

PENTECOST GATHERING 26TH-28TH MAY 2022

SUMMARY OF GOD'S WORD TO US

A group of intercessors, Christian leaders & business people from across England met together over three days.

With Joel 2:15-17 as our key scripture, we gathered having prepared ourselves to meet with God through fasting.

We began by ascending a mountain that is literally in the very centre of the UK, north, south, east and west, to sound a prophetic trumpet calling God's people to prepare: to humble ourselves in fasting, repentance and intercession for the compromised state of the church and the resulting state of our nation both of which are experiencing God's judgement.

Over the course of the next three days the Lord gave the following serious word:

- God holds the sphere of the world in His hands and He is tightening His grip on it.¹
- There is a dam of intense evil that is set to break over the nation and the world. The hand of God has been restraining it because we have been in a season of grace in which we have had time to prepare our hearts, homes and God's people for what lies ahead but this season is now over; the restraining hand is about to be removed.² The dam has been seeping 'water' over past years and we have witnessed the effects of this in society and the things we've experienced but when it collapses there will be a tidal flood of wickedness, evil, depravity and darkness such as the world has never known since the days of Noah.³ It will wash away every last remnant of decency and morality. There will be a descent into physical, emotional, economic, social and spiritual chaos⁴ and those things God outlined to us in 2008 and 2015 will be manifested in our villages, towns and cities. The effects of this on our way of life, the church and the Jews will be devastating yet out of the intense suffering, persecution and martyrdom will come a purified Bride.
- In order to respond effectively to a society in chaos, God's people need to be right in the thick of it. It's time to mobilise God's end-time army of foot soldiers; those who are attentive to the voice of their King; those who, like soldiers in the true army have learned submission, meekness and obedience to follow God's commands⁵ and are willing to carry His Light of Life into the darkest of places. Each of us has a choice to make: are we willing to carry His Light into the darkness **whatever the cost might be to us?**
- The enormity of the spiritual battle that is ahead for God's people is like re-enacting Elijah's battle with the prophets of Baal.⁶ The 'voice' of the government, royal family, media, police, education, health service – every pillar of society – is compromised with the spirit of Babylon

¹ Psalm 68:1.

² 2Thessalonians 2:6-12.

³ Matthew 24; Romans 1:21-end.

⁴ Ezekiel 14:21-23.

⁵ The book of Judges e.g.: Deborah, Barak and Gideon; Ephesians 5:17.

⁶ 1Kings 18:16-end.

[Baal] whose power and controlling authority is only set to increase in arrogant ecstatic intensity, not decrease. So, we the Body of Christ need to understand our role which is

- To recognise the reality of the battle and be willing to be a part of the solution. There are false prophets today just as ready to resist God's people and plans as there were in Elijah's day.⁷
 - To understand our bodies are the sticks that comprise the altar and our hearts are the offering laid on it.⁸ We are called to live holy and godly lives that are laid down daily as living sacrifices to God.⁹
 - To engage with God in genuine deep humble-hearted identificational repentance and lamentation for our national condition. This flowing from hearts that are fully set apart to God is like the repeated water saturating the altar. It is a costly sacrifice but it is the only way to open a door of possibility for change.¹⁰
 - Only when this has reached its fullness will God send the fire to consume the altar and the offering on it.
- When the fire of God truly comes on the consecrated remnant of the Body of Christ, it will have the magnitude of something like a volcanic eruption. It will totally consume those on whom it falls. This 'fire' will be the grace of God in the midst of the judgement.¹¹ The 'fire' will be a Pentecostal baptism, a total immersion, in the love of God.¹² This love will be three-fold: a deeper burning of desire for God Himself – for His Word and His ways; a genuine love for one another and a passionate consuming love for the lost.¹³
 - The Platinum Jubilee of our Queen's coronation in June 2023 might well mark the end of a 70-year period of spiritual exile and 'prostitution' in our once great trading nation.¹⁴ We have prostituted ourselves with the spirit of Babylon. Now there is a slim hope for a renewal of heart, priorities and values in post-Brexit Britain as we return to our historic trading relationships. We still have a significant role on the global scene – as the last bastion of defence in Christian Europe - especially in terms of our destiny to take the gospel to the nations. We, Christ's Body, have a choice whether to co-operate with God's plans for our nation or not.¹⁵
 - Just as the giant Gulliver had to rise up to break off his chains God is calling His remnant Body to be strong and courageous;¹⁶ to rise up to take our place in His end-time purposes.

