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## ON THE COVER:

“The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing [of birds] has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land. (Song Sol.2:12,Amp)



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In February, I heard these specific instructions: “Don’t look for a NEW word, look for a NOW word.” That sent me on a search for a past prophetic download that was coming into its appointed time. For the next few days I read through notes from as far back as twenty-one years, but I did not get a witness of the Holy Spirit on a NOW word, as in ready-to-manifest-now, until I read notes from 2019. The prophetic mandate that I had that year pivoted on intercession and declaration over our nation for Divine Justice and deliverance from evil. This year, (2023), marks “4” years since those declarations began. That was particular confirmation of timing for me because one biblical significance of the number “4” is *God showing up in the earthly realm*. Like the 4<sup>th</sup> Man in the fire, “4” points to God coming into this natural realm to bring supernatural outcomes! (That is a welcomed NOW, ready-to- manifest-word!)

Another timing confirmation for me from the number “4” was that in a prayer meeting for the nation in 2019, I had heard the Lord say that we were coming out from under the shadow of an old enemy! Then I watched it happen in a vision. I was standing inside a cave as a shadow moved away from the cave’s entry. The shadow had seemed like a wall until it moved! I knew in that moment it had blocked vision and insight



for the future and hindered destiny and purpose for at least a century. I knew also this old enemy was like “Legion,” an unholy conglomerate of several spirits with filthy and lethal agendas that had overshadowed many generations. The shadow was hell’s darkness intending to bind and control and silence all righteousness in our *one nation under God*. Even though I knew the vision was about our nation corporately, I knew also that the shadow was moving away and losing presence and influence over individuals, families, churches, businesses and institutions. Realizing that freedom from this overshadowing of old enemies was coming, I was primed to take up the mission of praying the vision to completion. And it gave me “hold-steady” inspiration in the months following when that smothering darkness and corruption seemed especially impossible to defeat as Hell’s threats got louder! They actually peaked by 2020 through disease and death and mandates of shelter-in-place and masks and no public meetings and shutdowns of businesses and lifestyles and norms all over the nation. Nevertheless, the intent of God had been sounded out and put in motion by His word. Therefore, the long-standing shadow with its agenda of evil and destruction was doomed to its downfall, and its time has come!

We are living in a God-turning point in the history of man. And while this turning is obvious to some and still impossible to others, it is undeniably and undefiably coming! God’s will and plan are unstoppable, and we get to be a part of it NOW. Our part involves us being awake and aware. It will involve hearing some things we’d rather not hear and involve discovering facts that were intended to be forever hidden. Being a part of history now will involve confronting gross darkness and getting past the shock of it to pray prevailing prayers. I had an encounter with such a shock of such darkness when Melissa and I sat in front of M.D. Anderson hospital months ago. It was after midnight and we were waiting for a friend who would need a ride when she came out from her last visit with her dad. Even under the many lights at the Medical Center, there seemed to be a smothering darkness covering the area. Its heaviness over the buildings of the Houston Medical Center was not visible to the natural eye, but its presence was undeniable. I asked the Lord how to pray about what we were perceiving. The answer shocked me because our instructions were to confront and forbid assassination. A murderous spirit had infiltrated the medical arena. I asked the Lord if this was a spirit present in the hospitals or literally assassins on the staffs. The answer was, “Both.” We sat in silence for a while and then got out of the car to walk the sidewalks and pray.

That experience was a huge wake-up for me. Afterwards, *infiltration*



became the subject of my prayers, and it was overwhelmingly obvious in every direction. I've never been able to ignore the slimy agendas in TV and movies and advertisements, but after that experience, I was even more alert. The sickening ideologies targeting our children at school and moving into college campuses and neighborhoods and sports and government and finances were getting more outrageously evil and appalling. None of this was new, but the shadow I'd seen seemed to be thickening instead of lessening. The threat that America could become a third world nation under the control of a godless-one-world-government was getting louder. However, the NOW word was also echoing louder within me. God showing up changes things: *Psa 50:3 - for our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him. Isaiah 59, Jehovah saw; and it was evil in His eyes, that there was no justice. . . He put on righteousness like armor . . . and He put on robes of vengeance as clothing. . . According to works, so He will repay fury to His foes and when the foe comes like a flood, the Spirit of Jehovah shall cause him to flee!*

So, even when we are surrounded with determined predators, we stand as Daniels bearing the Presence that shuts mouths and defies cunning plots. We are not trembling like helpless pawns at the mercy of injustice and evil giants because we stand like David - sons sent with governmental authority. And we stand with backing that makes a difference when we stand in God's NOW time because His appointed time activates potential and purpose within us. Potential is capability God gives us to develop. Purpose is God's deposit of Original Intent within us. So, whatever you are going to do in 2023, whether your part is praying, giving, teaching, rescuing, speaking out, building, tearing down, taking on a projects, or infiltrating cultural strongholds (business, education, medicine, government or finance) with righteousness, proceed with confidence. This is the appointed time to prevail to the glory of God, and we have most certainly come to the Kingdom for such a time as this.

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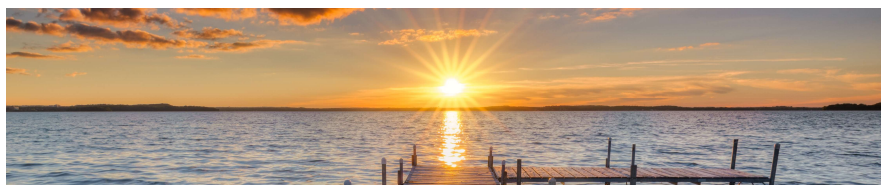
**MELISSA — We have had our questions, our doubts and shed our tears, but we've heard what comes in the morning (Ps. 30:5). I'm telling you, the sun is rising on us and great joy will be ours because it is our time. It's time to operate in the mandate God has given us.**

# Advancing the New Era



**Jim Hodges**

Isaiah 9:7, says, “There shall be no end to the increase of his government or of his peace upon the throne of David. And before the Kingdom of God, which is established and upheld by justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. And the zeal of the Lord of Host shall accomplish this.” God made covenant with his people. The shift to the Noahic covenant from the Adamic covenant marked a new era. Some things carried forward to be the same, but new things were introduced also. This happened in each of the old covenants in the Bible from Noah to Abraham to Moses to David. These were each new eras within the greater New Era. The greater New Era is the one Jesus launched through His ministry, death, resurrection, ascension, enthronement at the Father's right hand and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. That is the New Era of the New covenant of the new creation. So we live historically in and under the totality of the New Era, but within this New Era, there are new eras that come forth in history. The greater New Era was launched in Christ, but historically new eras come forth when the Ekklesia Church on earth is activated. The Ekklesia of the Living God sets spiritual turnarounds in motion through intercession and revelation and declaration. In fact, we are in a turnaround right now. One of the main markers of the New Era we're in now is, of course, the restoration and functioning of all five dimensions of Christ's leadership through the five ascension gifts that Christ gave when He ascended on high to fill all things. We are seeing in our day historically a time when all these five are functioning.



