

## *The Convergence of the Missions and Prayer Movements*

### I. TWO KEY SIGNS OF THE TIMES: THE GOSPEL TO ALL NATIONS AND UNITY

- A. **Sign #1:** Jesus linked the evangelizing of every nation to His return. In 2000, David Hamilton began to develop the “4,000 zone mission strategy” that defined the unreached people groups. These 4,000 geo-political zones on earth use almost 7,000 languages (20 primary languages used by 90% of the earth) in 12,000 distinct ethnic groups (ethnos).
- <sup>14</sup> *This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations [ethnos] and then the end will come. (Mt. 24:14)*
- <sup>9</sup> *Behold a great multitude...of all nations [ethnos], tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the Throne...<sup>14</sup> These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation. (Rev. 7:9, 14)*
- B. The diminishing task is measurable in the ratio of non Christians per believer. **Jesus is winning.** There are an estimated 1 billion “Great Commission Christians” who evangelize and disciple. In 100 AD, the ratio was of 360 unbelievers to 1 believer (fraction of 1%); in 1000 AD, the ratio was 220 to 1 ratio (fraction of 1%); in 1500 AD, it grew to a 69 to 1 ratio (just over of 1%); in 1900 AD it grew to 27 to 1 ratio (about 4%) and in **2000 AD it went to 6 to 1 ratio** (about 20%).
- C. Every people group will be reached with the gospel: 300 of the final **600 Untargeted and Unreached People Groups (UUPGs)** representing 600 million people, are now being engaged.
- D. **Sign #2:** Jesus linked unity in the church to the evangelizing of the nations. The world will believe when church operates together. The Father is determined that the church operate in unity.
- <sup>21</sup> *That they all may be one...that the world may believe that You sent Me. (Jn. 17:21)*
- E. **Convergence:** we can do something together that we cannot do separate. Jesus is bringing a new level of unity so that all the gifts in His body in all nations from three generations work together. We can do so much more when we embrace with each other’s different calling with love.
- F. God’s love is only seen in fullness when the whole Body of Christ functions together. Part of our inheritance is in the hands of other ministries as is part of our revelation of God’s love.
- <sup>18</sup> *May be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height-- <sup>19</sup> to know the love of Christ...that you may be filled... (Eph. 3:18-19)*
- G. According to John Dawson, there are two attitudes that we can adopt as we minister translocally, either as “imperialists” that says, what I have is inherently better than what you have so I will impose my vision on you and ask that your culture submits to mine because the Lord has given me the strategy for you. Or as “settlers”, that says, may I come into your land, honor who you are, serve and befriend you and together we will find our destiny in God and experience kingdom life together. We cannot impose ourselves on those we minister to.

