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Introduction

What you are about to read is a mighty revelation about God's move in the latter days, the end times. Christians have heard some things about this over the years, including all kinds of supposed predictions and unbalanced teachings. However, despite these false accounts, it has been said correctly by some, that whether the last great move of God starts in England, Australia or some other place, the fact is that this mighty move of God is definitely coming.

This little book, however, is not just about some "coming" outpouring of the Spirit but about a faith way of looking at the present. It is about believing that we are in the outpouring of the Spirit now since He has already come, and we are able to understand His promises and prophecies in the Bible today.

You need to read this book properly, to catch in your heart the revelation of what God is doing in these hours. Please study the Scripture diligently. This is an outworking of the Spirit for all, indeed for any who will believe. The same God is calling Jews, Catholics and worldly Pentecostals to repentance, to come into the truth by acknowledging the Lord Jesus Christ as the only Saviour.

This message is about faith, advancing faith, strong meat faith. It is about faith that moves mountains. Consider this message to be a call for you to enter into hundredfold level Christianity.

The sovereignty of God

In the Old Testament, there is a wonderful prophecy. It commands, "Remember this, and shew yourselves men: bring *it* again to mind, O ye transgressors." (Isaiah 46:9).

Notice that the Scripture addresses sinners, as if the Bible is indeed able to speak to sinners. How would sinners be able to remember and know about the things of God?

It means that God's truth must endure through time, so that sinners will have recourse to it. It also means that God's truth is to be

pervasive, that is, actually able to be used to reach the sinners and get results!

Many Christians living after the turn of the 21st century have been thinking that it is hard to get the truth of Scripture to people. More than that, most people who actually knew and believed the Bible, did not, in practice, really believe that God's truth was even fully accessible in English.

The word "transgressor" means one who breaks the law of God. Consequently, it can apply to people who know the law of God, yet are in rebellion. While there is a general call to all sinners, this is a particular call to those who are in rebellion to the Lord. Thus, Isaiah 46:9 can be seen to be addressing those who knew the truth but have willingly departed from it. (The Gospel must also break Islam and other dark recesses of the world which have not had the Gospel.)

The Gospel at one time triumphed in the Roman Empire. For a period, it triumphed in England and all the English-speaking nations. In Australia and New Zealand, true Christians should expect that, where once there was great influence of Christianity, there must be a future restoration.

"Remember the former things of old: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else; I *am* God, and *there is* none like me" (Isaiah 46:9).

Is there a reliable record about God? Clearly, it is the Scripture. Is there a steadfast tradition of His working? Yes, we have a great heritage in the Pentecostal Revival.

If the Scripture is here on Earth, where is it? It is the King James Bible. Significantly, when God began to restore the Pentecostal gifts, it was among the English-speaking portion of the Church, and it was with the preaching and teaching out of the King James Bible. Coming revival needs the King James Bible too.

"Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times *the things* that are not *yet* done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure" (Isaiah 46:10).

God is the author and finisher of the whole of history. He spoke in Genesis, right at the beginning, sending forth light. This was both literal, that God commanded the light to shine out of darkness, and also spiritual, that the Word of God in Genesis and by the Gospel shines into the dark world.

Also, in the garden of Eden, God promised that the seed of the woman would crush the head of the serpent (Satan). That is a prophecy, which has been fulfilled concerning Jesus and the Church.

God is truly in overall control of history. Obviously, the curse and sin is running rampant in the world. But sin is limited. Evil empires are limited. The devils cannot prevail over God.

In the Scripture, God has decreed the times and the seasons, and has all power and rule in history. He then, by Jesus Christ, told Christians to go forth with that power and authority.

The humble exalted

Hannah proclaimed, “The LORD maketh poor, and maketh rich: he bringeth low, and lifteth up. He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, *and* lifteth up the beggar from the dunghill, to set *them* among princes, and to make them inherit the throne of glory...” (1 Samuel 2:7, 8a).

God’s control, according to His law, shows that He has judged the sinners and transgressors who are suffering under the curse, while forgiving those who humble themselves before the Lord, and are to be raised up in due season.

This is the future prospect of the people of God. “Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets. The lion hath roared, who will not fear? the Lord GOD hath spoken, who can but prophesy?” (Amos 3:7, 8).

The promises and prophecies of God about the blessing are to come to pass, as the Scripture says, “yea, I have spoken *it*, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed *it*, I will also do it.” (Isaiah 46:11b).

There is a coming blessing for the Church, and accompanying it are great signs and wonders. “And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye might believe.” (John 14:29).

The greater faith is to believe and to see it with spiritual eyes before it is come. Therefore, we are now to be in a mode of preparation, and ready to do the great exploits that God has called us to in this mighty calling.

The goodness of God

The Bible has a lot to say about God’s goodness, “Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?” (Romans 2:4).

We will take the opportunity to look into one of the psalms for some teaching on the goodness of God. Psalm 68 begins with the statement, “LET God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.” (Psalm 68:1).

God is good, and of necessity, He fights against evil. Thus, the enemies of God are to flee when God is against them.

There has been a time when God apparently was not arisen, which means that there is to be a major turn in world events.

“As smoke is driven away, *so* drive *them* away: as wax melteth before the fire, *so* let the wicked perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.” (Psalm 68:2, 3).

The wicked are to be punished, such as with the fall of Gog, and the righteous to enter into the Restitution.

“Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.” (Psalm 68:4).

God is to ride upon the heavens at the fall of Gog. The King James Bible shows that it is God the Father, by giving His name, JAH.

“A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, *is* God in his holy habitation. God setteth the solitary in families: he bringeth out those which are bound with chains: but the rebellious dwell in a dry *land*.” (Psalm 68:5, 6).

The promise is for restorations and blessings for families. The chains that people may be bound with are not necessarily literal chains, but the Lord breaks the yoke.

“O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, when thou didst march through the wilderness; Selah: The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: *even* Sinai itself *was moved* at the presence of God, the God of Israel.” (Psalm 68:7, 8).

The story of Exodus is to be applied for Christians, that they may consider that God is leading them.

“Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, whereby thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.” (Psalm 68:9). When sadness and disheartenment is upon the people of God, just as it was with the Israelites in the wilderness long ago, God is able to bring in a blessing with fresh showers of spiritual rain.

The point is that God has prepared abundantly for His people. “Thy congregation hath dwelt therein: thou, O God, hast prepared of thy goodness for the poor.” (Psalm 68:10).

Part of God’s plan is His prior preparation in time. God has designed by His Providence to supply for the poor, for those in need, that at the right time the good things would come for them.

When there was little preaching and little hope, still God has moved to reach world by the English-speaking people because it says, “The Lord gave the word: great *was* the company of those that published *it*.” (Psalm 68:11).

The outworking of God’s Providence, in the first instance, is in His plan to provide His Word. It could start small with a few, but the Word of God is to be greatly published.

The Gospel has in the past advanced to many nations, and must yet advance in much more splendour. This will be to such an extent that enemies must retreat, and great blessings come for the people of God. “Kings of armies did flee apace: and she that tarried at home divided the spoil.” (Psalm 68:12).

The Christians are to come into their blessing, by the advance of the Gospel, by the defeat of enemies and by the blessing of God. From the lowliest of places, God is raising up His people in blessing.

“Though ye have lien among the pots, *yet shall ye be as the wings of a dove covered with silver, and her feathers with yellow gold.*” (Psalm 68:13).

The Church is currently living in prophetic times, though lowly and servile, yet called to be resplendent and glorious. The goodness of God is real, and is seen in His giving of gifts for people, even to bring the undeserving into the place of God’s blessing.

“Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, *for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.* Blessed *be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.* Selah.” (Psalm 68:18, 19).

The triumphant Church

Did Jesus die to call a body of followers, a chosen people, to be broken down and barely able to do anything? Has He called us to be part of a despondent, failing and weak-minded Church?

You will recall that Jesus, in His ministry, healed the sick and provided for those in need. Since the same Holy Ghost is here today, we should be expecting power and advancement, not a crumbling, ineffectual Gospel!

The Church, which means the collective of all true believers in the Spirit, is supposed to “grow up into him in all things” (see Ephesians 4:15) It is to be a body growing and prevailing under the headship of Christ.

“For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12, 13).

True Christians are supposed to be coming together, in the bond of common unity to the point of perfection. That requires a solid base of sound doctrine, and requires people to come into the same mind and judgment.

It is very well known to believers that there is much darkness and evil in the world. Christ has called us to be sanctified and separate in the midst of the sinful world. It is the truth, the Word of God, which cleanses (see John 17:17).

“That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” (Ephesians 5:26, 27).

