

## ***Strengthen What Remains: Holding Fast to Our Assignment***

### **I. PROPHETIC WORD: STRENGTHEN THE THINGS THAT REMAIN (NOV. 2015)**

- A. I believe that America, along with many other nations, is approaching a time of intense crisis. The Lord is equipping the Body of Christ for a great revival and to stand in strength in the coming crisis. The call to “remember” is one of the most emphasized exhortations in the Scripture with over 80 references—over 60 in the Old Testament and over 20 in the New Testament.

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

1. ***Remember:*** To recall *how* and *why* God called you and *what* He promised to do.
  2. ***Watchful:*** Watching the circumstances to see aspects of fulfillment of prophetic promises. The primary exhortation that Jesus gave in context to His teaching on the end times was to be watch (Mt. 24:42-43; 25:13; 26:38-41; 27:36; Mk. 13:33-38; Lk. 12:38-39; 21:36).
  3. ***Strengthened:*** in our resolve to persevere in faith and obedience to the mandate He gave us.
- B. The necessity of speaking God’s words in the end-time storm—messengers, intercession, prophecy.
- <sup>19</sup>...when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him. <sup>20</sup>The Redeemer will come to Zion [Jesus’ return] ...<sup>21</sup>“This is My covenant with them: My Spirit who is upon you, and My words which I have put in your mouth, shall not depart from your mouth, nor from the mouth of your descendants...forevermore.” (Is 59:19-21)***

### **II. REMEMBER: OUR 5 SPECIFIC MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS**

- A. ***We are to keep a 24/7 sanctuary*** of worship with prayer in the spirit of the tabernacle of David
- <sup>8</sup>...but you have set others to keep charge of My sanctuary for you...<sup>15</sup>But the priests, the Levites, the sons of Zadok, who kept charge of My sanctuary when...Israel went astray... (Ezek. 44:8, 15)***
- B. We are to call people to walk out the ***first commandment*** as they are empowered by seeing Jesus as their ***Bridegroom King***. Grace-based wholeheartedness or holiness flows from ***intimacy with God***
- C. We are to raise up ***forerunner messengers*** who proclaim Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge to prepare ourselves and to prepare others for the unique dynamics of God’s end-time plan.
- D. We are to work with others to serve ***Jesus’ purposes for Israel***
- E. We are to strengthen the “***Praying Church***,” which includes developing resources to help others.
- F. ***Summary:*** The Lord has called us to “***keep charge of a 24/7 sanctuary with a forerunner spirit.***”

### **III. WHY WE KEEP A 24/7 SANCTUARY**

- A. We **minister to God** by declaring His worth in an unceasing way on earth as a prophetic witness to how He is continually ministered to in heaven (Mt. 6:10).
- B. We **labor in intercession** to release God’s power to win the lost, revive the Church, etc
- C. We **grow in intimacy with God** by seeing the beauty of Jesus as the Bridegroom, King, and Judge.
- D. We **grow in revelation of the Word**, gaining insight into His will, ways, and salvation, and as forerunners seeking to understand the unique dynamics of His end-time plan (Dan. 11:33).
- E. We **resource other prayer ministries** by providing the web steam, encouraging them by the fact of continuing 24/7, and ministering to them by our worship team members and teachers.
- F. I believe that worship and intercession are the highest calling of the redeemed in the age to come, being the primary means by which He releases His power to the earth.
- G. Isaiah prophesied about prayer ministries that would continue 24/7 until Jesus returns, which is when Jesus will restore Jerusalem as a praise in the earth. God promised to set intercessors in place by stirring them to do this and by providing for them. They will not keep silent day or night.  
***“I have set watchmen on your walls...they shall never hold their peace [be silent, NAS] day or night...<sup>7</sup>give Him no rest till He establishes...Jerusalem a praise in the earth. (Isa. 62:6-7)***

#### IV. CALLED TO THE FORERUNNER MINISTRY

- A. On May 7, 1997, in Assisi, Italy, the Lord said, “I will raise up ‘friends-of-the-Bridegroom’ forerunner messengers” who will proclaim Jesus as Bridegroom, King, and Judge. The Holy Spirit is raising up forerunner messengers in many different ministries across the earth.  
***<sup>29</sup>“The friend of the Bridegroom...rejoices...because of the Bridegroom’s voice.” (Jn. 3:29)***
- B. In July 1997, Rick Joyner prophesied to me, “In the next few weeks the Lord is going to visit you about your life mandate, because you are in transition.” A month later on August 27, 1997, I had a prophetic dream indicating that part of my ministry was to be found in Isaiah 40:3.  
***<sup>3</sup>Prepare the way of the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. (Isa. 40:3)***
- C. On September 3, 1997, the Spirit highlighted three verses (Rev. 2:17; 3:12; 19:12). They speak of encountering and proclaiming the Lord’s name—the fame of Jesus, His beauty, and His worth. I felt the wind and fire of the Spirit manifesting on me for several hours. On the way out of the prayer room, I received a note from Terry Bennett who said that he had seen the wind and fire of the Spirit resting on me as He was speaking three verses about me—Revelation 2:17; 3:12; 19:12.
- D. On September 17, 1997, during a prayer meeting, the Spirit highlighted Isaiah 63:1-6 to me. Again, I felt the wind and fire of the Spirit manifesting on me for several hours. It spoke of Jesus the King wearing the red garments of a judge as He walked through the nations. I began to say, “Your red garments are glorious. Why are they red? A king should be in white garments.”

*<sup>1</sup>Who is this who comes from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah, this One who is glorious in His apparel, traveling in the greatness of His strength?—“I [Jesus] speak in righteousness, mighty to save.” <sup>2</sup>Why is Your apparel red, and Your garments like one who treads in the winepress? <sup>3</sup>“I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with Me. For I have trodden them in My anger, and trampled them in My fury; their blood is sprinkled upon My garments, and I have stained all My robes. <sup>4</sup>For the day of vengeance is in My heart, and the year of My redeemed has come.” (Isa. 63:1-4)*

- E. Terry came over and prophesied to me saying, “The same angel that touched you two weeks ago with fire and wind is here again.” He said, “Jesus is coming to you in red garments. He wants you to proclaim Isaiah 63. You must study it, because you will preach the Jesus in red.”