Apostle Alan Hirsch from Australia has a tremendous book on the fivefold. He expounds on how the fivefold ministry is being restored. Amazingly, he is teaching fivefold ministry to Lutherans, Presbyterians, Anglicans, Catholics and Pentecostals. With the increase in a functioning fivefold in this hour, we are losing our excuses for not advancing the Kingdom of God in history through a mature and equipped Ekklesia. The created order is crying for the revelation of such mature sons and daughters. They are here and they are functioning. History has yet to see the church that is fully mature in ministry, unity, doctrine and relationships, but it will before Jesus comes. Now, this New Era of history that we're in and the spiritual turnarounds that accompany it are pointed toward two realities, 1) foundation and 2) fulfillment.

We must all go back to our foundation to find our roots or origins in order to move forward. In 1John 1:1-7, John starts off much like he started off his gospel. He talked about having seen and heard and felt the Word of Life that he was proclaiming so that all may have fellowship with the Father, with the Son, and with one another. Those in fellowship with John were the other apostles. We've got to fellowship the foundation to advance in this new era because you have to look back in order to move forward. We've got to realize that this is important in this hour because we can learn from revivalists and reformers and church fathers, but we've got to go all the way back to the beginning, to the origin, to the original foundation laid by the Apostles of the Lamb. This call back to the foundation is really a prophetic anointing because in Malachi 4, we read the spirit of Elijah comes to not just join generations, sons and fathers, fathers and sons, but it to call us back to Moses and Sinai. For when Israel strayed from the covenant of God made through Moses at Sinai, God had to come and bring judgment on those issues. So the prophet's task was to announce a time to turn or return to the foundation. It's the same principle in the Old Covenant and in the New. So therefore, no person, no nation, can fulfill its destiny if there's no turning back to the foundation. *If the foundations are destroyed, what will the righteous do?* I'll tell you what we won't do. We won't survive. Foundations are important in architectural buildings and they're important In your life, in the life of the family, in the life of the church, in the life of cultural institutions and in the life of nations. That's why there is a callback. We're looking back so we can look forward and then advance.

Now you say, well I read my Bible, but I don't think we're supposed to look back. Because Paul said, don't do that in fifth, in three. He says, forget what lies behind and reach out toward that which lies ahead and press on for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. I know those verses



but here's the deal. The context tells you Paul is referring concern. This looking back to his own before he met Christ's history, that looking back is not good. That's dangerous. You hear that? That's harmful to our present and to our future. But looking back to our origins and foundations strengthen you and me and helps us move so we can maximize all God wants to do in any era that's coming forth in His plans for history.

We move from foundation to fulfillment of the eternal purposes of the Lord God for humanity and the created order. Each new era within the big New Era has a prophetic horizon. Is the prophetic horizon today, bleak or bright? Is the prophetic horizon showing us a cup half empty or half full? I was so disappointed that one major Christian leader said that America is like the Titanic. It's sinking. On the other hand, Dutch sheets and his friends are praying and declaring there is a turning, and it is happening in this New Era. Hallelujah, yes! In Jeremiah's day he was pronouncing and declaring severe judgment because God's people had strayed from their covenant faithfulness in the Mosaic agreement. Jeremiah prophesized the destruction of the temple in 463 B.C. the Babylonians came in under Nebuchadnezzar's army and they fulfilled that prophecy. Yet, no prophet of God, including Jeremiah, prophesied, gloom and doom and judgment without also declaring the future is going to have hope and restoration (Jer 29). God told Jeremiah to do something he probably wanted to argue about. He told him to go and buy the field in Anathoth. He had to put the deed in a bottle because Jeremiah wasn't going to be around forever, but the exiles would come back after 70 years. We are not going to embrace a judgment message without a hope and restoration in it, because that's what Bible prophets declare.

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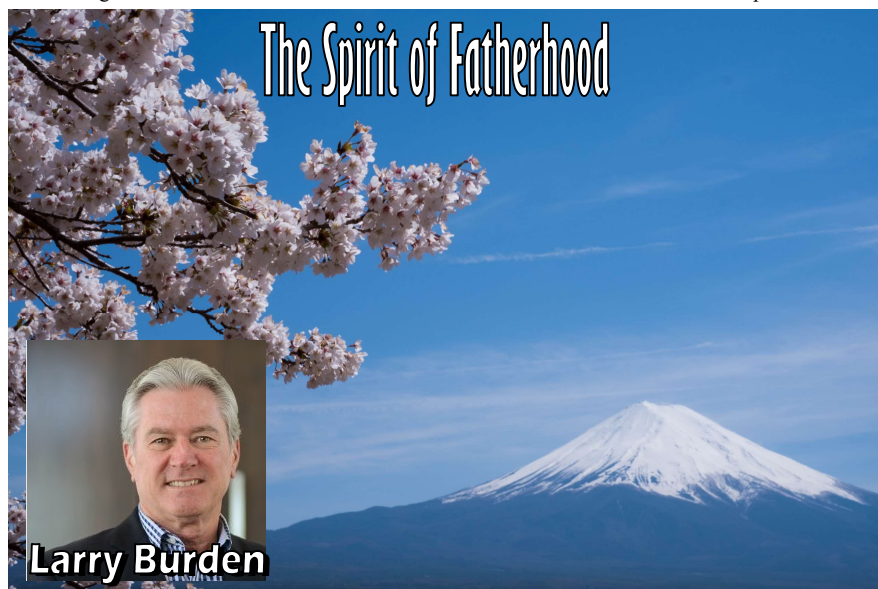


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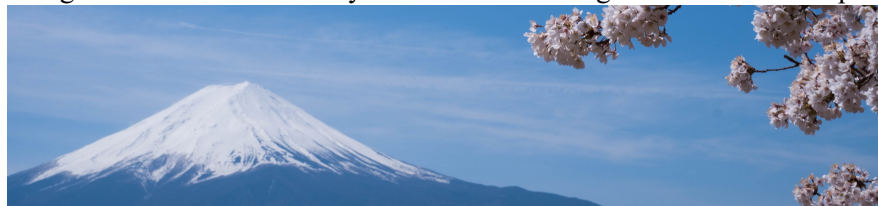
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**Larry Burden**

(Editor's note: This article is taken from Larry Burden's new book *The Spirit of Fatherhood* which I highly recommend. I know a couple churches that have used Larry's books for trainings and Wednesday night teachings. I have received reports of lives changed. Please see back cover of this magazine for more information.)

