

## ***WHY THE HOLY SPIRIT IS BURDENING THE CHURCH WITH NIGHT AND DAY PRAYER***

### **Introduction:**

We cannot deny the obvious prayer awakening and emphasis God's Spirit is doing in the earth today. The church needs to understand why God's Spirit is placing a burden for Night & Day Prayer upon the church's heart and what role the church will play in the end time scenario. It is clear from scripture that the great commandment to reach the world with the gospel cannot be fulfilled apart from the church operating in her intercessory role as a "Priestly Bride." The Priestly Bride is gripped with a heart for God's glory and not for the honor of man. Out of a heart of lovesickness, she willingly lays her desires down in order to satisfy the longing of Jesus' heart.

As the church embraces this "fresh stream" of the Spirit and merges it together with other streams of God's movements in the earth, we will see the greatest outpouring of God's power the earth has ever seen. Traditionally, the church has operated with evangelical missionaries (gospel messengers) and with compassionate missionaries (mercy deeds).

But today, a new type of missionary (if I may label it as such) is being raised up by the Spirit of God. I call these being raised up as "Prayer Missionaries" - those who will pray countless hours, week after week, month after month and year after year. These Prayer Missionaries are serving God today in Houses of Prayer, Churches & Small Groups all across the earth.

At the same time crisis is hitting the nations of the earth, including America as there is major fear that is taking hold of our nation and the peoples of the earth. Things will seem to be getting back to normal, even at times look like they are improving but they will only get worse before things hit a climax and a SPIRIT OF FEAR will control people's lives and decisions. It is in this context that the Lord is building that which will usher in Holy Spirit glory and His kingdom.

### **I. GOD IS SHAKING THINGS TO DEAL WITH THE CHURCH - WHAT ARE WE BUILDING?**

- A. We need to see this as GOD ALLOWING this to take place in order to shake the nations as the book of Haggai declares. The prophet Haggai was used to stir God's people to REPENT of their ways from focusing on their NATURAL LIVES and neglecting their SPIRITUAL LIVES. Everyone was more concerned about their work, their money and their homes. The Lord REBUKED them and warned them of DIRE CONSEQUENCES if they continued to neglect His word and His will.

*"Then the word of the Lord came by Haggai the prophet, saying, "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, and this temple to lie in ruins?" Now therefore, thus says the Lord of hosts: "Consider your ways! "You have sown much, and bring in little; You eat, but do not have enough; You drink, but you are not filled with drink; You clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; And he who earns wages, Earns wages to put into a bag with holes." Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Consider your ways! "You looked for much, but indeed it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why?" says the Lord of hosts. "Because of My house that is in ruins, while every one of you runs to his own house. Therefore the heavens above you withhold the dew, and the earth withholds its fruit." (Haggai 1:3-7, 9, 10)*

- B. God will have His way with the nations of the earth. His will and agenda will not be aborted by any nation, religious leader or political one. His word will accomplish all that is on the heart of the Lord.

*"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:10-11)*

## II. DEFINITION OF AN END-TIME FORERUNNER

- A. Forerunner – "A predecessor who goes or is sent in advance to announce the coming of someone or something that follows."

There is the need for God's Spirit to raise up "a different kind of Messenger" for these last days. The Church must have vision and room to receive these End-Time Messengers that God's Spirit is encountering and stirring up. They are men and women, both young and old, who are being visited by angelic encounters, having their eyes opened to End-Time truths of God's word and are becoming lovesick for their Bridegroom God. They are not satisfied with the status-quo attitude of the traditional Church. They are being drawn to God and nothing will be able to keep them from Him

- B. Scripture reveals that there have been several individuals that God had raised up for the purpose of preparing them for a specific task that would help bring about God's

will on the earth in their generation. For example, God's Spirit specifically came upon certain individuals who helped prepare a way for God to come and break into their generation that He may manifest His will and His glory. Prior to the first coming of the Lord, the Holy Spirit came upon certain individuals for the sole purpose of preparing and stirring the Jewish people to have their hearts open to receive their awaited Messiah.

