

2006—THE PURIFICATION BEGINS—A YEAR OF DELIVERANCE!

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Purification is the byword of 2006! During 2006 God will begin to bring forth a new emphasis on purification of the Body of Christ, individually and corporately.

In previous moves, God restored, in the Spirit, the office of the Prophet and the Apostle back into their rightful place of function. I say, “in the spirit,” because what God does in the invisible, unseen, realm of the Spirit is not always what so-called Christendom is doing, nor what they are seeing. One of the distinguishing marks of “apostles and prophets in the Spirit” (Eph. 3:5) is that they are “ministers...not of the *letter*, but of the *Spirit*” (2 Cor. 3:6), more so than other ministers and believers. They see, hear, discern, perceive things in the Spirit, others do not.

Moreover, genuine apostles and prophets always see the revelation they receive as a “*now* thing”—that is, when it becomes revelation to them, they begin to walk and operate in it *immediately*. They don’t wait for others to see or know it, or for it to become popular. Like the Apostle Paul, once they know something by the Spirit, they “no more consult with flesh and blood” regarding it, but simply make an immediate adjustment to begin walking and operating in the light of that revelation, “as He is in the light.” There’s just something built into their psyche and spirit that requires them to begin walking in revelation *right now*, rather than relegating it off to sometime in the future when God will “move” (read that, “force”) them into it. Their delight is in the Law of the Lord and in it do they meditate day and night (Ps. 1:2). To apostles and prophets in the spirit, revelation **IS** the Law of the Lord! It is not optional! Apostles and prophets are pioneers, trailblazers, initiators, forerunners, and thus they often take the lead in “new things” God is doing and saying. Apostles especially are always “first” in spiritual shifts. They possess a breakthrough anointing to pierce the status quo to bring forth the new thing God is doing (Is. 42:9; 43:18,19; 48:6-8).

As we know, nothing is happenstance with God, His Kingdom, and all that He does. Rather, there is a set order for it all. So also it was with the reestablishment of these two ministry functions of apostles and prophets within the Church Jesus is building. The prophets had to be restored first, in order to declare, decree, and birth the spiritual pertinences required for the apostolic function to come on the scene to establish what only it is able to establish and “set in order what remains” (Titus 1:5).

Not coincidentally, 2006 will mark the 100th Anniversary of the so-called Azusa Street Revival, and the Pentecostal Awakening that God brought forth at the turn of the 20th Century. The Winds of the Spirit blew repeatedly during that one-hundred-year period bringing forth the Pentecostal, Healing, Charismatic, Prophetic, and Apostolic Movements. But, what the Church has failed to recognize is that none of these refreshings, renewals, or revivals, whatever you want to call them, were an end in themselves, but rather just a part of the continuum of restoration God is bringing forth in the Church Jesus is building (Ac. 3:19-21). Though it is rarely discussed, not all “churches” or amalgamations of churches are a part of the Church Jesus is building. Likewise, not every individual attributing to himself or herself the nomenclature of

“Christian” is genuinely a part of the true Body of Christ. Not everyone who has adapted the lexicon of Christianity is a genuine Born Again Believer, either. It’s not what we say that determines and demonstrates who we are, but what we *do*.

Each of these emphases that transpired since 1906 were vital elements in the restoration that God has been taking the Lamb’s Wife through in order to prepare her for the return of Christ to claim her as His Eternal Bride. The Pentecostal movement initiated a renewed awareness regarding the imperativeness of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. Yet, that Truth was and is not an end in itself, nor a panacea by any means. Rather it was one piece of the spiritual puzzle, so to speak.

The Pentecostal Movement spawned the Healing and Charismatic Movements, which brought a renewed emphasis and revelation concerning the Gifts of the Spirit, which inure from the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. But, the Gifts of the Spirit are likewise not an end or cure-all in themselves.

Out of the Charismatic Movement came the Prophetic Movement of the 1980s, restoring the function of the prophet and bringing attention to the prophetic gifts, whose preeminent role is to edify the Church and speak edification, exhortation, and comfort into believers’ lives (1 Cor. 14:3,4). Yet, the raising up and establishing of prophets and prophetic gifts was not the ultimate purpose and goal of the Prophetic Movement.

The company of prophets God raised up during the last two decades of the previous millennium disclosed, declared, and decreed things in the Spirit required for the most recent movement, wherein the Apostolic Dimension is arising in the Spirit realm, to be birthed. The apostolic function has been reestablished in the Spirit realm, and a new *Apostolic Ambience* is gradually manifesting. But the pertinences of the apostolic emphasis likewise are neither an end in themselves nor self-completing.

Rather, all these emphases, and the “special effects,” so to speak, that have arisen from them, are vital elements of the Master Plan of purification of the Bride of Christ God has been effecting from before the foundations of the Earth. From the beginning of time God has been doing one thing overall—preparing for Himself a people. From before the foundations of the Earth, the Christ was slain, in order to redeem and purify a people who were “qualified” to live in eternal communion with God.

