

TONGUES OF FIRE

1896

Camp Creek, North Carolina

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**ARISE, SHINE; FOR YOUR LIGHT HAS
COME! AND THE GLORY OF THE LORD IS
RISEN UPON YOU. FOR BEHOLD, THE
DARKNESS SHALL COVER THE EARTH,
AND DEEP DARKNESS THE PEOPLE, BUT
THE LORD WILL ARISE OVER YOU, AND
HIS GLORY WILL BE SEEN UPON YOU.
THE GENTILES SHALL COME TO YOUR
LIGHT, AND KINGS TO THE BRIGHTNESS
OF YOUR RISING. Isaiah, Chapter 60,
verses 1-3.**

Introduction

Now when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to SPEAK WITH OTHER TONGUES as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts Chapter 2, Verses 1-4.

History did not record the date Pentecostalism lost its fervor and fire in the early Church. There is no record of when Acts Chapter 2 Christianity became extinct for a period of over 1800 years. After the Disciples were martyred and the fires of Pentecost died out, the Church seemed to lose its most precious commodity, the BLESSING of PENTECOST.

Since the Reformation in 1517 when Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the door of the All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany, a new and fresh movement of God and a Revival of Holiness began. However, one important commodity was missing from this New Renewal movement---the

Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in unknown tongues.

The Moravian Church, which originated in the area of Czechoslovakia, actually began the first Reformation some sixty years before Luther. They taught “Holiness” as a lifestyle and sent Missionaries all over the World to preach the Gospel.

We often speak of the resurgence of Revivals which were led by men like Charles Finney, Jonathan Edwards, George Whitefield and Charles Spurgeon to name a few. However, none of those Revivals, as awesome as they were, experienced the FULL BLESSING of Pentecost. None of these men experienced the TONGUES OF FIRE Blessing of Pentecost in their lifetime.

The Baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in unknown tongues resurfaced in the late Nineteen Hundreds in a place called Camp Creek, North Carolina. This little known outpouring of Pentecost predated by 10 years the Azusa Street Outpouring in Los Angeles, California. There were a few instances in the Nineteen Hundreds when an individual or two experienced Tongues of Fire, however they did not start a new MOVEMENT toward Pentecostal Holiness.

All of the Outpourings of Pentecost came about as a result of men and women coming together to pray and seek a closer walk with God. This Book is the Story of Modern Day Pentecost

beginning with the Camp Creek Outpouring in 1896. This Outpouring birthed a new Holiness Movement which spread around the World.

There is going to be a NEW PENTECOSTAL OUTPOURING which will spread around the World in order to bring in a great Harvest of Souls. God is looking for laborers who will “go into all the World to preach the Gospel” without fearing what man can do or will do to them. This NEW PENTECOST, among other things, will be a REVIVAL OF HOLINESS that will help prepare believers for the gathering of the Great Harvest.

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “The HARVEST is truly plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the HARVEST to send out laborers into His HARVEST.” Matthew, Chapter 9, Verses, 37-38.

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Chapter 1

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Pentecost 1896

Now when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven, as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them cloven tongues, as of fire, and sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost; and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts, Chapter 2, Verses 1-4.

Before the famed Azusa Street Revival in 1906 there was little known about the powerful Pentecostal Revival which preceded the famous Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Los Angeles, California. This Revival began in 1896 at Camp Creek located near the town of Murphy in Cherokee County, North Carolina. Unlike Azusa Street, the Murphy Revival received very little media coverage. This was probably due to the rural location where the Revival took place.

Although not much attention was given to the Murphy Revival, it was no less significant in terms of validity and importance than the other Outpourings of the era.

In 1886 a former Missionary Baptist Minister by the name of R. G. Spurling started a Fellowship in Cherokee County, North Carolina. This was ten years before the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit took place in the area. Spurling broke with the traditional Baptists in the area over their views on Ecclesiology and other Baptist Theology. Spurling taught there needed to be another Reformation of the Church to rid Churches of tradition and false doctrines. This teaching of a new Reformation did not set well with the leaders of the other churches and denominations in the area.

On August 19, 1886, Spurling, along with eight other parishioners, organized the Christian Union at the Barney Creek Meeting House in Monroe County, Tennessee, located just across the North Carolina State Line. They agreed to distance themselves from man-made doctrines and traditions and become united according to the principles found in the New Testament. Within the next nine years three other Pentecostal Congregations were formed in the area.

In 1896 three Evangelists from Tennessee brought the message of Holiness and Sanctification to Western North Carolina. They began a Revival in the area at the Schearer

Schoolhouse located near Camp Creek in Cherokee County, North Carolina. The School was located just across the Tennessee State Line. This Schoolhouse is where R. G. Spurling began the New Reformation. The three Revivalists were William Martin, Joe Tipton and Milton McNabb.

The Schearer Schoolhouse became the birthplace of the modern day Pentecostal Movement. There was a great Outpouring of the Holy Spirit at the Schoolhouse. Many people, including children, were again speaking in tongues in the meetings as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance. Among those attending the Revival in the Schoolhouse were Baptists, Methodists and a few Presbyterians.

Many people were saved during this Revival. It has been said that over 100 people received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit at the Schearer Schoolhouse during this new Pentecostal Outpouring. A hundred people may not sound like a lot of people, but you must understand we are talking about a rural area in the Mountains of Western North Carolina. This area was sparsely populated and continues to be so even today.

Unfortunately, this new Outpouring of Pentecost did not set well with the traditional Church goers and Pastors who lived in the area. The Revival was demonized and denounced by most Church leaders in the area. The Schearer Schoolhouse was burned to the ground by angry

mobs who were opposed to the new movement. The homes of many of the worshippers who were involved in the Outpouring were also burned to the ground by angry mobs led by Baptist and Methodist Church Leaders.

After the Schearer Schoolhouse was burned, the Revival moved into a Log Church Building across the road from where the Schoolhouse stood. The religious leaders in the area then began to dismantle the Log Church, log by log. However, this action did not deter the people from continuing to seek the Power and Presence of God through their new Pentecostal experience.

William Bryant who assumed leadership of the group after the Log Church was dismantled, moved the Revival into his home. William Bryant had served as a Baptist Deacon prior to becoming involved in the Holiness Movement. In 1902 the small group organized the Holiness Church at Camp Creek. R. G. Spurling, the man who began the New Reformation, worshipped with the Holiness Congregation and was instrumental in helping form the Holiness Church located in Camp Creek, North Carolina.

During the Revival taking place at the Bryant residence local members of other Churches who opposed the Revival threw rocks and fired bullets into his home. Persecution continued to plague the people who attended the Revival. However, the resolve of the people attending the Revival could not be deterred. They

had found a new freedom, power, and purpose for their life in this new Pentecostal experience which could not and would not be extinguished by their persecutors.

Many Bible Scholars have suggested that this Pentecostal Movement which started in North Carolina was the catalyst which paved the way for what happened ten years later on Azusa Street. Whether this is true or not, we do know that God started a movement in Camp Creek, North Carolina, that would not and could not be extinguished. The Fire of God is an Eternal Flame which cannot be extinguished by man or devil, no matter how hard they try. That Fire could not be put out at Calvary no matter how hard the Princes of Darkness tried. The FIRE which burned BRIGHTLY at Camp Creek could not be extinguished, regardless of how God's people were persecuted. The ETERNAL FLAMES of God's "Justice, Judgment and Justification" will always prevail against injustice, darkness, and corruption.

The Pentecostal Fires that burned brightly in Camp Creek can still be felt in areas where the Outpouring began. I believe God is waiting on people to humble themselves in prayer and seek HIS HOLINESS so He can return again with the FIRES of Pentecost which burned so brightly in this area. God is looking for people all over the World who desire a new Outpouring of His Spirit.

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A. J. TOMLINSON

The Church of God denomination was birthed out of the Revival which was held at Camp Creek. The denomination is currently headquartered in Cleveland, Tennessee. The Church of God traces its origins back to the Reformation started by R. G. Spurling in 1886. At present the Church of God has over six million members in 170 countries, and today is one of the largest Pentecostal denominations in the World.

A J Tomlinson was a former Quaker. He was born on September 22, 1865 near Westfield, Indiana. Tomlinson travelled across the Country selling Bibles until he moved to Western North Carolina and joined the Congregation at Camp Creek in 1902. Soon after joining the Congregation Tomlinson became their Pastor. It was the organizational skills of Tomlinson which would eventually cause the Camp Creek Church to become a denomination. Soon after Tomlinson was installed as Pastor, other Churches were established in Georgia and Tennessee.

In 1906, the same year the Azusa Street Revival began, the Organization of Churches held

its First General Assembly at Camp Creek. This meeting laid the groundwork for the future of the Church of God denomination. Tomlinson served as Moderator and Secretary of the Assembly. In 1907 the name "Church of God" was adopted as the name of the newly founded denomination. In 1909 Tomlinson was elected as the General Overseer of the denomination.

The building which the Organization of Churches met in for the First General Assembly still stands in Camp Creek. This building now belongs to the Church of God of Prophecy. It is one of the Historical buildings and memorials on display in and around the Camp Creek area in North Carolina.

In June of 1907 Tomlinson traveled to Birmingham, Alabama, and attended meetings led by M. M. Pinson and Gaston Cashwell. Cashwell had been baptized in the Holy Spirit while attending the Azusa Street Outpouring in California. Tomlinson invited Cashwell to come to Cleveland, Tennessee. Tomlinson was filled with the Holy Spirit under the Ministry of Cashwell.

Problems arose later between Tomlinson and other Church of God leaders which would culminate in a split in the Organization. In 1923 the Church of God impeached Tomlinson due to some of his questionable financial dealings. Tomlinson had taken offence to implications that he was not trustworthy when it came to financial dealings in the Church Organization. This eventually led to the split in the Church of God.

Tomlinson left the Church of God Organization and formed what would later become known as the “Church of God of Prophecy.” Some 8,000 members of the Church of God left with Tomlinson.

THE FIELDS OF THE WOOD

Lord remember David, and all his afflictions: how he swore unto the Lord, and vowed unto the mighty God of Jacob; Surely I will not come into the Tabernacle of my house, Nor go up into my bed; I will not give sleep to my eyes, or slumber to my eyelids, Until I find out a place for the Lord, A habitation for the Mighty God of Jacob. Lo, we heard of it at EPHRATAH: We found it in the FIELDS OF THE WOOD. We will go into His Tabernacles: We will worship at His footstool. Psalms 132, Verses 1-7.

The FIELDS OF THE WOOD is a Christian Theme Park built by the Church of God of Prophecy in the Camp Creek area of North Carolina. This Theme Park is located near the area where the 1896 OUTPOURING of the Holy Spirit fell on the small group of people seeking HOLINESS at Camp Creek.

In Hebrew “EPHRATAH” means ‘fruitfulness.’ EPHRATAH is also another name for Bethlehem, the Town where our Savior Jesus

Christ was born. A new Holiness movement was birthed or reborn in the Camp Creek area during this NEW Outpouring of Pentecost. Surely the CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD had found a NEW BEGINNING where Revival and Restoration would resurrect a new New Testament Church built upon the premise of God's Righteousness and Holiness.