- C. Prior to the First Coming - Spirit of a Forerunner
  - 1. Anna
  - 2. Simeon
  - 3. Zechariah & Elizabeth
  - 4. John the Baptist
  - 5. Mary of Bethany

### III. WHY GOD IS EMPHASIZING NIGHT & DAY PRAYER IN THIS HOUR

- 1. To **REVIVE** Bridal Intimacy - Prepare the Church for the 2nd Coming
  - \*LK 11:1-13- Prayer is about intimacy, relationship with God (Our Father)
  - \*Reviving our first love - Mk 12:30-31, Rev 2:4
  - \*Restoring our inheritance IN HIM - Jesus becomes our prized possession
  - \*Recapturing our God given Delegated Authority - Trustworthy of His Power
  - \*All about a wedding: Genesis 2, John 2, Revelation 20-22
  - \*A Partnership: Jesus & Church, Husband & Wife
  
- 2. To **REALIGN** the Church to Heaven's Agenda & Heaven's Ways
  - \*Continual prayer, continual seeking brings agreement of heart - Ps 133
  - \*Numerous examples in scripture reveal that a continual seeking of the presence of God brings about a heart being Encountered & Conquered.

- Moses and the Tabernacle of Moses
- David and the Tabernacle of David
- (both saw heaven's pattern, model of prayer & worship)
- Isaiah and John saw the activity around the throne
- 24/7 Angelic Creatures & 24 Elders continually around the throne
- Harp & Bowl symbolic of prayer & worship: Rev. 4-5
- Eternal prayer and worship - Millennial Kingdom Ps. 72

3. To **REVEAL** God's End-Time Plan - To Contend Against Darkness

\*PS. 55 Wicked, words surround cities -Discern enemies plans, political, religious, financial

\*LK. 18:7-8 God's way of releasing Justice

(testimonies: large trafficking ring busted-70, children rescued, crime rate lowest in 10 yrs)

***Luke 18:7-8 “And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? <sup>8</sup> I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?”***

\*Contend Against The Harlot Babylon , The Anti-Christ - Book of Revelation is a book revealing the activities of the end time church and HOW they OVERCOME darkness.

\*Contend against FULLNESS OF INIQUITY (murder, immorality, witchcraft, theft)

***Revelation 9:21 “And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries<sup>al</sup> or their sexual immorality or their thefts.”***

***Daniel 8:23 “And in the latter time of their kingdom, When the transgressors have reached their fullness, A king shall arise, Having fierce features, Who understands sinister schemes. “***

\*Contend against Major Deception - Mat. 24:11, 2 Thess 2:2-3, Tim 4:1

4. To **RESTORE ISRAEL** to her place among the Nations. The Salvation of Israel & Jerusalem - The Church's role (Eternal plan is union: God & Man, Jew & Gentile)
  - \*Zeal for Jerusalem Ps. 2, 110, 122, 138, Zechariah 1
  - \*Jerusalem is called the City of King Jesus - Matt 5:35
  - \*Paul reveals God's eternal plan in Rom 9-11. Saved Israel means salvation of the nations
  - \*Church's Role is Intercession - ISA. 56:6-8, 62:6-7
  - Matthew 23:37-39** “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! <sup>38</sup> See! Your house is left to you desolate; <sup>39</sup> for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!’”*
5. To **REAP** the End-Time World Harvest of Souls (accelerating the great commission)
  - \*Mark 14:3-9. Lovesickness, extravagant giving
  - \*Amos 9:11-15. Restoration of the Tabernacle of David
  - \*Edom & Gentiles saved, Israel restored to their land
  - \*Joel 2-3, Acts 2:17
6. To **RELEASE** the 21 End-Time Judgments - Death Blow to Anti-Christ World System of Religious, Political & Economic Unity
  - \*Isa. 42. Jesus returns in context of night-day prayer, releasing judgments/justice
  - \*Lk 18:7-8. Justice thru Night & Day Prayer & Faith unto the End
  - \*Rev. 8:1-6 Incense, Prayers of Saints, Fire of Judgments released upon the earth

*Revelation 8:1-6 “When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour. <sup>2</sup> And I saw the seven angels who stand before God, and to them were given seven trumpets. <sup>3</sup> Then another angel, having a golden censer, came and stood at the altar. He was given much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. <sup>4</sup> And the smoke of the incense, with the prayers of the saints, ascended before God from the angel’s hand. <sup>5</sup> Then the angel took the censer, filled it with fire from the altar, and threw it to the earth. And there were noises, thunderings, lightnings, and an earthquake. So the seven angels who had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.”*

\*All 21 judgments preceded by Prayer & Worship

\*Governmental authority release by intercession

\*A Priestly Bride is arising to contend against darkness & overcome darkness  
Rev 12:11

\*Church not prepared in her current condition to operate in authority

\*Cannot be trusted with power yet because of weak love and self-glorification motives