A Fox News video headline from June 17, 2022, stated, *Lack of father figure leading to poor proficiency in education*. (Fox News, June 17, 2022). As Father's Day approached, the article further explained, *Data from the United States Census Bureau shows that nearly 18.5 million children grow up without their fathers, which has in return led to the United States owning the title of the world's leader in fatherlessness*. What a disturbing and disgraceful statistic for any nation to own. We are at an appointed time in the Spirit where the Father is intent upon reversing this deplorable statistic not only in America but also in the nations. If there ever was a time for authentic fatherhood and parenthood, it is now..

Throughout scripture, the pattern of advancing and insuring family posterity is through the blessing of the fathers. This blessing establishes the identity and destiny of each member of the family. The blessing is both an encouragement and a charge or directive to each son and daughter to fulfill his or her life assignment and to ensure the prosperity of the future generations of that family. The father blessing is the foundation upon



which the full inheritance of each child in the family is secured.

Generational blessing is not determined by the times and seasons of life nor by the political condition of nations. It is determined by the spiritual integrity of the family and the condition of the hearts of the fathers. When authentic fatherhood is present in the nation, sons and daughters know who they are. They have roots in the soul that are secured by the love and belonging of their fathers and mothers. They are secure in their identity and are confident in their future, not so much because of their gifts and talents, but because of the stability that flows from love and belonging.

We are living in a time where the blessing and nurturing of our children by authentic fathers and mothers are critical to the future generations. We are destined by The Father to take our place of dominion in the earth as sons and daughters. Our ultimate assignment is to steward the Father's earth and to transform it to reflect His original intent. For this to happen we must stop the global pandemic of spiritual orphanhood by reversing the curse of fatherlessness as prophesied by Malachi (*Malachi 4:5-6*).

Authentic fathers are those who are actively engaged in the lives of their sons and daughters. They assist their offspring in learning the ways of Father God and the Holy Spirit. They impart knowledge and wisdom to their children and grandchildren as well as assist them in determining their futures. Genuine fathers always have the best interests of the children in their hearts.

True fathers can be trusted. Trust is a huge issue in father-child relationships. You cannot trust everyone in life, but whenever God determines to bless you, He will oftentimes place a father or mother gift close to you with an encouragement and an instruction for you regarding your future. Our children will never truly advance in life and fulfill their life callings without trusting someone; this is a principle of life. What has been given to you by the Father is almost always to be a blessing for someone else. Maybe it is to simply be a blessing to another. Maybe it is to speak a word of encouragement that will help someone who is going through a struggle in life. Maybe it is to facilitate a course correction. Ultimately, fathers and mothers are used of The Father to help shape and mold the lives of their children (natural and spiritual) to bless them and to engage them in their appointed destinies.

Many years ago, Billy Graham was quoted as saying, "*A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society.*" He further stated that the greatest quality



of an authentic father was to be present in the home. When reading the Fox News report above, one can quickly see that his words were not only accurate but also prophetic.

There is something about the mere presence of a father in the home that brings peace, security, and stability. The same is true in the church. The presence of father gifts in the church family brings a notable level of security and stability to the body of Christ. Fathers seem to set the tone for the household of faith. When they demonstrate love for God and others, the impact is greater than we can imagine. Sons are deeply affected by this. Children draw strength from a father's soberness and exhibit a prominent level of respect toward fathers who consistently and faithfully lead the congregation.

Fathers have a unique relationship with their offspring. Paul made this distinction in his letter to the Corinthian church when he compared the differences between instructors in Christ and authentic fathers of the faith. Instructors disseminate information and assist their students to apply that information in life. Authentic fathers, on the other hand, seek to transform children into mature sons and daughters by investing their heart and releasing deep spiritual impartation into their lives. Fathers may teach, but their goal is not simply to have smart, well learned kids. Authentic fathers want children who are living in their full potential and pursuing their God-given destinies. Paul made it clear to the Corinthian believers that he was not their teacher; he was their father!

Fathers desire to see their children grow, mature, and surpass them in life. They are constant encouragers to their sons and daughters. Their love is deeply felt by their children as they acknowledge their identities and affirm their worth and value in life and in the kingdom of God. Fathers speak blessings over their children, they prophesy over the destinies of their children, they pray for their children, and they believe the best in all their offspring. No one did this better than Paul, and he set the bar for many of us who aspire to become mature father and mother gifts to the body of Christ.

Fathers recognize the gifts and strengths of their children and invest their lives in developing them. They steward these gifts with patience and wisdom as the children grow and develop into maturity. They make sure that the gifts are tempered with love and grace so not to be used in a selfish or self-serving manner.

Fathers are also careful not to rebuke and penalize their children for failures or missteps in the development of their gifts. Sons have permission to fail, and missing the mark does not make them failures. Fathers intervene to address weaknesses and offer support as a means to strengthen those areas and transform them into strengths.

All of this and more are needed today to eradicate the orphan heart pandemic in our nation. Let us stand in faith, take our place, and reverse the curse of fatherlessness in America. This is our right and responsibility unto God.

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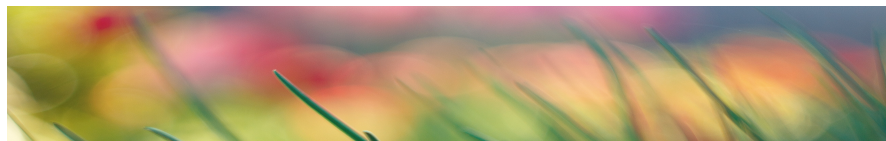
## The Resurrection Life



Melissa Gabler

“He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying that the Son of man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.” Luke 24:6-7 Having just celebrated Easter brings some things to light regarding the resurrection life. That day resurrection power was unleashed in this earth. The man that walked out of that tomb did it as an example for all of us as how life should be from then on and there is so much more to resurrection life than walking out of the grave. That sounds crazy because that’s the biggest thing we can think of on earth but it’s bigger than we can comprehend with our finite minds.

“Therefore if you have been raised with Christ [to a new life, sharing in His resurrection from the dead], keep seeking the things that are above,



where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your mind and keep focused habitually on the things above [the heavenly things], not on things that are on the earth [which have only temporal value]. For you died, and your [new, real] life is hidden with Christ in God.” Colossians 3:1-3 (Amplified Bible) These scriptures are instructions on how to live the resurrection life. We are to seek out the reality of heaven and live it here - “...seek and keep on seeking and you will find” Matt. 7:7, “Your Kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” Matt. 6:10.