On June 13, 1903, A. J. Tomlinson climbed to the top of Burger Mountain located in the Camp Creek area to pray and seek the Lord for Revelation. While in prayer God revealed to him that His people WERE the Church of God and was to be so called. God gave him further Revelation that the Church of God was to take the WHOLE Bible, rightly dividing it, as their only Rule of Practice. When Tomlinson came down off the mountain he shared the Revelation God had given him with his Congregation. After Tomlinson shared with them the revelation God had given him, they changed the name of the Church to the "Church of God." After splitting from the Church of God denomination Tomlinson called the name of the new denomination the Church of God of Prophecy.

Some years later the Church of God of Prophecy bought 210 acres of land in the Camp Creek area. Burger Mountain was part of the 210 acres they purchased and was the place where Tomlinson received his Divine Revelation. Also included in the 210 acres was the Meeting House where the First Assembly of the Church of God

took place, as well as the property where the Schearer Schoolhouse stood.

The Church of God of Prophecy built a Biblical Theme Park called the “Fields of the Wood” on the property surrounding Burger Mountain. Work began on the Fields of the Wood on November 15, 1940, and was completed in 1945. The property was named “Fields of the Wood” because its purpose was reflected in the Scriptures found in Psalms 132. It was to be a place of HABITATION for the Lord, a Holy Place set apart where people could come and cohabit with God.

The Fields of the Wood has a replica of Golgotha’s Hill, as well as the largest altar in the World. It has a replica of the Tomb where Christ’s Body was laid after His Crucifixion. The Park has the largest set of Ten Commandments made of stone in the World today. The Ten Commandments Memorial lays embedded on the side of a mountain in the Theme Park directly across from Burger Mountain. There is a place called “Prayer Mountain” where one can read Scriptures written on monuments as they walk up the steps to the top of Burger Mountain. There are other Memorials in the Park, including a Baptismal, and a Gift Shop. The Flags of All Nations stand on top of the mountain just past the location of the Ten Commandments. The Ten Commandments can be seen from orbit. There is also a Restaurant and Gift Shop just to name a few. Fields of the Wood is open year round, and

there is no admission charge. The Fields of the Wood is one of the most visited places in the Great Smokey Mountains.

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TOPEKA, KANSAS 1901

Five years after the New Pentecostal Outpouring in Camp Creek, North Carolina, another great Outpouring of Pentecost was experienced in Topeka, Kansas. This Pentecostal Outpouring also predated Azusa Street.

This new outbreak of Pentecost began at Bethel Bible College in Topeka. Over the years the Topeka Outpouring has been called the “First Outpouring of Pentecost” in modern times. However, there continues to be many Bible historians who are totally unaware of the Camp Creek Outpouring. I think this is mainly due to the lack of media coverage concerning the historic event at Camp Creek.

The Topeka Outpouring began in 1901 when Charles Parham, a Methodist Minister and Director of Bethel Bible College, directed his students to fast, pray and study the scriptures. They were given an assignment to study the lives of the Apostles and the Doctrines of Holiness found in the Bible. He then directed the students to ask God for and wait on the BLESSINGS of the Lord.

In January 1901 Agnes Ozman was baptized with the Holy Spirit and was the first of Parham's students to speak in an unknown tongue. For three consecutive days Ozman spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave the utterance. Other students of Parham soon experienced the same infilling Ozman had experienced and were also baptized in the Holy Spirit. There are claims that Ozman's Baptism of the Holy Spirit was "the TOUCH felt around the World" which birthed a new movement of Pentecost. Although significant, her experience was not the beginning of a new Pentecostal Movement, but was a sign that the Movement was also being felt in other areas of the Country.

The Holiness Movement divided many people all over the country in Churches of the Lord Jesus Christ. In many Christian circles Holiness living was not something which could be attained by men and women here on Earth. They believed all they could do was "hope" they were living right in the eyes of God. They did not understand that "Holiness" was the LIFESTYLE God had ordained for His children to pursue.

Understanding the heart, mind and purpose of God has always eluded many well-meaning, but not so well spiritually minded and educated men and women of God. Many Christians have a desire to do better and please God. However, their spiritual leaders and counselors themselves do not understand the plan and purpose of God for the Church.

Therefore, they are unable to teach and lead their Congregations into a more intimate relationship with Christ.

Like Camp Creek, the Pentecostal Outpouring in Topeka has not been given as much credit as one of the precursors of modern day Pentecostalism. This is partly due to the fact that the Outpouring in Topeka did not last as long as Azusa Street, and did not impact the lives of as many people.

Charles Parham was the first to recognize that “speaking in tongues” was the evidence of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit went on to become the “hallmark” of the emerging Pentecostal Movement.

William Seymour was a student of Charles Parham and attended Bethel Bible College. Seymour would later get credit, and rightly so, for starting the Azusa Street Outpouring in Los Angeles, California. It was through Azusa Street that this new Pentecostal Movement reached around the World and became the focal point of the new latter day Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Speaking in Tongues would come to be the defining mark and evidence that God had visited His people once again just as He did on the Day of Pentecost. According to the Second Chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, the people in the Upper Room were ALL FILLED with the Spirit and began to speak in tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

ALL those who were in the Upper Room on the Day of Pentecost were FILLED with the Spirit and were impacted by the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. They ALL carried the message of Christ and the Power of Pentecost with them during their earthly ministries. Today that message is again taking root, and will continue to grow as the people of God enter into a new era of Ministry and the blessing of Pentecost. This BLESSING of a New Pentecost will be greatly needed in the days ahead.

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AZUSA STREET 1906

The TONGUES OF FIRE Outpouring in 1906 in Los Angeles, California, better known as Azusa Street, is considered to be the origin of the modern day Pentecostal Movement. The Azusa Street Outpouring received more publicity because it was attended by and affected more people than the other two Outpourings, and it happened in a more populated area. However, the TONGUES OF FIRE Outpouring at Camp Creek located near Murphy, North Carolina, did predate Azusa Street by 10 years.

The Azusa Street Outpouring was led by a Black Preacher named William Seymour. The Revival began on April 9, 1906, and lasted approximately 9 years. It is understandable why many think or believe that Azusa Street is considered the “beginning” of modern day Pentecost because of its location, the publicity it received, and its duration of 9 years.

Although all three Outpourings were similar in nature due mainly to the presence of the “Tongues of Fire,” the Azusa Street Outpouring probably experienced many more

manifestations of the Holy Spirit. There were more miracles, signs, wonders and healings reported at Azusa Street, not only in numbers, but also in frequency and intensity. This was also due to a larger influx of congregants and daily worshippers.

The Azusa Street Outpouring is considered by most Historians to be the primary catalyst of the Pentecostal Movement of the 20th Century. The lesser known 1896 Outpouring in Camp Creek received very little publicity at the time it was happening. However, which of the Outpourings gets the distinction of being the catalyst of the Pentecostal Movement is not really important. All that matters is that God began a new Movement in the hearts of men and women across this Nation which spread Worldwide and continues to do so. After hundreds of years the people of God have again begun to experience the BLESSING OF PENTECOST accompanied by TONGUES OF FIRE.

On April 9, 1906, after five weeks of preaching the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, and three days into a fast, a man named Edward Lee spoke in tongues for the first time at Azusa Street. At the next meeting six other congregants received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and began to speak with unknown tongues. Following an all-night prayer vigil on April 12, Seymour spoke in tongues for the first time.

News of the events which were happening at Azusa Street spread quickly among residents

of the city of Los Angeles as the Outpouring gathered momentum. People from all walks of life began attending the meetings, and were touched by the New Outpouring of Pentecost.

Like the Outpouring in Camp Creek, there were many people, including many religious groups, who opposed this New Outpouring of the Spirit. Unlike the persecution and destruction experienced by the people at Camp Creek, the opposition to the Azusa Street Outpouring was mostly verbal and non-violent.

THE SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE OF 1906

On April 18, 1906, nine days after the Outpouring on Azusa Street began, the most destructive Earthquake in North American History took place in San Francisco, California. A deadly fire fed by ruptured gas lines finished in 90 seconds what the Earthquake failed to destroy. Some 700 people lay dead in the aftermath of the great destruction.

Many people blamed this tragedy on what they believed to be the “unholy happenings” at Azusa Street. Within hours after the Earthquake, gospel tracts were circulated in the area calling the tragedy the “judgment of God” and was not in any way related to the Tongues of Fire being experienced in Los Angeles. Whatever the cause of the Earthquake, shock waves of a different sort were being felt in both areas of California. One was an Outpouring of God’s Grace and

Mercy in Los Angeles; farther up the Coast in San Francisco there was another outpouring of what many were calling the judgment of God.

EARLY SHOCK WAVES

Before the turn of the Century many Christians were seeking Revival more than they had in previous years. With the turning of a New Century men were turning to God for greater strength and power with hearts open to receive anything God would provide for them. A new Holiness Movement had begun across the Nation. The Blessing of Pentecost may not have been what they were seeking, but they knew and understood there had to be more than what they had experienced or were experiencing at the time. They were hungry to see God work in their midst.

Frank Bartleman, a Holiness Preacher from Los Angeles, had sought prayer from Evan Roberts who was the main leader of the Welsh Revival. Evan Roberts who is credited with starting the Welch Revival, responded to Bartlman in a letter: "I pray God to hear your prayer, to keep your faith strong, and to save California." According to Bartleman, he received the gift of faith to believe God for Revival.

Bartleman frequently wrote in Newspapers and Christian Periodicals admonishing and inspiring many people to seek Revival for their city. In 1905 he wrote in a small Holiness Newspaper: "Los Angeles seems to be the place

and this the time, in the mind of God for the Restoration of the Church.” Later this statement was seen as truly Prophetic. The Revival many longed for in the Los Angeles area was realized less than 6 months later when Azusa Street exploded and burned with Pentecostal Fires.

Azusa Street was so powerful that the shock waves have been felt worldwide for over a Century. Almost every Nation in the World has been impacted by what God started in Camp Creek, North Carolina; Topeka, Kansas; and the Azusa Street Outpouring which began 10 years later. The shock waves of Pentecost and TONGUES OF FIRE Outpourings in these three areas of the Country became the catalyst of a great movement of God. These Fires of Revival cannot, and will not, ever be extinguished. A new Outpouring of the Fires of Pentecost will usher in the return of our Lord Jesus Christ during the end of days.

Many times people try to put out a small brush fire and think they have it extinguished. Suddenly, behind them they hear a noise, and in looking back they will see the fire they thought they had extinguished had again burst into flames. The TONGUES OF FIRE Outpouring which began in 1896 probably did not burn as brightly as the first Outpouring in Jerusalem, but was still very powerful. It was a BRIGHT new beginning which is leading to an even BRIGHTER future for God’s people in the last days. In order for God’s people to gather in a Great Harvest of

souls Revival Fires will once again be rekindled on the Earth. God will again visit His people with a New Pentecost so the FIRES OF REVIVAL can burn brightly within His people.

Chapter 5

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WHY TONGUES

Now when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them cloven tongues as of fire, and one sat on each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts, Chapter 2, Verses 1-4.

Speaking in Tongues was the first physical evidence that the Holy Spirit had been poured out on believers. The Disciples had obeyed Jesus and gathered together in the Upper Room in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost. Jesus told the Disciples to “tarry in Jerusalem until they were endued with Power from on High.” The Outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Upper Room was the first recorded incident where men spoke in unknown tongues.

