

PREPARE! PREPARE!

It's Coming! It's Coming! It's Coming! It's Coming!
The latter rain is coming! The latter rain is coming!
The latter rain is coming! The latter rain is coming!
It's coming in great storms! It's coming in a deluge!
It will fill My prepared children, running over!
It will seek out the needy and the hungry!
It will be joy and peace! It will be joy and peace!
It will be glory! It will be a river that no man
can cross in the hearts of My people!
But it will not bring great outward appearances.
It will be inward,—in the heart! in the bowels! in
the mind! in the physical!—
In gracious gifts of love, benignance, sweetness,
consideration, harmlessness.
The prophetic gifts of the Spirit shall be in pro-
fusion.
My word shall be precious! My word shall be glo-
rious!
It shall loosen the prisoner! It shall liberate the
bound!
It shall heal the sick! It shall cause the wicked
to flee!
It shall cause the righteous to rejoice!
It shall start My great work of recreating this
whole earth from one end to another! till the
curse is driven back and righteousness covers
the earth, and peace fills the hearts of men!
But great catastrophies! great disasters! by sea and
by land! national upheavals will come!
The great and mighty, who sit in the seat of the
rulers of the nations, and those who sit over
My people, and turn aside to lucre, and lust
and fame—for I will no longer allow them to
practice their wicked ways and turn aside My
people from Me.—Therefore, oh, ye great ones!
humble your hearts and repent quickly!
Lest I come upon you suddenly and destroy you!
Also, ye pleasure lovers! I speak to you!
Beware and repent, for I shall soon sweep you away
in a storm of My wrath! except ye humble
and return to Me and forsake your ways!

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I INTRODUCTION

IN the beginning when Adam was created, God made him to be entirely under the control of His Spirit.

2 Not that he was trammelled or in any way out of liberty. This was his normal state.

3 He was at home in the Spirit as a fish is at home in the sea.

4 The whole plan of the atonement is to restore man and the creation to their normal and original state, with additional blessings of higher privilege.

5 Over and again God's effort with man has tended to bring him back. But the denseness of man and the wiles of Satan have prevented the great major plan of God.

6 For this purpose is the pentecostal outpouring of the Spirit.

7 As man in his broken state is incapable of sustaining in a life of fulness of Spirit power, such as Adam sustained, God devised the plan of gifts of the Spirit,

8 Which are broken off parts of Spirit activities, to be divided to different individuals.

9 The mass of this baptized gifted body brought into one accord and operated through the Spirit is the body of Christ,

10 Equalling the state of Adam, and on occasion excelling, for the second man Adam is greater than the first.

11 This Spirit filled and controlled body operating here in this world is The Church.

12 No other body but one functioning in the Spirit can properly be called The Church.

II RISE AND PROGRESS IN THE CHURCH STATE

1 Previous to birth there is existence but no sense relation to environment.

2 Birth into this world ushers into the beginning of a state of sense relationship to environment. So we become a citizen of this world.

3 The new birth brings one into a conscious relation to the supernatural world.

4 In the natural world are families, communities and nations.

5 In the supernatural, is the church, the manchild and the innumerable company.

6 In the natural state the head, the intelligent, reasoning and willing power, directs and controls the activities of each member. Without motion from the head the members do not act.

7 In the supernatural realm Christ is Head. Without motion from Him the members do not act.

8 Natural activities are sometimes intruded upon by disease or demon power. Then there is activity that is injurious and out of order.

9 So too there has come into the Church, activities of man and unholy powers that have displaced the work of Christ the Head, until The Church is fallen and become the Babylon of Revelation.

10 So ignorant are men of the real Church that they remain palsied, leprous and insane, often resorting to natural remedies in vain.

11 Even so the professed Church is devoid, impotent and ever seeking hurtful and useless remedies, neglecting and forgetting Christ her true Head. Thus her progress has been backward and downward.

12 But there is a mighty call coming forth to the people of God, to separate themselves from all man-made church machinery and return unto Christ the true Head, coming into His body and each member functioning in His place in the supernatural Church of Jesus Christ.

13 A careful consideration of these statements will open to the minds of those who ask for My Spirit to teach them, that My people have wandered far from ME and MY fold.

14 A child when born into this world is ignorant, helpless and mentally inactive.

15 One born into the church is a mere babe in spirituals.

16 Therefore the need of care and training is very great. So the Church should be a nursery of tenderest care.

III RISE AND PROGRESS OF THE CHURCH

1 The Church as a body is God's workshop. It is the place of His operation.

2 Every operation must have a power behind it to produce that movement.

3 The source of all activity in the Church is the power of God manifested in the movement of the Holy Ghost.

4 All power of man is therefore an intrusion.

5 The workings of the Spirit are internal, invisible and spiritual. But they are not confined to the inner man.

6 They are outward and visible in the body of man, because our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost.

7 The motion of the Spirit in voice or outward members, is called prophecy—God speaking or acting by the mouth or members of man.