The day resurrection power was unleashed on earth was the day our life’s intention was set in place. We were born to do the above mentioned scriptures and establish heaven here. Earth and the humans God placed in it were not a gamble that He hoped would work out in His favor. His fingers are not crossed. His ultimate plan has dominion in its DNA and that’s a ticking time bomb the enemy is trying to disarm. That ultimate plan is us, made in His image. The clock is ticking down to the enemy’s demise and that is why things are full on insane and only heating up.

We are being awakened to the fact that the earth is the Lord’s and everything and everyone in it (Ps. 24). It’s not something God is just going to hand over, destroy and start over again. Resurrection, which is power over death, was demonstrated on this earth, there’s no giving up or turning back. The end is settled and we have the most phenomenal opportunity to participate in it.

What are some practical ways to go about participating in resurrection life? Colossians 3:1 is a great place to start. It simply says to seek the things above. In our modern culture what that means is to put down the phone, turn off the tv and make time with God and His word our number one priority. Is that easy? No. I get it. However, our enemy’s major tools in keeping us occupied so we don’t find out our identity are the news, media, social media and entertainment industries. These have been the primary ways evil has kept Americans brainwashed and zombified. We have trusted our lives with celebrities of all kinds that are paid to spew agenda and twist truth. Turning these influences off will help you to be part of the biggest overturning in history. That overturning is a matter of taking dominion on this earth.

Another way to participate in resurrection life is to speak what the Holy Spirit is telling you. This isn’t about having a microphone at church, this is about daily life. “Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruits.” Proverbs 18:21 Jesus is a perfect example of how powerful words are. We have that same power in us and it’s time to shift atmospheres with our words.

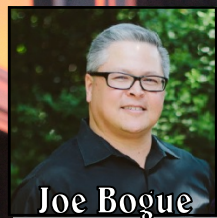


We can also participate by taking thoughts captive (2 Cor. 10:5) which lead us down roads of fear, stress or doubt. Where are we focused? Grab the anxiety ridden thoughts and speak resurrection life over them until your focus shifts.

We weren't built to hang on and hope for the best. We were made to operate in resurrection life until life on earth is as it is in heaven and we usher the King into the new earth He is worthy of. What a time to be alive. I'm thankful we all get to live this resurrection life together!

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## Hope-Filled Windows



Joe Bogue

“So it is impossible for God to lie for we know that his promise and his vow will never change! And now we have run into his heart to hide ourselves in his faithfulness. This is where we find his strength and comfort, for he empowers us to seize what has already been established ahead of time—an unshakeable hope! We have this certain hope like a strong, unbreakable anchor holding our souls to God himself. Our anchor of hope is fastened to the mercy seat which sits in the heavenly realm beyond the sacred threshold,” Hebrews 6:18-19 TPT. This is an amazing scripture. The KJV 6:19 reads like this, “Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and stedfast, and which entereth into that within the veil;”

The idea that our hope is anchored to the Mercy Seat of God, the place of his presence, the place where blood was sprinkled for the sins of all the people, the place that we may come boldly and obtain mercy, is absolutely remarkable. If we keep in the back of our minds that our hope is anchored to the finished work of Jesus, instead of our friendships, our finances, our material possession, our economy, our knowledge of God, our past experiences, our political systems, or anything else that when deferred makes our hearts sick, we can have a mighty tool of our soul that enables us to endure. Like the great hymn says, “Our hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.” It is Christ alone from which we draw our hope. This we know, but I would like to delve into a practical application of this mighty hope that will help us begin to see and discern what God is doing among us.

The word “hope” in Hebrew is *tiqvah*. It means a cord or a rope. What an interesting definition. For a rope to be effective it must be used to tie or connect to something. And in this, we can see the application of hope as it connects us to that which is founded, solid, secure. Isa 37:16, “O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth.” Thus, being tied to the mercy seat settles and establishes us to not just what Jesus did, but also to where He abides. In His presence is where we obtain mercy. Acts 3:19, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.” The word presence, *prosopon*, doesn’t just mean to be in the same room, it means “to be in the face of”. You can be in the room with someone and be in their “presence”, but that does not mean that you are present with them. So to with the Lord. We may be in the same room, church, conference, seminar, home group, or whatever, but are you in the face, the countenance, or in front of Jesus? It’s at these times, present with the Lord, that the times of refreshing come. How can you tell the difference? If Jesus is in the room, you maybe able to multitask, think about check lists, wonder what is for lunch, or even direct the service, but when He is in front of you, the only response is to get on your face. There is no other agenda in the *prosopon* of the Lord. We move from doing things for Him to being with Him. We move from being servants, to being sons and daughters of the Most High. I am my Beloved’s and He is mine. That is what our hope is tied to.

Now, keeping that in mind. Let’s look at the first place that the word *tiqvah* is used. It’s the story of Rahab and the two spies. Joshua 2:18: “Behold, when we come into the land, thou shalt bind this line of scarlet thread in the window which thou didst let us down by: and thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father’s household, home unto thee.” Because Rahab did not give up the two spies, they told her to tie a scarlet line (*tiqvah*) in the window and whoever is in the house will be saved. First of all, it has always been God’s desire that whole families come to salvation. Hebrews 11:7, “By faith

Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.” God is into saving whole households. If you have anyone in your house that is not serving the Lord, you can stand on the promise of God that salvation has come to your entire household. The second thing that hit me was not just marking the house for deliverance, but how we should look through that window with the line, the *tiqvah*, the hope flying in it. How should we see the outside world ...with hope flowing in the wind? Our worldview should ever have the hope of being tied to the mercy seat. I believe that the way we see the world, with or without hope, will change the way we feel, believe, pray, declare, and even engage. What good is hopeless prayer or hopeless declarations? My encouragement to you is to once again tie the *tiqvah*, hope, in the window. Not just to save ourselves, but to see the world the way Christ sees it.... who is able to save to the uttermost.