I do not wish to over emphasize the importance of speaking in tongues. There are some people in Pentecostal circles who place too much emphasis on speaking in Tongues and forget there are other gifts of the Spirit which are important. Although tongues are an important gift of the Holy Spirit, there are eight other gifts of the Spirit which are important. According to the Apostle Paul, prophecy is more important than tongues. However, many Pentecostal churches focus more on tongues than they do prophecy. Each gift of the Spirit has a purpose; and when we use these gifts properly the WHOLE BODY will be edified.

Speaking in tongues is mentioned 35 times in Scripture. It is one of the nine gifts of the Spirit. Many people do not understand WHY speaking in tongues is important so they disregard its virtues. If we study the Scriptures with an open mind we will come to understand that speaking in tongues is an important gift of the Spirit. Every believer should earnestly desire to “speak in tongues” so they can commune with God on a more personal level.

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of Angels, but have not love, I have become as a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verse 1.

The Apostle Paul says there are two basic types of supernatural gifts which deal with the

gift of tongues. One is the "tongues of men" the other is the "tongues of Angels."

Many Bible Scholars believe the "tongues of Angels" or the language spoken in Heaven is Hebrew. The other tongues spoken of in the Bible called the "tongues of men" are the many different languages spoken by different Nations and ethnic groups. All unknown tongues or unlearned languages are foreign to those who may be speaking them.

Unknown or unlearned tongues are given to us as a sign for non-believers. When the Disciples began speaking in unknown tongues after the Outpouring in the Upper Room, men from other Nations were amazed to hear them speaking in each of their languages. These tongues were a supernatural sign to the unbelievers that God was speaking to them through the Disciples who were not multi-lingual. Each of the unbelievers heard the Disciples speaking to them "the wonderful works of God" in their own language. Acts, Chapter 2, Verses 5-12.

TONGUES EDIFY

**He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the Church.
1 Corinthians, Chapter 14, Verse 4.**

The word "edify" in this Scripture comes from the Greek word "okiodomeo" which means to "refresh," "build up," or "charge up." In other

words, speaking in tongues helps to strengthen and recharge our spirit man.

For with stammering lips and another TONGUE He will speak to His people, to whom He said, “This is the rest with which you may cause the weary to rest, And “this is the refreshing.” Yet they would not hear. Isaiah, Chapter 28, Verses 11-12.

Tongues are meant to refresh our spirit and build up our faith. Tongues can give us both spiritual and natural rest when we are spiritually and/or naturally weary. Many times when I have a problem sleeping I pray in my prayer language and soon I fall asleep

We must realize that there are many other virtues besides tongues which also help us in our daily walk with Christ. There are other signs and wonders which are manifestations of the Spirit of God which helps us draw men to Christ, including healings and miracles.

POWER FROM ON HIGH

I do not wish to minimize or magnify the importance or BLESSING of speaking in tongues. However, Jesus did not tell the Disciples to “tarry in Jerusalem until you be endued with “tongues from on High,” but with POWER from on High. Jesus gives us the POWER to believe and receive. He gives us the ABILITY to heal the sick, raise the dead, and yes, to “speak with other

tongues.” Jesus gives us **POWER** to do the “greater works.” Jesus also gives us **POWER** to tread on serpents, scorpions and **POWER** over all the works of the enemy. Jesus gives us **POWER** to become the Sons of God. Through the **POWER** of His Name we can set the captives free and bring souls into the Kingdom of God. On the day of Pentecost 3000 souls were added to the Church because God’s people were “endued with **POWER** from on High.” God’s **POWER** which was displayed on the Day of Pentecost is still available to believers today. All we have to do to experience **POWER FROM ON HIGH** is to ask God to baptize us with the Holy Spirit.

Today we need a Outpouring of Pentecost. The initial Outpouring of the Holy Spirit came on the Day of Pentecost. The **POWER** of God was poured out by the Holy Spirit upon His people in the Upper Room. For those who have received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, we do not need **TONGUES OF FIRE** to fall on us. Many of us have already experienced and possess that virtue. However, we do need a new infilling of a greater **PENTECOSTAL POWER** in order to fulfill the command of God to heal the sick, raise the dead and perform mighty signs and wonders in His Name.

Although many believers do not speak in tongues, the Church as a whole needs a new resurgence of the **POWER** which **ALL** the 120 believers experienced in the Upper Room. If we are going to fulfill the call of God on our life and

proclaim the Gospel of Christ to the Nations, with signs and wonders following, we need to experience God's WONDER WORKING POWER through a new PENTECOSTAL EXPERIENCE.

Chapter 6

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PENTECOST NOW

And it shall come to pass afterward that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh: Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions; and also on my menservants and my maidservants I will pour out my Spirit in those days. And I will show wonders in the heavens and the earth: Blood and fire and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord. And it shall come to pass that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved. For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be deliverance, As the Lord has said, among the remnant whom the Lord calls. Joel, Chapter 3, Verses 29-32.

In the past few years there has been much talk about a NEW PENTECOSTAL Revival which will sweep the entire Earth during the end times.

This latter day Outpouring of the Holy Spirit has been prophesied by many prophetic men and women of God. There is no doubt we are on the verge of the greatest Outpouring of the Holy Spirit since the beginning of time. Many souls will be saved and transformed by this Outpouring of God's Spirit. A new desire to be HOLY will fully enthrall God's people, and they will seek TRUE HOLINESS as a new lifestyle.

There will be an Outpouring of God's grace and mercy on a World lost and dying without any hope for the future. People who never knew God will seek to become HOLY when they see the works the NEW PENTECOST brings. A new Holiness movement will sweep areas of the World where people are searching for a REFUGE from the World's problems. Yes, "there will be a great falling away," but also a time of Harvest for those who labor in God's field.

As times become harder and more difficult, many people will seek help from God and call upon His Name. Although it is not the will of God for people to wait until adverse circumstances envelope their lives, He is still a God of grace and mercy. He is willing to accept all who in sincerity call upon His Name. God "does not want anyone to perish." His grace and mercy endures forever to those who seek and trust in Him, regardless of what they may have done in their past. The scripture says in Acts, Chapter 2, Verse 21, that in the end of the age "all who call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved."

Many are the perils that come upon mankind during his sojourning on this Earth. Many perilous times are quickly approaching. These perilous times which are coming will test the faith and courage of ALL who are living on this Earth. God said in the last days He would have to cut the days short or no flesh would be saved. Mark, Chapter 13, Verse 20.

THE NEW RENEWAL

This new Outpouring of the Holy Spirit will be like nothing the modern day Church has ever experienced. This End Time Outpouring will focus mainly on a mixture of God's Word and Spirit. For years most Revivals have focused on the preaching and teaching of the Word of God. Some of these Revivals were somewhat successful, and many healings and miracles were present to prove that God was in the midst of His people. However, many people who attended these Revivals were not introduced to the Manifest Presence of God. The Doctrines of Relationship and Righteousness were less of a priority than earthly pleasures and materialism. Unfortunately, many people fell away because godly living and personal relationship with the Father had not been taught and promoted the way it should have been.

Other Revivals focused on the Presence of God with many signs and wonders, along with healings and miracles. However, preaching the Word of God was not a priority in these meetings.

Unfortunately, many who were present in these miraculous meetings did not become rooted and grounded in the faith. Making Disciples and training people how to live a life free of sin was not a priority for most Church leaders. This caused many new converts to fall by the wayside. Being “rooted and grounded in the Faith” only comes through prayer, obedience, and discipleship training. Many Ministers today are failing to preach the WHOLE GOSPEL.

Over the years most churches and church organizations have failed to finish the work they started after making converts. Discipleship, the main ingredient for retaining converts, was not a priority for the majority of these Ministers. Some church leaders fell into the trap of going to great lengths to make converts, but then left them to the ravenous wolves who were waiting to make them disciples of the Devil.

After many Revivals the new converts were left on their own to forage for spiritual food wherever they could find it. Follow up or Discipleship Training was not on their spiritual agendas. Teaching new converts about the most important things in the Kingdom of God such as “righteousness and holy living,” were not as important to them as getting another convert to add to their account. They failed to realize Salvation is just the first step in making disciples.

Equipping and training the Church for the work of the Ministry is supposed to be the SOUL focus of the five-fold ministry. Many ministers

have not fulfilled that mandate given by God. If we are not training converts for the work of the ministry, we are not fulfilling the plan and purpose of God for the Church.

Keeping our focus on God and the final redemptive work of Calvary, and finding His plan and purpose for each life, will again catapult the Church into His Presence. If we continue to walk in faith and seek God daily for strength and wisdom, we can be assured God will give us a FIRM foundation to stand upon when everything else around us is falling apart.

A TIME OF PREPARATION

In order for us to be able to endure and survive the tough times which are ahead of us, we must be preparing for them. In order to be prepared for the times which are ahead of us, we must be taught how to live through them without failing our Lord and each other. These coming years are going to be the times which will truly “try the souls of men.” People say “tough times never last, but tough people do.” Unfortunately, many of the tough times which are ahead of us will last until the return of Jesus. Only those who are rooted and grounded in “THE FAITH” and who are totally trusting God will be able to survive these tough times.

God has given us time to prepare for the coming Storm, the Great Tribulation, which we now see on the horizon. As people of God we must not waste the precious time He has so

graciously given us to prepare for the unholy days which are ahead. God wants His children to be prepared for these times in order that a Great Harvest of souls can be reached and reaped for His Kingdom.

We need to repent of the sins which so easily beset us, and we must quickly and sincerely do so. The time is coming, and is now here, when deception shall engulf the hearts and minds of all men and women who are not rooted and grounded in Christ and His precepts. We must be about the Father's business of bringing souls into His Kingdom.

Preparing physically for the coming Storm is a necessity. Even more so however, we need to be getting OUR spiritual house in order. If we fail to prepare mentally and spiritually for the Great Tribulation, all the food, guns, ammunition, medications and other supplies we put away will not help us. We will not survive the onslaught of darkness, destruction and death which is coming if we are not rooted and grounded in faith. God is the ONLY ONE who can carry us safely through these turbulent times.

As His Church our destiny is to be the most influential and powerful force for Righteousness and Faith on this Earth. We are to be HIS Ambassadors and Representatives of the Government of God. However, we cannot fulfill the will, plan and purpose of God's Kingdom here on Earth without following Christ and making sure we are prepared for what is coming. If we

are going to be prepared for what is coming, we **MUST** find Jesus in all His Power, Majesty and Glory.

In many areas Pentecostal Churches have become spiritually weak and devoid of spiritual power. They like to associate themselves with the Acts Chapter 2 Church, but they have become somewhat lifeless and devoid of true Pentecostalism. The Acts Chapter 2 Church was alive and full of righteous works and powerful manifestations of the Spirit of God. People were saved daily and received into the church.

Many Pentecostal churches have become New Age bastions steeped in tradition and filled with damnable heresies. The name “Ichabod” (the Glory of God has departed) has been written over the doorposts of many Churches today. Instead of being covered by the Blood of Jesus, the hearts of the congregants also have the name “Ichabod” written over the doorposts of their hearts.

But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. Galatians, Chapter 1, Verse 8.

The Apostle Paul stated that: if men or Angels come preaching another Gospel than he preached, they would be cursed. Doctrines of demons have no place in the church or in the hearts of His people. When doctrines of demons

are planted in churches, the churches will themselves become cursed and the Glory of God will depart from them.