The workmanship of God is not shoddy. We should not be expecting the tainting and corrupting of the world to be getting stronger but rather, the glorious shining by the fuller’s soap of God’s washing to be effective in purging us (the Church) from all spots.

Purging

Bible prophecy has much to say about the subject of purging, as it is a major Biblical idea in how the world will end. The purging within the Church of unbelief is specifically pointed to in Revelation 3 where it speaks of the Laodicean period, the last period of Church history, when Christ will spew out of His body the things which offend, dealing with compromised Christianity.

One of the other promises of this purging is in Daniel 8:14, which states, “And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.”

That certainly has had a literal fulfilment, in the time of the Maccabees, when Antiochus Ephiphanes (a Greek king of Syria) was

working against the Jewish religion in about 168 BC. He profaned the temple, and persecuted the Jews.

The same prophecy also has a historical fulfilment. The New Testament “sanctuary” means the place of the people of God, specifically the Church. Pagan ideas came into the Early Church (e.g. the idolatry of Byzantine icons), then were the long years of the Islamic imposture, a great and calamitous false religion against the truth.

The focus of the fulfilment on the prophecy is on ridding error and worldliness out of the Church. This is to be expected as a future event and relates strongly to the Church Restitution.

The last and most important aspect of this important prophecy is that of the coming of Gog and His fall in Ezekiel 38 and 39. Gog is the name of one who will rise as a political leader in Russia. The coming spectacular failure of the powers of Gog and of the military of his confederacy seems to be directly related to the spiritual events of the Church waking up and rapidly progressing to actually believing and fulfilling the Great Commission.

It is plainly evident from Scripture that God does not want sin in the midst of His people, and that His work is to loose the bonds of captivity, to bring in the recovering of sight for the blind and full restoration for the repentant.

Readers are encouraged to do much more study on Daniel, as it is a huge area, and the prophecy is quite complex. But to make it simple here, it is clear that God has a timetable to purge His people since one of the main themes of New Testament living is sanctification and laying aside former things. After all, He has clearly commanded us to be holy, not to try but to “be” such.

The authority of the believer

Several times in Scripture, we are promised the power to tread down beasts and our enemies. This is not just poetry but is powerful language, authorising us to use spiritual force over our true enemy, the devils.

Satan is a spirit being, and is limited today to interfering with the minds of men by supplying thoughts to them, and tempting them to go against God's Word.

Paul's prayer for the Ephesians was that they were to understand their position in Christ: seated in heavenly places with Satan beneath their feet.

Jesus is "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come" (Ephesians 1:21). That power has been given to His body, the people of God.

"And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all." (Ephesians 1:22, 23).

This means that every believer, even the lowliest member of the body, is in a superior position above the things of this world. With such authority the Church has been placed into a wonderful position whereby Christ may be presented to the nations in power.

Sowing and reaping

The Bible is the law of God, containing principles which are true, called spiritual laws. One of them is the law of sowing and reaping.

"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." (Galatians 6:7).

Be not deceived means that this law is true, regardless of what people say. There are many verses in the Scripture showing that whatever a person sows, whatever they do, it comes back to them again, multiplied.

If people give to the poor, substance come back. If they encourage people, they will be encouraged, and so it goes on.

Seed time and harvest is a perpetual law, both natural and spiritual. A farmer sows barley and reaps barley, not rye. A person who sows after

carnal things does not reap from the Spirit of God. All of these things are bounded by God's law.

This law becomes important in light of the sowing within history. Jesus said, "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." (Matthew 12:30). He was talking about reaping.

The seed is the word of God

Consider that God sent His Son, Jesus Christ, as a seed. The Bible calls Him the Seed (see Galatians 3:16). What is the harvest? Jesus is the firstborn of many brethren (see Romans 8:29).

What did He do in His earthly ministry? That also was a seed, which would eventually lead to the Gospel going forth to many nations. So then, what does He expect but harvest?

Paul wrote, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour." (1 Corinthians 3:6–8).

Jesus expected that in time, He would reap, as it were, from the nations. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8).

The Gospel of Jesus cannot fail in history but must culminate in a great harvest. This means a harvest of souls, a harvest of blessing, and a harvest of the world's goods into the hands of the people of God.

Stolen property returned

The law said that if someone stole an animal, he needed to make a restitution to the owner thereof, up to fivefold (see Exodus 22:1–3).

The Bible then increased it to sevenfold. "*Men* do not despise a thief, if he steal to satisfy his soul when he is hungry; But *if* he be found, he

shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.” (Proverbs 6:30, 31).

The principle stated that not only seven times as much as was stolen should be restored but also that the thief be forced to give of his own substance, from his own possessions.

This is very significant, because John 10:10 says, “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.” (John 10:10).

Jesus was talking about the spiritual thief, who is Satan, and who uses many different means, such as false prophets and antichrists, to steal from the Church. Alternately, Jesus Christ comes with great abundance for us.

Using the Scriptural principles then, if we know that Satan is the thief, then we have the right to demand from his satanic kingdom the restoration of sevenfold of what has been taken.

One of the most important things that has been taken is knowledge, and particularly our heritage. Thus, many Christians have not known what riches have been left to them by former generations, and Satan has moved right in, and kept back the things that rightly belong to the Church.

It must be clear: the Earth is the Lord’s and the fulness thereof. Satan is a usurper. It is the blood-bought right of every believer to have abundance and good things.

Christians have the right to insist that the things which are theirs should come into their hands. This includes spiritual inheritance. For example, our forefathers have prayed various things and built Christian monuments. These spiritual things therefore belong to us.

Technology does not belong to Satan. Stadiums do not belong to Satan. Culture, arts, media and society do not belong to Satan. He is a usurper, a foreign invader, a perverter and polluter of good things.

Christianity won in Europe and in Britain, and was present in the families of our spiritual forebears. The churches today should not be living in defeat, and this requires that each member be built up as, “ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.” (John 8:32).

Most importantly, the riches of the world are ours for the great task of worldwide evangelism. God did not expect that it would be done on a shoestring and a prayer but in power.

Riled up or ready?

By now some people might be riled up at this message. However, we should not be weak Christians, crying about being sinners, and struggling in life, as if God were distant and mysterious. Rather, we are advocating a spiritually powerful form of Christianity, one where we are actually active sons of God on Earth.

God wants us to be willing and obedient. If people are resisting this message, then they reject the entire scope of the Scripture. This message is not some half-cocked, newfangled scheme invented by heretics interested in a following or some financial scam.

This is a message of hope, of faith in God when all things appear hopeless. When the dunghill and lack seem to triumph, then darkness is apparently prevalent.

“For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, *even* our faith.” (1 John 5:4).

Are you ready to be overcomers today? The Bible states that right now, today, is the day of salvation. We need to believe today. Not in the future, not when we see it but right now in the face of adversity.

Many Christians really need to repent of pride and selfishness because they have resisted the basic foundations of the Restitution message. It is time for Church Restitution, and those not in it will be swept aside. This is a great warning for our generation.

Better it is to come in willingly than to be forced to your knees before the work of God.

Peter's restitution message

Restitution means to pay back. It is a financial term. It is also a spiritual term. If we owe someone, we should pay them. But much more, the Christian is owed and promised a lot of things. We need to enter into this blessing.

God shows the world through Bible preaching that things He has said have already come to pass. "But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled." (Acts 3:18).

If Jesus Christ's coming is to fulfil certain prophecies, then the parts of the prophecy yet unfulfilled prior to His coming must certainly come to pass.

In addressing the Jews, Peter said, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord" (Acts 3:19).

Sins can be blotted out because Jesus already came (His first coming) but He also identifies that there are future "times of refreshing". These times of refreshing are not just one specific time, such as the Millennial reign of Christ but the word "times" is used, which is plural.

The refreshing is spoken of in Isaiah 28, meaning a time when there is an outpouring of the Spirit, for Jews to hear, and for people to grow up in the truth. Isaiah 28:11 indicates that the preaching to the Jews will not be in Hebrew but in another tongue. This points to both the Pentecostal movement, and the fact that it will be people of the Gentiles (i.e. Christians) who will preach to the Jews, and that some will begin to hear.

Since English is used, and the English-speaking Christians are the ones who know, it follows that the King James Bible is to be used in this preaching.

The Second Coming would then follow, as Peter preached, "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you" (Acts 3:20). This means that the times of refreshing must begin prior to the

Second Coming. Obviously, the Second Coming and the ensuing Millennium is also a time of refreshing.

Peter then speaks about the present time, saying, “Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.” (Acts 3:21).