8 Action in the Church is by the gifts of the Spirit.

9 When one is baptized in the Spirit, they are set into the body of Christ, being endowed each with his speaking gift or gift of the Spirit.

10 In order that the body should grow up into Christ in all things and be compacted together, every joint and member must supply its individual part.

11 The nature and existence of the Church of Jesus Christ is of such a glorious heavenly nature, it is wholly distinct and different from those man made institutions called churches.

12 Alas! Alas! That man should be so deceived that he could produce such substitutes for the true, Divine and glorious body of Jesus Christ.

13 But the hour is at hand for God to

restore His Church in power and glory. Happy those people who find their way into it.

14 The beginning of the Church operation is set up in every baptized one and its work the work of the Spirit.

15 If recognized and given way to, it would soon bring forth the Church in clear working order. But these movings of the Spirit have been quenched and neglected.

IV WHAT THE CHURCH IS AND WHAT IT IS NOT

1 The Church is not founded on doctrine, but on the Living Jesus Christ.

2 The conduct of the Church is not by the wisdom of man, but by the power of God.

3 The Church is not properly an invisible mass of the children of God scattered among the institutions of men, called churches or by other names.

4 But the Church is a discoverable body, functioning and operating by the power of God and movements of the Holy Spirit through its members.

5 The Church is not invisible in the sense that it cannot be perceived, but it is so different from all other institutions that it may be readily recognized.

6 The Church is not a natural institution, but wholly supernatural.

7 It does not work by the will of man, but by the several gifts of the Spirit.

8 It is not a legislative body, making laws for His people. Jesus Christ by the

Holy Spirit governs, directs, controls and is its Law.

9 Controversy, discussion, division, parties and sectarianism are not parts of the CHURCH of Jesus Christ, but only an intrusion.

10 Man has no right to say what shall be done in the Church, except he be told of the Spirit in each particular.

11 Disfellowshipping one for doctrinal differences is of the flesh.

12 Doctrinal differences arise from man's judgment, and not from the Spirit of God.

13 For God is love, and there is an attraction in Jesus Christ which draws men together.

14 The closer one is drawn to Jesus, the greater the attraction toward Him.

15 Therefore if God's children draw closer to Jesus they must of necessity be closer to each other.

16 Jesus, as the Center Magnet, draws everything spiritual to Himself. The more spiritual one is the more the attraction toward Jesus.

17 So the more spiritual you are the more will your heart burn with love for your brethren and be drawn to them.

V HOW CHRIST IS THE FOUNDATION OF THE CHURCH

1 Jesus Christ is the Beginning, the Foundation, the Starter, the Originator of all creation, natural or supernatural.

2 Aaron had a rod which budded. Naturally it was but a dead stick. But the supernatural touch of Jesus Christ made it to show life.

3 Spiritually man is but a dead stick, but the touch of Jesus Christ causes life to manifest.

4 This spiritual life operating in individuals causes to coordinate. Compacted operation becomes the spiritual body which is called the body of Christ, or the Church.

5 In the chemistry of nature all substances may be resolved into primary elements.

6 Jesus Christ is the essence, the substance and primary element, the substructure of all creation, the very proceeding creative manifestation of the Almighty God, the Eternal Word.

7 When a man is born again he is born of an incorruptible seed, even the Word of God, the proceeding essence and energy of Jesus Christ.

8 The Word is Spirit and life. As in the creation the Spirit brooded over the unformed and void conditions, so the Spirit proceeding from Jesus Christ hovers over the people of God, bringing Divine order among His people, forming them into His body the Church.

9 God operating through Jesus Christ the Administrator, imparts the Spirit to His children, bestowing the gifts severally.

10 The Holy Spirit is the essence, the

substance, the life of God proceeding from the Head, Jesus Christ.

11 He proceeding from the Head by joints and bands nourishes the body the Church so that as a body it grows up into Him.

12 As the hand, the stomach, the blood or other members of the body perform their functions for all the members of the body, so it is in the body spiritual.

13 Independent operations in members of the body of Christ are no more in place than they would be in the natural body.

14 But all, united to Christ, operate together in love, grace and power of the Spirit for the good of all.

VI THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH OR WHAT IT IS FOR

1 The Church is for the glory of God, that is, to set forth and discover to the world the glorious things which God would do for man.

2 This glory is also to be discovered to angels and heavenly beings both now and in the future.

3 The Church is God's repository, the storehouse of His heavenly treasure.

4 Therefore no earthly institution run by man can contain this heavenly treasure.

5 To show to a fallen and wandering race, the love of a Heavenly Father for His benighted creatures is the high office of the Church.