Many Churches have introduced Islamic doctrines into their teachings alongside the doctrines found in God's Holy Word. Unless God's people repent of their wicked ways and humble themselves before Him, there will be hell to pay. Judgment will surely come for those who have denied the faith and taken up and promoted "another gospel."

Many Churches which once burned with the Fires of Pentecost have become a habitation of demons and a prison for every foul spirit. Their only hope is to repent of their sins and return to Jesus, their First Love. Only Christ can cleanse them from all unrighteousness and renew an upright spirit within them. Because these congregations no longer fear God, "Ichabod" is written above the doorposts of these Churches and their wayward hearts.

If we are going to experience the coming New Pentecost, we must seek to be immersed in God's Righteousness and Holiness. We must humble ourselves in prayer and continue to seek and to dwell in the Presence of Almighty God so He can cleanse us from all unrighteousness. The people at Camp Creek experienced a New Pentecost because they were asking God to cleanse their hearts and minds. They sought to become "Holy, even as He is Holy." They fasted and prayed for the Living God to pour out on

them His grace, His mercy and His pardon. They were all of one mind and in one accord seeking the PROMISE of the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. A “Rushing Mighty Wind” filled the room where they were meeting. Then SUDDENLY they were all transformed and filled with POWER from on High.

If we desire to experience a New Pentecost and be filled with POWER FROM ON HIGH, we can do no less than what the 120 did in the Upper Room or what other believers did at Camp Creek in 1896. People must REPENT of the deadly sins of compromise and their lackadaisical powerless meetings and church services which only help promote selfish ambitions and earthly desires. Only TRUE heartfelt repentance can bring godly changes in a person’s life.

Chapter 7

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THE HARVEST

Put in the sickle for the “HARVEST” is ripe. Come go down; For the winepress is full, The vats overflow—For their wickedness is great.” Multitudes, multitudes are in the Valley of Decision! For the day of the Lord is near in the Valley of Decision. The sun and moon shall grow dark, And the stars will diminish their brightness. The Lord will also roar from Zion, And utter His voice from Jerusalem: The heavens and earth shall shake: But the Lord will be a shelter to His people, And the strength of the Children of Israel. Joel, Chapter 3, Verses 12-16.

And it will come to pass in that day that the mountains shall drip with NEW WINE. The hills shall flow with milk, And all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; A fountain shall flow from the

**House of the Lord and water the valley of
“Acacias.” Joel Chapter 3, Verse 13-18.**

In my opinion the Church cannot and will not flourish without a New Pentecost. The Harvest cannot and will not reach the souls of many who are in the VALLEY OF DECISION without an Outpouring of Heavenly Fire and a New Pentecost. Yes, the Church has survived throughout the ages without Pentecost, but the times which lay ahead are times when we will need ALL of God’s Miracle Working Power to see us through. In order to bring souls into the Kingdom in the next few years, the Church must be able to counter the lying signs and wonders the anti-Christ and his demonic followers are going to perpetuate in order to deceive millions. We must stand in the gap for these wayward souls.

A Great Awakening of souls and the turning of people’s hearts to the True God will only happen where the demonstration of the Power of God is greater than that of His enemies. While governments are falling apart and distress is coming upon every Nation, the Omnipotent Arms of God will be the only place of refuge. When Nations clash and economies crash, the only hope for mankind is in the saving power and protection of Jesus Christ. In that same time frame many Christians will be persecuted and martyred just because they are Christians.

“Without Holiness no man shall see God.” Hebrews, Chapter 12, Verse 14.

The Pentecostal Revivals which occurred during the turn of the last Century were poured out upon God’s people because they were desperately seeking God and were hungry for Revival. They sought to please Him by living a lifestyle of Holiness. Holiness is not just something we “look forward to” when we get to Heaven. Holiness is a place in God we can dwell in here on Earth where we find rest, security and the promise of His WONDEROUS Salvation now. Holiness is a command--we are commanded to “Be Holy, even as He is Holy.” 1 Peter, Chapter 1, Verse 16.

Now when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from Heaven as of a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Acts, Chapter 2, Verses 1-2.

The Day of Pentecost was the Jewish Festival known as “Shavuot.” Pentecost is the English word for Shavuot. Shavuot has a double significance. First it commemorates the giving of the Law to Moses on Mount Sinai. Second it commemorates the Festival of the Wheat Harvest. It was also known as the Feast of First Fruits because the Jewish people were required

to bring an offering to the Lord of the First Fruits of their HARVEST.

It is interesting to note that on the day of Pentecost 120 of God's people meeting in the Upper Room received the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This Outpouring in the Upper Room was the catalyst that brought 3000 souls into the Kingdom of God on that day of HARVEST. It is also interesting to note that the SPIRIT of the Law given to Moses on Mount Sinai was then written on the hearts of those new Believers when they received Christ as their Savior.

On the Day of Pentecost there were 3000 First Fruit offerings(souls) brought to the Lord. Pentecost opened the door for a Great Harvest of souls. So we see that Pentecost was, and can be, a great catalyst for Revival, Renewal and Restoration. Souls can be helped, healed and delivered by the POWER of a NEW PENTECOST.

LABORERS WANTED

“The HARVEST truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the HARVEST to send laborers into His HARVEST.” Luke, Chapter 10, Verse 2.

The Great Harvest cannot be successful without LABORERS who are dedicated to the task of winning souls and making disciples of them. God can and will send Harvesters into the field. However, those He sends must be willing to “die to self, pick up their Cross daily, and follow

in the footsteps of Christ.” As Christians we have been given specific orders to either pray for God to send laborers into fields of Harvest or go out into the World ourselves without hesitation. Jesus is looking for faithful laborers who will deny themselves, take up their Cross DAILY and follow after Him.

As faithful laborers in Christ, the benefits we reap will be unfathomable. Saving one soul from an eternity in Hell cannot be measured in terms of silver and gold. What is a soul worth? Can anyone repudiate the fact that a soul is worth more than riches untold? Jesus knew the value of a soul. He died so that the souls of all men and women could call on His Name and be saved from eternal damnation.

The wages of sin is death. The wages of a soul who dies without Christ is eternal death in the Lake of Fire. The wages a faithful laborer receives for his work and labor of love is the joy in knowing he has saved someone from eternal death in the Lake of Fire. Souls are the sole responsibility of every believer. We are called to be co-laborers together in Christ. As children of God it is our duty to pray that the Gospel is given free course to be preached to every Tongue and Nation.

We are admonished and commanded as people of God to “Go into ALL the World and preach the Gospel to every creature.” If we are unable to go, we can surely pray and/or send others by supporting them financially. As we co-

labor together wholeheartedly in the Harvest Fields for Christ in these days ahead, we will know that our labor is not in vain. 1 Corinthians, Chapter 15, Verse 58.

People who have no concern about souls being saved do not possess the love of God. If people care only for themselves and where they will spend eternity, they are not the Children of God. Love is of God. Selfishness is not of God. The Bible says “to love your neighbor as you love yourself.” If we do not care where our neighbor spends eternity, we cannot call ourselves the children of God.

The End Time Harvest is and will be a sovereign work of God. I say IS because I believe we have already entered into the Great Harvest. Many souls are being saved today. However, Harvest cannot be accomplished without laborers who are faithfully dedicated to the plan and purpose of God in order to bring souls into His Kingdom. The laborers are few and the Harvest is GREAT.

**“Who will go and work in His Field today?”
“Will you go? Will you financially support others who are able to go? Will you pray for those who are diligently working as laborers in the FIELD to save souls? What will you contribute to help bring in a Harvest of souls for our Lord?”**

Many Christians are “ashamed” to admit to others they are Christians. They care more about their own “persona” than they do the

PERSON of Christ. Jesus told His Disciples, “If you are ashamed of me I will be ashamed of you.” If we do not acknowledge Jesus before men, He will not acknowledge us before the Father. Matthew, Chapter 10, Verses 31-32.

It is time for us to take a survey of our Life in order that we can see where we STAND with the Lord. If we are not standing for the Lord in these last days, we will fall without Him. If there needs to be some changes made in our lifestyles we must make them immediately.

We will have an opportunity to travel many roads in the coming days. Unfortunately, many of those roads will lead to sorrow and destruction for millions. We must walk with Jesus beside us daily or we will become a victim of endless grief and sorrow.

This is the time for us to decide who we will serve. Are we laborers of Christ or are we workers of iniquity? Are we fit to work in the vineyards of God, or have we decided to compromise our faith and follow after the unrighteous mammon. Worldly mammon is and will be completely engulfing the hearts and lives of those who oppose Righteousness.

JOB SEEKERS who are interested in helping bring new souls into the Kingdom of God can apply at their own Church. Ask your Pastor what you can do to help. Seek opportunities to share the love of Christ with others you come in contact with outside the Church walls. Make

yourself available to God, and He will find a position for you so you can do your part in reaping souls during the Great Harvest. Make a quality decision to start praying for souls now instead of waiting till tomorrow.

THE NEW WINE

And it shall come to pass in that day that the mountains shall drip with NEW WINE.
Joel, Chapter 3, Verse 18

The New Wine speaks of **NEW LIFE**; an abundant Life which comes only from knowing Christ Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Jesus said: “No one puts new wine into old wineskins; or else the new wine will burst the wineskins and be spilled, and the wineskins will be ruined. But new wine must be put into new Wineskins, and both will be preserved. “And no one having drunk old wine, immediately desires new; for he says, “the old is better.” Luke, Chapter 5, Verses 37-39.

Jesus, of course, was speaking of the new birth, or being “**BORN AGAIN**” spiritually. The Spirit of God is likened unto New Wine. Being “**FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT**” means we are **FILLED** with New Wine. Even after we are **BORN AGAIN**, our new Wineskins will leak at times because we allow the **OLD MAN** to rise from the dead within us. When the old man rises from the dead, sin is conceived and we come short of the Glory of God.

New Wineskins speak of the “New Birth.” We are BORN AGAIN when we accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Our Spirit Man is raised from the dead as the Spirit of God enters into our heart (spirit) and we become one with Him. New Wineskins come FILLED with NEW WINE, the Spirit of God. The New Wine is FILLED with righteousness, joy and peace in the Holy Spirit. However, the old wineskins (old man) can only hold sorrow, selfishness, hopelessness and spiritual death, to name a few.

The Great Harvest will bring a new focus on Righteousness, Joy and Peace in the Holy Spirit. The hearts of true Believers will be FILLED with the Spirit of God and righteousness, joy unspeakable, and the peace which passes all understanding. God’s people will need to be FILLED with all three of these in order to endure the troubled times which are coming. Great troubles, temptations, trials, persecutions and pressures which will engulf the entire Earth during the End of Days. This is why we MUST have another Outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The New Wine which is coming with the New Outpouring will fill God’s people enabling them to bring in His Great Harvest. The Harvest is truly great, but where are the Harvesters?

Chapter 8

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PREPARING THE WAY

The voice of Him who cries in the Wilderness, prepare you the way of the Lord, Make straight paths in the desert (wilderness). A highway for our God, Every valley shall be exalted, And every mountain shall be made low. And the crooked places shall be made straight, And the rough places plain: And the Glory of the Lord shall be revealed. And all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it. Isaiah, Chapter 40, Verses 3-5.