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Recently, I had a vision one morning while praying with some other men. I was standing at the foot of my bed after it had already been made. Jesus was standing at the other end of my bed where the pillows were. He was very meticulously making my bed and showing me step by step the proper way to do it. This seemed puzzling to me, as I've been in the habit of making my\* bed every morning for years. (My mother had taught me how to make my bed when I was a youngster, and as far as I was concerned that was the correct method.) The words I heard Jesus say next assured me that this wasn't about changing the way I make my bed each morning. He said, "I want to show you my way of resting." There was a





very serious tone to his voice along with a sense of urgency as He added, “You’re going to need to know this in the days to come.” I immediately knew in my spirit what he was talking about. I have been becoming more aware of how restless the world around me has become. Practically everyone I know is busier than ever, including myself. His words to me were, “I want to show you my way of resting.” As I began to wait on him to show me more about His way of resting, I was reminded of Jesus’ words in Matthew 11:28-30 (NASB1995): “Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Christ promises us rest for our souls. He mentions nothing about rest for our bodies. Of course we know that physical rest is very important to our health but when our souls are weary, every part of us suffers. The word “soul” as it is used here is the Greek word “psyche.” Thayer’s Greek Lexicon defines it as: 1) breath, the breath of life, the vital force which animates the body and shows itself in breathing. 2) the soul, the seat of the feelings, desires, affections, aversions (our heart, soul etc.) The Message says it beautifully: “Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. I’ll show you

how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." The word "rest," as used by Jesus here, is the Greek word "anapausis" which means: 1) intermission, cessation of any motion, business or labor. 2) rest, recreation (Strong's, Thayer's). In other words, stop what you're doing and rest! Jesus is making it very clear to us that we must learn His way of rest if we are going to thrive.

One time, when a scribe told Jesus he would follow him anywhere he went, Jesus said, "The foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of man has nowhere to lay His head." That doesn't sound very appealing to me, as I like a comfortable bed and preferably one that I am accustomed to. It is clear that the Son's rest was not dependent upon the comfort level of where he slept.

"On that day, when evening came, He said to them, 'Let us go over to the other side.' Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat just as He was. Other boats were with Him. And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up. Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. They woke Him and said to Him, 'Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?' And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Hush, be still.' And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. And He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?' They became very much afraid and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?'" (Mark 4:35-41) I have to be honest and confess that I would have been freaking out also! What Jesus does next must have been shocking to them. He reprimands them for their fear and lack of faith and then rebukes the storm, calming it. It is clear that Jesus lived and operated from a place of rest that had absolutely nothing to do with his external circumstances. Jesus was not only asleep in the boat, his soul was at rest too. He rested in knowing it was the Father's will that they get to the other side and nothing was going to stop them.

Holy Spirit showed me another example of the Son's way of resting: "When evening came, after the sun had set, they began bringing to Him all who were ill and those who were demon-possessed. And the whole city had gathered at the door. And He healed many who were ill with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He was not permitting the demons to speak, because they knew who He was. In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a

secluded place, and was praying there.” (Mark 1:32-35) It had been a very successful evening of ministry. The whole city had come. Many were healed and demons were cast out. I would imagine that the time of ministry went late into the night and I’m sure Jesus was physically worn out as the last person left. Ministry can be exhausting sometimes, as most of us can attest to. Natural human tendency would be to say, “Hey guys, I’m going to sleep in tomorrow, it’s been a great night and I’m very tired.” But Jesus does the complete opposite. He gets up long before daylight and goes off to a secluded spot to pray. Why? “Come to me. Get away with me and you’ll recover your life. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it.” Often, the Son of God would get away with the Father. Jesus operated from a place of complete trust and dependence upon his Father. “Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on My own initiative, but the Father abiding in Me does His works.” (John 14:10) We forget sometimes that The Word became flesh. He took on our humanity. He demonstrated what it looks like when a man lives in total dependence on the Father. That is true rest. Staying in a place of union with Father, Son, and Holy Spirit keeps us out of unbelief, and unbelief keeps us from finding rest for our souls (Hebrews 3:7 - 4:11).

As the Lord continued unveiling this important truth to me about rest, it has become clearer and clearer to me why Jesus was so intent on having my full attention as I watched him show me how to make my bed in the vision that morning. We are in the beginning of an unprecedented outpouring that will result in the greatest awakening and harvest that this world has ever seen. It will require more of us than we’ve ever had to give. We’ll need to learn the same rest that Christ experienced in his ministry on earth. There will be times when Holy Spirit will nudge us awake long before daylight, just like Jesus. Go with him, and when you get there, you’ll find rest. Finally, our souls find rest when we meditate upon his goodness and faithfulness to us. “Return to your rest, O my soul, For the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.” (Psalms 116:7) When we understand that this rest can only be found when we abide in him, we’ll return there again and again.

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God's economy in the Old Testament took care of people having hard times, like leaving the corner of the fields during harvest. That principle carried over into the New Testament. I believe God is going to raise up a people with the spirit of Joseph so that we can minister to people in hard times. These Joseph-anointing groups are key and they have to turn outward.

Hard times come as consequences. Let's look at hard times that came on Israel when they were tired of their leadership in 1 Sam 8:5-7: *Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." So Samuel prayed to the LORD. And the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.(NKJ)* God would have given them a king after His own heart, but they wanted one like the other nations had. Samuel was upset and went to God for advice, but God assured him it was not him but God they were rejecting.

When people have trouble with God, they have trouble with people who represent Him. Before they reject people of God, they reject God. Conservative Christians are coming under some hard criticism. It is not personal. It is not about us. It is about the Lord. The culture there with Samuel did not want God in their affairs. We also have a society that



does not want God in our affairs, our school system nor our marketplace nor the political arena. The battle we are in is about God and people in our nation wanting Him out of everything.

Samuel warned them of the hardships this choice would bring, however the people persisted. *1 Sam 8:18-22, "And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the LORD will not hear you in that day." Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king over us, that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." And Samuel heard all the words of the people, and he repeated them in the hearing of the LORD. So the LORD said to Samuel, "Heed their voice, and make them a king." (NKJ)*

The footnote in my bible Life Application says: "God was disappointed because they were rejecting Him as their leader. Israel wanted laws, an army and a human monarchy in the place of God. The Israelites wanted a human solution to goals that were beyond human ability to achieve. In the situations we are facing in our nation, people are looking to a man to resolve wars and economic issues that only God has the ability to fix." The footnotes also say that "The people clamored for a king thinking a new system of government would bring a change to the nation, but since their real problem was disobedience to God, their problems would only continue under a new administration. Had Israel submitted to God's leadership, they would have thrived beyond their expectations. You too can also choose your leader, but you must live with the consequences."

Wherever God is taking us, I believe He'll raise up the Daniel anointing of revelation along with a Joseph anointing to minister to people in hard times. I believe God is going allow us to walk through with resources to be a blessing to hurting people that He leads us to help. I'm not talking about forming a soup line. We cannot help everyone. We will help as God directs us. The welfare system in our government does not work. God had a system in the Old Covenant to help people in hard times that changed them, not just their circumstances. The welfare system of today does not change people, it enslaves them. 40% of Americans are on welfare and our nation is not getting better. Some people believe that new leadership in this nation will meet their needs. Only God has a solution and His way changes people. Ruth under the gleaning system still had to go to the fields and work.