Jesus is in Heaven because things must work out toward the beginning of the times of restitution upon the Earth. Notice again the plural “times”, which does not just mean the Millennial reign of Christ but already can precede that time.

Peter further indicates that the Old Testament should be full of references to this, and he quotes Moses, and says, “Yea, and all the prophets from Samuel and those that follow after, as many as have spoken, have likewise foretold of these days.” (Acts 3:24).

According to Peter, the first sign of this was with the coming of the Holy Ghost in his own time. But he looks forward, as do the prophets, not just to the resulting future Millennium but also to a preceding time of blessing for the Church in its latter days outworking in being able to effectively evangelise the Jews, which will be before the return of Christ.

(Refer to the diagram at the end of this little book, which shows that the refreshing and restitution time begins before the Second Coming.)

Abraham’s blessing

God told Abraham that he would be a blessing to all the families and nations of the Earth. What this meant is that Jesus Christ would be the means of connecting all believers, everywhere, from all nations, to the blessing of Abraham.

But Jesus came to the Jews first, “Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.” (Acts 3:25).

For a long time the Jews have resisted the idea that Jesus Christ is the Messiah and have rejected the Gospel. But the Scripture contains numerous prophecies, which give a positive view that the Jewish people will eventually be brought into Christianity.

More than that, the fact that the blessing of Abraham must reach nations means that Christ's Gospel must effectively transform whole cultures. It is not as if only a few people from every country might be saved but that it is possible for whole nations to be born again!

The Christian Gospel was able to convert the Roman Empire within 400 years. The Christian Gospel was able to bring Reformation into the northern half of Europe. How much more can the Gospel prevail across the Earth, despite the Infidelity of these latter days?

Christianity is a religion of power over sin, able to make a difference in the lives of all who believe. "Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities." (Acts 3:26).

Just as Abraham was commanded to walk perfectly, so it is that Christians are commanded to be perfect. Since it is the meek who inherit the blessing of the Earth, and the contrite whom God exalts, it follows that the change of man's nature from sinner to righteous man, is real. This is not only in the lives of Gentiles but also must be manifested in Jewish Christians with them together.

The end-times wealth transfer

"A good *man* leaveth an inheritance to his children's children: and the wealth of the sinner *is* laid up for the just." (Proverbs 13:22).

Many good things have been accomplished by our spiritual forebears, including our own natural ancestors. There is a lot owing to us, as believers.

The Bible points to a time when the wealth of the sinners is going to be transferred into the hands of the just.

Evil people may have hoarded up riches for themselves but the prophecy in Proverbs 13:22 points to a time when there will be a

release. The wealth of the world must actually come into the hands of the righteous.

James also prophesied of this coming event, saying, “GO to now, *ye* rich men, weep and howl for your miseries that shall come upon *you*. Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are motheaten. Your gold and silver is cankered; and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and shall eat your flesh as it were fire. Ye have heaped treasure together for the last days.” (James 5:1–3).

Did you catch that? The wicked rich have actually been amassing treasure for the last days, which is for the Christian advancement of the Gospel. (It takes money to get it out there!)

He goes on, describing how Christians have been made subject to the world, “Behold, the hire of the labourers who have reaped down your fields, which is of you kept back by fraud, crieth: and the cries of them which have reaped are entered into the ears of the Lord of sabaoth.” (James 5:4). The Lord of sabaoth means the Lord of hosts, of armies, of ability to make the wicked repay.

“Ye have lived in pleasure on the earth, and been wanton; ye have nourished your hearts, as in a day of slaughter. Ye have condemned *and* killed the just; *and* he doth not resist you.” (James 5:5, 6). Yes, the world has turned to debauchery and has socially persecuted Christians.

“Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.” (James 5:7).

The Lord’s coming is to be preceded by spiritual outpouring. The early rain indicates the outpouring in the Pentecostal revival, and the latter must mean the Church Restitution. Therefore, the ripening of the fulness of the fruit of the Earth was long after the days of James.

“Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh. Grudge not one against another, brethren, lest ye be condemned: behold, the judge standeth before the door.” (James 5:8, 9).

One of the important factors is the legal ramifications behind the Church Restitution. We are told that He comes with His reward with Him, to reward His saints. As a judge, He has the power to rule over the Restitution because it is demanded by His law.

Thus, justice is served in the long awaited repayment and reparations to the people of God in the latter days.

Restoration

The ministry of Jesus was centred on restoring the knowledge of the Kingdom of God. He preached, “THE Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to *them that are* bound; To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn” (Isaiah 61:1, 2).

Notice that it is good tidings for the poor, which means that they are called out of poverty. To the broken down, to the captive, to the sick, he proclaims restoration, deliverance and health.

This is in line with the manifold restoration of God: “And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.” (Joel 2:25).

We all know that there have been many robbers and spoilers, even by reason of the Christian compromise and ignorance. However, even though Christians have been deceived or have not lived in the best that God offers, this does not mean that they are always blocked from entering into a higher level. On the contrary, we must enter in.

All of the accumulated prayer of history, all of the sowing of evangelical seed, all of the good deeds must come to their reward, and a great amount is owing to the Body of Christ in the Earth today.

God warns people not to be mockers, not to resist His working, because the time has come for repair of breaches, and for the flowering again of the wilderness.

“For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people. To whom he said, This *is* the rest *wherewith* ye may cause the weary to rest; and this *is* the refreshing ...” (Isaiah 28:11, 12a).

Outpouring of the Spirit

In the restoration of God’s people, both spiritual increase of knowledge and natural prosperity comes in: “And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed.” (Joel 2:26).

To the Jews, he promises blessing, and this must also be activated in the Church, which is spiritual Israel. “And ye shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel, and *that* I *am* the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.” (Joel 2:27).

The prophet Joel then prophesied of the Spirit, saying, “And it shall come to pass afterward, *that* I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.” (Joel 2:28, 29).

Already God poured out of His Spirit on the day of Pentecost but Joel is ultimately pointing even to the Restititional blessing. While it has been rightly believed by Pentecostal preachers from the 20th century that the promise was for them, there must be still a greater level to come. This will be where there is an opening in the hearts of men for the Gospel instead of the iron reign of Infidelity (anti-God attitudes).

There is coming then, for the Church, for both converted Jews and Gentiles, even for us who believe, great spiritual insights and advances: dreams, visions, prophecies, signs, wonders and mighty deeds.

“And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever shall call on

the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.” (Joel 2:30–32).

Instead of having a pessimistic view concerning the future of the Church, Christians must have a positive one: it is the Church prophets and apostles who are associated with the great signs and wonders. It is the work of the ministry and advance of the Gospel.

The implication is that many are yet to be born again, many to be saved, as many will call upon the Lord. There is to be an explosion of evangelism and a program of national discipleship before the end of this present world.

Hence, God is going to use us in this mighty working. Yes, God wants to use you in this great resurgence.

Restoration of the gifts

Kenneth Hagin wrote a tract-sized booklet on this whole subject entitled, *The Coming Restoration* (1985). A whole section of it is dedicated to the restoration of the gifts of the Spirit.

Let’s consider a few prophetic excerpts. “God’s endtime plan includes a time of restoration of His *glory*, a time of restoration of His *power*, a time of restoration of His *gifts and ministries* to the Church.” (page 17).

He says, “I’m firmly convinced we’re going to see more of that in these end times. We’re going to move into a greater manifestation of signs and wonders than what we’ve seen before. I believe there’s going to be a revival of the supernatural.

“In Ephesians 4:11, you’ll find that when Christ ascended on High, He gave gifts to men: some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers for the perfecting — or maturing — of the Body of Christ.” (pages 17 and 18).

He then wrote, “For the Church to ever be what She ought to be, and for us to have the ministry and do the work God intended, we must have the manifestation of the fivefold ministry. We must recognise

the ministry gifts, honour them, and permit them to function in the way God wants them to function.

“We must also recognise what we call the gifts or manifestations of the Holy Spirit: the word of wisdom, the word of knowledge, faith, gifts of healings, the working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, diverse kinds of tongues, and interpretation of tongues (1 Cor. 12:8–10).

“Now notice the next verse, First Corinthians 12:11, ‘But all these worketh that one and the selfsame Spirit, dividing to every man severally as he will.’

“Notice He is not dividing the gift; He is dividing the *manifestation* of the gift.

“What we call the gifts of the Spirit belong to the Church. They have existed all the time; they have just been lying dormant. The manifestation of them is given to individual members of the Body of Christ as the Spirit wills.” (pages 18 and 19).

The advance of the Gospel

Jesus said He would build His Church. Paul also referred to himself as a wise masterbuilder in this great project. If Jesus said, “I will build my church” (Matthew 16:18), then we know He sees it personally, as His Church, that He is building it, and that it cannot fail, become extinct or be overthrown.