The Voice crying in the Wilderness is the Voice of God. The Lord uses His people to speak into the hearts and lives of people everywhere. If His people are obedient and heed His call to “Go into ALL the World and preach the Gospel to every creature,” lives can and will be saved from an eternity of damnation.

Today there is a “Cry in the Wilderness” for people to repent of their sins and prepare for the

return of Christ for His Bride. We are on the verge of the greatest outpouring of God's Spirit mankind has ever experienced. On the other hand, however, we are on the verge of the greatest outpouring of satanic activity and influence since the beginning of Creation. The closer the return of Christ gets, the harder and more evil times will grow. While there is still time, we must heed the call of God to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a LOST AND DYING WORLD.

Today many people are finding themselves in the Valley of Decision. It is our responsibility to point them to the Cross of Christ in an effort to help them choose Life. The only alternative to eternal LIFE is eternal DEATH.

John the Baptist was sent by God to "prepare the way of the Lord," by preaching the doctrine of repentance to a lost and dying World. As Christians we have been called by God to make sure repentance again finds its way into the hearts of the lost, no matter the cost.

In preaching repentance and promoting Revival in the Church, we are preparing the "WAY FOR THE LORDS RETURN." The Voice Crying in the Wilderness today is the Voice of Christ speaking through the Church. Those who have accepted His call to "Go Into All the World And Preach The Gospel" are forerunners of the end time Harvest. When we preach the Gospel to a lost and dying World, we are saving multitudes from an eternity of damnation.

The “Cry in the Wilderness” is a call to Repentance, Righteousness and Holiness to the saved and unsaved alike. There is a call for Revival, Renewal and Restoration in the Church. It is a call for a New Pentecost—another Great Outpouring of God’s spiritual blessings which we must have in order to bring in this Harvest. We are called to live a lifestyle of Holiness in the presence of a Holy God. God’s people need and must have a new visitation of the Fire of God in their hearts in order to accomplish the work that lies ahead.

When we are crying out in the Wilderness for Revival, we are “Preparing The Way” for Christ to re-enter the hearts of those who have fallen away, as well as those who have never accepted Him. In crying out for Revival and the Presence and Power of God, we are telling God that souls matter to us. Without the Presence of the Fire of God our hearts will grow cold and dim and our Light will eventually go out.

RESTORATION

And they shall build the old wastes, They shall raise up the former desolations, They shall repair the waste cities, The desolations of many generations. And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, And the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. But

ye shall be named THE PRIESTS OF THE LORD. Isaiah, Chapter 61, Verses 4-6.

“Restoring the waste cities” is speaking about RESTORING the lives of people who once lived in the Kingdom of Light and are now living in darkness and bound by sin. In being restored into a Royal Priesthood, we become able to offer up sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving to our God. In crying out for souls in this Wilderness of Sin, we are preparing the way for the Lord to bring much needed Revival to lost souls wandering in the Wilderness of Sin. Many generations have fallen away and will no longer acknowledge the Truth.

Jesus came to set the captives free. He came to repair the waste cities—the cities (people) who have become desolate from the ravages of sin. In the Wilderness the Church becomes His Voice--the Voice of one CRYING in the Wilderness.

In the Wilderness we cry out for the Restoration for souls who have lost their way-- even that one lost sheep who Christ left the ninety and nine to find. Every soul is precious to God. With the “Preparation of the Gospel of Peace” our feet “carry us deep into the Wilderness.” We cry out to all those wandering souls who remain desolate and without any hope of finding Eternal Life to come and worship the King.

God said it is our duty and responsibility to prepare the Way for His return. The hearts of sinners, as well as those who have fallen away from the faith, can be revived, renewed and refreshed if someone will take the initiative to GO INTO ALL THE WORLD and preach the Gospel. The path to Revival and the Outpouring of the Spirit is found in the cry of our voices in the Wilderness of Sin.

I will ask you the same question God has asked me many times..."Who will go?" If the Voice of God is not heard in the Wilderness through His children, who will be His Voice?" Are we going to leave it up to others to cry out to God for the souls of men? Are we going to leave it up to others to cry out for Revival? Many people will not be physically able to go into "ALL THE WORLD," but they can support those who do with their prayers and finances.

We all, regardless of circumstances, can make a difference in the lives of others if we will take the opportunity to share Christ with them. As Christians we all have a duty to fulfill concerning lost souls. If we cannot go to the ends of the Earth to share the Gospel with those who have never heard, we can help with the financial resources God has blessed us with. Our prayers and financial support can be the difference in the life of someone, somewhere, if we will take the opportunities we have to help others.

Chapter 9

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REVIVAL REVISTED

Now when the day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And **SUDDENLY** there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts, Chapter 2, Verses 1-4.

The Acts Chapter 2 Outpouring has been visited upon the Church many times since the Camp Creek, Topeka, Kansas and Azusa Street Outpourings. Some of these Outpourings were greater than others. Some Outpourings lasted a few months, others only a few days. Some lasted several months and others several years. These Outpourings had a common denominator--they were all **SOVEREIGN ACTS** of God which took place when men and women repented of their

sins, fasted and prayed. They hungered for more of God, and diligently sought to be FILLED with the Spirit of God.

The Bible says: “Righteousness exalts a Nation. But sin is a reproach to any people.” Proverbs, Chapter 14, Verse 34.

Righteousness is the “hallmark” of true believers. It is the litmus test which proves we belong to a Holy God. When we are born again we become the Righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. (2 Corinthians, Chapter 5, Verse 2). We have been cleansed from past sins, and the Spirit of God dwells in our hearts to enable us to always perform righteous works. Righteousness puts us in “right standing” with the Father.

Righteousness eludes us when we fall from God’s Grace and commit acts of disobedience. There are many reasons people of God fall short of His Glory. Some of those reasons are because they are weak in faith, or they have allowed themselves to be entrapped by the snares of the enemy. Many people of God have become apathetic toward God and have fallen into a life of sin. Whatever the reason that causes people to fall away from the faith, we know that God still loves them and desires for them to ask for His forgiveness and return to His loving arms.

REVIVAL

Webster’s Dictionary defines Revival as “an improvement in the CONDITION or strength

of something.” Some of the words used in describing “Biblical Revival” are preserve, recover, repair, and restore back to life, or bring back from the dead.

A person cannot recover, be preserved, repaired or restored to life unless they have previously been whole or alive. We cannot improve the **CONDITION** or the **STRENGTH** of the Church without **REVIVAL**. Thus, Revival is something which must take place in the Church in order to improve, strengthen and renew the Church to its former condition.

Without true Revival the Church will continue to fall into the traps of the enemy and will lose the battle to preserve the Righteousness and Integrity God so graciously bestowed upon it. The main purpose of Revival is not for sinful unbelievers, but for Saints. When God’s people are revived and repentance from dead works is realized, souls will be saved as those revived in the Lord take the message of His love to everyone they encounter.

I use the term “True Revival” because much of what we see labeled as “Revival” today is nothing more than a series of meetings where people congregate for social gatherings and nothing serious happens. The Manifest Presence and Power of God are missing from their miserable and powerless meetings. Revival is all about change. True Revival promotes and engenders repentance and reconciliation between God and those who are not living for

Him. Revival shows people how to find much needed forgiveness, grace, and mercy in the eyes of God so they can again be clothed in His Righteousness.

Christ will be exalted and lives will be changed and transformed into His image where True Revival exists. In a True Revival people will weep, laugh, dance, shout and sing praises to the Holy One, to name a few. The Power of God's Holy Presence will be greatly appreciated and honored. Many different manifestations of the Holy Spirit will be present as His people bask in His Presence. The fruit of our lips will give praise and homage to our Lord Jesus Christ. True Revival produces "Sincere Worship" as we are ushered into the Presence of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

When the Church starts experiencing "True Revival," souls WILL be saved and lives will be changed. Many people are saved at Revivals, but the focus of Revival should always be to improve the condition and strengthen the hearts of God's people so they can work in the Harvest fields. When repentance from dead works is realized, God's people will be co-laboring together in the Harvest Fields to bring lost sheep into the Fold.

Many souls were saved as a result of the Outpourings at Camp Creek, Topeka, and Azusa Street. We may never know until we get to Heaven how many souls were saved during these Outpourings. We may never know until we get to

Heaven how many Christians carried the TORCH OF REVIVAL to the uttermost parts of the Earth. Had it not been for the visitation of God at these Outpourings and the many that have transpired since, many souls would never have experienced the mercy and grace of God.

Before the Great Harvest can be reaped, there must be a Revival to prepare, renew and restore God's people for the Great Harvest. There must be "heart felt" repentance for people who are not serving God with their whole heart. People who are not serving God diligently must repent so their hearts can be repaired and mended by the grace and mercies of God. God's people must be "restored to life" again so they can go into ALL the World" to "seek and save those who are lost."

REVISTATION

The Outpourings at Camp Creek, Topeka, and Azusa Street are to be revisited. In April 2016 a one day event called "Azusa Now" took place in Los Angeles, California. "Azusa Now" was a gathering of God's people who came to pray and consecrate themselves unto the Lord. It was a day of healing, miracles and proclaiming the Gospel of Christ and His soon return.

God is always waiting for us to repent so He can receive us back into His loving arms with kindness. If we fall into sin we must SINCERELY repent and ask God to forgive us of our sins. God has always been faithful and just to forgive us of

our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. All we have to do is ask Him. God will always forgive us when we repent and come to Him with a contrite and remorseful heart.

In 1913 William Seymour and Maria Woodworth-Etter proclaimed that in 100 years the Holy Spirit would again REVISIT this Nation with a greater Outpouring of Revival than they experienced in their days.

There have been many recent prophecies from men and women of God concerning the Murphy, North Carolina, area and the rest of the Tri-State area which includes East Tennessee and North Georgia. The area will once again experience a great Outpouring of God's Spirit in the coming days. The 1896 Tongues of Fire Outpouring which began at Camp Creek, North Carolina, will find its way back into the hearts of God's people in the area in which it began. This Outpouring will again focus on the Acts Chapter 2 experience, and will go far beyond anything God's people have experienced since that time.

Azusa Street, Topeka, Kansas, and many other areas of this Nation, as well as other Nations around the World, will experience a great Outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Many places where Revival flourished in times past will again be places of great Revival and Renewal. These Outpourings will be the catalyst which will bring many more souls into God's Kingdom during the Great Harvest.

Many of God's people in the North Carolina and Tri-State area are again crying out to God for another Outpouring of Pentecost. In Cleveland Tennessee several Church of God ministers, as well as others in denominational and non-denominational churches, have been meeting together and praying for Revival. Cleveland is part of the Tri-State area where the new Outpouring will take place.

God has spoken to many people in several different States about the Revival which is coming to the Tri State area. He has directed many of them to move into this area in order to be a part of the Outpouring which is coming. My wife and I are part of a group who moved from Florida, Tennessee, Pennsylvania and other States to North Carolina in order to help usher in and be a part of the new Outpouring which is coming. We have met others and have heard of others who have already moved to the Tri-State area for the same reason.