## II. REPORT ON A HISTORIC GATHERING IN ORLANDO – JANUARY 2008

- A. A historic meeting of international missions leaders, prayer leaders and church planters was held from Jan. 29- Feb. 1, 2008 called the **Call2All-Orlando**. Mark Anderson gave leadership to this gathering which was attended by 600 leaders including the ***CEOs of 170 of the primary mission organizations*** in the world with the leaders of prayer ministries and church planting moments. Call2All are called to reach “all”: the least, the last and the lost.
- B. Several thousand ministries from many nations are involved in the Call2All, including the two largest mission organizations in history: ***YWAM***, started by Loren Cunningham in 1960 and ***Campus Crusade*** started by Bill Bright in 1951. Combined, these two have 50,000 full-time staff and 500,000 part time staff. This represents 12% of the mission work force across the earth.
- C. Highlights from the Call2All-Orlando gathering include the missions leaders and prayer leaders recognizing the Lord's hand in establishing them together in ***strategic alliances*** for God's purposes in completing the task of bringing the gospel to every nation. In 18 months in Call2All congresses (Jan. 2008 to June 2009), we have seen demonstrations of unity in the commitments made: 4 million new church plants and 500,000 new houses of prayer by 2020
- D. The leaders of international prayer movements agreed to partner with international missions leaders as they reach out together to all 4,000 zones. They determined to see each missions organization and missionary covered in prayer. They are asking each prayer ministry and each intercessor across the earth to specifically adopt one missions organization, three individual missionaries and one of the 4,000 zones of the earth to cover in prayer on a regular basis.
- E. The Lord spoke to IHOP-KC leaders about making ***YWAM*** our primary missions organization (January 2004) and ***Egypt*** as our primary geo-political zone to cover in prayer (December 2007).
- F. The missions movement, prayer movement and church planting moments with market place ministries are ***working together*** with intensity for the ***first time in history*** to reach the seven spheres of society: family; education; government (politics, law and military); economy (business, science, and technology); arts (entertainment and sports); media; and religion.
- G. In March 2004, Mark and Karen Anderson each received a prophetic word on the same day saying “My house is a House of Prayer, if it is not a House of Prayer then it is not my House.” On Dec. 25, 2006, Mark Anderson had a prophetic dream in which the Lord revealed to him that the missions movement and the prayer movement are the same movement in God's heart.
- <sup>7</sup> ***For My house shall be called a House of Prayer for all nations. (Isa. 56:7)***
- H. Many recognize the beginning of the modern world missions movement to the Moravians who were sent from a 24/7 prayer ministry led by Count Zinzendorf in Herrnhut, Germany in 1727. There has been a great acceleration in the mission movement over the last 50 years from 1960. The global prayer movement began to grow rapidly about 20 years ago from about 1990.

### III. THE END-TIME PRAYER MOVEMENT

- A. Throughout history, the house of prayer has been a central part of God’s plan to advance His kingdom. Human history began with daily prayer meetings in the **Garden of Eden** (Gen. 3:8). Israel began as a nation in a prayer meeting at **Mt. Sinai** (Ex. 19:6-20). Israel’s first building project, **Moses’ tabernacle**, was a worship sanctuary or the first house of prayer (Ex. 25:2).
- B. One of **King David’s** first acts as king over Jerusalem was to establish **return the ark** and then establish night and day worship called the **Tabernacle of David** in which he financed 4,000 musicians and 288 singers (1 Chr. 15-16; 23:5; 25:7). The restoration of David’s tabernacle is released to the evangelizing of the nations (Amos 9:11-12, Acts 15:16-17)
- <sup>16</sup> After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down...and I will set it up; <sup>17</sup> so that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the LORD... (Acts 15:16-17)*
- C. The **early church** began in a prayer meeting and grew in context to a culture of prayer (Acts 1).
- D. **Natural history** will end in context of a global prayer movement. **The conflict at the end of the age will be between two “Houses of Prayer”**. The Spirit is raising up the most powerful prayer and worship movement in history (Lk. 18:7-8; Mt. 25:1-13; Rev. 5:8; 6:9-11; 8:3-5; 9:13; 14:3, 18; 16:7; 18:6; 22:17, 20; Isa. 19:20-22; 24:14-16; 25:9; 26:8-9; 27:2-5, 13; 30:18-19; 42:10-13; 43:26; 51:11; 52:8; 59:19-21; 62:6-7; Jer. 31:7; 51:8; Joel 2:12-17, 32; Zeph. 2:1-3; Ps. 102:17-20; 122:6; 149:6-9; Zech. 8:20-23; 10:1; 12:10; 13:9).
- E. We stand at a critical juncture in our nation's history. We know another historic "Great Awakening" is soon to sweep across our nation. The Spirit is visiting His people with power and fresh prophetic direction. At the same time, the powers of darkness are raging against the moral fabric of our nation. The light is growing brighter as the darkness becomes darker. The onslaught of darkness is increasing in our classrooms, boardrooms, courtrooms, and bedrooms.

