and said, "What has worked in the past will no longer work as it did. You have come to the last hour. The maturity I displayed to My disciples while with them on the earth must now be displayed in My people. Study the gospels and learn from My example. Trust Me to lead you to victory every day in all things. As you look to Me, you will walk in victory. If you rest on what you think you know you will

stumble."

I've come away from this experience with a greater appreciation for what the Lord has been leading all of us to, the place of Christlikeness and maturity. In this decade of the 'pey' (5780's) which speaks of the mouth, we must be aware of the authority we have been invested with and the responsibility to walk in that authority as never before.

The word of God clearly states in Revelation 12:11

"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives to the death."

The blood of the Lamb speaks of the covenant by which Jesus redeemed and purchased us. This covenant has given us access to all the promises of God and all the authority that Jesus walked in.

The word of our testimony indicates that we have a part to play in accessing the blessings of the covenant and the promises that are ours. Each time you are faced with a challenge no matter what it is you can overcome because Jesus has already given us everything that pertains to life and Godliness. Our part is to speak forth by faith what He says about us and what the Word promises us!

If we no longer are moved or motivated by the things of the flesh, the natural realm and recognize our life is now in Christ, then we will no longer cling to this world, hence we are not loving this life, allowing it's passions and desires to die.

It is time for us to be 'strong in the Lord and in the power of His might, putting on the full armor of God!' (Eph. 6:10-11).


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THE RESURRECTION POWER OF GOD OVER PLAGUES

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Didn't the Lord Jesus warn us that pestilences-plagues will increase in many nations in the last days?

I don't think we ever heard the word pandemic in recent times. The epidemic, yes, but pandemic, at least for me, it's a no! However, with the invasion of the Coronavirus or to properly use its technical term—COVID-19, the word pandemic has now become a household word.

The whole world has come to a standstill. The governments of the world as well as world leaders are helpless without a clue how to handle the unseen enemy. Scientists from the developed world are working hard to find a vaccine to bring this menace under control.

What is happening? How do we deal with this?

In 1918 there came a plague called the Spanish Flu. That 1918 flu pandemic, was an unusually deadly influenza pandemic caused by the H1N1 influenza A virus. This pandemic lasted from February 1918 to April 1920. It infected 500 million people – about a third of the world's population at the time – in four successive waves. The death toll is typically estimated to have been somewhere between 17

million and 50 million, and possibly as high as 100 million, making it one of the deadliest pandemics in human history.

In the last hundred years many other plagues, like Ebola, HIV, and SARS had come and gone. All of these plagues affected more people than Covid-19. But the different aspect of this plague is that it is striking fear in the hearts of everybody. To control the spread of this virus most governments have initiated locking down their nations. A top Indian medical scientist said in her report that if the Indian government had not initiated a 21-day lockdown in March 2020, 800,000 people would have been affected within a short time. But because of the lockdown, only about 8,000 people were infected. So God gave wisdom to government leaders to take good measures.

However, be forewarned that this is just a precursor to another worse and more terrible virus that is coming. Didn't the Lord Jesus warn us that pestilences-plagues will increase in many nations in the last days? (Matt 24:7).

Amid such darkness and gloom, what is the Lord saying to us? This is what the Lord Jesus said, *"People of God should be true seekers of God for the Father loved such seekers"* (cf. Ps 105:4; Isa 55:6; Zep 2:3; Zec 8:21; Heb 11:6).

So during this period of uncertainty, let us purpose in our heart to be true seekers after the Living God. When the Lord Jesus finished saying that, I felt prompted in my heart to lift my eyes and look heavenward. When I did, I saw the heavens open before me and noticed two Saints standing by quite a long rectangular shaped marble conference table. I recognized them to be the prophet Moses and the apostle Paul. Both of them spoke to me one by one.

First, the apostle Paul said, "People should not be so focused on where this virus will come from." Don't be focused on that. Don't be focused on where it is going. Don't be focused on how severe it will be. Don't be focused on how many people are dying. Don't be focused on allowing that fear to grip you. Don't focus on that. But rather, focus on the coming of the kingdom of God."