Christianity is not heading for extinction, nor merely surviving or retreating but the people of God must step out and go forward! Things ungodly must be as stubble, and be tread down beneath our feet, as we go forward and bring into our midst multitudes of peoples.

Jesus has commissioned us, as His witnesses, to go and bring whole nations into the Gospel: “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matthew 28:19, 20).

Jesus was not sending us on a fool's quest but on a serious mission, which we have hardly walked in at this time. What we need to have are the very words of God, so that we can observe to obey Him properly. This requires the King James Bible. Also, He promised His presence (by the Holy Ghost), and this has really been promoted by the traditional Pentecostal and Word of Faith movement.

Only with the pure Word and advancing faith would it be possible to even really be qualified and equipped to reach whole nations. The Lord speaks as if whole nations will be obedient. We should actually expect that this will happen and not just by chance but that we have to labour in this regard. Our labour is not in vain in the Lord because we can do all things through Christ which strengthens us (see Philippians 4:13). "For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." (1 Corinthians 3:9).

Infidelity has been against the building of the Church and the increase of the Kingdom of God but the power of the command of Jesus is greater than opposing forces. Christians have the spiritual authority and power to bring nations into subjection to the Gospel, which means we must be able to convert people through God's power, bringing them with us into the Kingdom of God.

Before He returns, we must have fulfilled our mission. "And the gospel must first be published among all nations." (Mark 13:10). This is not just a matter of idle preaching. We cannot put the Word out uncaringly and expect nothing is really going to happen in return. What we must expect is that we are able to communicate the true Gospel, the good Gospel of power and transformation, and see people coming in and growing up in Him.

There is a clear reason why He gave us the Holy Ghost. "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judæa, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." (Acts 1:8).

We know the Gospel impacted the local Jews, we know that it went into Samaria, and we know it affected the Roman Empire. It is still the same Gospel today, and there are many, even billions of people,

who need it. God's promise is that we are to achieve good success in what He has sent us to do.

The Gentiles hearing

Paul was first preaching to the Jews. "Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. For so hath the Lord commanded us, *saying*, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth." (Acts 13:46, 47).

The Gospel has been designed to go to the ends of the Earth. That is good news for Australia and New Zealand. The Gospel is supposed to be here, and supposed to change things.

What was the response of the people in Paul's day? "And when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed." (Acts 13:48).

We need to believe and pray that there is an expectancy among the Gentiles to hear and respond to the Gospel. After all, the Gentiles of Paul's day were just as corrupted with ungodly ideas as those of today. Myriads of uneducated, poor folk could be convinced into responding by the power of the Spirit. Even in the midst of hardened nations there must be a genuine change.

"Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and *that* they will hear it." (Acts 28:28).

Think about that. God has sent His Gospel with the promise that people will hear it.

This is also a major theme from the Old Testament, as Paul quoted, "And that the Gentiles might glorify God for *his* mercy; as it is written, For this cause I will confess to thee among the Gentiles, and sing unto thy name. And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; and laud him, all ye people. And again, Esaias saith, There shall be a root of Jesse, and

he that shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust.” (Romans 15:9–12).

What was written in the Old Testament was for us too (see Romans 15:4), and it shows that nations must come under the Gospel.

“But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith” (Romans 16:26).

This is an immensely powerful promise, and not just for the days of the Apostles or for Reformation times but is for the future as well. The main difference is that the Bible promises that the time of the end will have widespread, Earth-covering scope to bring many into the Church. When nations are obedient to the faith, that means that they have the proper Bible to follow, and they will be walking in the fulness of the Holy Ghost, accompanied with speaking in tongues.

“Now thanks *be* unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.” (2 Corinthians 2:14).

The same Gospel that triumphed through the persecution the Early Church must also triumph in the latter days. It is not right that Christians in the first centuries AD had more victory than Christians in the 21st century. It is not right that Reformers, Puritans, Methodists and early Pentecostals had more results than Christians in the 21st century.

Rather, God is calling us to far exceed and excel all of the past. “... whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel; Which is come unto you, as *it is* in all the world; and bringeth forth fruit, as *it doth* also in you, since the day ye heard *of it*, and knew the grace of God in truth” (Colossians 1:5b, 6).

In short, the Gospel is supposed to bring forth fruit. It cannot have been bringing forth fruit and then stop. But the amount of harvest must increase.

“And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached

unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.” (1 Timothy 3:16).

The Gospel of Jesus was and is preached unto the Gentiles, and most especially, believed on in the world. That is what God expects. Jesus did not die for no reason but expected to bring many sons into glory. Therefore, he wants nations to be saved.

Are you ready to be sent in your calling to be a part of it?

Due season

The will of God is to actually have the Church succeed, which means that Christians should succeed in all the godly work that they do. God’s goodwill is that salvation is available for all, so there must be labourers to bring in this harvest.

“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth. For *there is* one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus; Who gave himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.” (1 Timothy 2:4–6).

There is a due time, a set time, for reaping.

“Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.” (1 Peter 2:12).

What does the Spirit of God expect? He expects that people will actually see and hear us, that they will see our good works and that they will hear our preaching. Most wonderfully, even those who had resisted the Gospel will be forced, by reason of good things, to acquiesce. The truth is that there is a day of visitation, a due time, an outpouring of blessing. This is the great Church Restitution.

The blessing is not to be deferred to after we die, or to the future age to come with Christ Jesus but now in this time. Notice very closely that it is a present-time blessing, a present lifetime attainment: “But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and

brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.” (Mark 10:30).

Old Testament examples

There are many examples of supernatural wealth transfer in the Old Testament, such as Abraham being made rich by Pharaoh (see Genesis 13:1, 2). We also see that Isaac sowed seed in a time of famine, and he received an hundredfold to the envy of the Canaanites (see Genesis 26:12–14).

The exodus is another great example. When the Israelites left Egypt with Moses, they took the wealth of Egypt with them. The Egyptians had willingly given their precious things to the Israelites (see Exodus 12:35, 36).

Then they finally entered the promised land with Joshua, and God gave them great blessing there, as they took their inheritance.

Many times there were battles where there was great spoil. David and his men thought they lost everything at Ziklag but then they went and spoiled those who had spoiled them.

There are many more examples of this, and also prophecies about it. Concerning the wicked, we read, “Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare raiment as the clay; He may prepare *it*, but the just shall put *it* on, and the innocent shall divide the silver.” (Job 27:16, 17).

The parables of Jesus

The parables of Jesus included the idea of increase, which indicate that the Church was to wax mighty.

“And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.” (Mark 4:26–29).

This is a very important principle, because it shows that growth in time is mandatory.

“And he said, Whereunto shall we liken the kingdom of God? or with what comparison shall we compare it? *It is* like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown in the earth, is less than all the seeds that be in the earth: But when it is sown, it groweth up, and becometh greater than all herbs, and shooteth out great branches; so that the fowls of the air may lodge under the shadow of it.” (Mark 4:30–32).

Surely, the Church is supposed to be a noticeable thing, and become a great sign of the provision of God.

“And again he said, Whereunto shall I liken the kingdom of God? It is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened.” (Luke 13:20, 21).

Personal increase, Church increase and ultimately God’s total Kingdom increase is necessary, in line with the words of Jesus.

Church history

When the early Christians spread the Gospel, they were persecuted by Pagan Rome. God turned this around under Emperor Constantine, and the Church had restored to it many things.

For centuries, Christians languished under the iron tyranny of the Papacy but then God caused the Reformation, and whole countries broke free of Rome’s grip. Suddenly, all the wealth that had been locked up, such as the monasteries, was released.

When we look at the history of English-speaking nations particularly, we can see how in them was the highest form of Christianity, and how these nations excelled in blessing.

The Laodicean period

The seven churches described in Revelation 2 and 3 correspond with seven periods of Church history. The last is the Laodicean period.

Jesus describes it as a lukewarm church, saying they are neither cold nor hot. He then shows specifically what their attitude is, “Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked” (Revelation 3:17).

In the latter part of the 20th century, and into the 21st, various people would say, “We have an abundance of good teaching” and would talk about their materialistic Western lives. But whether the riches are counted as knowledge, or whether they are counted as natural wealth, many “Christians” tended to fail on both counts.

This is not the will of God. In part, it is because they adopted some form of the Communistic propaganda, which also was a throwback to Romanist monasticism, that poverty was apparently godliness.

Jesus said, “I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and *that* the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.” (Revelation 3:18).