Renewed interest in the Camp Creek Outpouring has rekindled the desire of many people in and out of the area, to seek a New Awakening in the Church. Many people in the area are hoping and praying that they may be able to get involved when God says, "It is time to bless my people again with the Fires of Revival." Many of God's people are calling out, "even so Lord Jesus come now. Come and fill your Church with your Presence, Peace, Joy and Righteousness. Come and give us a NEW

**PENTECOST so we can worship you in the
BEAUTY OF YOUR HOLINESS.”**

REVIVING PENTECOST

PENTECOST came at a great COST. It cost Jesus His Life as His Blood flowed down the Cross at Calvary. Nothing is more powerful or valuable than the Blood of Jesus and the price He paid for our Redemption. Pentecost comes at a “great cost” for those who follow in His footsteps as they go into ALL the World to preach the Gospel. It may cost you your friends—your way of life—and maybe even everything that you possess. It may cost you the things which POSSESS YOU. It could even cost you your life, as it did Jesus, His Disciples, as well as many others who have defied contemporary thinking and laid down their life for a better Resurrection. Jesus said: “Whoever of you does not forsake all cannot be my disciple.” Luke, Chapter 14, Verse 33.

It was the Fires of Pentecost that inspired 120 God fearing people who gathered in an Upper Room in Jerusalem to go into all the World to preach the Gospel. The Church must have a new infusion of Pentecost so we can take His message of salvation to a lost and dying World as we usher in the Return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

There are many Christians who have not known the BLESSING of Pentecost through the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. I do not want in any

way to suggest that they have not been effective witnesses for Christ. Many people outside of the Pentecostal Churches have been involved in the work of the Ministry and led countless people to the Lord. Many souls have been saved by men and women of God who have heeded the call and preached the Gospel to a lost and dying World. However, I do believe in some ways they may have missed out on the joy and pleasure of knowing the fullness of God through the **POWER** and **PRESENCE** of the Pentecostal experience.

Revival means to “restore” and/or bring “back from the dead” in order that something original purpose can be made new again. Many of God’s people are bowed down and burdened carrying a heavy load of “dead works.” They stumble and fall under the heavy burden of sins they are carrying. Their only hope is to repent of those sins which are causing them pain, grief and sorrow.

A New Pentecost will bring many **NEW BLESSINGS** in the days ahead. If we want to be a part of this **NEW Outpouring**, we must seek to dwell in the Pure Presence and Holiness of God. God’s people must be **RESTORED** and **REVIVED** in order to fulfill the plan and purpose of God for their life.

Many dark clouds are looming over this Nation. The future of this World looks bleak, and the hope for change seems to be eluding us on a daily basis. The concept of **GOOD** being **EVIL** and **EVIL** being **GOOD** has infiltrated the ranks of

those who seek to destroy everything God proclaims to be Holy. Morality has taken numerous steps in the wrong direction. Our only hope now is in the saving Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and His Mercy, Strength and Power.

Being a CASUAL CHRISTIAN in the last days will not get us through the trying times which will affect the entire World. If we are not serving God with our WHOLE heart, we WILL suffer many sorrows and set backs on the path we are travelling.

In the days which lay ahead of us our only consolation is knowing that God is in the midst of us and that prayer changes (fixes) things. God said He would never leave us nor forsake us. If we seek God while He may be found, we will be found in Him “NOT WANTING (not in dire need).” Many have been FOUND WANTING. The hand writing is on the wall. Daniel, Chapter 5, Verse 27.

Chapter 10

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A GREAT CLOUD OF WITNESSES

**Therefore we also, since we are now surrounded by so great a CLOUD OF WITNESSES, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily besets us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God.
Hebrews, Chapter 12, Verses 1-2.**

In Chapter Two I wrote about the Building where the Organization of Churches met the first time in 1906. This is where the Church of God Denomination was formed. There were many great moves of the Holy Spirit which took place in this Building. This Building stands only a few yards up the road from where the Camp Creek Outpouring first began. There were several other properties, buildings and homes in the area where the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit took place. The Assembly building is still standing in

Camp Creek. The Building is visited at times by small groups of people who meet there to pray for a new Outpouring of God's Spirit and to worship Him. Today there continues to be many manifestations of the Holy Spirit which occur inside the Building. Many people are being touched by the Holy Spirit as they walk through the door.

As of this writing we have a small group who meet in the Building at times to worship and pray together for another Great Outpouring in the area. Our group consists of Christians who the Lord has spoken to and told to move to this area to be a part of the coming OUTPOURING. No one in the Murphy group is from the Murphy area. However, members of the group are frequently meeting others in the area which God has told to move here in order to help prepare for the Outpouring which is coming.

There are many encounters and manifestations of the Holy Spirit and the worship is incredible when people meet together in the Building. Many of the people in our group have seen visions and have experienced visitations from the Lord. The Holy Spirit and the presence of Angels have been felt in the Building.

The following are testimonies of some of the people in our group who have experienced supernatural manifestations and the Manifest Presence of God inside the Building:

Our story starts with an invite to the General Assembly Building at Camp Creek. My family and I, with two other couples, all showed up to visit and worship the Lord at the building. From the outside it just looks like an old building—one of many in the area. As we walked through the door of the building we entered into what I would call the reception area. It is just an empty room before you enter the into sanctuary part of the building. Inside this room there are about ten pictures hanging on the walls. As I looked at the pictures I realized they were from the early nineteen hundreds. We moved into the next room, which was not much different in looks or appearance from the first room. I could tell this was where church was held. As we walked around the small room I looked at more pictures. We all sat down in some chairs in the sanctuary and were told the history of the building and what happened there. After that we entered into a time of worship. As we were worshipping I began looking around the room. The floor, the walls and the ceiling of the room were all made of wood. Suddenly the walls, ceiling and floor of the room each turned a turned a different color. It was as if each board had soaked up some type of liquid. The stains were like water stains which occur after a house is flooded then dries. During the middle of the second song, the atmosphere changed. I realized that the stains were not stains at all but colors which had spiritually permeated the wood from years and years of worship in the room. I could feel the walls

breathing and coming alive in agreement to the true worship which was permeating the building as we sang. It was like the walls were dripping with the joy and the Presence of the Lord. As we sang a third song I saw what looked to me to be a Great Cloud of Witnesses. I sensed that the previous congregations who had worshipped in the building many years ago were there and were worshipping with us. I could see in the spirit that the room was full of other worshippers. The Cloud of Witnesses were happy and happy that they were there worshipping with us. It was as if they had never left this Holy Place. The Lord then spoke to me and said, “What you see are the many people who planted seed every Sunday in this building. They planted and planted for such a time: and that seed caused a Harvest—and that Harvest is this generation of believers. As the Cloud of Witnesses looked to the future they saw you, and that your generation was to bring to full circle the Revival that started with them and that God was going to bring Revival to this area again. The Revival is near and like the Great Cloud of Witnesses in this building you are the seed that has matured to fullness which will usher in God’s will—His will that is going to bring Revival that will bring millions to Salvation.”

Camillo Castellana

Our visit to the Meeting Place was amazing. When we entered the door it seemed like we had gone back in time. When I stepped through the doorway into the room where they met my knees

felt like they were going to crumble. There are different places i.e. by the fireplace you can barely stand because the Presence of God is so powerful. As we sang some songs it sounded as if there were Angels singing with us. For me the Podium was a special place. I could have stayed there forever. How important are all those who were here before us paving the way. To see the pictures hanging on the walls it seemed as if I knew them all. Lucy Hoelzer, Ordained Minister from Panama City, Florida.

I could feel the Presence of the Lord as soon as I entered the building. The Spirit seemed to be stronger in some places than others. The strongest place for me was at the corner of the fireplace where my knees almost gave way. As I stood there and prayed, I was humbled by the thought that God would bless people with such a strong Presence and that it could remain over so many years. It really brought home to me that some locations or pieces of ground are extremely important. We found some old song books in the second room and sang a few old songs, (songs you do not hear much in these days). Even though I cannot carry a tune, the songs were beautiful. It was coming from the heart of all four of us.

Helen Willis, Panama City, Florida.

When I first walked into the Assembly Room, along with my husband and two other couples, I felt such a spirit of humility. It brought me to tears and as we sat down in the old fashioned

chairs we began to pray and cry and pray and cry for about 20 minutes. One of things I remember praying was “Let us release all judgments we have held against others.” One of the other ladies with us began to play her guitar and sing and worship the Lord. As she sang and played, I felt the Holy Spirit touching me with His power: specifically. I felt His power touching my right leg-certainly not anything I could control or wanted to control. It’s always good to experience a touch of the Holy Spirit- not that we should seek the experience because He can touch us in many different ways; or we can receive from Him at times and not feel anything at all. The six of us stayed there and prayed and worshipped and spoke as the Holy Spirit gave each of us utterance for about three hours. Afterward, I had such a sense of peace and reassurance. I also felt that the atmosphere over the entire area of Murphy had been cleared of any demonic entities. And then I felt darkness trying to creep back in after a couple of days. I think the Lord is saying that he wants us to STAY in that atmosphere in a more permanent way than just every now and then and He will bring the revival we have all been seeking for many years.

Patricia Rallo.

We met at the Fields of the Wood with some friends and had lunch. Afterwards we went to the General Assembly building to worship, pray and seek God for the coming Revival that is

expected here in the Murphy area. When we arrived at the building and started getting out of our vehicles we could feel a strong presence of God. The closer we got to the door the stronger the presence of God was. As I walked inside the door my legs began to give out. I had to either sit down or fall down. I sat down in the first chair I came to and immediately I was in deep clouds. They were beautiful. I said to myself "I do not want this to ever end." Wave after wave of the Holy Spirit was pouring over me. It was a presence like I had never felt even though I have always been in Church. I could hear singing and music like I had never heard before all around me. I began to pray in the Spirit and as I did I gradually came back to myself in the building. I knew I had an encounter with Heaven itself. Others were praying all around and nobody could get up for a long period of time. One of the ladies picked up her guitar and began playing and we all started singing praise to the Lord. Others were getting words from God. It felt like there were many more people than our group in the building. They could not be seen, but you could feel them around you. They were worshipping and praising with us. There were many pictures of some of the folks who had worshipped in the building over a hundred years ago. It was such an awesome feeling. It seemed like they were there in person praising and worshipping with us. After a long period of time I was totally unable to move or speak. It was as if I was in a CLOUD and I was part of the CLOUD. It was the greatest and

most awesome and powerful experience I have ever encountered. It continues to bubble in my heart every day since that time.