The Scripture says the Kingdom of God is power (1 Cor 4:20). It is also love, and we approach it in faith. The Lord has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, of love and a sound mind (2 Tim 1:7). So, do not focus on this pandemic that is sweeping the whole world. The Word of the Lord is not asking us to deny it but admonishing us not to focus on it. Don't make a grasshopper look like a giant.

In a vision, I saw the Lord Jesus as a gigantic Lion seated on the earth. The lion sat majestically with its back legs folded and its front legs too bent in a state of rest. The demeanor on the lion's look was one where it is seated in a state of rest where it has conquered and overcome. A state of restful confidence. In that posture, I saw its two front legs placed over the whole earth. What is presently going around

this earth? Covid-19—Coronavirus. And where is it? Under the feet of the Lord Jesus. So fear not; be of good cheer.

Fear not! Don't be focused on the pandemic that's happening all around the world. A thousand shall fall at your right side, and ten thousand shall fall on your left side, but the Lord has put a mark of His blood upon your forehead. No evil can come near you. If you truly live in Christ, if you truly walk in His footsteps, if you truly fear the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, then the Lord will be your rear guard. He will go before you and will be behind you.

Build Your Inner Man

Use this "pause-time" to build your inner man who will be strengthened by the Lord God. Almost all nations of the world have imposed lockdown, and work-from-home and stay-at-home orders are given by the government. When you set your heart to build your inner man, then the Lord will strengthen it.

"that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man."

Ephesian 3:16

This Scripture says clearly that your inner man will be strengthened by the Holy Spirit with the Spirit of Might. So how to build the inner man?

There are five ways.

1. Inner man must be renewed daily." II Corinthians 4:16. Just like we bathe every day, just like we change clothes every day, the inner man must be renewed daily.
2. The Spirit of the mind must be renewed – Eph 4:23.

The Spirit of the Mind must be renewed to think like God. Philippians 2:5 tells us, have the mind of Christ. When you



have the mind of Christ, you will always know what is the perfect will of God in all situations. You need not walk in His permissive will. Permissive will is not God's perfect. He permits us because we are stubborn and demand to have our way.

3. Be renewed in the knowledge of the Son of God – Col 3:10.

You may ask: how to be renewed in the knowledge of the Son of God? By putting on the new man by walking in the Lord Jesus' footsteps.

4. Pray in the Holy Spirit – Jude 20: "But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit,"

Many believers claim they are very weak in their faith. Even the apostles told the Lord Jesus, "Lord, increase our faith." How can our faith increase? Pray in the spirit. Pray for at least one hour each day in the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, through the inner working of the Spirit of Might, will make your faith strong and great.

5. By walking, doing, or imitating the conduct of the life of the Lord Jesus – Col 2:6,7

How do we do that? Each time you meditate on the Word of God, start practicing what the Word says. Begin to imitate the lifestyle of the Lord Jesus by obeying His teachings.

For example, Matthew 11:28-30 says, "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavily laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

When you learn the lifestyle of the

Lord Jesus you will take His yoke and put upon your neck. And His yoke—His character is meek and lowly. Why did the Lord say that His yoke is easy to bear? It is because He bears most of the weight for you. He puts His arms around you and allows the lesser weight to rest on you. Purpose in your heart to imitate the character of the Lord Jesus.

Be Hidden

The third thing the apostle Paul said was for us to be hidden till this pandemic plague passes by.

"Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; Hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past."

Isaiah 26:20

The indignation of God's judgment is passing by this world. You don't want to stand out to see when the Destroyer is passing by. The Lord counsels you to hide yourselves – be hidden in your chamber. The Israelites were told to stay indoors in their houses as the Destroyer was passing by the streets of Egypt to execute the judgment of God (Ex 12:22-23).

In 1 Kings 17:3, we read that God told the prophet Elijah to go and hide by the Brook Cherith because His indignation is all over Samaria. There came a famine in Samaria for three and a half years. The famine was the result of all the false idols that were worshipped in Samaria introduced by Queen Jezebel.