Because of Israel's disobedience, there had been a redemptive judg-

ment of God on them. Israel was in hard times. Jerusalem was about to be destroyed. There was a famine within the land. So, the apostles were going into these cities and receiving an offering for the administration for those going through hard times. The different areas responded to this for those in Jerusalem. Paul told them we're sowing for when we go through hard times. There was a particular group at Macedonia that were also in hard times, but they responded in an incredible way. The reason was because they first gave themselves to the Lord. *2 Cor 8:1-5: Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, imploring us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. And not only as we had hoped, **but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God.** (NKJ)*

*2 Cor 9:1-10* Now concerning the to the saints, it is superfluous for me to write to you; for I know your willingness, about which I boast of you to the Macedonians, that Achaia was ready a year ago; and your zeal has stirred up the majority. Yet I have sent the brethren, lest our boasting of you should be in vain in this respect, that, as I said, you may be ready; lest if some Macedonians come with me and find you unprepared, we (not to mention you!) should be ashamed of this confident boasting. Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren to go to you ahead of time, and prepare your generous gift beforehand, which you had previously promised, that it may be ready as a matter of generosity and not as a grudging obligation. But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness. The seed comes from God. God increases what we sow, but the heart of this is about the fruits of righteousness. If you give grudgingly and not cheerfully, it doesn't increase fruits of righteousness in you. You can give with the wrong attitude, but your giving does not produce any virtues of God in you. Neither are the ones you give to affected to bring a response back to God. That is why welfare does not work, because of the way it is given. Prisons don't change people when they operate under a system other than God's way. God has an order for changing people. If I give with the right attitude, I change and the recipients change also. If I give with the wrong attitude, it

does not change me or the recipient.

Truth has to be held in tension. There are truths in scriptures that tell me that I can expect God's blessing when I give. The opposite truth, also in the scripture, tells me the foundation of my giving must be obedience without expecting return. The hyper-faith, prosperity movement can eventually backfire and lead to covetousness if we do not see the truth in balance. There is an anticipation out of grace that God blesses us. However, your giving is not about getting but about righteousness, increasing the fruits of righteousness. If I give totally for reward, there are no fruits of righteousness. Giving is not about getting. Giving is about freeing me so the virtues of God can be increased in me. The only way to be free of covetousness is by giving. First and Second Peter tell us to add to our faith virtues. That requires action. If we do this, it says we'll never be unfruitful or barren. How do we grow in virtues? Our heart must be right to have fruits of righteousness and to present thanksgiving back to God. If you give to get, it is to put God under obligation; but if you give because you are obedient to God, it increases righteousness in you and the virtues start developing. You start adding to your faith virtues. No virtues means no freedom from covetousness. The rich young ruler proved that. All truth has to be held in tension like this between I give without expectations that obligate God and yet I am confident He will bless me. The truth to hold in balance is that if we obey as God directs, the fruits of righteousness can increase in us. Trying to obligate God does not produce fruits of righteousness. Some cannot hear this. It takes maturity to handle this.

The world is a moral order. The desire that justice will be done and things will eventually make sense is reasonable. The rewards may not be in kind. The real rewards of goodness are in the spirit. Love's true return is not even the love of others. It is increased capacity to love. A generous-hearted man looked back on his life and remarked, "I've loved more than I've been loved. I trusted more than I've been trusted, but the balance remained the same. The reward of generosity is a generous heart which rejoices in giving and seeks no return, but the law of return remains the same, we reap what we sow."

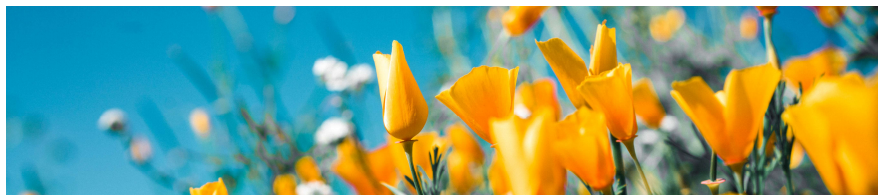
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# THE APOSTLES' UNCOMMON MIRACLES



ARE WE STILL LIVING IN THE SAME DAYS OF THE APOSTLES' UNCOMMON MIRACLES? YES! "God was performing extraordinary miracles by the hand of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons were even carried from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out." (Acts 19:11-12 NASB) Paul was in Ephesus, where the great statue of Diana was worshipped and Artemis was considered a god. Paul was up against satanic powers of cults, black magic and divination as part of the daily life of the Ephesians. My point is that when there is great opposition to Christ and the gospel, God will always tilt the tables, play a trump card and give special tools to those who infiltrate ungodly atmospheres because uncommon miracles are signs to unbelievers. The weakest church, the Corinthian Church, was the one Paul wrote to about the gifts of the spirit, to fill in the information they would need to be successful and implement these powerful gifts. Then, in Acts 5:15-16 Luke gives us this uncommon report, "People brought the sick into the streets and laid them on beds and mats so that at least Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he passed by. Crowds gathered also from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing their sick and those tormented by evil spirits, and ALL of them were healed."

These "signs" follow those that believe. And I believe these types of healings and uncommon miracles are happening in the lives of ministers





and believers in our world today. A friend of mine, in India, told me that on opening night of a poorly attended tent meeting, the minister said, "Find me a blind person!" God healed him and the place was packed every night thereafter. I won't give names, but I heard the testimony of a minister and his wife (present day minister) who got a call for a prayer cloth for her father-in-law, who was just admitted to the hospital with a stroke. He called his wife and asked her to find one in the house and take it to the lady. The man, she said, had blurred speech and his left arm curled up and his hand was frozen. His wife couldn't find the prayer cloths, so he told her to make some, pray over them and give her one. She went to her husband's closet and took a perfectly good shirt and cut it in pieces and took the left sleeve of the shirt. Well, the woman put it on the man's left arm, pinned it on him and told the nurses not to take it off under any circumstances. The next day, as she entered the hospital room, the man was sitting up waving his arm and his speech had totally recovered. Praise God! This same minister was traveling to the east coast and was asked to minister one night at a church on his way. They had a room of over 300 people holding signs which said, "AIDS"! They were so surprised when he walked out among them as he just spoke "LIFE" to them. He left there and the pastor contacted him to come and hold another service on his way back home. When he arrived back, the pastor took him to his office where he had 300 letters from doctors and patients declaring them totally healed! Glory, I would say this is as uncommon as Peter's or Paul's great endeavors. This is still happening because as the darkness gets greater, then greater are the signs in these times. In one of our Apostolic meetings in my home in December of '22, one pastor from Nepal gave a testimony of a great creative miracle that preceded a meeting they were setting up in the bush. A man brought his beautiful little 3 ½ year old daughter. As he approached, only half of her face was visible since her head was pressed into her father's chest. As he got closer, the girl turned and the pastor was looking into a great cavity where her face had not formed. He could see all of the inside of her. He prayed and watched her face form to complete healing. From there, the revival was on. People were willing to hear the good news.