Alma Randolph

A lady in our group stepped through the doorway of the Church building in front of me and her knees immediately buckled. Someone had to hold her up until she could find a seat. As I stepped into the room where meetings had been taking place for more than 100 years, the JOY of the Lord came upon me and I started laughing. Others in the room also started laughing. I could see a cloudy haze in the building. I knew it was the Cloud of God's Glory. The Presence of God was undeniably there in a mighty way and had been there since before we entered the building. It was like He was just waiting for someone to come in and commune with Him. After a while Angela Logan started playing her guitar and singing praises to the Lord. The atmosphere was full of the Manifest Presence of God. I have preached Revivals before and been to many of the great Outpourings of the Holy Spirit in the last 35 years, including some of the greatest ones in recent Church History. However, I can never remember experiencing the power of God's HOLINESS I felt when Angela was playing the guitar and singing about the BLOOD OF JESUS. I have never felt the Holiness of God in such great measure before. I had gone into the building with a camera and thought about going over and taking a picture of Angela as she sat in the floor

singing and playing her guitar. I thought I have got to get a picture of this. Then I remembered that Holiness and virtue are not photogenic. Though I wanted to I could not photograph what I was seeing and feeling that day in the building. What I was experiencing could not be caught on film. I had experienced the Holiness of God before, but never in the way I was experiencing it then. I would laugh for a while. I would cry for a while. Sometimes I would laugh and cry at the same time. At times I found it hard to speak. Like others, I did not want to leave. I walked around in front of the Meeting Room and stood behind the Podium a few times and felt blessed to have been able to stand where other men of deep purpose who had profound callings of God on their life had stood. I had also wanted to have a picture taken of myself at the Podium. I thought to myself "what an honor it would be to have a picture of me standing in the place where others stood who helped begin this Movement. Then my thoughts changed when I began thinking about how unworthy I was to have my picture standing where those men had stood. Those men and women of God had paid a great price in the Camp Creek area as they stood and proclaimed the Holiness Gospel in the midst of persecution. Many had their homes burned to the ground. They were persecuted by people who were supposed to be their brothers and sisters in Christ. I saw a vision of a young lady who was dressed like a Quaker with a little white hat and white apron on. She had a little baby in her arms

and she was feeding it with a bottle. I thought maybe she was one of the people who belong to the CLOUD OF WITNESSES. Then the thought came to me that she WAS there as a witness AND a sign that something new had been birthed as the group was meeting in the Assembly Place together. Later that night when some of the people in the group met at the home of Allen and Angela Logan there was a new couple who just came into the group. The young lady looked just like the lady in the vision. She held a tiny little baby about three months old that looked exactly like the baby I had seen in the vision. This to me this was a confirmation that what God was speaking to me about the group in the Meeting Place in Camp Creek was right on. I left the Meeting Place with a new determination to seek God for a new Outpouring of His Holiness. I had been praying for another Great Awakening for years, but experiencing what I did at Camp Creek let me know we were on the verge of the next and final Outpouring of God in order to prepare the Church to reap the Great Harvest. A NEW PENTECOST.

Don Randolph

Chapter 11

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A REVIVAL OF HOLINESS

Therefore having these promises,
beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all
filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting
holiness in the fear of the Lord. 2
Corinthians, Chapter 1, Verse 7.

To be Holy means to be “set apart” or
“sanctified unto the Lord.” Holiness is a “state of
being pure in heart.” John Wesley, the great
revivalist, said, “Holiness is an attitude of the
heart”. If we are HOLY, we are set apart from the
rest of the World and totally dedicated to obeying
the Commandments of God. Our hearts do not
condemn us and we are at peace with ourselves
and with God because we are FILLED with the
fullness of Christ. When we are filled with His
fullness we will desire to please Him rather than
man.

Jesus praying to the Father said, Sanctify
(set them apart) them by your Truth. Your
Word is Truth.” John, Chapter 17, Verse 17.
We are sanctified by the Truth. Jesus is the
TRUTH. Jesus is the WORD. We are transformed

into the image of Christ through the Truth of His Word. It is the Spirit of Truth which enters into our hearts (spirit) that transforms or makes us “Holy, even as He is Holy.” When Christ dwells within us richly we are set apart from the rest of the World.

If the Church is going to be found “Holy” when Jesus returns, there is going to have to be a Revival of Holiness. Many churches have lost the Light which once burned brightly in their midst. They have become apostate and the name “Ichabod” has been written over the doorways of these “whited sepulchers.”

Churches have forgotten they were called to be Holy and to serve Christ, not their own selfish desires. Many Churches which once were godly churches are now preaching a “different Christ” than the Jesus found in the HOLY BIBLE. Holiness is what sets true believers apart from an apostate Church. An apostate Church is a Church that displays a form of godliness but denies the Power of God.

Frank Bartleman, the Holiness preacher who attended the Azusa Street Outpouring wrote: “Where two or three have gathered in my name, there I am in their midst.” But, He can be in our midst a stranger! Ignored, unrecognized even by those who meet in His name! The Jews gathered in the Synagogue to speak of His name, and to prophecy of His coming. They praised the Name of the Father

who promised to send Him. They spoke the Messiah's name with awe and reverence. Then when He came and walked among them He was not recognized! He was a stranger to them. Christ, a stranger in the midst of a Spirit-filled congregation? A stranger in the midst of those who speak His name—who worship the Father who sent Him? A stranger to those who sing His hosannas who call Him “Lord, Lord?” Yes! It is not only possible – it is happening among God’s chosen people today!”

There are many Christians who try to live Holy. Unfortunately, they do not have godly leaders who will, or even know how, to lead them down the path of Righteous living. Holiness is not a suggestion, but a command. If we are not seeking to live a life of Holiness, we are missing the “Mark of the prize of the High calling of God in Christ Jesus.” If we cannot recognize and obey Christ as He walks among us, we are destined to follow another gospel. If we are not seeking daily to be “Holy as He is Holy,” we will surely be found unholy, needing then to be cleansed from all “filthiness of flesh and spirit.”

WITHOUT SPOT OR WRINKLE

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. Proverbs; Chapter 7, Verse 1.

A wise man fears the Lord and seeks to please Him by cleansing himself from “all filthiness of flesh and spirit.” In doing so he is being perfected (found complete) in the Holiness

of God. We have a treasure (divine nature of Christ) in these earthen vessels which cleanses us from all unrighteousness as we seek to please Him and walk in His ways.

Several years ago my wife and I were attending a Watch Night Service on New Years Eve in Knoxville, Tennessee. The Church was experiencing an awesome time of Praise and Worship. As I stood worshipping the Lord, He opened my spiritual eyes and I saw there were so many Angels in parts of the Sanctuary that some of their wings were brushing together.

While I was standing in the back of the Church I saw a vision of a Bride next to the podium in front of the Church. She was wearing a beautiful long white wedding gown. Then Jesus appeared on the platform with her with His arms stretched toward her as if to say “Come to me my beautiful Bride.” Looking again at the Bride, I noticed there were some spots on her beautiful white gown. The Bride of course was the Church. For a few moments Jesus let me feel the deep love He feels for His Bride, and His great desire to hold her in His loving arms. I do not have words that can describe those loving feelings I was experiencing. The Lord was also showing me that His Bride was not ready to come to Him. The spots which were on her Wedding Gown had to be removed BEFORE her Bridegroom could come for her.

The Bible tells us that “Jesus is coming back for a Church without spot or wrinkle.”

Jesus was showing me that even though He was anxiously desiring for His Bride to be with Him, the Church was not ready for His return. The Bible is clear concerning the fact that Christ is not going to return for a Church that has not prepared herself for His return.

Husbands love your wives just as Christ also loved the Church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of the water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be HOLY and without blemish. Ephesians, Chapter 5, Verses 25-27.

Jesus gave His life for the Church to sanctify, cleanse and make her Holy. He did this in order to present to Himself a glorious Church that was Pure and Holy in His eyes. He is coming back for a Bride without spot or wrinkle.

The word “blemish” means “free of imperfections.” If we have any spot, wrinkle or blemish, we are not ready for the Lord’s return. It also means that Holiness has eluded us and we cannot stand before and honor God as pure vessels.

Some Christians will argue that no one can be Holy, so why even try? If that is so, why did God tell us to “Be Holy even as He is Holy?”

Apparently God believes we can be Holy or He would not have given us the command to be Holy.

I do agree that we cannot be Holy without the cleansing power of the Blood of Christ. If I am going to be found Holy, then I must seek Christ to cleanse me from all unrighteousness and filthiness of flesh. I must allow Christ to “cleanse me with the washing of water by His Holy Word.” I can be whatever God says I can be. I can do whatever God says I can do. I must seek to honor each and every command He has given me so I can be pleasing to Him--Holy and acceptable in His sight.

Many people fall into the traps many Ministers set which says: “you are going to have to sin every day.” I cannot tell you the amount of times I have heard Ministers of the Gospel (sic) use this terminology. However, this is a trap of the enemy to keep people’s eyes on sin and not the One who cleanses us from ALL sin. There is no scriptural basis for this ungodly doctrine. As a matter of fact, the Bible tells us that we have been “set free from sin by the Blood of Christ.”

If I thought I HAD to sin every day, I would not want to get up in the morning. If I thought I had to sin and grieve my Lord every day, I would not want to live anymore. Jesus did not die on the Cross so that sin could have dominion over us, but so we could have DOMINION over sin. If we have to sin every day we cannot be “Holy even as He is Holy.”

Am I saying that as Christians we will never sin? Absolutely not. I am saying, however, that we DO NOT have to sin every day. “IF” along the way we do sin, we have an advocate with the Father. “IF” we do sin we can ask Him for forgiveness and He will be “faithful and just” to forgive and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

CONTENDING FOR REVIVAL

Revival will not take place just because people cry out for Revival. Many people want Revival, but they do not understand what true Revival will cost them or what the end result will be. Many of those crying out for Revival do not understand the purpose of Revival. All they know is that Revival can be a lot of fun. They can meet a lot of people, and have a good meal or two.

True Revival comes when God’s people repent of their sins and iniquities and come to Him with a contrite heart and a broken spirit. They cry out to God to purify and cleanse them from all unrighteousness. True repentance sanctifies God’s people and sets them apart from the World in order that they can “do the work of the ministry.” If there is no true repentance, there can be no True Revival.

We must develop a HOLY HUNGER for the Power and Presence of Almighty God. We must become prayerfully desperate to enter into the “Secret Place of the Most High” so we can dwell in His bosom in the Holy of Holies.

Some Denominations teach that people are sanctified when they accept Christ and are born again. Others teach that sanctification is a process, and can take years to accomplish. However, the litmus test that proves one is truly sanctified is when we can truthfully say that “we have died to self. “If the “old man” has not been crucified, then we cannot say we are truly sanctified. If we are not “picking up our Cross daily and following Jesus,” we are not completely sanctified.

Kathryn Kuhlman said on several occasions, “I know the day that I died.” If the “old man” has died, we will know it. When we have put to death the “deeds of the flesh,” the old man is DEAD and we will be able to live a life of HOLINESS. I heard one preacher say, “You know when you have died to self when you no longer care about what people say about You.”

If we are going to experience a New Pentecost which will bring in a Great Harvest of souls, there must be a Revival of Holiness. We MUST seek to be “HOLY even as He is HOLY.” The Outpourings in Camp Creek, Topeka, and Los Angeles were a result of men and women gathering together, repenting of their sins, and seeking the Holiness of God. Repentance always precedes Revival.

If we are going to experience the fullness of the Spirit and the awesome presence of God’s LOVE, GRACE, LIFE and POWER, we must have another Upper Room experience like the 120 did

in Jerusalem. God is looking for pure vessels who will be Holy conduits of His love, grace, peace and power in the days to come so the World can experience a NEW OUTPOURING of Pentecostal Holiness.

If we are going to experience the fullness of His power and anointing in the same way the 120 did in the Upper Room, the Church must have a new fervor and zeal for the Lord. A new Revival of Holiness is coming. A new Pentecost is coming. A great Harvest is coming. If we want to be a part of this next great movement of God, we must ask ourselves:

- 1. “Are we preparing our hearts through prayer and fasting for this new movement?”**
- 2. “Are we being cleansed by the WASHING OF THE WATER BY THE WORD?”**
- 3. “Are we seeking to be HOLY AS HE IS HOLY?”**
- 4. “Do we care about souls?”**

When we can honestly answer “yes” to these questions, we are headed down the right path. If we cannot answer “yes” to these questions, we must do some deep soul searching. Whatever we do, we must do it quickly for the time is short and the HARVEST IS GREAT.