### IV. THE REVELATION OF INTERCESSION

- A. God has chosen intercession as the primary means in which He releases His power forever
- B. **The mystery of intercession:** intercession is simply telling God what He tells us to tell Him as the means of releasing His power. This is profoundly simple. Its mystery is in its “weakness”, simplicity, humility and accessibility to all.
- C. **The majesty of intercession:** the central means of releasing God’s power is intercession. Jesus as operated in this “principle of intercession” when He created (Gen. 1). He continues to use it to govern the universe in partnership with His people.
- <sup>25</sup> Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always (forever) lives to make intercession for them. (Heb. 7:25)*

- D. The Father has deep thoughts (plans) burning in His heart. The Father ordained that Jesus would speak out the Father’s thoughts (intercession) as the way to release the Spirit’s power in Gen. 1.  
<sup>2</sup> *The earth was without form, and void...the Spirit was hovering over the...waters. 3 God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.” (Gen. 1:2-3)*
- E. Jesus is the creator who said, “let there be light” in Gen. 1 (Jn. 1:3; Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2). Jesus sustains, upholds or holds together the created order by speaking the Word (type of intercession).  
<sup>9</sup> *God who created all things through Jesus Christ... (Eph. 3:9)*  
<sup>3</sup> *Who (Jesus)...upholding all things by the word of His power... (Heb. 1:3)*  
<sup>17</sup> *He is before all things, and in Him all things consist (hold together: NIV, NAS). (Col. 1:17)*
- F. When Jesus articulates the Father’s thoughts, He functions as the Living Word. One reason that Jesus is called the “Word” is because He brings God’s private ideas into existence in the natural.  
<sup>1</sup> *In the beginning was the Word [Jesus speaking the Father’s thoughts], and the Word, was with God, and the Word was God [Jesus]...<sup>3</sup> All things were made through Him... (Jn. 1:1-3)*

## V. JESUS RELEASES GOD’S JUSTICE IN RESPONSE TO INTERCESSION

- A. Jesus taught that justice is released in connection to night and day prayer (speaking God’s Word). Justice is God making wrong things right. Jesus is the ultimate social reformer. He was the first to connect justice (social reform and making wrong things right) to night and day prayer.  
<sup>7</sup> *Shall not God bring about justice for His elect, who cry to Him day and night...? <sup>8</sup> He will bring about justice for them speedily. When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith [agreement] on the earth?" (Lk. 18:7-8; NAS)*
- B. The two sides of God’s justice:  
 1. **Judgment** (punishment, vengeance) to the rebellious who resist God’s justice  
 2. **Salvation** (deliverance, vindication) to the redeemed as He makes wrong things right for them
- C. Examples of God’s justice (judgment/salvation) that makes wrong things right  
 1. **Soul winning:** God’s judgment on the kingdom of darkness is seen when people get saved  
 2. **Transformation:** God’s judgment on darkness when we impact the seven spheres of society  
 3. **Revival:** God’s judgment on compromise is seen in reviving the Church by the Spirit  
 4. **Healing:** God’s judgment on sickness is seen in the manifestation of healing power  
 5. **Righteous legislation:** God’s judgment on unrighteous legislation (abortion laws, etc.)  
 6. **Unity (reconciliation):** God’s judgment on division in the family, society and the Church  
 7. **Holiness:** God’s judgment on sin in our lives (pride, anger, immorality, covetousness, etc.)
- D. Jesus requires night and day prayer as the condition to release justice in its many expressions: first, as an **outpouring of power** in various geographic regions (“open heaven” as in Acts 1-2) and second, as protection, direction and provision for **individuals/ministries**. Prayer is a practical expression of the commandment to love one another as it releases deliverance for the needy.

