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Who gives the sun for light by day
And the fixed order of the moon and of the
stars for light by night,
Who stirs up the sea's roaring billows or stills
the waves when they roar;
The LORD of hosts is His name:"



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We need an Awakening as badly as Judah did in 2Kings 17. They had forgotten their God. They had forsaken their one true God and even closed the door to the temple and nailed it shut. 2Kings 17:16-17, could be copy from today's newspaper: The people disobeyed all the commands of the LORD. They made idols of gold and built altars to gods and goddesses and they worshiped the stars. They indulged in all the black arts of magic and sorcery. . . They sank so low as to sacrifice their own sons and daughters! These things are literally happening in our churches, neighborhoods, schools, businesses, small towns, movies and even cartoons, but most assuredly, (as it reads in the last line of verse 17), GOD HAD ENOUGH.

In the next chapter, 2Kings 18, Hezekiah became king of Judah and Awakening began. Hezekiah was AWARE they needed God and He took action to begin sanctifying the nation. He destroyed the local shrines, tore down the images of foreign gods, cut down the sacred pole for worshiping the goddess of sex and fertility and he also smashed the bronze snake Moses had made in the wilderness. Remember when fiery serpents were biting and killing them in the camp? God told Moses to put a brass serpent on a pole so people could see it and be healed. That was a one-time obedience that led to the intervention of God for their nation. Keeping that pole as a testimony from history to teach their children about God was understandable, but sticking that pole among the idols they were worshiping and making sacrifices to dishonored both God and the acts of God in their behalf. That generation had to have cooked the books (unethically change the meaning) of their own history to justify worshiping a SNAKE on a STICK. Let's bring that home to our present darkness. How much have crooked lawyer's and judges cooked the books in America and distorted the Rule of Law and the Constitution of the United States as they deliberately try to change our history. They fully intend to redefine who

we are and distort the God purpose and destiny within us. We need an Awakening to stop the madness in both the Church and the Nation! We need to follow Hezekiah's lead *in such a time as this*! He made the Godchanges that were in his reach! He could reach their idols and he tore them down . . . and it PLEASED God! Of course, it didn't necessarily please everybody else because Awakening always upsets the norms.

Judah was upset as their idolatrous and corrupt lifestyle was shattered, but they faced an even greater threat from another direction at the same time. A cunning enemy, an Assyrian Commander who fully intended to take them captive, used their *upheaval of norms* as the moment to undermine their confidence in their king Hezekiah and more importantly, their God! He taunted them saying, "You obviously have no hope of divine help!" And they couldn't argue with that since King Hezekiah had already cleared out their collection of gods, proving all their gods were powerless and disposable! Sennacherib reminded them that the Assyrians had taken over country after country and none of their gods had done them any good. Added to that, any hope they might have had of Jehovah God's help took a nose dive with the fall of the "SNAKE on a STICK!" Judah was shaking in their boots. Taking advantage of that moment, the crafty Assyrian put them to the question: What justifies your confidence that you can beat us?

(For future reference, no matter who corners us with such a question, whether friend or foe or self-talk, there is only one answer: Our confidence comes from the faithfulness of God. His faithfulness is greater than anybody's opinion or experience or track record.)

At that point, Hezekiah put on sackcloth and went to prayer and sent runners to Isaiah the prophet with this message: it is a day of deep distress; for sons have come to birth and there is no power to bring them forth. In other words, it's time to pierce the darkness around us and change the future for generations to come, but we're not strong enough to do it. We could add to Hezekiah's message in our day: most of us are too weary to even try to fight the darkness because for years we've seen morally depraved people blaspheme all things sacred! For years, we've watched wealthy bullies get away with murder and seen corrupt politicians cheat and blackmail and bribe their way to the top. We've watched media deliberately lie and deceive and brainwash the public with propaganda. We've seen technology kill people with chemicals and germ warfare and engineered storms. And we've seen injustice go unpunished. All this has left us rattled and weary and weak.

HOWEVER, I declare we are not too weary or too weak to participate with our God because we know what the Lord told Judah that day in 2Ki 19:6, and I believe it's a prophetic word for us today! God is going to deliver His people and

our nation from Evil! We need to be AWARE of that and PARTICIPATE! The Lord said through Isaiah: Don't be afraid. It's Me that's being blasphemed. Behold, I will put a spirit in (your enemy) so that he will hear a rumor and return to his own land, and I will cause him to fall by the sword there. That sounds like God's gonna turn the tables. It sounds like our enemies will be taken out by insiders and their own camp will betray them. Sure enough, in Hezekiah's distress the word of the Lord came to pass. Whether Sennacherib believed Judah's God would help them or not, he heard the RUMOR of the Angel of God massacre that left 185,000 Assyrian corpses in their camp! So Sennacherib got out of Dodge, but when he went back home, his own sons killed him.

Isaiah's prophetic word already came to pass then and it will once again. We are not likely to hear it on the 6:00 fake news, but God is sending angels to help us prevail over this present darkness. Whether that darkness is evil politics or greedy schemes or 100 year old strongholds or impossible situations or personal wars in our backyard, we are being delivered from evil!

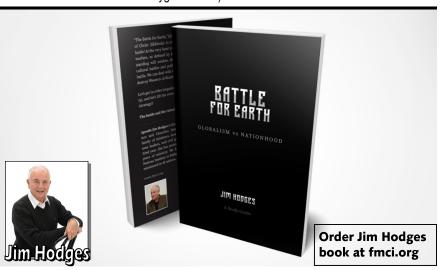
We have never been where we stand right now as the Church or as the Nation. For over 100 years, the Church has been deliberately undermined as a godly force in our culture and our Nation has been systematically sabotaged, but the cup of iniquity of the Amorites is full, (100 years and 100% full!) The meanings of the word "Amorite" tell the story graphically: the iniquity (darkness) of the Top of the Mountain controllers is FULL! The iniquity (injustice) of the the Public and the Prominent is FULL! And just like God gave the Amorites centuries to repent but they would not, God has given old-bloodline world controllers centuries to repent but they have not. So to quote 2Kings 17:17 again, GOD HAS HAD ENOUGH. Justice will be ugly for the Public and Prominent in coming days, but justice now will be deliverance for generations to come, and God will avenge the innocent.

As the CHURCH, may we be AWARE of what is righteous and what is not. We dare not hold to an old mindset of hide until we rapturously escape! No, this earth is the Lord's and He is our Lord, so we're on His side! That means we take a righteous stand and participate with our Lord to make a difference. A friend told me of his dream that carried this prophetic message: as the people of God stand up and turn from what is not God, we will see God move swiftly to bring about what is God! So be it. If the Lord has to pry us loose from traditions that are security blankets or mindsets we cling to like a pacifier, He loves us enough to do it. In this decade of Awakening, may we work with God and not idolize past obediences or past sounds or past experiences, nor cling to formulas and drag around a "snake on a stick."