How long will the Lord hold His peace over all the false worship that is going on in this world? When you have purposed in your heart to work after your own will when you purpose in your heart to walk in your ways, when you purpose in your heart to worship the lusts of your flesh, when your purpose in your heart to live in sensual pleasure, how long more will the Lord hold back His goodness and not allow His indignation to come upon? And now, we witness His judgment through this plague going from the east to the west and turning back again to the



east.

Until this indignation pass by being hidden in the presence of God (Ps 27:5; 31:20). Built an altar in your house, worship the Lord your God day and night. Create a presence for the glory of God to come and fill your home. Dwell in His presence that He may shield you from all dangers (Ps 91:1,5,6).

Prepare For What's Coming

The fourth counsel the apostle Paul gave was how us to prepare for what's going to come. In Exodus 12:11,34-35 we read that the Israelites were counseled to prepare for a journey. What were they told? They were told to do three things: be fully dressed, make provision for food, and get jewelry from the Egyptians.

How does that apply to us? First, we must be fully dressed in our spiritual garments and not be found naked by the Lord (Rev 3:17; 16:15). Make sure that your garment of salvation and your robe of righteousness is always on you.

Second, the Israelites were told to take food because they are going to walk in the wilderness. Likewise, we must store the word of God in our hearts (Col 3:16). The Word of God will strengthen you and protect you. In extreme conditions, the Word of God will even physically sustain you in a miraculous manner (Matt 4:4). When in an extreme condition where there's no food at all, then God's Word will become food. Because there is life in the Word. When you begin to meditate on the Word, the life in the Word will quicken your body cells. So, store the Word of God in your heart day and night.

Third, the Hebrews were told to get jewelry from the Egyptians. Why were they told that? It was needed for the construction of the Tabernacle (Ex 25:2-7). The people were asked to donate freely and willingly that which they had received freely. Likewise, do not store wealth for yourselves; give it

liberally to the works of God (Lk 12:13-21).

Prepare For What Is Going To Come

The fifth counsel the apostle Paul gave was: "Are you praying in preparation for what's going to come?" You may ask now, what do you mean by what's going to come? It is the soon appearance of the son of sin. The Bible has warned us that the Man of sin or the son of perdition is going to manifest very soon (2 Thes 2:2; Nah 1:11).

The situation in the world right now is perfect for the man of sin, the Antichrist government, to come. The financial institutions in all the world are rapidly moving towards a cashless society. The Covid-19 pandemic has necessitated this move towards lessening human interaction and moving towards a digital society. The journey has begun toward the implementation of the mark of the beast. Are you praying in preparation for what is going to come? Be forewarned, the AntiChrist government is going to come very soon.

Put On The Whole Armor Of God

The sixth counsel the apostle Paul gave was: "Prepare to put on the armor of God." Ephesians 6:11 tells us to put on the whole armor of God. I have read that Scripture many times, but recently my eyes focused on one particular word – *whole*. There are seven parts to the armor of God. We are admonished not to just take one or two like-able pieces of the armor but rather the whole—complete armor. You must put on the whole seven pieces of the armor. Only then you will be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Please observe closely the phrase, 'you may be able' in Ephesians 6:11. In Greek it is *dunamai*. *Dunamai* means *to be able to make possible*. From *dunamai* comes the word *dunamis* meaning *a force, a miraculous power*. This, therefore tells us, *when you put on the whole armor of God you get the supernatural power of*



God to withstand all the trickeries of the devil.

Without the whole armor of God, you cannot withstand the onslaught that will come from the evil one in the evil day (Eph 6:13). *Withstand* in Greek is *anthistemi* meaning *to stand against, to oppose, or resist*. This tells us clearly that the saints of God will have wars with the antiChrist and his government in the last days (Rev 11:7; 12:17; 13:7). This is the reason why you need to put on the whole armor of God. It will give you that supernatural power to war against the Antichrist government who will be fully energized by Satan and his evil angels.