## VI. INTERCESSION: EMBRACING WHAT MEN CALL FOOLISH AND WEAK

- A. God has chosen to use the things that men consider as weak to triumph over the things that men consider wise and mighty. God will use those who embrace the “so called weakness” of praying, fasting, giving, serving and suffering persecution to triumph over human wisdom and might.  
*<sup>27</sup> God has chosen the (so called) foolish things of the world to put to shame the (so called) wise, and God has chosen the (so called) weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty...<sup>29</sup> that no flesh should glory in His presence. (1 Cor. 1:27-29)*
- B. Because intercession is telling an invisible God what He tells us to tell Him, men consider this to be too weak and offensive to do (especially since it is so simple that everyone can do it). We see God’s wisdom in sharing His government in a way that leaves no place for our glory or boasting.
- C. The fact that God chose the simplicity of intercession (so all could do it) expresses His desire for partnership with us. Intercession causes us to internalize God’s Word by saying it back to Him.
- D. Each time we say what God says, it marks our mind and spirit and changes us. This process progressively renews our inner man. I compare it to a computer programmer who rewrites thousands of lines of code when developing a computer program.
- E. God’s words are spirit and life. They impart God’s life to us. Each time we say what God says, we receive a small impartation of His life that illuminates our mind and tenderizes our heart.  
*<sup>63</sup> The words that I (Jesus) speak to you are spirit, and they are life. (Jn. 6:63)*
- F. Intercession unites our heart to the people we pray for. We love who and what we pray for. Intercession produces community with people and ownership of God’s purposes in the nations.
- G. Intercession for others causes multiplied blessings to return back on the life of the intercessor. Every prayer of blessing for another is a prayer that God returns back on you and your family.  
*<sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down...will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. (Lk. 6:38)*
- H. Intercession changes the spiritual atmosphere of cities and nations and thus prepares the way for the presence of God. It positions us to hear from God about the calling and destiny of others.
- I. **Summary**: Intercession is God’s brilliant strategy for including the saints in ruling with Him in power. Yet, it has such great impact on us as it draws us into intimacy with God as it protects with humility, transforms with holiness, anoints with power, unifies in community, releases revelation and increases our inheritance while it trains us to rule the nations with His wisdom.
- J. God’s desire to be worshipped on earth as He is in heaven has not changed.  
*<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. (Mt. 6:10)*

## VII. FOUNDATIONAL PREMISE: GOD WILL BRING HEAVEN AND EARTH TOGETHER

<sup>9</sup> *Having made known to us the mystery (hidden plan) of His will...<sup>10</sup> that He might gather together in one ALL things in Christ, both which are in heaven and which are on earth--in Him. (Eph. 1:9-10)*

A. The centerpiece of God's eternal purpose is for Jesus to come back to establish His kingdom over all the earth as He joins the heavenly and earthly realms together. God's purpose has always been for His people to live together with Him in this way forever. This is the interpretive key to understanding the end times. Without this foundational revelation, confusion is inevitable.

<sup>3</sup> *Behold, the Tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them... (Rev. 21:3)*

B. God created the universe in two distinct realms. **Heaven** speaks of the spiritual realm where God's power and presence is openly manifest. **Earth** speaks of the physical realm where human process, emotions and physical sensation reach their fullest expression.

C. The first area which will experience full convergence of heaven and earth will be the worship movements. At the center of God's purpose is an eternal worship sanctuary (Rev. 4-5)

<sup>8</sup> *They do not rest day or night, saying: "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty... (Rev. 4:8)*

D. Missions is not the ultimate goal. **Worship is**. Missions exists where worship doesn't (John Piper). Worship is ultimate because Jesus is ultimate. Worship is the fuel and goal of missions. *Worship is a response to the majesty of Jesus, His worth and the reward of His suffering.*

E. Isa. 42:10-15 gives us the clearest picture of place of prophetic singing before Jesus' return.

<sup>10</sup> *Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth, You who go down to the sea, and all that is in it, you coastlands and you inhabitants of them! <sup>11</sup> *Let the wilderness and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits....let them shout from the top of the mountains...<sup>13</sup> *The LORD shall go forth like a mighty man [second coming]; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies... (Isa. 42:10-13)***

F. The saints at the end of the age will be engaged in the greatest worship movement in history.

<sup>14</sup> *They shall lift up their voice, they shall sing; for the majesty of the LORD...<sup>16</sup> *From the ends of the earth we have heard songs: "Glory to the righteous!" (Isa. 24:14-16)**

G. Isaiah prophesied of prayer ministries that would continue 24/7 until Jesus returns and restores Jerusalem as a praise in the earth. God promised to sovereignly set intercessors in place

<sup>6</sup> *I have set watchmen on your walls...they shall never hold their peace (be silent, NAS) day or night...<sup>7</sup> *give Him no rest till He establishes...Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (Isa. 62:6-7)**

H. The sound of many waters may be the sound of many languages on the earth (7,000 languages)

<sup>6</sup> *I heard, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunders, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! (Rev. 19:6)*



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