As One NATION under God, may we not be afraid to open our eyes and see what Truth exposes as the Lord uncovers works of darkness and removes workers of darkness. Instead of living out a future in deception and dysfunction under siege of darkness, we are going to AWAKEN to God's Original Intent for this nation again. We are Positioned and Graced for an Awakening that God has planned! Please Grab that by faith today, not bowing to how you feel. Mary wasn't even married yet, so she certainly didn't FEEL like the mother of the Messiah, but she was Positioned in history and GRACED by God to be part of His

plan, and so are we! If you are breathing, your name is pre-written in God's script for the Awakening of this 2020 decade. Again, we're not talking the impossible dream. We're talking the plans of God for sons and daughters to tend to Father's business. Please don't let that scare you or stress you in any way because we don't have to have a super hero full-body leotard or a cape and a mask. This is about being God-Positioned and God-Graced, Holy Spirit-prompted and Holy Spirit-enabled, and our part is to simply respond: "Lord, be it unto me according to Your word." Our willingness to participate with Father should come more from TRUST than COURAGE because we trust that the Lord has POSI-TIONED us and GRACED us to see His will done to us and through us in this AWAKENING.

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### **OVERCOMERS**

We need to see the historical and original truth in the book of Revelation. The promise of blessing to those that read and heed it should override any concerns one might have over symbolic language in this book. Rev 1:1—The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His bond-servants, the things which must soon take place. (Notice this verse has meaning for the folks back then because it was about things soon to take place, and those folks were going through some persecution, fear and opposition.) He sent and communicated it by His angel to His bond-servant John. The word, "communicated", in this verse is the word "signify". The book of Revelation was not written in code, but it was

written in signs and symbols. Most are taught in Bible school that all scripture is literal unless it is obviously symbolic. Revelation is to be taken symbolically before literally although it has both elements. The dragon, the false prophet, the beast, Babylon and the harlot are all symbols and they are explained by the rest of the Bible, especially Ezekiel. Chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation name the seven churches called to be overcomers, and the chapters after that tell us the heavy duty stuff they had to overcome.

John was addressing the new epicenter of the Christian movement that's located in Asia Minor or modern day Turkey. The first epicenter was Jerusalem in Israel. However, the apostate Judaism brought judgment on Jerusalem in A.D. 70 when the temple was destroyed by the Romans. Not all Jews rejected Jesus but the first century apostate religious leaders did. Christianity then moved northwestward and the new center was Ephesus in Asia Minor. Simultaneously, the whole Roman Empire was caught up in the worship of the Caesars. The people had to embrace Caesar as their primary god and the state ruled the people. So, the epicenter of Christianity was bumping into the epicenter of the emperor cult because they built a statue or idol of the Caesar in Ephesus. Julius Caesar died in 29 B.C., but they built the temple honoring him in Ephesus instead of the capitol of Rome. Then the caesars after Julius did not wait to die to take on claims of being deified. After Julius, Octavian, also called Augustus, was called the son of god, the mediator between man and god and he was acclaimed as the savior of the world. History shows one statement that salvation was to be found in no other than Augustus and there was no other name given to men by which they could be saved. So when Peter preached about Jesus in Acts 4, it became confrontive. It was a clash and the conflict and polarity were as obvious as Awakening and Wokeness are today. So the caesars, acclaimed as gods, taxed and confiscated property at will, took citizens wives and husbands for their own pleasure, caused food shortages, exercised the power of life and death over their subjects and sought to rule every aspect of reality throughout the empire. It was the Kingdom of Christ versus the empire of Caesar. The Romans had many gods and it was okay if Christianity just added another god, but there was conflict when the apostles, prophets and believers proclaimed their God was the only true and living God, the only Savior and the King. Being a king meant Jesus had a Kingdom, a government, and that indicated Caesar was not supreme. It was in this heated setting that John traveled to the seven churches in Revelation and these seven churches set up the symbolic conflict that would ensue in history.

The first thing some of these churches faced was the synagogue of

Satan. The synagogue of Satan was simply those that held on to their ethnicity as being the primary way to link to God. They told Jesus they were the sons of Abraham indicating true Jews walked in the first Jew's faith. Jesus edited that when He told them their father was the devil because they were not walking in Abraham's faith. While God ordained ethnicity and it has honor, it is not a passport to heaven. Faith in Christ, the seed of Abraham, is the key.

In 395 A.D., Caesar was gone because barbarians took over Rome, but the Ekklesia was still standing, and the conflict was ongoing. This conflict actually started back in Genesis. We see in Genesis 10 the nations that God ordained through the three sons of Noah. In Genesis 11, the tower of Babel arises against the nations. They attempted to synchronize and centralize their government and rule in absolute power, but absolute power absolutely corrupts. The agenda of Nimrod and his crowd was to diminish nationhood. Nationalism can be a bad word like Nazism or a good word like patriotism. (Everyone should love their nation. There is honor in spiritual dimensions and honor in the natural family dimensions of our founding fathers.) So in Genesis 10 and 11, the nations were warring against a globalistic system called Babel. We are in such a battle today. Moving on to Genesis 12, we find the solution to this impasse: every nation must choose chaos or covenant. They had to choose Babel or God's Kingdom administered by a covenant people due to Abraham's faith. In the temptation of Jesus He chose the Kingdom of God rather than the kingdoms of the world that He was offered. Governments today are still trying to usurp the authority of the Kingdom of God and persecute the Church around the world. Simply put, we are still in the flow of this historical conflict. We could describe this conflict in one word, statism. Statism is the underlying, underpinning of Marxism, leftism, socialism and globalism that is tyrannical and oppressive and freedom stealing.

The call on us is to be an overcomer. If we are part of God's people, the Church, we are among a people destined and called to express God's victory wrought in Christ at the cross and the empty tomb and the ascension. This is simple. It is called victory in Jesus and we are called to be overcomers ("nikao" in the Greek). Of the seven churches in Revelation, five were challenged to repent and two were commended, but all seven were called to be overcomers. We are called to be overcomers quite simply because there is stuff to overcome. That Greek word, *nikao*, can be translated conqueror or victor also. In Romans 8:37, Paul said followers of Christ are more than conquerors and the word "more" in Greek is the word, hyper (hupernikao). We are not just called to get by but rather to be hyper in our conquering.

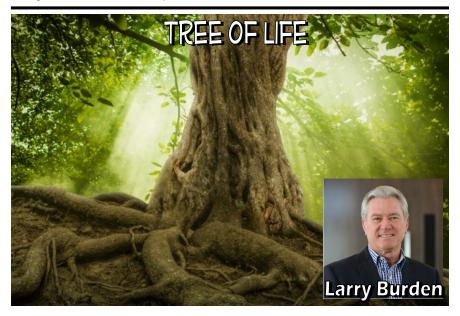
Many are prophesying that we are in a time of shaking, shifting and separating but at the same time there is a lot of talk about the need to unify. From what I see in the Bible, before we can unify there must first be a separation. Separation was first in the beginning: God separated light from darkness and land from water and even one third of the angels from the others. At the flood, God separated Noah and his family from all mankind. He separated Abram and company from Ur of the Chaldees and the reach of Babylon. He separated Moses from his Egyptian home to a desert place called Midian where he encountered a burning bush. At the Exodus, the Lord separated Israel from Egypt. In the end of history, God separates from the wheat. In Revelation, He separates the harlot from the wife of the Lamb. He separates the false prophet from the faithful and true witness Christ Himself. He separates the old Jerusalem from the new Jerusalem. He separates the old creation from the new creation. In Revelation 21:8, the Lord God separates the coward, the unbelievers, the abominable, the liars, the murderers, the sorcerers and the idolaters from the earth. In verse four, He separates His people from tears, mourning, crying, pain and even death. The ultimate expression of separation was for our redemption when Father-and-Son-fellowship was interrupted for three hours. Though God in Christ reconciled the world to Himself, the process for our redemption included that separation.