The gold tried in fire means works based on the Holy Ghost using the true Word of God, which for us is the King James Bible. But it also indicates, by the next part, that He would actually have us rich. This is both spiritual and material or physical.

In other words, there has been great deception in the way Christians have lived, and He wants them to break out into the prosperity level. More importantly, the focus is on the heart. There needs to be a true repentance, a true coming into holiness.

Putting on the white clothing is a sign of putting on the Lord Jesus Christ and living a new way. Christians cannot live like sinners, nor can they think that perfection is impossible if they want to see great spiritual power manifested in the end times.

Anointing the eyes means having both a discerning view of matters, and also being able to interpret the Scripture properly. The Bible speaks of studying and rightly dividing (see 2 Timothy 2:15). This also advances by coming into a proper, deep understanding of Bible prophecy.

“As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent.” (Revelation 3:19).

Jesus is not writing off all Christianity but is looking for the sincere Laodicean Christian who is hot. “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.” (Revelation 3:20).

He is wanting to come in and have supper with the Christian who does things His way. This bringing of a supper is a symbol of Church Restitution. Moreover, He speaks also of supping with Him, meaning a future marriage supper of the Lamb and ultimate glory. But the first level of the Restitution is Christ’s coming in with His Holy Ghost infilling into the believer’s life, which must increase to greater orders of magnitude.

The famous 23rd Psalm states, “Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.” (Psalm 23:5).

This is not just poetry but a real prophetic blessing. The enemies are not in Heaven but are here and now on the Earth. The blessing of the supper table and the overflowing cup is for the here and now.

This means that the Christian is supposed to be having proper spiritual, mental and material success, despite persecutions. The basis of this is people having Christ in their life. Putting Jesus first is not about having some feeling, or some sort of giddy-minded experience but about practically living a holy life and accomplishing good things through godly wisdom.

The Lord’s enablement

What does it mean to sup? It means to enter in and walk on the higher level of Christianity.

“But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for *it is* he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as *it is* this day.” (Deuteronomy 8:18).

The New Testament is superior to the Old, so if Israel in the past prospered, then the Church must now prosper, spiritually with souls, mentally with revelation, and with physical health and financial prosperity. (After all, it takes resources to evangelise and disciple people.)

“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of *them* whose heart *is* perfect toward him.” (2 Chronicles 16:9a).

“For the LORD God *is* a sun and shield: the LORD will give grace and glory: no good *thing* will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. O LORD of hosts, blessed *is* the man that trusteth in thee.” (Psalm 84:11, 12).

“He giveth power to the faint; and to *them that have* no might he increaseth strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew *their* strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; *and* they shall walk, and not faint.” (Isaiah 40:29–31).

“No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue *that* shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness *is* of me, saith the LORD.” (Isaiah 54:17).

“The LORD God *is* my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds’ *feet*, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.” (Habakkuk 3:19a).

Thy God cometh

Not only do we look forward to the coming of Christ but God the Father is prophesied to intervene in the world, just as He did in the wars of old.

He comes riding on the heaven, on a swift cloud: “Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.” (Psalm 68:4).

The Psalms, Isaiah and the other prophets have many references to God's intervention into historical events. "That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, until the pit be digged for the wicked. For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance. But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it. Who will rise up for me against the evildoers? *or* who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity? Unless the LORD *had been* my help, my soul had almost dwelt in silence." (Psalm 94:13–17).

There is coming a time when He must act, when He must bestir Himself, and keep not silence for ever.

"*This* thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me. Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, *even* unto my cause, my God and my Lord. Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me. Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up. Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify *themselves* against me." (Psalm 35:22–26).

"Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him." (Psalm 50:3).

"Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward *is* with him, and his work before him." (Isaiah 62:11).

The fall of Gog

According to Ezekiel 38 and 39, an evil leader is to rise in the north. This is Gog, the ruler of Russia, and with him a great army. He will invade nations, and come into the land of Israel. Gog the leader seems to be an Infidel, while his followers include Muslims.

However, God will shake the land, and come to divinely fight against them. This is foretold in many passages.

According to Ezekiel, Joel and others, there will be a great gathering of spoil from those wicked who had intended to spoil the Jews.

The obvious display of divine power will cause many to be opened up for the Gospel, and will also allow for the beginning of the conversion of the Jews.

“Thus saith the Lord GOD; *Art* thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days *many* years that I would bring thee against them?” (Ezekiel 38:17).

The Lord speaks directly to Gog. The only way this is possible is if believers today, and the world, have access to the very words of God. How would we know what the prophets have said, unless we have a reliable and perfect Bible version?

This is coupled directly with a spiritual outpouring, both for the Jews and Gentiles. “So the house of Israel shall know that I *am* the LORD their God from that day and forward. And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity” (Ezekiel 39:22, 23a). And, “Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.” (Ezekiel 39:29).

The conversion of the Jews

The central portion of the Book of Romans describes God’s plan in regards to the conversion of the Gentiles, and the salvation of the Jews. It does not mean that all Jews from history will be saved but that the nation will be turned into a Christian nation, and that all the Jews who are left at the return of Jesus Christ will be converted prior to the Second Coming.

Paul speaks of his “kinsmen according to the flesh” (Romans 9:3b), meaning natural Jews. “Who are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of *God*, and the promises; Whose *are* the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ *came*, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.” (Romans 9:4, 5).

He then explains that the primary focus was on natural Israel with the Old Testament and with Christ's first coming but also adds the Gentiles who are to be converted, "Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they *are* not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, *are they* all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called." (Romans 9:6, 7).

This means that Christ is the seed of Abraham, and that since Gentiles are converted through Christ, those believers are also of the family.

He then said, "Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles? As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. And it shall come to pass, *that* in the place where it was said unto them, Ye *are* not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God." (Romans 9:24–27).

He then promises to intervene in history, for the salvation of his people, "For he will finish the work, and cut *it* short in righteousness: because a short work will the Lord make upon the earth." (Romans 9:28).

And Paul explains that the Gentile believers then comprise the Israel of God. "What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith." (Romans 9:30). While the Jews as a whole did not attain at that time, "But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness." (Romans 9:31).

He was therefore wanting the Jews to wake up, saying that "my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved." (Romans 10:1).

As long as the Jews resisted Christ, they would not be saved. "For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:11–

13). Thus, the way of salvation open to Gentiles and Jews was the same.

After this manner, the Gentiles would be instrumental in helping to convert the Jews, for now that Gentiles were becoming Christians, Jews would (after a long time beyond the Early Church times) also become Christians.

“So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. But I say, Have they not heard? Yes verily, their sound went into all the earth, and their words unto the ends of the world. But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by *them that are* no people, *and* by a foolish nation I will anger you. But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.” (Romans 10:17–20).

The prophecy points to the fact that specifically a “foolish nation” would preach to the Jews.

But beyond this witness, there must be believing at some time, for “I SAY then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, *of* the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew.” (Romans 11:1, 2a).

Paul showed that there was yet the potential for Jews to be saved, “Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.” (Romans 11:5).

He explained that a spiritual blindness was on the Jews. “What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.” (Romans 11:7, 8).

And the Holy Ghost then revealed why the Gentiles were being converted: “I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but *rather* through their fall salvation *is come* unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy. Now if the fall of them *be*

the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?” (Romans 11:11, 12).

If the Jews resisted, it was so that the Gentiles could come into Christ. The Gentiles came in, so as to bring the Jews in. Just as the fulness of the Gentiles was to come in, the increase of all would be for the Jews to come in. This would be a boon for the Church on a spiritual level but also linked to prosperity on the natural. This prosperity is not only to be manifest in the Millennial reign of Christ but also in the beginning of the times of Restitution, which is to occur prior to the Translation of the Saints. Thus, the Jews begin to come back in to make up with the Gentiles “a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing” (see Ephesians 5:27), fit to be with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul’s desire to bring in the Gentiles was indeed for the purpose to bring in the Jews. He knew that if the Jews were the original chosen, than the whole enterprise of the Gospel with the Gentiles, and finally both Jews and Gentiles together in one, must surely be blessed.

“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.” (Romans 11:25).

Hence, the great prophecy of natural Israel’s conversion: “And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob” (Romans 5:26).

And then the Jews will indeed be part of the New Testament, “For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.” (Romans 11:27).

The great mission of the Church is not only to advance the Gospel in the world but to also be focused on converting and bringing in the Jews to the fellowship: “For as ye in times past have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief: Even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy.” (Romans 11:30, 31).

God's plan is that the mercy which He has shown the Gentiles should also be shown to Jews to bring them in. Currently, very few of the Jews are Christians. "For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all." (Romans 11:32).

