Strengthen What Remains: Holding Fast to Our Assignment

I. STRENGTHEN THE THINGS THAT REMAIN (NOV. 2015)

A. I believe that America, along with many other nations, is approaching a time of intense crisis. The Lord is equipping the Body of Christ for a great revival and to stand in strength in the coming crisis.

   2Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain…for I have not found your works perfect [mature] before God. 3Remember how you have received and heard; hold fast and repent… (Rev. 3:2-3)

B. The necessity of speaking God’s words in the end-time storm—messengers, intercession, prophecy.

   19So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him. 20The Redeemer will come to Zion [Jesus’ second coming] …27“This is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants…forevermore.” (Is 59:19-21)

C. During the solemn assembly in May 1983, Bob Jones said that an angel visited him declaring that a time would come when we would grow from 500 to 5,000 intercessors overnight by the flood of the Spirit and that it would be confirmed as we watched “Mississippi.” About a week later, various newspapers reported that a flood in Jackson, Mississippi caused 5,000 people to leave their homes.

II. REMEMBER: OUR 5 SPECIFIC MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS

A. We are to keep a 24/7 sanctuary of worship with intercession in the spirit of the tabernacle of David (Ezek. 44:15). We contend for a greater breakthrough of God’s power that results in renewing the Church, winning the lost, healing the sick, and releasing justice in society.

   8…but you have set others to keep charge of My sanctuary for you…13But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from Me, they shall come near Me to minister to Me… (Ezek. 44:8, 15)

B. We are to call people to walk out the first commandment as they are empowered by seeing Jesus as their Bridegroom King. Grace-based wholeheartedness or holiness flows from intimacy with God and is expressed by seeking to obey Jesus by walking out the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 5-7).

C. We are to raise up forerunner messengers who proclaim Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge to prepare ourselves and to prepare others for the unique dynamics of God’s end-time plan.

D. We are to work with others to serve Jesus’ purposes for Israel, including a 24/7 virtual worldwide prayer network that seeks to mobilize 100 million intercessors to pray to release His salvation.

E. We are to strengthen the “Praying Church,” which includes developing resources and helping others to establish “houses of prayer” (not under us) and cultivate a culture of prayer in the church.

F. Summary: The Lord has called us to “keep charge of a 24/7 sanctuary with a forerunner spirit.”
III. WHY WE KEEP A 24/7 SANCTUARY

A. Why we keep a 24/7 sanctuary: To minister to God, release His power, and encounter His heart. In prayer, we contend for a breakthrough of power on our hearts and ministry, as well as in revelation. The Lord promised a blessing in the Millennium to the family of Zadok for their faithfulness in keeping a worship sanctuary. The fact of this promise shows us God’s priority for it.

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1. We minister to God by declaring His worth in an unceasing way on earth as a witness to how He is continually ministered to in heaven (Mt. 6:10). I believe it is the highest calling in heaven. The highest-ranking angelic beings worship day and night (Rev. 4:8).

2. We labor in intercession to release God’s power to win the lost, revive the Church, and impact society as we do works of justice and compassion. Changing the spiritual atmosphere results in a greater release of power for healing, the harvest, and for justice.

3. We grow in intimacy with God by personally encountering Him by the indwelling Spirit. We receive greater grace to love, obey and partner with Him, as we are fascinated by who He is and seeing the beauty of God as Father and Jesus as the Bridegroom, King, and Judge.

4. We grow in revelation of the Word, gaining insight into His will, ways, and salvation, and as forerunners seeking to understand the unique dynamics of His end-time plan (Dan. 11:33). The Word reveals the majesty of God as Father and of Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge.

5. We resource other prayer ministries by providing the web stream, encouraging them by the fact of continuing 24/7, and ministering to them by our worship team members and teachers.

B. A prophetic witness: Through 24/7 worship, we give a local witness on earth of Jesus’ great worth.

C. I believe that worship and intercession are the highest calling of the redeemed in the age to come, being the primary means by which He releases His power to the earth. Worship and intercession are among the few things that we do both now and forever.

D. Isaiah prophesied about prayer ministries that would continue 24/7 until Jesus returns, which is when Jesus will restore Jerusalem as a praise in the earth. God promised to set intercessors in place by stirring them to do this and by providing for them. They will not keep silent day or night.

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