Separation comes first because unifying in and of itself can be either good or evil. Unifying is definitely a theme today to gather people into agreement with an anti-God agenda. Clichés about unity from politicians are attempts to influence people into uniting with *their* plans, regardless of law or constitution or scripture. We must pray and believe God to separate what needs to be separated. I have searched the word because I believe that scripture presents a glorious Church emerging in the earth before the second coming and declares a victorious Kingdom in history. God doesn't only win in eternity. He wins in history. The question is not, "How much does the Kingdom advance before the King returns". The question is, "How much will the Body of Christ pray and participate in the Kingdom of God agenda in culture?" An increasing Kingdom prophesied by Isaiah demands an anointed, activated and fearless people of God. I don't have all the details nor do I even know the *how*, but the Kingdom cannot be something that loses in history.

If the gates of hell do not prevail against the Church that Jesus is building, then the Ekklesia prevails. The call on us is to be an overcomer. If we are part of God's people, the Church, we are among a people destined and called to express God's victory wrought in Christ at the cross and the empty tomb and the ascension. This is simple. It is called victory in Jesus and we are called to be overcomers (*nikao in the Greek*). Of the seven churches in Revelation, five were challenged to repent and two were commended, but all seven were called to be overcomers. We are called to be overcomers quite simply because there is stuff to overcome. That Greek word, *nikao*, can be translated conqueror or victor also.

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I am routinely awakened during the night with a prompting to pray and spend quality time with the Lord. This is likely because during the daytime hours I am generally preoccupied with the demands of the day. I have found those quiet predawn hours with the Lord to be some of the most fruitful hours of my life.

Recently, during one such morning that I was simply walking, and praying softly in tongues, I began to feel something growing out of my feet. While there was clearly nothing actually growing in the natural, in the Spirit I saw roots extending from the bottoms of my feet and penetrating the floor where I would take each step. As I continued to walk and pray, it became increasingly more difficult to pick up my feet because of the roots. It was like I was pulling up tree roots with each step.

Finally, I had to stop walking. I simply could no longer move my feet. The roots had extended so deeply that I was immobile. I never

stopped praying in soft tongues; and as I continued, I could sense life springing up into my spirit like water from an underground spring. It was a most spiritually refreshing moment in time.

In that state, I sensed in my heart *Psalm 1*, where the writer contrasts the righteous and the wicked, light and darkness, happiness and ruin. He describes the person who delights and meditates in the true word of *I Am* day and night. The Passion Translation states that this person, will be standing firm like a flourishing tree planted in God's design, deeply rooted by the brooks of bliss, bearing fruit in every season of his life. He is never dry, never fainting, ever blessed, ever prosperous (vs 3).

This is the picture of a tree with a deep root system that draws life from a river. It is fruitful, productive, flourishing in any climate, and fulfilling its assignment to literally be a tree of blessing. Underneath the ground, In the center of such trees, is a long central tap root that can extend deeply into the hardest of soils to access underground water sources and transport water and nutrients into the body of the tree. This is a picture of us as God's church within all three expressions: His assembly, sunagoge; his household, oikos; and His governing force in the earth, ekklesia. We are the planted of the Lord in Christ, and we draw His life into our entire being from Him as the source.

Prophet Jeremiah echoed this Psalm in Jeremiah 17:7-8 when he stated, Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord. For he will be like a tree planted by the water, that EXTENDS ITS ROOTS by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; but its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought. Drought speaks of trials, testings, and assaults that come our way during our life journeys. When our spiritual roots are securely tapping into the life of the Spirit, then we receive the life that comes from the heart of God to sustain and carry us through to victory no matter the circumstance. We become overcomers!

The tree that is described in these passages is descriptive of the Tree of Life which is first mentioned in *Genesis 2:9*; the Tree of Life was planted in the midst or center of the Garden. This means that it was the centerpiece or the central focal point of importance in the Garden itself. Without it, there was no source to sustain life. The word goes on to describe that water bubbled from the ground to form a river which was clearly the life sustaining source through which the Tree of Life and all created things in the Garden received the life of God.

Ezekiel also had a vision of the Tree of Life in *Ezekiel 47:1-9*. He saw the bronze laver of the temple tip over and release a never-ending flow of water from the *house of God* which became a river. He was instructed to measure the depths of the river. At some points it was ankle

deep, at other points it was knee deep, thigh deep, and finally waters to swim in. Along both sides of the bank, he saw *many trees*. The Lord told Ezekiel that everywhere the river would flow that there would be life. These trees were types of the Tree of Life, except in this vision they had become a forest of trees of life.

Finally in the Book of Revelation, John has visions of the Tree of Life. In Revelation 22:1-2, John writes, And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb in the middle of its street (compares to the tipped bronze laver in Ezekiel's vision). And on either side of the river was the Tree of Life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it. And His bondservants shall serve Him. And they shall see His face, and His name shall be on their foreheads.

In the Garden of Eden there was a single tree, in Revelation there is the Tree on either side of the river, and In Ezekiel's vision there was a forest of Trees. Each of these are speaking of the Tree of Life. The Tree of Life is an eternal tree that is clearly representative of both the Son of Man, Jesus, and the sons of God, US. We as sons of God have a root system that extends deeply into the heart of the Father where we draw from His eternal life-sustaining Spirit to not only thrive through the trials, testings, and assaults of earth life but also to release the influence of His life into our spheres of influence. We are the forest or *Trees* of the Tree of Life as sons of God.

Ezekiel and John both saw the end of time to be the exponential replica of the beginning. While there was a single Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden, there is a forest of Trees of Life in the end. Jesus is the Tree, and His Church is the forest of Trees! We are the exponential expression of eternal God in the earth as His eternal sons! Father's eternal plan of destiny in the earth is to be forged through US! To accomplish our divine mission, we must daily partake of the Tree of Life.

In *Revelation 2:1-7*, John is admonished by the Lord to send a message to the *angel* of the church of Ephesus. As the main church in Asia, Ephesus was a symbol of the apostolic church. The deeds of the body were acknowledged by God to be good and healthy, except for one. The body had left their first love. The church was admonished by the Lord to repent and return to the first deeds of love toward God and mankind or else their *lampstand* would be removed. The Lampstand of the tabernacle was the symbol of the Tree of Life that illuminated the tabernacle. Its seven lamps (eyes) of fire never went out day or night. To remove the

lampstand from the church of Ephesus was to remove the source of spiritual life from the sons of God in Ephesus.