The inroads of the preaching to the Jews is directly alluded to in the Scripture, starting with the fall of Gog, and with the opening of Jewish hearts to the power of the Spirit of God.

The gift

So, who is this foolish nation who are to preach to the Jews?

We can see that it is believers coming from the rising of the sun, which will be English-speaking preachers who come in Pentecostal power, bringing the King James Bible.

"In that time shall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts of a people scattered and peeled, and from a people terrible from their beginning hitherto; a nation meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the LORD of hosts, the mount Zion." (Isaiah 18:7).

In the past, commentators have expressed difficulty in understanding this passage but once the Church Restitution is understood, it is possible to also discern it in other places in the Scripture.

Infidelity

Thomas Paine, after the French Revolution, proclaimed, "I do not believe in the creed professed by the Jewish church, by the Roman church, by the Greek church, by the Turkish church, by the Protestant church, nor by any church that I know of. My own mind is my own church.

"All national institutions of churches, whether Jewish, Christian or Turkish, appear to me no other than human inventions, set up to terrify and enslave mankind, and monopolise power and profit." (*Age of Reason*, part 1, section 1).

That is the ugly reality of Infidelity. It hates God's ways, it hates the Bible and it hates good doctrine. Infidelity says, "My own mind is my own church", because it believes that man owns himself, and may worship himself.

This spirit of Infidelity is behind all manner of lies, such as, the false doctrine of "faith versus reason", the erroneously applied doctrine of "separation of Church and State" and "human rights".

It goes further. Infidelity is the grounds for all kinds of false sciences, like evolution and psychiatry, false history, and an array of political ideologies like Communism, Socialism, Fascism and Greenism.

You can see that Infidelity is right there pushing the whole social shift of sex, drugs and deviant "art".

"Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things. Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves" (Romans 1:22-24).

Infidelity leads to all sorts of bestial behaviour, because they have thrown off the constraints of godliness.

Spirit of error

The spirit of error uplifts error over truth, making truth the servant of error. Many Christians have been tainted with this wrong precept, saying that God has willed to work in such a way.

They make salvation weak, rather than strong, saying that all are yet subject to sin, even though the Bible clearly promotes Christian perfection (e.g. Matthew 1:21, Matthew 5:48, Acts 3:26, 1 John 3:9, etc.)

Those promoting error will say that the Holy Ghost cannot work today the same as He did in the Early Church.

There are those who say that between the time the Bible was first

written and today, the process of copying, and of translation, has allowed error to come in, which cannot be resolved. The reality is that all-powerful God who inspired must also be able to cause the recovery of His Word, and speak to the latter generation today.

Further, and most dangerously, the entire field of modern Bible interpretation is set up that divides between the present time and the past when the Bible was written. They say that there are linguistic, cultural and historical differences between the present and the time when the Bible was first written, so it is impossible to fully understand what the Bible was saying. This is a major problem which tends to make the words of God of none effect.

“For this commandment which I command thee this day, it *is* not hidden from thee, neither *is* it far off. It *is* not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? Neither *is* it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it? But the word *is* very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.” (Deuteronomy 30:11–14).

The defeat of Infidelity

Psalm 12 describes a time when proud men are exalted, when they speak lies and speak against the Word of God. This is certainly describing the modern period when Infidelity has seemed to prevail.

Yet God has promised to preserve His people and His words. The pure words are in the King James Bible, whereas Higher Criticism, modernism, modern versions, doubt and unbelief puff against it.

“THIS know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.” (2 Timothy 3:1).

The peril is not merely that people may be killed or martyred for the faith. Many people have been spiritually killed by the high level of unbelief and scoffing at religion. People who make any kind of stand, who are in any way true to Christ, are socially ostracised in many societies. The Bible is ridiculed and the Church is viewed with contempt.

Yet modern men, whether by their godless theories (like evolution) or in their carnal quest to recover the Bible (rejection of the perfect King James Bible), are “Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (2 Timothy 3:7).

Paul immediately describes the future of the carnal brethren, backsliders and the infidels of the world: “Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith. But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all *men*, as theirs also was.” (2 Timothy 3:8, 9).

It is evident that a great defeat of Infidelity is coming! “For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set *him* in safety *from him that puffeth at him*.” (Psalm 12:5).

It is time to rejoice, because there is a change happening.

The cleansing of the sanctuary

There are many references to the Church being the spiritual temple in the New Testament. Various Old Testament passages referring to the sanctuary and other forms of Levitical practice find a New Testament spiritual fulfilment.

“And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean *thing*; and I will receive you” (2 Corinthians 6:16, 17).

Because worldliness, compromise, wrong doctrines and the influence of Infidelity have come into the Church, there needs to be a purging out. “For the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if *it* first *begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?” (1 Peter 4:17).

Infidelity cannot prevail in history because God has stipulated that it

must come to an end. When Gog falls, according to Ezekiel 38 and 39, there will be a blow against all the atheists who said that there is no God. Furthermore, there is to be an outpouring of the Spirit upon all flesh, and this both for the Jews and the Gentiles. “So the house of Israel shall know that I *am* the LORD their God from that day and forward. And the heathen shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity” (Ezekiel 39:22, 23a). And, “Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord GOD.” (Ezekiel 39:29).

According to Daniel 8, there must be a cleansing of the sanctuary in line with the fall of Gog. This means that the Church is to be purged, and the major incursion has been the transgressors. Transgression simply means to violate God’s law. That is the spirit of Infidelity, which has made its inroads into the Church, causing vast lukewarmness.

In Daniel 11, the progress of Gog is thwarted, and there is a promised victory for the people of God, who are to immerge purged and purified from this time of testing. Directly related is the beginning of the conversion of the Jews, since Gog’s fall is in Israel.

John’s Revelation describes a battle between the spirit of Christ and the spirit of Antichrist, which is the Word of God versus wickedness, which is the King James Bible versus Infidelity.

Restoration for the Pentecostal remnant

Christianity has suffered from a decline in numbers, a decline in doctrine and a decline in power. Pentecostalism once had healings, holiness and miracles but slid away.

Smith Wigglesworth prophesied in the early days of the movement, “I believe that this Pentecostal revival that we are now in is the best thing that the Lord has on the earth today, and yet I believe that God has something out of this that is going to be still better.” (*The Gifts of Healing and the Working of Miracles*, 1923). And, “I can see even in this Pentecostal work, except we see there is a real death, God will say to us, ‘Come out.’ Unless Pentecost wakes up to shake herself free from all worldly things ... we will hear the voice of God, ‘Come out’ and He will have something far better than this. I ask every one of

you, will you hear the voice of God and come out?" (*The Appointed Hour*, 1922).

Their doctrines have been watered down, they have cast out truth from the midst, rejected God's people, embraced modern versions, compromised with Romanism and joined up with the world.

Elijah thought he was the only prophet of God left when surrounded by compromise in Israel, but God told him that there was a faithful remnant.

"Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life." (Romans 11:3).

The killing done by the modernist Christians and by the infidels is not literal, but consists of character assassination, social exclusion and other such ideological warfare.

"But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to *the image of Baal*." (Romans 11:4).

It is very heartening for believers to realise that there are figuratively 7000 others just like us, reserved to the work and plan of God, "Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace." (Romans 11:5).

As to those in compromise, He says, "I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did evil before mine eyes, and chose *that* in which I delighted not." (Isaiah 66:4).

But to the believers He says, "Hear the word of the LORD, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the LORD be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed. A voice of noise from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of the LORD that rendereth recompence to his enemies." (Isaiah 66:5, 6).

There is a recompense, a reward, a great blessing for the faithful. And

it is the work of God.

“Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man child. Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? *or* shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut *the womb*? saith thy God.” (Isaiah 66:7–9).

There is a birthing of a new thing, which is the old thing come again, the culmination of all Christian activities: every prayer, every seed sown, every good thing must come to harvest.

The positive view

Many Christians have viewed the world as getting worse, particularly since the 19th century. However, this is not altogether wrong, in that the world lies in wickedness (see 1 John 5:19). But there has been a defeatist, pessimistic view of the Church and Christianity as though truth is becoming extinct.

“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, *even* to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.” (Daniel 12:4).

In history, two trends have been noticeable, as prophesied by Daniel. The first is that people are able to travel widely (e.g. the jet age). Second is that knowledge has increased (e.g. the internet).

This must also mean that people are able to come to truth, and that Christian knowledge is compounding (i.e. the accumulation of Christian activity in history).

“Behold, the days come, saith the Lord GOD, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD: And they shall wander from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the LORD, and shall not find *it*.” (Amos 8:11, 12).