Right after the apostle Paul finished giving his counsels, the prophet Moses opened his mouth and gave his set of wise counsels.

Resurrection Power Of God

"that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death."

Ephesians 3:10

God has the power of resurrection. With His resurrection power, God raises the dead (Acts 3:15; 4:10). He has demonstrated this power at all times in biblical history.

The very resurrection power that quickened the body of Abraham and Sarah will also quicken you (Gen 17:17). When their bodies were dead from being able to conceive in their old age, Hebrews 11:11 says, the resurrection power of God quickened their bodies (Heb 11:11).

It was the resurrection power of God that was inherent in His glory that kept the prophet Moses strong till the day he died (Ex 34:7). The strength in his body was as young and strong as he was in his 30s. How was that possible? The resurrection power of God is inherent in the glory that was constantly flowing in waves into the prophet Moses' body as he regularly waited in God's presence. The resurrection power constantly renewed his body cells so

that till the day he died he was as normal as if no bodily weakness was found in him. If God had not put him to death he could have lived longer in the Promised Land.

What is the resurrection power of God? It is the life-giving and life-sustaining living life of God. It is not just the power of God but it is the life of God. That life has quickening power. Let me give you an example. When the prophet Moses hesitated to accept God's call to go to Egypt, God gave him three signs of demonstrative power (Ex 4:1-10). The Lord asked him to throw down his shepherd's rod. Now, that rod was dead and lifeless wood. At the Lord's command, he threw it down. Where did he throw it? In a place that is filled with the glory of God. As soon as the rod touched the ground, the power of God vibrant in the living God instantly transformed the deadwood to become a living 10-foot long black cobra. The resurrection power of God quickens the deadwood to become alive.

Second, Lord God told the prophet Moses to put his hand into your vest and take it out. His good hand then became dead as the hand of a leper. All the living cells in his hand died. The prophet Moses was shocked. The Lord asked him to put his hand back into his vest and to the prophet Moses' relief it becomes normal and alive again.

The resurrection power of God has brought the dead to life (2 Cor 1:9). We read of numerous examples in the Bible where the resurrection power of God brought the dead back to life.

1. Prophet Elijah prayed and raised a young dead boy back to life - 1 Kg 17:17-23
2. Prophet Elisha prayed and raised a dead boy to life - 2 Kg 4:18-36. Furthermore, we read in 2 Kings 13:20-21 that the resurrection power of God was still inherent in the bones of Elisha to raise a dead man to life.



3. Lord Jesus raised a 12-year-old dead girl back to life – Mk 5:34-42. Furthermore, the Lord Jesus raised a dead teenage boy back to life (Lk 7:12-15) and also raised Lazarus who was dead for four days back to life (Jn 12:1).
 4. Apostle Peter raised an influential dead woman—Dorcas, back to life – Acts 9:36-41
 5. Apostle Paul raised a dead young man to life – Acts 20:9-12.
- In these 5 instances, we read of the resurrection power of God.

The prophet Moses gave this counsel: *the resurrection power of God will soon manifest on a global scale*. It will quicken every dry bone. We read in Ezekiel 37:1-10 about the last day move of God where His resurrection power will be poured upon the Church in an unprecedented manner. When this power is poured upon the Church, it will rise like a mighty army (Ezek 37:10).

This resurrection power of God will come upon you. It is going to come upon every true church and they will rise like a mighty army of God to do great exploits—wonders for God. I declare unto you that the resurrection power of God is going to come on a global scale. This is not only prophesied by biblical prophets over the last thousands of years but God has also spoken of it through His present days' saints.

I do have a question for you: Do you want to be a participator or do you want to sit on the side-lines and just watch as a spectator? If you answer that you want to be a participator, then, you must cut loose every weight that is easily pulling you down (Heb 12:1). Unless and until you are willing to cut loose that weight that is easily pulling you down, you will not go any further in the Kingdom of God. If you want to walk further into the Holy of Holies in the Kingdom of God, then cut all the weights that easily slow you.