John further instructs the Ephesus church that if they will receive and respond to the admonishment of the Spirit and repent, then they will be given access to eat of the tree of life as overcomers! What an amazing promise from the Lord! This is our admonishment too as the Apostolic ekklesia. We must have continuous access to the Tree of Life if we are to BE the Tree of His Life as His sons.

Finally, we are admonished by the word of the Apostle Paul who founded the church in Ephesus. In *Ephesians 3:14-21* he instructs the church, For this reason, I bow my knees before the father, from whom every family in heaven and earth derives its name; that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be STRENGTHENED with POWER through HIS SPIRIT in the INNER MAN; so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, and that you being ROOTED AND GROUNDED in LOVE may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth (Ezekiel's river), and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be FILLED UP to the FULLNES OF GOD. Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think according to the POWER that works within us, TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH and IN JESUS CHRIST TO ALL GENERATIONS FOREVER AND EVER AMEN.

Let us be the Trees of His glory and honor in these days. Let us finish strong as His overcomers! Heaven is counting on us!





This is Awakening: Part 278 because I have mentioned awakening a lot lately. I can't get away from it. I have noticed that awakening, for the most part, is presented as an event but I believe we have been in "The 3rd Great Awakening" for some years now. Think about it, we have seen almost unbelievable evil surfacing everywhere and it's because hidden things are being exposed! This is seriously ancient evil crawling to the surface but awakening is causing us to see it. Awakening is two sided: God's glory manifesting and evil being exposed and annihilated. It can't be a one time event because it's way too massive for us to be able to endure all at once!

My eyes are being opened to how far below par we have been living when God's intention all along has been for us to reside above par. This awakening is exposing agendas that have been built to lull us and control us. These agendas use normal everyday things we allow in our lives because it's a "norm" in society. There are things like pop culture, entertainment, news and standards that we call wisdom when in reality it's man's wisdom. Side note: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of [true] wisdom where man's wisdom comes from fearing everything else. One fear leads to life abundantly and the other leads to an early grave. I have been guilty of living a life embracing man's wisdom and society's norms and I've noticed a whole lot of ineffectualness.

Over the last couple of days I have realized how much my thinking is changing. You know that life timeline running in your subconscious? The one where, you don't even realize, you have presupposed thoughts of how your life may go? Well, just the other day I came to the realization that mine has a ton of influence from the above mentioned agendized societal norms. This timeline has been so governed by what we've seen instead of what is coming. All of a sudden I saw a clean whiteboard and knew that meant that my timeline is brand new! I'm not limited to the expectations of a life built while I was asleep at the wheel! I am now free to live in His abundance which means being a living expression of His Kingdom on this earth. This is such revitalizing news! THIS - IS - AWAKEN-ING, and it's for all of us. And while each of us walk in discovery of abundant

life, we also should expect some shocking moments ahead. For there is evil to be confronted and it won't simply be exposed and then just left alone. No, it has to be dealt with by the Awakened. The term *shock and awe* comes to mind. This revitalization that is happening to us is arming us with weapons and authority that, I dare say, we've never walked in. We have been progressing through levels of awakening for a while now, but it's about to get real in each of us, maybe for the first time.

Real life comes when we are awake. It will be an amazing adventure to live out the true intentions of God for our lives. I feel like I'm rambling right now but I can't think of another way to express what I'm feeling about what's ahead. Like I mentioned up front, it's just way too massive for us to be able to endure all at once and that's why this Third Great Awakening has been and will be an ongoing process. If you don't feel it yet, I want to encourage you to hold on because this unveiling is building steam and you will see the goodness of God in the land of the living! (Ps. 27:13)

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There is a higher justice department called the Kingdom of our God. I want to encourage you that in the middle of what looks chaotic and confusing, there are a lot of good things happening. The devil would like to rob us of our faith by calling our attention only to the bad things, things we did not want to see and the absence of things we did want to see. He always uses diversionary tactics to keep our focus on the bad stuff and off of the Lord, but we can re-center or bring the Lord and His presence front and center and trust Him during chaos.

Trust is different from faith. Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego knew the difference. They were given the choice to bow their knees to a man, a king, a powerful person, but they declined and would not bow to anyone other than the living God. That resulted in a visit to the fiery furnace. On their way to the furnace, they made an incredible statement, "Our God is

able to deliver us." In other words, they knew God had the power and ability to deliver them from the fiery furnace, but they added, "But if He doesn't, we will still only worship Him." Faith has a goal or object you are believing for, but trust is something deeper than faith. Trust is the ability to believe God when you can't see the object of your faith. Their faith was that God had the power to deliver, but their trust in Him would not waver if He didn't. As the people of God in our world today, we have faith in God's power but we must also have greater trust in God's character. We could say that trust is faith to not have to see or understand. It's like when a pilot is flying through clouds and cannot see anything out the windshield, he has to trust his instrumentation. God wants us to now shift from visual to instrumentation, where we are trusting though we cannot see. Trust is dear and precious to the heart of God. When we cannot see, that is the best time to re-center on the Lord and trust Him, for God's character is flawless, faithful and He never fails.

God is not failing America today. We can trust that He has a plan greater than what we can see, just as the disciples had to trust: *Mat 8:18 And seeing great crowds around Him, Jesus gave orders to go away to the other side.* (The crowds of people made it seem like a strange moment to up and leave for the other side, but God will sometimes do things that make no sense to us. I'm sure the disciples could not figure out why Jesus would want to leave a multitude of people who were hungry for His word, but they didn't know that God had a bigger plan.)

Mat 8:19 And one scribe, coming near, said to Him, Teacher, I will follow You wherever you may go. Mat 8:20 And Jesus said to him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere He may lay His head. (Notice Jesus did not say, "Don't follow me." He was simply explaining what it would cost the man to follow Him.) Mat 8:21 And another of His disciples said to Him, Lord, allow me first to go away and bury my father. Mat 8:22 But Jesus said to him, Follow Me, and allow the dead to bury their own dead. (Here, Jesus was not saying no to the disciple, but He was again describing the cost of following the Lord.)

Mat 8:23 And He entering into the boat, His disciples followed Him. Mat 8:24 And, behold, a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered by the waves; but He was sleeping. Have you ever felt like the Lord was sleeping during your storm, the storm that was about to sink your boat and kill you? It seems like some people in the Church today are also thinking that Jesus is asleep while our nation is in a great tempest, but like my grandad used to say, I think Jesus was just playing opossum. There was a created perception in the disciples that He was asleep. Since the Bible says God neither slumbers nor sleeps, I think their perception

that Jesus was somehow disconnected from the circumstances of the dangerous storm was not the case. The enemy would love to deceive us into thinking Jesus is asleep during this national storm, but I assure you He is wide awake and is not *playing opossum*. He knows exactly what is happening and nothing has caught Him by surprise or off guard. He is awake and going to demonstrate that He is the Lord over the storm just as He did with the disciples. *Mat 8:25 And coming near, His disciples aroused Him, saying, Lord, save us! We are perishing.* Remember seven of the twelve disciples were commercial fishermen by profession and they knew that lake like the back of their hand. They knew the danger they were in from this storm that had risen suddenly. They were perplexed that Jesus could be so disconnected from the circumstances but He was in absolute control the whole time. We trust God, knowing He is in control.