It is not as if the Word of God is absent but that many had willingly rejected it, “For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with *their* eyes, and hear with *their* ears, and understand with *their* heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them.” (Acts 28:27).

However, that negative view is overcome by a promise of victory: “For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.” (Habakkuk 2:14).

That is not just a promise for a future Millennium to come but a promise of the advance of the Christian Gospel.

So, while it is true that there is a period of Infidelity, this is not going to prevail all the way to the Translation of the Saints but there is Christian power to reach the nations.

“And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.” (Matthew 24:12).

People have taken the pessimistic view, as though the Gospel cannot prevail, and this is what they have seen with their eyes.

“But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.” (Matthew 24:13).

Enduring to the end is a powerful thing, and it is not as if antichrist is arising above, or that evil is prevailing over the saints. Many have gone off into misguided doctrines with a defeatist viewpoint because they have thought that Christians must suffer until either the Translation of the Saints, or (for those who wrongly deny the Rapture) until the Second Coming in glory.

But Jesus showed that the Gospel must prevail, and that there must be a latter days period of blessing for the saints. This is something which Postmillennialists have said, and this part of their teaching is true. However, there is a literal Millennium to come from the time of Christ’s Second Coming.

Prior to that blessed time, “this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.” (Matthew 24:14).

Before the Tribulation begins, and after the Fall of Gog, there must be a period of world history where the Church rises up in a compounding of anointing and effectualness, reaching the world with the Gospel, and converting whole nations.

On the last page of this little book is a diagram which shows the timeframe of the blessing, both leading up to the Translation of the Saints, and also in the Millennium. The victory of the Church Restitution is the Translation of the Saints, the Rapture. Jesus is coming for a powerful, overcoming, cleansed Church.

The patience of the saints

“Here is the patience of the saints: here *are* they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.” (Revelation 14:12).

Christians have had to endure patiently when there were apparently little results, and where iniquity and Infidelity abounded all around. This was the difficult time from the middle of the 20th century into the 21st.

Relatively few believers adhered to the King James Bible (the commandments of God), and relatively few accepted the genuine Word of Faith teachings (the faith of Jesus).

“And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed *are* the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.” (Revelation 14:13).

Many Christians think that there seems to be an end of truth, particularly after the beginning of the 21st century. But the Lord promises that the works do follow, the seed sown must come to harvest, that there are overturns of the world’s works, and that there is spiritual breakthrough and triumph.

John saw a vision of the last days Church in glory: “And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud *one* sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped.” (Revelation 14:14–16).

The Restitution is about reaping all the good spiritual seeds of history, of the receiving in of blessing of accumulated prayer, of a harvest of souls, of a great financial prosperity of the Church.

In former days, great men of God laboured to build up doctrines, and this heritage is afforded to the present time.

“Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest. And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together. And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth. I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.” (John 4:35–38).

Believers today enter into the harvest of what has been sown, and are integral to God’s overall project of building His Church.

“I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God’s husbandry, *ye are* God’s building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 3:6–11).

What about apostasy and darkness?

Christians have been called to be lights in the world, a city set on a hill which cannot be hid. What He says in His Word must come to pass. “ARISE, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the LORD is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the LORD shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.” (Isaiah 60:1, 2).

The light of the Gospel really will shine and be seen through the world. And what glorious effects does this have? Conversions, prosperity, good things, miracles, resurrections!

“And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: all they gather themselves together, they come to thee: thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be nursed at *thy* side. Then thou shalt see, and flow together, and thine heart shall fear, and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be converted unto thee, the forces of the Gentiles shall come unto thee.” (Isaiah 60:3–5).

The spirit of antichrist cannot hold back the light. The world cannot hold back the Gospel. Satan cannot prevail over the Church.

“And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” (1 John 4:3, 4).

The Biblical reality is that Jesus is not returning for a prostitute Church. He asks if He will find faith in the Earth. The answer is, Yes!

According to the parable of the sower, one out of the four grounds grew up the seed to abundance. That would indicate that a quarter of the Earth’s population should be able to believe. Moreover, according to Jesus, half of the world’s adult population is to be raptured at the Translation of the Saints!

“But of that day and hour knoweth no *man*, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe *were*, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.” (Matthew 24:36–39).

Noah was preparing but yet enjoying the prosperity of marriage, food and blessings of the Earth. He and his children did not sway from their righteous cause, just because they were prospering and marrying.

The world was filled with violence and yet Noah was able to build an ark, and be a preacher to the antediluvian (pre-Flood) world. God had caused Noah to be a mighty man, so that his message reached the entire population.

The world too, was eating and drinking and marrying but in ignorance, and in hardness of heart to the warnings of the coming judgment.

The point is that if people are watchful, they can eat, drink and marry but many obviously are caught up in spiritual blindness and worldly-mindedness.

“Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season? Blessed *is* that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.” (Matthew 24:45–47).

The wise believers are those who enter into the power, prosperity and blessings in the present time but as for truth, to serve in the house of God, to cause the Word of God to be delivered to the people in due season. They are watchful and faithful.

The very grave warning is that in the day of prosperity for the saints, in the time of the outpouring of the Spirit, in the abounding success of the Gospel, some can then be distracted, and depart from the faith:

“But and if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; And shall begin to smite *his* fellowservants, and to eat and drink with the drunken; The lord of that servant shall come in a day when he looketh not for *him*, and in an hour that he is not aware of, And shall cut him asunder, and appoint *him* his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” (Matthew 24:48–51).

The dominion mandate

“So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.” (Genesis 1:27, 28).

When we teach doctrine, it is good to begin with Genesis, because many of the principles of Scripture are found right there which are foundational to the rest of the Bible.

In Genesis we see man given power and authority on Earth. But there is also a spiritual meaning, not only have mankind been blessed naturally, to have children and so on, but also to have spiritual children.

Evangelism is commanded and blessed. Christian progress is commanded and blessed. When he said, “Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it”, we can understand a New Testament sense in those words, one about Christians reaching the nations with the Gospel of Christ.

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.” (Matthew 28:18).

Jesus has all power and authority, reminding us what Adam was given, and Jesus has given it us. Believers are commanded to go and do things in that power. Our Christian lives must be part of a Spirit-led Church-wide move that is reaching the world.

The world has been divided up into convenient portions. These are

the nations. The Gospel must reach them all, but according to Jesus, some will be taught, baptised and observing the ways of Christ. The Church and Christians in the Church are empowered for successful national evangelisation.

Love in action

The Gospel and actions of the Gospel must be borne of love. The Gospel itself is, of course, a message of love.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.” (John 3:16, 17).

He believed that the world could be saved, though not that the world itself would fully saved, nor every last person. But there is enough power to get people saved, rather than an Gospel that has been ineffectual among the nations who were rife with Infidel thoughts and words.

Jesus died to potentially save all, though not all will believe (see Romans 3:22). Jesus preaches to the nations by the Church (see Ephesians 2:17). And we are called and empowered to love as a central manifestation of Gospel.

“A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.” (John 13:34). “By this shall all *men* know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” (John 13:35). “This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.” (John 15:12). “These things I command you, that ye love one another.” (John 15:17). And many other verses.

Commanding authority

A Roman centurion came to Jesus one day. He said, “Wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say in a word, and my servant shall be healed. For I also am a man set under authority, having under me soldiers, and I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do

this, and he doeth *it*. When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned him about, and said unto the people that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole that had been sick.” (Luke 7:7–8).

The centurion recognised that Jesus’ word was authority. Jesus was willing to speak and to heal the servant. The centurion said that he understood how authority works, “I say unto one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth *it*.” (Luke 7:8b).

Jesus has given us power to speak, and faith is the power. We speak and it happens, based on our acknowledging of the authority of the name of Jesus.

“And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.” (Mark 11:22). Believing God has given us the authority is vital as we step out doing the deeds of the Gospel.

“For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.” (Mark 11:23).

Christians must speak and believe, believing what they speak is so. This must be based on the Spirit of God and in line with the Word of God.

Mountains symbolise obstacles and problems. Christians can agree together in prayer and get those things out of the way.

“Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive *them*, and ye shall have *them*.” (Mark 11:24).

Often this is taught as a personal perspective, that any Christian can do this. But the emphasis of Jesus was actually on more than one believer in agreement doing this, by His use of the plural pronoun “ye”.

Be patient

After we make a stand of faith, we must have patience. For example, we can be praying for the opening up of the Gospel with certain people or groups of people. We can be praying for help, equipment or any such thing in the help of the advance of the Gospel.

There are many situations in life and many reasons why we can and would be praying in faith, knowing that God supplies our need and that in Him we shall not want.