Key For Resurrection Power To Manifest

How will this resurrection power manifest? Only through one simple way – *being hidden in the presence of God*. Let me give you three examples.

1. Aaron's rod budded when it was kept hidden in the Ark of the Covenant (Num 17:7).
2. The Virgin Mary's body was quicken with life to bear a baby when she was hidden in the house of her cousin Elizabeth for three months (Lk 1:35-56).
3. The Lord Jesus arose from the dead after being kept hidden in a tomb for three days (Matt 27:60).

Through these three examples, it can be seen that the resurrection power of God came upon to quicken to life while they were hidden in the presence of God. So, be hidden in the presence of God. Build an altar for God in your house and seek His face like never before. You may not get another opportunity like this.

I am sure you know how eggs are hatched. After laying eggs, a hen keeps the eggs hidden under her body. The heat from the hen transforms the egg yolk into the image of the mother. Likewise, when you stay hidden in the presence of God, the resurrection power of the Living God will do three changes in you.

1. It will quicken—strengthen your inner man with the Spirit of Might.
2. It will renew your mind.
3. It will transform you from glory to glory after the image of the living Christ Jesus.

Prepare To Manifest The Power Of God

The final counsel from Heaven is: *prepare to manifest the resurrection power of God*. How to do that? The second part of Daniel 11:32 has the answer: "but the people who



know their God shall be strong, and carry out *great exploits*." Before you can be strong to do great exploits demonstrating the power of God the key condition is to know God.

Know in Hebrew is *yada* meaning *having an intimate experiential relationship with God*. That was the experience of the prophet Enoch. He walked with God (Gen 5:24). That was the experience of the prophet Noah, for he walked with God (Gen 6:9). That was the experience of the prophet Abraham, for he was called the friend of God (Jas 2:23). That was also the experience of the prophet Moses, for God said, 'there is no other person like Moses whom I knew face to face' (Dt 34:10).

Truly, truly, I say unto you, you can walk in the same manner as these four saints. You can walk with God like the prophet Enoch. You can be a friend with God like the patriarch Abraham. You can walk with God like the prophet Noah. You can know God face to face like the prophet Moses.

It is possible! The key is knowing God. Get into an intimate experiential relationship with God. How can you do that? Through three simple ways.

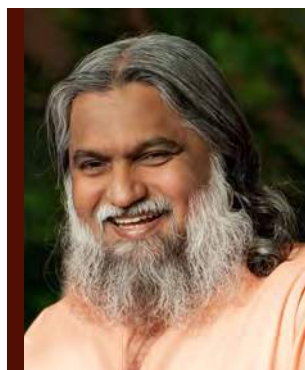
1. Spend quality time worshiping God. Forget about everything else; brush away all other thoughts from your mind. Just worship Him with all your heart, with all your soul.
2. Meditate the Word of God day and night. Put your mind on the Word and meditate. Don't let your mind fly everywhere around the world.
3. Pray in the Spirit—in unknown tongues. At least for one hour each day.

When you get to know God intimately, His resurrection power will begin to flow inside the very fibers of your body. It will then manifest in the demonstrative power of God. Let us

consider an example. In Acts 3:1-8 we read that the apostles Peter and John went to the Temple to pray as was their custom on the Sabbath. As they were about to enter the gate called Beautiful, they saw a lame man. He was born lame and was begging. When the lame man saw the apostle Peter, he stretched forth his hand to beg for money. The apostle Peter looked at him, fastening his eyes on him, and said, "I don't have any silver or gold but one thing I have, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, rise and walk."

Please observe what the apostle Peter said, "One thing I have." He did not pray for the lame man to get healed. He just merely lifted him by his hand, after speaking the word of power. What did he mean by "one thing I have"? The resurrection power of God!

Saints of God, this is what you need. Seek the face of God like never before. As soon as you finish reading this article, spend an hour seeking the face of God. And the power of the Most High God will come and fall upon you. Bend your knees and cry out to God, "Lord gave me this power, or I will die." The Lord your God will surely visit you.



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