Mat 8:26 And He said to them, Why are you afraid, little-faiths? [undeveloped or immature faith] Then rising up, He rebuked the winds and the sea. And a great calm occurred. So a great tempest became a great calm. It might have been more important for the Lord to rebuke the fear and lack of faith in His disciples than it was to stop the storm. It might have been more important because God had a bigger plan than just getting a boat filled with disciples across to the other side of the lake. The bigger plan was waiting on the other side. God was wanting to set a region free. God is not short-sighted. He has a bigger, a greater plan and it's not one that we can see. So, we believe but we also have to trust, which is faith to not have to understand or to see. It is undeniable that we are in a national storm, but Jesus is wide awake. He is the King of all kings and Lord of all lords and the Master of the storm who knows when to stop it.

Just as He dealt with the unbelief in the disciples before he rebuked the storm, likewise He wants to deal with some things in our lives before He stops the storm. For example, I think God is dealing with some core issues in the Church that may hinge upon some idolatry. There's a fine line that separates honor from worship and some have crossed that line. There's no one who loves Israel more than I do and it has been my greatest joy in my career to bless Israel in very unique ways. However, I do not worship Israel. There are no feet for us to worship at except the Lord's, not Israel's and not a president's. I don't think anyone loves Donald Trump more than I do, but I think he has been worshiped. It is more important to deal with our idolatry than it is to give us the president we want or even that God wants. (I'm feeling bad for the prophets that prophesied a second term. They are getting backlash right now, but I don't think they were wrong.) Things had to come to this point in order for righteousness to prevail in a critical moment. The cup of judgment will

have to be full before God brings His adjudication of righteousness. Meanwhile, it is time to re-center in His presence, repent as necessary and make sure our hearts are open to His dealings so that He can then deal with the storm.

The disciples got through the storm to the other side. Remember from the moment they stepped into the boat they didn't know what the mission was. It made no sense to them to go to the other side, but in the process of getting there, they worshiped Him when they marveled: *Mat 8:27 And the men marveled, saying, What kind of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?* It took a storm to bring them to this new level of worship. We can take advantage of this storm of uncertainty we are in and come out worshiping Him with more passion.

Mat 8:28 And He coming to the other side, into the country of the Gergesenes, two demon-possessed ones met Him, coming out of the tombs, very violent, so that no one was able to pass through that way. These guys had successfully blockaded a whole region and shut it down under a dark cloud of demonic oppression. No one could pass in or out of the region because of these fierce demonized men. So, the mission the disciples could not see that was greater than protecting them in a storm was bringing a region out of lockdown and restoring their economy and all other functions of their society.

The two men came out of the tombs in Mat 8:29, And, behold! They cried out, saying, What is to us and to You, Jesus, Son of God? Have You come here beforetime to torment us? Principalities that possess regions will always try to keep God's people from disturbing their entrenchments. There will always be a demonic attempt to delay the inevitable in order to stay entrenched in control of a region. One of the tactics is to say it is not the right time so demons can keep you from pressing the issue until you back off thinking it just wasn't God's time. But it was God's time. Jesus was there to get them out of the region and He did not buy into their time delay tactic. So they tried something else: Mat 8:30 And far off from them there was a herd of many pigs feeding. Mat 8:31 And the demons begged Him, saying, If You cast us out, allow us to go away into the herd of pigs. Since demons are territorial by nature, they could at least stay in the region if they were in the swine, but Jesus did not buy into that tactic either. At first glance you might think He did because He told them to go, and they went into the herd and ended up in the sea. What looked like negotiating with terrorists was really not that at all. Jesus was not in compliance with the demons, rather He knew what would happen. When the evil spirits shifted from the men to the swine, they ended up where Jesus wanted them to go and the whole region was set free. Just so, the Lord has a plan to set our nation free and it is bigger than we think. It might take on different forms in the process, but we are going to see our nation come into full compliance with the Lord. During this stormy process we cannot be concerned only with our national issues. We must also be concerned with what's within us because the issues in our own lives can be a bigger threat than the storm we are passing through. Even if we had all that we had prayed for in our nation and had not yet dealt with our own hearts, we could end up worse off as a nation. I would rather God deal with the enemy in my heart, the enemy in the boat, so that I not only get through the storm but also a region gets set free and God's bigger mission get's accomplished.

God always has a bigger plan. The two guys were set free and were elated and wanted to follow Jesus, but Jesus told one of them no. He told him to go back to his hometown and tell the people what had happened to him. He was from Decapolis, the ten city region. He went back there and evangelized the whole region bringing the gospel and causing churches and Christian businesses to be established there. Then in 70 A.D., when Jerusalem was destroyed, the Christians of Jerusalem were able to find refuge at Decapolis because there were so many believers there that it was a place of refuge. If that guy had not been sent there by the Lord, that would not have happened, and God's bigger plan would not have been accomplished.

Even if we cannot see all the Lord is doing, He is faithful and He is still working. That is why the greatest and most precious thing is to stand in our TRUST in the Lord.

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Kathy -- I sat alone downstairs at the piano, not really playing any particular song but simply flowing in sounds that came with His presence. I did not intend to sing but these words slipped out of my heart, "You are the Lord of this moment." As soon as my words met the air, like an echo response I heard, "AND THE MOMENT BEFORE." I could not have explained the sudden weeping had anyone overheard it, for it was a gusher from my heart outside my logic or understanding. Then when my understanding did open, the weeping would not stop. Though I didn't realize it, that worshipful, prophetic declaration was also a cry from my heart for a moment of comfort and quietness that would shut out all the noise of need and concern and "what-ifs." The awesome Spirit of my God did not miss nor ignore that heart-cry. If desperation had my ship listing, His four word echo set me aright. If anxiety was smothering, His words brought me a deep breath. If time was threatening, His words turned the clock back. If I feared I was at an unchangeable end, hope took me back to a new beginning. He was reminding me that before circumstances piled up, before dysfunction developed, before trouble troubled, He had seen it coming, and He had the table set for me before my enemies even got there. It was a powerful reminder that His provision is there before the problem.



Going through the scriptures, we find many different ways that God will heal us. Healing is as unique as each person coming to be healed. God is not bound by a formula, mantra, or traditional forms. It's not how loud, how long, or how much faith we can muster. It is fully trusting in whom we have believed. Sometimes healing looks like putting a serpent on a pole (Num 21:9). Sometimes healing looks like casting salt into the springs of Jericho (2Kings 8:18-22). Sometimes healing looks like casting a tree into the waters to make it sweet. (Ex 15:25). Sometimes healing looks like Hezekiah on his death bead turning his face to the wall, asking God to remember him, and the Lord giving him 15 more years. (Isa 39:5). Sometimes healing looks like receiving the first Passover and they came out of Egypt without one feeble among them. (Ps 105:37). Sometimes healing looks like dipping seven times in the muddy Jordan river. (2Kings 5:10). Sometimes healing looks like casting a corpse on the bones of a prophet and coming alive again (2Kings 13:20-21).