6 Nor can such heavenly power be sustained in any earthly formation.

7 As there should be daily additions to the Church, it is composed of Christians in all states: babes, young children, grown ups and mature Christians.

8 There are also various classes of attainment, the highest class being entire overcomers.

9 The Church is a permanent earth body throughout all ages.

10 But God visited the Gentiles to take out a people that should be a glorified body in the heavenly state.

11 This body is born out of the Church and raptured to the throne of God.

12 The Church works in an earthly state, while the raptured body is in a heavenly state like the angels.

13 The Church as a whole is not a translation body, but out of her comes the Bride, the manchild.

14 Through the Church God carries on the work in the earthly realm. Through the translated company, His work goes on in the heavenly Spirit realm.

15 As the Church is composed of various classes, it is not a perfected body, but a people growing up into Christ.

16 But the Manchild is a body of overcomers who have passed into Heaven and operate in the heavenly realm.

VII THE ORDER OF OPERATION

1 Where two or three are gathered together into the power of the name of Jesus, with Jesus Christ in the midst, in the power of His presence, that is in the power of the Holy Spirit, there is a Church of Jesus Christ.

2 While Jesus in the midst, is the Director and Controller of such a body of believers, of large or small number, there is His Church in manifest operation.

3 The beginning of operation and activity in such a body is worship, praise and adoration.

4 For where praise and worship carry the attention beyond self and surroundings to Jesus Christ, there the state of rapport obtains and lifts into the felt presence Divine, bringing one into the heavenlies with Christ.

5 This state in its different degrees is being in the Spirit.

6 And wherever such order may be given by the Spirit, it will be easy and glorious to enter the realm of the Spirit.

7 There will be the raptured state which is likened to the transfiguration of Jesus, transformed while beholding, as in a mirror, the glory of the Lord.

8 While thus seated in the heavenlies, the chorus may burst forth.

9 The Spirit in prayer may engage the people, and then every heart may seem to melt and flow out to God.

10 An altar call may come forth by

the Spirit in audible words, or by an inward movement that draws sinners and all to seek God.

11 After being in such hallowed scenes, love of the world, earthly attachments and tendencies melt away and you feel that Heaven is the only place for you.

12 This is in harmony with a great Divine purpose of the Church: the perfecting of the saints.

13 For this reason the apostle or other minister, who has been sent and used to raise up such a Church, will be on the alert for the discovery of the Spirit's move to bring forth evangelists, teachers, prophets or others, called to the work of perfecting the saints.

14 These the Spirit through the overseer, will move to acknowledge and set in their place as such members of the body.

15 A body of Christians proceeding to services without the direct leading and control of the Holy Spirit, can never come into the full will of God and His order, unless they wait for the moving and direction of the Holy Spirit.

16 Just here come in the substitutes of men's leadership, which open the way to apostasy, where most people professing to follow God have turned to follow men.

17 It is easier for fallen man and more to his nature, to be led by the spirit of man, than to wait till God moves, but it is most disastrous.

VIII THE GIFTS OPERATING

1 Divine Government

1 Government is authority and power and ability to control.

2 Government in God's Church is by Jesus Christ through His Spirit. Church government by man is an intrusion.

3 Government by man is by the will and power of man. It is wholly different from government of God.

4 In the Church of Jesus Christ, government is a gift of the Spirit.

5 It is not merely a once for all delegated authority, but a flow of the Spirit into man, making him master of the situation in the Spirit.

6 It has in it none of the elements of human lordship, wilfulness, high-mindedness, disobedience, independence and self-assertion, in all its characteristics. In the governing and gift operations of the Spirit, they are disastrous elements in the Church and realm of the Spirit.

7 Divine government is a protection gift.

8 It is like the spirit of the shepherd whose crook and staff, guide, control, and watch over his sheep.

9 It is from God, therefore there can be no element of selfishness or lordship therein, but pure love and justice.

10 All gifts and operations of the Spirit are under its sway. It holds all in order and protects from confusion.

11 Just here much havoc has been

wrought, because it was believed gifts were above control. But Divine government is above and over all and all must come under authority.

12 Overseers must in truth be under Divine government themselves to control in God by Divine government. The work can never flourish otherwise.

2 Discernment

13 As the shepherd has a dog to watch his sheep, so God has a discernor to watch His sheep.

14 This discernment may be in the overseer and others in the flock. It may be a large gift or a limited one.

15 All gifts usually begin in a small way and grow and develop under proper care and training.

16 The realm of the gifts is so delicate and sensitive in its workings that there is large danger to the careless or self-confident.

17 The perfecting of the saints in the working of the Spirit in gifts, needs much careful training by those who themselves have been taught in the school of Christ.

18 But the time has come when those things must come forth, for God will now set up His CHURCH in supernatural operation.