God will do uncommon miracles just so peoples' hearts can be open to receive the gospel of Christ and eternal life. I think sometimes, our faith puts too much demand on our flesh and our flesh throws a breaker. Once we align our flesh, the power will flow unimpeded, and we will see and do greater things. Jesus said "Out of your belly shall flow rivers (plural) of living waters," (plural). These flow by the Spirit to others as we hear and yield. If we are not going to go around and lay hands on the

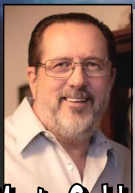
sick, then we don't need the baptism in the Holy Spirit. It is God's power to us for others. Someone said, "Never ask for permission to pray for someone or you'll never raise the dead." (Some of you will get this statement in about two days!) I know people who have raised the dead. I want to do that, not because I want to check a box, or make a name for myself, but to glorify God who gave us authority for it! A minister who prayed for a brain-dead man came out of the hospital room and the relative asked him, "How did it go?" He replied, "It went well. He's healed." Another question, "How do you know he's healed, did God talk to you and tell you? Did you hear God speak?" The minister said, "No, I read His letter and it said that by His stripes we were and are healed." Two days later, the man was fully recovered.

While I was pastoring in Bellville, Texas, I received a very late-night call. It was from a nurse, a member of my church, and she was requesting I come to the hospital. She said they had called all the family in for the last moment of their loved one, an elderly woman. All her organs had failed, she was just ready to leave this world. Don't judge me as I tell this, but I got mad at the late hour and something rose up in me and I got mad at the devil. As I arrived, there were about 25-30 family members, grandchildren, children, siblings, etc. I could sense most of them were not believers. I boldly said, "As many of you who will, come in this room and we're going to pray that God heal this loved one and raise her up." I can tell you, that's not what they came for! I wish I could tell you of the expressions on each face, but they allowed me to pray and I did. I left, went home and slept until 6:30 AM, at which time I called the hospital to see what time the woman had expired! Did you hear me? The *something that rose up in me was real* and I knew it, but now my flesh was asking when did she die? Ready for the answer? The nurse said, "We released her early this morning." She had fully recovered and was healed! Imagine what those folks thought when they got the news!

I have allowed myself to be transparent because I know I'm not the only one that God is teaching to be ready, and I urge anyone reading this to get ready to do uncommon miracles. You and I are just as powerful in a parking lot as in a church building. Why? Because the power comes by the *presence* of God that's in you and I. We have become a habitation of God, not just a casual visitation of Him. Where you go, He goes, because He's in you and He wants to use you! The time is coming where you may be locked out of your bank account or ATM, not because you're broke, but because you stand for righteousness! We can depend on God for His "uncommon" protection and signs following as we live and move and have our being in Him. ARE WE STILL LIVING IN THE SAME DAYS OF THE APOSTLES' UNCOMMON MIRACLES? YES!

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# CREATION IS WAITING



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On a couple of occasions recently I have heard someone mention the infilling of the power and the presence of the Holy Spirit for the purpose of doing what Jesus did to counter what darkness and chaos are doing presently in this world. And that's what has been on my heart for a number of days. However, a while back I heard something with quite a different emphasis. I heard a man sing a song and he was singing about heaven waiting for him. He seemed to be quite excited. He excitedly sang, "Heaven is waiting for me. I can't wait to go there because Heaven is waiting for me." And there were some more lyrics to the song, but they were difficult to understand because people were in the aisles jumping up and down shouting so that I could barely understand what the man was singing. Everyone was very excited about getting to heaven because "Heaven is waiting". But I can't find that in the Bible. However, I did find something that was somewhat different from that in the Bible. In Rom.8:19 it says, "...the eagerly awaiting *creation waits*". It is not likely that we will find anywhere in the Bible where creation wishes the sons and daughters of God were not here. *Creation* is waiting. Creation is waiting for every son/daughter of Almighty God Jehovah to be revealed in this present world just as Jesus was revealed some 2,000 years ago in the midst of Israel's chaos.

Have you ever read Jn.3:16? When I was a little boy I was required to memorize Jn.3:16. Do you remember what it says? It says, "For God so loved the world". The word "world" in that context is the Greek word "cosmos". In the Greek the word "cosmos" in that context would read like this, "For God so loved His created order of people and things that He

gave His only begotten son". Why do those two thoughts come together in purpose and unity? Thought number one: "For God so loved His created order of people and things". That is thought number one.

Now thought number two is: "For God so loved His created order that He gave His Son". How does that relate? Because when God created there were things going on that were recorded in Scripture and they are there with purpose. Have you ever read Genesis Chapter One? "In the beginning... the earth was a formless and desolate emptiness...". That means that the earth was in a chaotic state—in the beginning. And then what happened? The Holy Spirit hovered Sovereignly over the earth and then order came. "For God so loved His created order of things that He gave His only begotten son. There's got to be some relationship there. Because after God created the world and the Holy Spirit gave it order, there was an order to plant life. There was an order to animal life. There was an order to people and their lives and their tribes. But sin... but sin brought disorder.

If you want to find out what disorder is like in your life, all you have to do is sin. Sin will bring disorder to your life. I have seen sin destroy homes because of adultery. I have seen many lives destroyed because of drugs, alcohol, perversion.

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth and the earth was without order. It was without form. But Holy Spirit hovered over the earth and brought order. Jn.3:16, "For God so loved the world, i.e., His created order, that He gave His only begotten Son. Why? Because that order He created was set into chaos by man's sin. So God wanted His order back. He knew His order was best. His order is life and peace and joy. So He gave His only begotten Son. Why? So that all of this chaos could be brought back into order. Only Jesus can bring the chaos of the world back into order.