This pattern continues in the New Testament. Jesus uses a multitude of ways to heal people. Sometimes healing looks like laying hands on a leper(Matt 8:2-3). Many times Jesus would lay his hands directly on someone and they would receive a miraculous healing. Sometimes healing looks like a woman with an issue of blood touching the hem of Jesus' garment(Matt 9:20). And don't forget the sick and diseased of Gennesaret that heard of this touching the hem of his garment and they were healed (Matt 14:34-36). Now, it's not Jesus touching people, but people reaching out in faith to touch the healer and the life giving virtuous flow is released in our lives. Sometimes healing looks like Jesus just saying the word and the centurion's servant gets healed that very hour (Matt 8:5-13). Some-

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times healing looks like calling your name at a tomb like Lazarus (John 11:43). Sometimes healing looks like Jesus calling you a dog, but even the dogs get to eat crumbs off the masters table (Mark 7:28). Sometimes healing looks like a spitting in the ground, making a mud pie, and rubbing it into the eyes of a blind man (John 9:6-7). Sometimes healing looks like Peter's shadow falling on people and they are made whole (Acts 5:15). Sometimes healing looks like Paul taking his sweaty bandanas and laying them on the sick (Acts 19:12). Sometimes healing looks like shaking off a viper that just bit my hand and being unharmed (Acts 28:3). All of these stories are very familiar to us, but I would like to focus on how Jesus healed a blind man in Bethsaida.

Mar 8:22 And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. 23 And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought. 24 And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. 25 After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. 26 And he sent him away to his house, saying, Neither go into the town, nor tell it to any in the town.

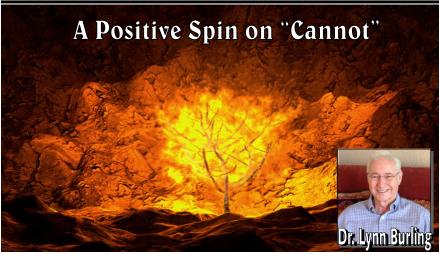
We have heard this story before. Jesus spits in the man's eyes and he sees men like trees. So, Jesus prays again, and he is fully restored. I've preached this passage before and referred to it many times. The thing that struck me different this time is in v.23. It says that Jesus took the man by the hand and led him out of the town. Wait a minute, why is Jesus taking him away from where he just came to? Well, we know that Jesus pronounces a judgment against Bethsaida in Mat 11:21-22 "Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon at the day of judgment, than for you." Isn't it amazing that Jesus returns to a place of unbelief just to allow an individual to encounter Him?

No one else around you may believe, but that doesn't have to stop you from coming to Jesus. The blind man came to the Healer, but the healer didn't heal him right there. He took him by the hand and led him to a place of healing. Where did this blind man come from? Was he from another town? Was he local? We don't know, but he came to Jesus for healing. I wonder how long did it take to leave the town? Did it take 5 minutes, 10 minutes, 30 minutes or perhaps even an hour? What did they talk about along the way? We don't know. All we know is that a blind man came for healing, and the healer led him to a place of healing. Sometimes healing looks like a journey. We come into contact with the healer and He leads us to that place where we can be made whole again. Along the way, I'm sure they spoke one to another. I'm sure Jesus reassured the blind man that there would be a destination. I'm sure the loving compassion of Jesus brought trust and

hope in this man.

Sometimes healing doesn't look like an immediate manifestation. Sometimes healing looks like a recovery and restoration. My encouragement to you who are on the healing journey. Don't be dismayed by the length or unfamiliar process that comes with this type of healing. Just know that you have come to the Healer and he is leading you by the hand to that place of healing no matter how long or how far you have to go. The blind man came for a healing but got to know the Healer along the way. Sometimes healing looks like a trust walk. Sometimes healing looks like a conversation with the Healer. Sometimes healing looks like walking out of where I walked into. Sometimes healing just looks like Jesus.

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By the time Moses was 80 years old, he had tried to deliver his people in his own strength. He had made the effort because of the teachings of his mother, Jochabed, and because he had realized he had been saved from the drowning of all male children for a special calling. He was "so sure" of his calling that he even murdered for it. However, deliverance did not come from his own strength. Instead, for forty years he became adept at tending sheep. During all those years of pouring himself into something he could excel at, remembering "what might have been" had to have gnawed at him.

You've heard this story a thousand times. He sees a bush burning but not consumed, which is not only unusual but impossible. So Moses draws near to see this phenomenon and he hears a voice, God's voice, calling his name, "Moses, Moses."

"I'm here," he replies.

The I AM THAT I AM lays out a precedent for all to observe, "Take off your shoes Moses, you are standing on holy ground." When the presence of God invades your space it's time to look and see and observe what He is saying." My imagination kicks in here and wonders how many times Moses had considered himself a failure over those 40 years, and how many times he thought, 'I'm too old and powerless to do what I initially knew I was called to do.' And there was no relief for him when the Lord God continued His dissertation saying, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people and heard their cry and I know their sorrows." Moses was probably thinking, 'Lord, I felt the same way at one time and wanted to help them, but it didn't work out!' (my words of course). It is amazing that the whole life of Moses completely mirrors God's purposes for this nation. As Moses listened, God got around to saying the inevitable, "I want you to go to Pharoah and I want you to deliver my people." (God had already heard Sarah laugh but this one takes the cake.) "Who me?" Haven't we all been there? The point is that he could not UN-SEE what he saw or UN-HEAR what he heard. After much stammering and stuttering and years of wandering and wondering, the vision and the word of the Lord came to cement the purposes of God in this man.

Gideon is of the same ilk, the least in his family and of the least tribe in Israel, but an angel (messenger from God) shows up and tells him he is a "mighty man of valor". I'm fairly certain that is not what Gideon was thinking. But like Moses, I believe, Gideon could not UN-SEE the angel. To prove God's point that Gideon was *the one* He wanted to accomplish this victory, He told him to go to the camp of the Midianites and just listen! God used Gideon's opponents to make His point through the conversation of two men in the camp and the interpretation of one's dream: a barley loaf rolled into the Midianite camp and destroyed the whole army of over 120,000. The one exclaimed, "This can be no one else save the Sword of Gideon, the son of Joash". *Judges 7:13 says "And when Gideon heard the telling of the dream, that he worshiped."* Gideon could not UN-SEE the angel and Gideon could not UN-HEAR the interpretation of the dream concerning himself. It was as if God was speaking directly to him.

Let's fast forward to twelve men who SAW the visible image of the invisible God and HEARD the words that no man ever spoke like this man. The disciples that were hand picked to carry this gospel could not UN-SEE nor UN-HEAR the Truth. This brings us to our current state in

2021. In the same way the twelve disciples were impacted by the same God and Savior, we cannot UN-SEE what His Word has revealed to us and we cannot UN-HEAR what His spoken words do in us. Why? Because as God revealed Himself to Moses in the fire and gave him oral instructions, Moses had a responsibility for the revelation, so did Gideon, so did the twelve and so do we. Revelation, or the revealing of God and His Word, begets responsibility to the see-er and the hear-er.