If we truly desire to serve God with our WHOLE HEART, we must seek Him with our WHOLE HEART. If we are failing to live a life of

“Holiness,” we are missing the MARK of the High calling of God in Christ Jesus, and we will surely fail when perilous times prevail.

Chapter 12

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REVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honor and some to dishonor. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honor, sanctified and meet (FIT) for the Master's use, and prepared unto every good work. 2 Timothy, Chapter 2, Verses 20-21

Revival always begins with individuals. As God's people we must realize there is more to CHURCH than what we have seen or are experiencing at this present time. We must become hungrier for God than we are for worldly pleasures and earthly treasures.

As believers each of us must take an inventory of our life in order to see where we stand with God. The first question we need to ask ourselves is: "Am I faithfully following Christ by "picking up my Cross daily?" The second question we need to ask ourselves is: "Do I need

Revival?" If the answer to these two questions is "yes," then you are more spiritually in tune with the Spirit of God than most Christians. Even if we are "somewhat" in tune with God we need a NEW AWAKENING of His Power and Holiness. If you realize you have a need for Revival, there is hope. There is something you can and must do in order to find PERSONAL REVIVAL. To experience Personal Revival you must desire a more intimate relationship with Christ than you have now. When you find Personal Revival you will be able to open the doors to Revival for others.

When we search for a more intimate walk with Christ we are on the PATH which leads to HOLINESS. If there is a path which the Church needs to walk today, it is the PATH OF GOD'S HOLINESS. Jesus said: "Not everyone who says "Lord, Lord" shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in Heaven." Matthew, Chapter 7, Verse 21.

EXAMINE YOURSELVES

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, that Christ Jesus is in you, except ye be reprobates. 2 Corinthians, Chapter 13, Verse 5.

A man once stood and drew a circle around his feet. He then prayed earnestly "Lord please send Revival, and please start the Revival

inside this circle.” Revival always begins with individuals who are hungry for more of God.

The following is a personal checklist which will help us EXAMINE ourselves to see if we are a candidate for TRUE REVIVAL:

“Do I love the Lord with all my heart, soul, mind and strength?”

“Do I love my neighbor as myself, and does my neighbor know I am a Christian?”

“Is my lifestyle pleasing to God, and am I walking daily with Christ?”

“Is my prayer life effective, and am I praying for others daily?”

“Are my motives and attitudes toward God and my neighbor right?”

“Do I hunger and thirst to be filled with the righteousness of God?”

“Am I carnally minded?” “Have I learned how to love others unconditionally?”

“Do I daily praise God and thank Him for His grace and mercy?”

“Can I say that I am obedient to the call God’s has on my life?”

“Am I fulfilling the plan and purpose God has for my life?”

If there is any of the above questions you were unable to answer “yes,” to then there is some room for improvement in your life. You are a good candidate for REVIVAL.

Your life no longer belongs to you, but to God. We are commanded to be Holy as He is

Holy. Jesus is coming back for a HOLY Church without spot or wrinkle.

Many Christians will look at this list and say, "I do many of the things on the list, but nobody is perfect." However, we have been commanded to "COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM AND BE A SEPARATE PEOPLE." When we give our life to Jesus it does not belong to us anymore. We are commanded to be HOLY as HE IS HOLY. Jesus is coming back for a Church without spot or wrinkle, a HOLY Bride which has been set apart and sanctified by and for HIM.

Many Christians do not realize they are living in a spiritual rut. My Pastor used to say, "A rut is just a grave with an opening at both ends." In other words we can be in a spiritual rut, BUT there is a way out if we decide we want to get OUT OF THE RUT. We determine whether or not we stay in the RUT.

There is nothing more satisfying than being spiritually refreshed, renewed and recharged. There is nothing more refreshing than a drink of the PURE WATER OF LIFE. There is nothing more joyful and satisfying than a drink of the NEW WINE. There is nothing more gratifying than knowing God is pleased with our behavior. There is no better place to be than in the PRESENCE of God. We all want to hear Christ say, "Welcome home good and faithful servant, enter into the JOY of the Lord," as we enter the gates of Heaven.

When we experience true REVIVAL, we will be “FIT” for the MASTER’S use. God is looking for faithful LABORERS to work in the FIELDS OF HARVEST. He is searching for “Vessels of Honor” who will HONOR Him with their FIRST FRUITS offerings. God is looking for men and women He can trust to witness to the lost and dying souls who are lost and seeking truth IN THE VALLEY OF DECISION.

Concerning Revival--where we go from here is up to us. God has given everyone many opportunities to repent and return to their FIRST LOVE. God is offering every person on earth a chance to redeem the time. Time is short and the LIGHT of the SON is quickly growing dim in the hearts of many of God’s people.

The Bible tells the story of TEN VIRGINS who were waiting for their Bridegroom to come and take them to His BOSOM. Five of them were wise and five of them were foolish. The foolish virgins allowed their lights go out. Consequently, the foolish virgins had no oil in their lamps when the Bridegroom came to take them home. They had failed to keep OIL in their lamps and their lights went out. They could no longer SEE what was going on around them so they fell asleep.

Have you fallen asleep and let your light go out? Are you earnestly seeking and praying for the BRIDEGROOMS return? Will you have oil in your lamp during the dark days which lie ahead?

If we are not diligent and do not keep our lights burning brightly we will fall into the same peril as the five Foolish Virgins. How often do we check the oil in our lamps? The five Wise Virgins kept their eyes on the OIL and made sure they had enough LIGHT to see when the Bridegroom came. Will your LIGHT be shining when the BRIDEGROOM comes to take you away?

We are living in a time of great spiritual darkness and deception. Many of God's people have allowed their LIGHT to go out and they cannot see what is truly going on around them. Many of God's people have left their First Love and have fallen asleep because they cannot see through the DARKNESS. Many of them will not be able to find their WAY because they have little or no LIGHT left in them.

Jesus said to His people, "You are the LIGHT of the World." It is our purpose as LIGHT BEARERS to brighten the World and lead others to Jesus Christ. We are called to be a CITY ON A HILL so we can lead others away from the darkness and deception which is quickly engulfing our World.

THE ROTTING WHEAT

I had a dream several years ago about people harvesting wheat in a field. In the middle of the field a few people were working diligently harvesting the wheat. Unfortunately, there was so much wheat in the field that much of the wheat was rotting because there were not enough

laborers to harvest the entire crop. Sitting and lying around the outside of the field doing nothing were laborers who had been hired to harvest the wheat along with the ones working in the field.

This dream is much more significant today than it was years ago. There is a song I sing called “My House is Full.” It is a song about how God’s people love to sit around His table and eat, but they do not want to work in HIS field. The last line in the song says “Who will go and work in my field.” “Who will go? Will you go? Will you send someone? Are you just sitting around His table?”

Today many of God’s people want to sing the songs of Zion during Praise and Worship and absorb a tasty spiritual meal from the Pastor. However, they have no desire to share the “tasty meal” with anyone outside the Church. Because many of God’s people could care less about what goes on outside the walls of THEIR Church building, many people are dying and going to hell right before their eyes.

Many church members attend Church on Sunday morning and leave after the benediction FILLED with a song, a sermon and maybe even a meal from the Church dining hall. How often do they share with others who have never tasted the goodness and mercy of God what THEY have been freely given by the Master?

I will ask this question once again, “WHO WILL GO?” “If not you, WHO?” The HARVEST is TRULY GREAT and the laborers are few. All

Christ is asking for is our obedience in fulfilling the plan and purpose He has for our your life.

If they are going to find it Christians must seek God for His plan and purpose for their life. Each person has a different assignment. You will never find God's will for your life if you do not ask Him. It is imperative that we seek God for His direction for our life. He created everyone with a purpose and a WORK to do. It is up to each individual to find that plan and purpose so we can be pleasing to Him. There is a GREAT HARVEST to be reaped. "WHO WILL GO AND WORK IN HIS FIELD?"

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "The HARVEST truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the HARVEST to send out laborers into His HARVEST." Matthew, Chapter 9, Verses 37-38.

Heavenly Father, let the Revival fires that once burned brightly at Camp Creek, Topeka and Azusa Street again be rekindled in our hearts and start a New Outpouring of Pentecost in these areas and beyond. May tongues of Holy Fire rest again upon your people and quicken your people as they go out and into the uttermost parts of the Earth to share the Gospel of Christ with every tongue and Nation. Let your Holy Spirit Fire burn within our hearts again with a love which can never be quenched. Let your Word be a fire shut up in our bones until we have shared the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ with every lost soul we come in contact with. Let the Holy fires that have been extinguished in your people arise once again and burn brightly in each of our hearts. Let us once again experience the fires of Pentecost so we can take your message of love, reconciliation and healing to a lost and dying World. May your Righteousness again be a light in our hearts so others can see and experience the Truth found only in you and your Holy Word. Let a Raging River of your GRACE

and AMAZING LOVE flow freely from the fountain of our hearts in order to reach those who are without hope and love in this World. May your Kingdom come until your Word has entered into the heart and soul of every man, woman and child who call upon your Holy Name and desire to walk in holiness. Visit your people with a New Pentecost and may the Holy Fire that you send this time never again grow dim or be extinguished.

AMEN!!!!!!

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

**I WAS PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT
WHEN I FELL UPON MY KNEES.
TONGUES OF FIRE LIT MY LIPS
T WAS A FOUNTAIN FLOWING FREE.**

**I DON'T KNOW HOW I FOUND IT.
WHERE DID THIS JOY COME FROM?
TREMBLING LIPS WERE ABOUNDING.
T' WAS NOT JUST A HUMBLE HUM.**

**I WAS LAUGHING AS I WONDERED
ABOUT THIS MIGHTY WIND.
A SOUND CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN.
PENTECOST HAD COME AGAIN.**

**I DON'T KNOW HOW I FOUND IT
THAT RIVER "OH SO CLEAN!"
I WAS SURFING ON THE EBB TIDE
ON LIVING WATERS "OH SO SHEEN!"**

**NOW I AM SINGING IN THE SPIRIT
AS I DANCE TO HEAVEN'S TUNE.
I SING PRAISES TO THE KING
TILL MORNING BECOMES NOON.**

The scripture states that “all have sinned and come short of the Glory of God.” Romans, Chapter 3, Verse 23.

If you do not know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, or if you are not sure of your Salvation and where you will spend Eternity—please pray this prayer and ask Jesus to come into your heart now.

Father, I come to you in the Name of your Son Jesus. I admit that I am a sinner and am in need of a Savior. I have sinned and come short of your Glory. I believe that Jesus is your Son and that He died on the Cross for my sins. I believe that on the third day you raised Him from the dead. I know that it was for me He died. I am sorry for all the sins I committed. Please forgive me Lord. Jesus I ask that you come into my heart and life right now and cleanse me from all unrighteousness. I also ask you to baptize me with the Holy Spirit. I desire to walk in the fullness of the Holy Spirit and never be the same again.
Amen.

Signature and date_____

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