19 We may not therefore draw back from those appointed things of God, for they lie across the path of spiritual advancement which God has marked out for us.

20 But if we shall approach it with boldness of faith and yet with fear and trembling of reverence and humility, we may confidently expect large liberty in the Lord.

21 As this first paper of the Church is a primary paper, the Lord does not take up full explanation of gifts and workings of the Church, but only the beginnings.

IX STEPS TO AND INTO CHURCH ACTIVITIES

1 It must be well understood and thoroughly come into—a full separation from natural ways—for the natural and the supernatural should not be mixed.

2 To do this you must cease from directing and controlling and wait for God to lead.

3 While you wait let the congregation enter into praise, worship and adoration as deeply as possible. Though at first all seems dry and natural, offer the sacrifice of praise, and the Spirit will begin to move and He will lift into worship in the Spirit.

4 Be patient and continue persistently, though you should have to wait a week or even a month, and refrain from your own workings.

5 After a while some little word of interpretation or prophecy may begin to come forth. Be obedient. Be not afraid. Be faithful in that which is least. Despise not the beginnings. Do not be too slow. Keep step with the Spirit. Do not be too fast and run ahead of the Spirit.

6 Watch the Spirit. Learn to know His guidance. Be pliable. Be promptly obedient. Be willing to make mistakes, but be watchful to correct them, and humble to be corrected by others. God makes no mistakes, but creatures do.

7 Be not hasty to decide that a thing is a mistake, because you do not understand it. Prophecy often seems obscure and later becomes plain.

8 Spiritual things come by growth. You will have the beginnings of the gifts and they will develop.

9. Prove all things by the Spirit's testings, not by natural men. Keep out of the natural. You cannot be natural and spiritual at the same time.

10 If your gift operations appear to be incorrect, be patient. Trust God to clear the matter.

11 Remember those in the beginnings of gifts are liable to mistakes. If a mistake is made do not throw down the gift or the person who has made the mistake, but pray and seek God till the error is remedied.

12 We have this treasure in earthen vessels. The excellency is of God: the frailty is of us.

13 Remember there is a great similarity between the workings of the flesh and those of the Spirit. It requires a training and development by reason of use, if the senses are to discriminate in things spiritual.

14 We are mostly novices in these spiritual things, therefore it becomes us to be humble and teachable.

15 Nor have we the spiritual fathers in the Church who are able to teach these things. We are fighting our way upward and back to where the Church was originally.

16 But God is at the helm and will guide us safely.

17 There is a veil that hangs between the heavenly and the earthly. It was caused by the fall of man. Jesus pierced through that veil. He rent it in twain.

18 And he who will diligently seek after God, and walk by the guidance of the Holy Spirit, may sometimes get beyond the veil on the heavenly side, while still in this world.

19 The joy and peace and glory of one who enters there is transforming and glorifying.

20 He that enters to sit down with Jesus Christ in the heavenlies, I can use to lift up fallen mankind.

X FINALLY

1 The hour has come for the restoration of My true Church in the power of the Spirit.

2 The great call: Come out of Babylon, will shortly be heard.

3 I cannot call out My people unless I have a place to call them into. Therefore I will build My Church.

4 But My Church shall not be com-

posed of a mixed multitude. I will fan out the chaff and gather the wheat.

5 Many there are that have built their houses upon the sand. Great will be their fall.

6 If any man hear My sayings and do them, I will build him into My Church. It is only those who are willing to be taught that are stones I can use.

7 There is a great failure to live godly, and My Church shall be built out of godly people.

8 If there is faulty living on any point in your life, by prayer and faith in the blood, overcome, or you will not be a stone in My building.

9 You must have My love shed abroad in your heart. Every wrong motive, ambition, desire, thought, word, action—all must be changed. Because of giving way to these things My children wallow in the mire, strangle in the slough of fallen nature.

10 Except you strive earnestly and overcome all, you cannot be fitly joined together in My building. For I will not have My building erected with unprepared stones.

11 If you do not pray and seek Me earnestly, you will be unfit, and rejected for I am determined to have no Babylonish mixture in My Church.

12 The way of man, the work of man, the wisdom of man, the word of man, shall not come in.

13 It is the last hour. If you will not be warned I will spew you out of My mouth and you shall be rejected.

14 These are the hours when men's souls are being tried by the great currents that are sweeping to perdition. Escape for thy life.

15 There is a morality and righteousness arising from the effort of man. There is a fine linen righteousness imparted in the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

16 Many today are naked or clothed in rags of self righteousness. Except the Spirit impart to you the righteousness of Christ, you will be naked. The garments of self will not cover you.

17 I charge you that you consider these things which are written herein, for they are the words of the Lord. He who has written them did so without previous preparation or knowledge, but by My direction.