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With so much focus upon a new era, it is obvious we are in dire need of realizing we have missed the mark in what we have built and how we operate.

I have stood from afar and watched as we have labored in vain to build what appears to not be sustainable or not truly life giving. Haggai 1:5-6 Now this is what the Lord Almighty says: "Give careful thought to your ways. You have planted much but harvested little. You eat, but never have enough. You drink, but never have your fill. You put on clothes but are not warm. You earn wages, only to put them in a purse with holes in it." For me I see us always approaching how everything affects us in ministry. How am I doing? How did that go? Etc. I do the same thing as I evaluate as I go trying to improve upon my delivery. But recently, I have been given a new set of eyes that carry along with it a new set of perception. It is not how does this affect me, or my people or that meeting, even though that is all needed. The new perception is how does

this affect the heart of the Lord. Are our current structures pleasing Him? Simple words in which most of us would answer a hearty yes. I will tell you if you're honest, we know the answer is no.

We have tried and schemed, copied, mimicked, tried to create models that are unbiblical by finding Biblical means of justification. Yet we have missed several things. First, Jesus knows what He wants to build and how to build it and what it is to look like. Second, He really doesn't need our input into it, but our obedience to execute it well. Third, it will not look like it was, it won't look like David's tabernacle. It won't have focuses of Jewish feasts in it. It won't have to have certain natural things to make it go or be relevant or politically correct or non-offensive. It won't have palatable means to an end each time we gather. It also will not be rebuilt around charisma, or a man's personality, or unattainable promises of men. No, what God is building, we do not have any natural means associated with it.

What God is building is simply one thing and it is totally spiritual. Here we are in [the decade of] 2020 with so many clichés concerning the moment we are in. 20 20 vision. The roaring 20's and a host of other things trying to describe the way forward, yet we have done the same pattern for years with little change, some coincidences and less and less impact. The structure is spiritual. The process is spiritual. The way is spiritual. The outcome is spiritual. If you can't see the eternal realm in what we do or feel the weight of the eternal realm pressing into this realm, then God is probably not building in that area. After all, we talk of heaven coming to earth, but does this look like a place Heaven would come and a King would dwell?

When I wrote 'The Breath of God' in 2014, the Holy Spirit literally wrote it through me. Even today, I read it to hear what Holy Spirit said. It has become a pathway to the present moment unfolding just as God said. But what I discovered as I was writing, is a model of a temple to be built that never was built before. A spiritual temple orchestrated by God in a process He has determined. We are in the fifth glory which is a national purging glory and a breath from God about to come forth. I won't get into all that is in that book, but it is obvious to see how God desires to come into the earth and invade but in a vastly different way than we all expect.

As we navigate the next season and the order God is bringing, it has become obvious to me how disjointed we appear. How far away we are from the union with Christ of John 17 and the varying opinions and doctrines. Again, how many carry the weight of eternal things and carry the pressing of the Kingdom of God with them? The plumb line is being held by the hand of God to determine what things will remain and what things

must be torn down and started over. We have not yet begun to see the outcome of this, but in the spirit realm, it has already begun to shift. God will begin to make it obvious to all what is needing shifted. Men will try to find the course and are currently attempting it, but most of it is humanistic reasoning. Remember Jesus didn't change the message, He simply intensified the demonstration of it.

So, what is the reset supposed to look like that so many are saying? If you're looking to find an answer on social media, you are still looking to the wrong source. Perhaps the prophetic websites with all the words, almost all saying different things, is the place. No. We have a lot of prophetic insights and as I put it, we have a lot of prophetic voices but no real clear prophetic leadership giving direction from heaven that connects us all in cohesiveness. Apostolic leaders you say. Again, I personally believe we are seeing a much-needed redefining of apostles and have not yet seen true apostolic leaders fully emerged. The Lord told me two things concerning these leaders.

First, He told me for the prophets: we need to "prophesy again", Rev. 10:11 The word 'again' means afresh, anew. The verse goes on to say, "before peoples, nations, tongues and kings". It means some of the things we have prophesied need to be spoken over again but with a freshness from the Lord. In other words, the first time they were spoken didn't carry the breath of God upon them or maybe they were incomplete. He defines who we are to prophesy to, and it covers varying groups of people, but it covers everyone. We are needing a new breed of prophet that speaks with the authority of heaven and unleashes the power of God's creative force. We need prophets willing to speak the oracles of God that confronts the foolishness of men's hearts instead of speaking tantalizing words to win men's hearts. Prophets who spend time in the holy of holies of God's heart to hear and then release. It is what the apostles have been waiting for, words to strategize with, to implement, to unfold the hidden manna of revelation so all can understand and come together as a single corporate man to implement.

The Lord told me we are coming into seeing apostles not in offices or on lists they make to define them, but we are coming into the "acts of the apostles" to know them. We are coming into a new breed of apostle that will redefine the life of the Church and bring a new order to the Body. No longer just lists of characteristics but moving in a living grace. Carrying not just a title but the seven natures and seven graces of Christ found in Isaiah 11:1-3. They will not draw back in times of crisis. But will seek God for answers to the present moment. They will know times and seasons and God's intentions, ways and paths. These will lead a generation hungering for the authenticity of God. They are looking and even searching but not yet finding. But what

is coming is what will satisfy the longing of both our souls and our spirits.

You see we have believed if we restore the fivefold, if we have apostles and prophets then we are set for a move of God to come. We believe this will cause the move of God come. But the reality is these offices came because the move of God was already present. They were needed to governor what already was, not to make it come!

As revelation of truth begins to finally take a hold, a new structure will emerge. It will not be a structure built upon a single truth but upon the One who is the Truth, the Way and the Life. A new focus of the Son of God will take hold in hearts and a shift of focus not upon how He will please us or bless our lives, but how we can bless Him. How we can please Him not for our advancement but for His advancement and renown. This will make us (the Body) attractive again and make us become essential in society and culture.

God is about to burn all that is not from Him and only what has been purified in the fire will remain. What will remain after the testing is done? It will be unprecedented times as a divine separation will occur. No longer the mixture and profane. No longer the intention of God mingled with the motivation of our flesh. Many will be found out as not having the substance to produce what God demands. The separation will not be a division but will be a divine sanctification resulting in dividing. It is what must occur to set things in order.

This order is not another structure but a holy temple rising from the dust of humanity's heart. It will be the order of Melchizedek and not the order of men. We will see the Body begin to come into many identities and one of them will be as kings and priests. Ministering before the Lord in Holy Fear and accomplishing His instructions in an authoritarian grace. This empowering will be because of reordering our lives, thoughts and affections. The discarding of things we felt as sacred, placed upon altars. The Lord spoke to me that the move coming will be altars made from men's ministries and the sacrifice upon it was their hearts. God is going to burn all we have labored so dearly for and give us that which no man can deny, stop, steal or burn.

This coming Melchizedek priesthood will bring a kingship reign to the earth. It will be the expression of "unshackled holiness" by which the reality of God will be both known and felt. It will bring forth both the power and authority of God. When I asked God what He was building coming out of the reset after this pandemic, He said, "I'm still building the same thing, it's just men have not been building with me. What I'm building is 100% spiritual and if it is anything else, then I'm not building there." God can only affirm and bless what is truly from Him.