When we pray, we believe we receive. But not always do we see the manifestation. The Bible commands, “Wait on the LORD: be of good courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.” (Psalm 27:14).

Do not give up! Consider the example of Abraham. “That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. For when God made promise to Abraham, because he could swear by no greater, he sware by himself, Saying, Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. And so, after he had patiently endured, he obtained the promise.” (Hebrews 6:12–15).

You see, there is a trying of your faith, because there are temptations for Christians to give up, to let go. But we must be sure, certain and enduring in our faith. “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.” (James 1:2–4).

Christianity is not fighting to get the victory, but is the fight to keep the victory. It is a good fight, because we are resting in the assured victory, even if troubles are all around us. Troubles or negative things can “speak” saying that it is not done, that the prayer of faith has accomplished nothing. But we are to resist that, because it is a lie.

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” (Proverbs 3:5, 6).

“Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb.” (Psalm 37:1, 2).

In Infidel times, people have seen the wicked prospering, and the righteous languish. But the Bible says not to worry, not to be stirred up in fear by this.

Instead, He gives us great and precious promises:

“Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring *it* to pass. And he shall bring forth thy righteousness as the light, and thy judgment as the noonday. Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for him” (Psalm 37:3–7a).

We are not waiting to see if God will do it, we are not waiting to see if God is going to do something. No! We are expecting, we are ready, we are trusting in Him, because He does bring it to pass.

“Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.” (Hebrews 10:35, 36).

When all is dark, when all seems as if nothing is happening, in fact, the Lord is at work. “For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith: but if *any man* draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.” (Hebrews 10:37, 38).

Again, “Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain. Be ye also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draweth nigh.” (James 5:7, 8).

Three sources of income

Financial blessings may be drawn from at least three sources, which are to be understood so that the relevant promises are invoked.

First, that Satan the thief must be forced to repay in full from His kingdom and from the world. “But *if* he be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.” (Proverbs 30:31). Thus, the wealth of the world is to come into the hands of the righteous.

Second, those who labour in the gospel, and those who lay aside things of the world, should receive abundantly now in this time, “And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name’s sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.” (Matthew 19:29).

Third, in the Kingdom of God there is a law that what people do or give comes back multiplied. “Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all *men*, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.” (Galatians 6:7–10).

Australia, New Zealand and Oceania

Oceania (and Antarctica) broadly comprises an area one quarter of the surface of planet Earth. Much of this area is sea. Of the land, vast portions of Australia are desert, and Antarctica is perpetually covered with ice and snow. In the vast Pacific Ocean are many small islands. But the most significant islands of the Pacific are the serene lands of New Zealand. The biggest, and most important inhabited area is the vast tracts of lands of Australia.

Australia is the most dominant power within the region, but the greatest historical influences were the British and, from the Second World War, the Americans. Even though other European nations

have had some influence into the region, notably the French, it is ultimately the English culture which predominates.

The founder of Christianity sent His Word to the uttermost parts of the Earth. After its arrival, it was not to fall dormant or die without any future prospects. Instead, strange promises were to be enacted, “All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.” (Psalm 22:27).

Over and again the Scripture points to the knowledge of God coming from the rising of the sun, and being known in the islands, “The isles saw *it*, and feared; the ends of the earth were afraid, drew near, and came.” (Isaiah 41:5). That is to say, that they acknowledged God and His ways, when they had not known it.

The result would be that this people would come to the Jews, “But I say, Did not Israel know? First Moses saith, I will provoke you to jealousy by *them that are* no people, *and* by a foolish nation I will anger you. But Esaias is very bold, and saith, I was found of them that sought me not; I was made manifest unto them that asked not after me.” (Romans 10:19, 20). This meaning that the Christian people who would help Israel in the end would be rather unlikely candidates, a people roused to great purposes not before known to them.

Australia needs to be restored just as Christianity needs to enter into its restitution. But instead of striving for either as separate, the aims of both can be the same. Australia should grow and excel by the reinvigoration of Christianity, and the blessed nation should be a great means of furthering the high notions of truth to the nations.

Get qualified

You do not need to go to any kind of institution of learning or training or get any special certificate to step out in this area.

What you do need to do, however, is to match up with God’s standard.

His Christian command is, “That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful

lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” (Ephesians 4:22–24).

You need to be armed with the mind of Christ, living after the Spirit. God cannot bless a rebel, one who will not yield to Him.

Being renewed in the spirit of our mind means that we are washed with the Word of God, and that we are presenting our lives before Him as a living sacrifice (see Romans 12:1, 2). This is a life where we are no longer living for ourselves but it is Christ living through us (see Galatians 2:20).

Put on the new man means to live after God first, and then all other things will fall into place. Sins must fall away from us for we are to be holy, separate, set apart. Therefore, as we set our affection on Him, the habits of sin must fall away because wrong thinking will be flushed out.

We are then to walk in the Spirit. It is a journey. There are obstacles in life, and there is persecution. Things come to try our faith. But it is important that we have faith and know that we have been given the victory. Our labour is not in vain.

A prophetic word

George Stormont, in his 1989 biography about Pentecostal pioneer Smith Wigglesworth, recorded, “A week before his death [in 1947], Wigglesworth prophesied again ... This time, he foretold a second move of the Spirit. The first move would bring the restoration of the gifts of the Spirit; the second would bring a revival of emphasis on the Word of God. He said, ‘When these two moves of the Spirit combine, we shall see the greatest move the Church of Jesus Christ has ever seen.’” (page 123).

This is an important word, because there has been a restoration of the gifts of the Spirit, particularly in connection with the Word of Faith movement.

Second, there has been a raising up of the authority of the Word of God centring on the King James Bible Only movement.

But the real key is to see the two combined together in a Word and Spirit movement.

The ministry gifts have been given “For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we *henceforth* be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, *and* cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, *even* Christ” (Ephesians 4:13–15).

The unity of the faith means having faith doctrine. The Church must be built on the foundation of first having a perfect Bible, and then allowing the cleansing to take place. “That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.” (Ephesians 5:26, 27).

Kenneth Hagin wrote in his *The Believer’s Authority* (1993), “The Word of God is from the Spirit of God: Holy men of old wrote it. The Word of God is of utmost importance. But you’ll never understand it with your head; you must understand it with your heart. Don’t put the Spirit above the Word. Put the Word first and the Spirit second, and you’ll be safe. The well-known Pentecostal editor Stanley Frodsham, the author of Smith Wigglesworth’s biography, brought out the fact that Wigglesworth was, first of all, a man of God’s Word, and, second, a man filled with the Spirit of God. That’s an excellent combination.” (page 49).

Confession and prayers

In his tract-sized *The Coming Restoration*, Kenneth Hagin wrote, “I believe there’s going to be a tidal wave of glory that’s going to sweep all nations right into the kingdom in these last days! You can receive a fresh anointing right now! CONFESSON: Thank You, Lord, for the rain—the outpouring of the Holy Ghost—the early and the latter rain. Thank You, Lord, for the harvest—the precious fruit of the

earth. The revival is not coming. The new wave is not coming. The revival—the refreshing—is here now! And I'm in it. And I walk in it. And I'm a part of it. And I'll continue to be a part of it. And the work of God will be done.” (page 25).

Father, I cease not to give thanks for my brothers and sisters in Christ, making mention of them in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of our understanding being enlightened; that we may know what is the hope of his calling, and what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: And has put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church (including me), Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Father, I thank you for your promises to me in the Word of God. I thank you for the presence of your Spirit. And now I take up issue with the devil. I identify him as the thief who has stolen from me this thing In the name of Jesus Christ, I demand of him the return and sevenfold of that thing. Right now, in the name of Jesus Christ, I expect the spoiling of the substance of the things of his house. They're mine, it belongs to me, and in the name of Jesus Christ I take it. The Earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof, and Satan is a usurper. Bless God, I spoil the devil's house and take what's legally mine. There is a restoration to me for all the things that have been taken, and sevenfold blessing. I thank you God for it, in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.

Conclusion

This is only the beginning. This little book cannot go into the great meat of the Word of God in this subject: but we are all commanded to study and to pray. Make sure you do not walking in pride, nor slide into sin as you wait for the Lord's full coming.

There are many good things to learn, and for some background, it is recommended to glean the good things from the teaching of Smith Wigglesworth, Kenneth E. Hagin and Keith Moore.

Pastor Craig Savige has also encouraged this message, and the doctrine of the Church Restitution is taught in Victory Faith Centre, Geelong, Australia.

The Lord has given me understanding in this area of the Church Restitution, and you also have the opportunity to sow financially into this ministry, and thank you for your prayers. Go to the Bible Protector website, www.bibleprotector.com for more information.



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