⁷ 2Peter 2:1; 2Timothy 4:1 & 16.

⁸ 1Peter 2:4-5.

⁹ Romans 12:1-2; 2Peter 3:11-14.

¹⁰ Nehemiah 9:1-5 & 38; 2Chronicles 12:7; 14:11.

¹¹ Romans 5:20.

¹² Matthew 3:11.

¹³ 1Corinthians 14:1.

¹⁴ Isaiah 23:15-18. Revelation 18 depicts a global reversion of Isaiah 23.

¹⁵ Deuteronomy 28.

¹⁶ Joshua 1:9.

If we do not take the word of warning¹⁷ seriously then we may not be entrusted with stewarding the power of a Sovereign move of God when He sends the baptism of fire.

- As the judgement and darkness only get stronger, there will be a great sifting in the world and the church as these are consumed by the fire of God's judgement.¹⁸
 - Will our hearts be prepared, ready and acceptable offerings to carry the contrasting fire of God's Spirit to the nation in the way we discern is on His heart for us?
 - Like a lighthouse that has its foundations dug deep down into the rock on which it's built, we too need to be unshakeable to stand strong and shine our light in the darkness of the strongest storm. It will not happen unless we take every step to prepare our hearts NOW.
- We must recognise the enormity of this challenge to us as individuals.¹⁹ We must not fall into a deception whereby we judge our hearts to be already purified and holy, completely set apart to God. At our core we all have remnants of selfishness and sin, especially times when we have chosen to ignore God's challenges to us. The stakes are so high that it's time to allow Him in to do a deeper work of cleansing, to lessen the footholds the enemy has in us. We will not run effectively with the fire of God if we still harbour unforgiveness and fear of man in our hearts..²⁰
- God is calling us to be holy, pure and set apart to Him in EVERY aspect of our daily lives: mind, body and spirit; our families, homes, jobs and finances. We will not achieve our destiny unless we endeavour to learn what it means to live a life of faith and faithfulness to God now; to trust in His faithful provision, to be secure in His love and be willing to persevere through hardships.²¹ To remain, abide or dwell in Him daily, moment by moment. If we learn this lesson well NOW then we will never lack anything in the days ahead.²²
- God is giving us a choice: to allow ourselves to be set on fire and burn for Him in the days ahead or not. Just as potholers need to wriggle through the tiniest hole to get through the secret place which is often a lagoon of the purest coolest sweetest water, we need to understand the effort needed to be made whilst we still have the light so we can reach and abide in the place of refreshing. We will not last the course and play our part without it.²³

There was much more detail that added to the urgency, soberness and severity of the message.

THE CHALLENGE:

The obvious consequence of this is the challenge to the body of Christ to rise up in united intercession and worship, to become serious about being obedient disciples, to pursue greater

¹⁷ 1Corinthians 4:14.

¹⁸ Isaiah 59:19b.

¹⁹ Proverbs 1:20-33.

²⁰ Luke 9:23; 14:26-33; Philippians 2:5-11.

²¹ Romans 10:6-11.

²² John 15:4-8.

²³ Isaiah 44:3.

purity and holiness, to wrestle with some of the 'hard sayings' of Jesus about the cost of following Him and to lay aside all earthly agendas and determine to build only God's kingdom.

On a practical level *every household* should raise up a storehouse of basic foodstuffs and *every church* should prayerfully determine before God what practical preparations should be made to respond in such a scenario. This is a time for urgent action based on listening to God. Jesus will return for a glorious victorious and spotless Bride who is head-over-heels in love with her Bridegroom and will do anything to please Him.

"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven." Matthew 5:14-16

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and His glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn." Isaiah 60:1-3

God has laid it on our hearts to share this same word with whosoever will welcome us and listen.

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