The Lord then spoke to me five distinct things. He said, "If you are building according to this pattern, you will be building with Me." I was surprised what He spoke to me. Everything the Lord spoke to me made complete sense. But it was a real paradigm shift in thinking and our daily awareness. We really have gotten distracted into worldly ways instead of spiritual. We really have compromised to be relevant. But as the Lord showed me these five things, I really could see it perfectly clear. I also could see how difficult and easy it could be to shift, but also

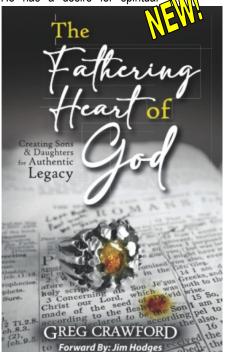
how many may not make it. Then the Lord said, "I want you to write these things down so others can understand." These five things are Kingdom extensions of the Throne coming into Earth. They are the makeup of what God is building and the understanding we will be gaining. He said:

- > The method of rule is righteousness.
- The authority is by Sonship inheritance.
- The power is by His nature.
- The catalyst is grace.
- ➤ Holiness is the structure.

It is an entirely spiritual house He is building. Individually being built by Him and corporately as well. The first four are things that "must be" and describe the order of Melchizedek priesthood. The fruit of this solidified understanding will result in the structure which is holiness. We may understand each one, but we don't see how they function or connect with each other to build these into the Body of Christ.

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#### THE FATHERING HEART OF

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A question I have heard asked repeatedly over the last few months is: "What is going on?" There is a sudden dawning upon people and nations that things are not the way they used to be while there is an underlying desire within the breast of the typical person for things to go back to the way they were in spite of the ever-present fear that they won't. Even if you could get back to "the good old days" you would find them woefully inadequate in their revelation and application for today. Current events are not just the result of bad politics or bad politicians. They were not left in charge. An apostolic order for accommodating and advancing the Kingdom of God in the earth was the design when Jesus ascended to the right hand of Majesty on High (Acts 1:3). Things, therefore, must shake and adjust so that the church and the nations might come into correct order.

What we need more than better politicians is an awakening (at least) move of God... in the Church, then the nation. God will never share, with mere political parties, the power He has designed to be exercised through the Church. "Politicians are not to be looked to for complete social reform... The Church has been losing influence in America because it has been relying on politics to stop the moral and spiritual decay in society. Politics will not catalyze the change; it is simply a reflection of the environment. If the environment is rooted in Christian values, the politics of America will be rooted in Christian values... The spiritual revival and renewal of Christian faith needed in America will never originate from Washington. Once the spiritual climate changes, Washington will be changed. If the American Church thinks her salvation [...] comes from Washington and a God-fearing president, then her hope is rooted in a counterfeit... God's Church is not dependent on elections; it is dependent upon His Word, which declares, '... I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matt 16:18)<sup>1</sup> If we are not careful, we can just get to looking around and saying, "Such and such' is what's going on" and forget that God is at work.

The people of God already have a King and Redeemer and no politician can replace Him. Jesus Christ the Son of the Living God is our redeemer and Messiah. To quote Dale Gentry, "We have had conservative presidents but not one has called the nation to a fast. Conservativism will not replace godliness." And while mentioning conservativism, consider a poignant measure on the future of the matter: "The weakened Republican Party will not be successful in opposing important policy shifts. It will be engaged in an internal ideological struggle. Its main question will be the extent to which it can continue to accommodate the ideas of its religious faction and yet expand its base to appeal to a broad coalition who sees the religious right as the albatross around the neck of the party." We are standing at a tipping point in this nation that we have not quite approached to

date and, for the most part, are not even aware of. The Church was never meant to place itself or its hope in the hands of political parties, candidates or governing or judicial entities created by men. The Church will only function the way it was created and ordained to function, standing on the foundation of the rule of God, that is, Kingdom principles. When the king of Sodom opened his arms wide to include Abraham in the economy of his own kingdom, Abraham quickly responded: Abram said to the king of Sodom, "I have sworn to the LORD God Most High, possessor of heaven and earth, 23 that I will not take a thread or a sandal thong or anything that is yours, for fear you would say, 'I have made Abram rich.' (Gen.14:22-23) You become a lackey for the one who fills your pocket and grants you favors and they never let you forget they are the one who did it.

WHAT we need more than better politicians is an AWAKENING move of God. WHERE we need that move of God is in the Church. WHY we need that move of God (perhaps it might better be labeled a reforming move of God) is because, having lost sight of our purpose in the earth, the Church is bemoaning and reacting rather than decreeing and acting. HOW the move will come is determined by the resistance from those He is attempting to move upon, i.e., the types of circumstances in which they will be willing to hear from God. There are numerous creative circumstances in the Bible that were allowed to develop to awaken purpose in those who eventually became Sunday School story heroes. But then, their goal was not to get to heaven. It was to stop the giants and the systems that dared defy the Lord of Hosts. WHEN God moves, we must be ready to yield to a paradigm that allows His government to reform us before we inadequately try transforming a nation. (1Pe.4:17 "judgment begins in the house of God") After not preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom (the rule of God, not just a get-out-of-hell-free message; Matt.4:23; 9:35; 24:14) and Kingdom culture for 200 years, we are crying out in our nation for a political figure to legislate morality to produce a culture that doesn't destroy itself and shed innocent blood. (Matt.5-6 is Kingdom culture)

#### What's Going On, On God's Side?

When Joshua saw the man with the sword in his hand he asked, "Are you for us or for our adversaries?" (Josh 5:13) The man said, "No." Joshua met someone who was not evil that was not on his side. He had to stop and think. We are so concerned about *our* causes, *our* comfort and *our* interests that we seldom stop to find out what God's causes and interests are in a region or in a season. Many are asking, "What is going on?" I think God is probably asking, "Who is on *My* side?" "Who truly has *My* interests at heart?" "Occupy till . . ." (Lk.19:13) sounds like: don't stop doing anything I have ordained you to do with any less faith, dedication, enthusiasm or determination!

What is going on? What is going on is that "what can be shaken" (Heb.12:27) is being shaken until all that is left standing is an unshakeable Kingdom.

Heb 3:14 If we can only keep our grip on the sure thing we started out with, we're in this with Christ for the long haul. (The Message)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Dennis Lindsey, "God and Politics" \* www.cfni.org <sup>2</sup> Sam Soleyn, "Shaking the Heavens and the Earth" www.soleyn.com

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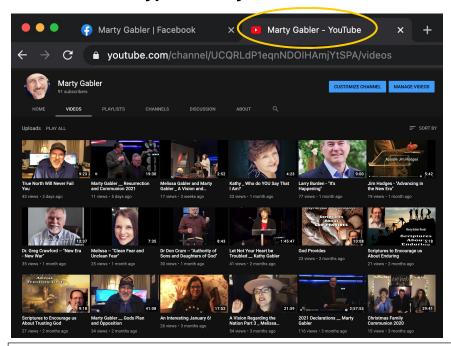
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