What happens when people are in chaos? What happens when people are in pain? One time I hurt my lower back very badly. I was lying there in the bed, rolling back and forth and crying and groaning because I was in pain. In Rom.8:19, 22 the Bible talks about the earth groaning, creation groaning because creation is suffering from the pain of sin. In sin is that which is outside the order of God. When God gave us the Ten Commandments, He didn't give us the Ten Commandments so He could be a mean old Father. Some people see Him just yelling "Thou shall not do this. Thou shall not do that. Thou shalt sit still and do nothing". That's not why God gave us the Ten Commandments. Why do you think God said, "Thou shall not commit adultery"? There would be no sexual disease if there

were no adultery or fornication. Marriages and whole families would not be destroyed. If we stay inside God's order, if we stay inside the safe boundaries that God sets there is righteousness, peace and joy. When we get outside of the lines and the boundaries, there is pain.

Creation is waiting, creation is waiting. The Bible says in chapter eight of Romans that creation is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. Not only is creation waiting, it says creation is groaning. Have you watched the news lately? That's creation groaning. Have you watched the violence on the news and in war and in crime? That's creation groaning. You can turn on national news and there are people standing in front of the camera and they're screaming and yelling and throwing things. That is groaning.

In the gospel of John 17:18 Jesus was praying. He said, Holy Father, I am sending forth my disciples as You sent me, just as You sent me. You remember what Jesus did in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John? Everywhere He went, people were changed. Their circumstances were changed. Their lives were changed. People who were dying started living. People who were lame and crippled were suddenly made whole. People who were blind could see. People who were demonized and cutting their flesh and treating their bodies cruelly were suddenly at peace enjoying righteousness, peace and joy. Jesus prayed, "Father, as you sent Me, so send I my disciples—Just as you sent Me.

What did I say when I began this article? Creation is waiting. You have probably heard of great evangelists who have won many thousands of people to the Lord all over the world. But the Bible doesn't say that creation is waiting for a great evangelist to come to your area. Does your Bible say that in the last days, creation will be groaning loudly and someone with a lot of influence will get a great evangelist to come to your region from a huge revival in a far away place and there shall be a great revival in your area that will spread from there to the whole nation? I don't think it says that but that is what many people are hoping for. But you know what Rom. 8:19,22 says? It says creation is groaning for the "sons", both male and female. The Bible speaks about our being "sons", it is not talking about gender differentiation. It is talking about our position, our rights and authorities like the sonship Jesus practiced while on earth. Gal. 3:26, NASB—"For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus." Rom. 8:14, NASB—"For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God." (Also: Rom. 8:16; Gal. 4:6; Rom. 8:14; Jn. 1:12; Gal. 4:7) We have rights as a blood-washed believer (Heb. 9:14). We should probably put our finger right in the middle of our being and say, "I am the one creation is groaning for".

Jesus has sent sons/daughters to be like Him, to do like Him. Jesus would go through the towns and the villages and He would heal people He would touch people and they were not the same ever again The Bible says that when Jesus came out of the temptation in the wilderness, He came out full of the Holy Spirit.



Do you know how Jesus got here? He got into the earth by the Holy Spirit. In Lk.1:31-32 the angel said to Mary, “And the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.”<sup>31</sup> And behold, you will conceive in your womb and give birth to a son, and you shall name Him Jesus.” Mary was standing there and the Bible says she was trembling and shaking and she couldn't figure out what this was all about. She was being confronted by an angel of God with a prophetic word from the Lord. Lk.1:34-35a,NASB—But Mary said to the angel, “How will this be, since I am a virgin?”<sup>35</sup> The angel answered and said to her, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you...”

The Holy Spirit is the one Who brings what is in heaven into this earth. He brought Jesus. That which was in heaven was taken by the Holy Spirit and moved into the earth so Jesus could be born as a man and walk among the people who were groaning. Jesus didn't go from church to church. He went out where the people were and if they were ill, He made them whole. If they were deaf, He healed their ears. If they were blind, they were suddenly able to see. If they were harassed and bound by demon spirits, He set them free. In one situation Jesus spat on the ground, made eyeballs out of mud and stuck them in the guy's eye sockets. Now, by earth's standards that is just weird but it brought the order of God which enabled the man to see. Hey, get ready for God to do something in you and through you. There are some weird things going on in this earth and we are going to have to meet weird with weird. According to today's standards, if we walk out this word by faith, we're going look weird. Until Jesus came there was no way for blindness (a very common problem at that time) to come into God's order. Father, I declare that these sons and daughters are going to do the kind of stuff Jesus did when He was on earth. I declare over them that Jesus is sending them forth just like He was sent to heal, to deliver, to save to the uttermost, to raise up, to set the captive free, to bring righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost. We need the infilling and the power of Holy Spirit.

For the last few weeks I've been across much of this nation and even in another nation and I'm seeing the chaos and hearing the groaning and have even experienced attacks of witchcraft while abroad. I believe that the groaning is louder and more desperate than ever. Wherever I've gone over the last month or two, not one person has asked me to tell them about Heaven, no one asked if Heaven is waiting for them. But people have asked me, “Do you think God can help me? Do you think God can help my family? Do you think God can do something in my nation to turn my nation around? They're not telling me that they want to go to Heaven. They're telling me, “I love my family. I care about my city and I love my nation. What can I do?” You can answer the groaning by letting Holy Spirit work in you and through you. You can love people, you can touch them and let them know you love them. You can let Holy Spirit hover over you and over the circumstance and as He begins to impress you by the love and compassion of Jesus you can begin to speak to that situation. The power of the Holy Spirit is to duplicate Jesus in every one of us so that the groaning of creation can be answered just like it was when Jesus was on earth.

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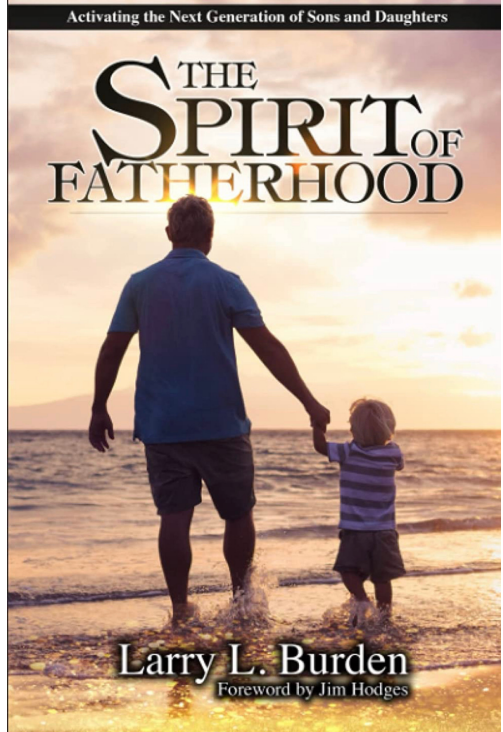
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