Not all churches or those who call themselves Christians will have a part in the final chapter of that Master Plan. Ecumenicism and syncretism, in the end, will prove false. There will be a separating—the sheep from the goats, the wheat from the tares. Only a *remnant* will comprise the Bride of Christ. The Prophet Zechariah saw it in the Spirit —

“And it will come about in all the land,” declares the Lord, “that two parts in it will be cut off and perish; and I will bring the third part through the fire, refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon My Name, and I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ and they will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’”

Refining, purification, is the essence of God’s Master Plan of the Ages. God has been carrying on the process of purification of a people for 6,000 years since He breathed the

Breath of Life into Adam. The Church that Jesus said He was building is the entity He shall return to claim as His Eternal Bride. It is not those who profess to be a part of it who actually are, but rather only those who bear the fruit of the Kingdom of God.

In the preface of my book, *THE MYSTERY OF THE KINGDOM, Bearing Kingdom Fruit*, I prophesied what the Lord will be initiating in 2006:

God is in the process of *purifying* His Church toward the end of *glorifying* the Eternal Bride of Christ, the Lamb's wife (Rev. 21:9). That is to say, God has already begun to take the Church through a process of *purification unto glorification*, which shall result ultimately in exaltation of the true Bride of Christ unto the final status and station unto which she is destined.

Every former move of God throughout history shall be eclipsed by what is about to take place as God exalts the Church into "all her glory" (Eph. 5:27). And, this thing shall not be done in a corner (Acts 26:26). The entire world shall be made to witness this spectacular phenomenon, the exaltation of a people, a nation, what is called, "A Holy Nation," the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing, a mighty throng, clothed in white garments, girded about with the Truth and the golden breastplate of righteousness, having the high-praises of God in their mouths and a two-edged sword in their hands. While the world, on the other hand, shall be thrust into a chaotic period in which everything that can be shaken, will be, so that in the end all the kingdoms of men shall be toppled. In the midst of the rubble shall arise another Kingdom—a Kingdom of all majesty and glory—the Kingdom of God.

But, God is even now orchestrating the prelude to this exaltation of the Bride into "all her glory," which is the prerequisite that she be brought into a state of maturity in which she has "no spot or wrinkle or any such thing." To bring her to this state, God has begun to effect a certain kind of judgment of the Church which must precede judgment of the world, for "judgment begins with the Household of God" (1 Pet. 4:17). However, this is not the kind of *punitive* judgment that will come upon the unbelieving world, but rather a judgment for *purging* and *pruning*, a refining judgment, which God long ago foretold He would bring upon the Bride of Christ, the *remnant* of true believers:

"And it will come about in all the land," declares the Lord, "that two parts in it will be cut off and perish; but the third will be left in it. And I will bring the third part through the fire, refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The Lord is my God.'" (Zec. 13:8,9)

God has already begun to take believers through this refinement process, toward the end that He might reproduce within them the Kingdom of God, that they might bear fruit corresponding to the Life and Kingdom of God, and that they might do the works of Jesus, and greater works in these last days. Indeed, bearing such

Kingdom-fruit, as this volume will point out, is a Divine requisite for attaining unto Eternal Life and inheriting the Kingdom of God.

A vital element in this purification God is bringing forth in 2006 is deliverance. Until now, the relatively few churches and ministries who claim to recognize the validity of genuine deliverance ministry, wherein demons are actually cast out of people, relegate this absolutely vital aspect of the ongoing ministry of Jesus to a backroom down the hall next to the restrooms and broom closet, metaphorically (but sometimes, literally) speaking. Even those acknowledging the occasional and (to them) aberrational need for deliverance of some *poor soul*—usually the extreme cases—keep it at arm's distance and as a hush-hush matter not to be discussed openly among the congregants, and regard those individuals who deal in this verboten activity of casting out demons as being somewhat “a bit off-center” and weird. This is how the vast majority of even Pentecostal and Neo-Pentecostal churches regard the matter of deliverance, despite the fact that casting out demons was the preeminent aspect of Jesus' fleshly ministry, the first thing He commissioned the Twelve Apostles of the Lamb to do when He first sent them forth, and it was the first priority of His five-faceted “Great Commission.”

In 2006, God is bringing deliverance out of the back room and into the front room; out of the darkroom and into the Son-room; out of the bathrooms and into our living rooms; out of the broom closets into our prayer closets; out of the out-house and into *His* house and *your* house!

The next move (emphasis) of the Spirit in the Church Jesus is building, is an emphasis on deliverance—casting out devils. "To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecc. 3:1). The season for purification of the Church has come. The time for wide scale deliverance of God's people, as an initial step in effecting that purification, has come. God's faithful servants who have, in the face of contempt, scorn, and derision, maintained their heart for deliverance and continued to diligently labor to set the captives free—**their TIME HAS COME!**

“And these signs will accompany **those who have believed**: in My name, they will **cast out demons**, they will speak with new tongues; they will **cast down** (lit.) **serpents** (principalities)!” (Mk. 16:17,18)

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because he hath anointed Me to...**preach deliverance** to the captives...to **set at liberty** them that are bruised (abused, oppressed, downtrodden, despairing).” (Lk. 4:18)

The Son of God appeared for **THIS PURPOSE**, that He might **destroy the works of the devil** (that are manifest in people's lives). (1 Jn. 3:8)

And when evening had come, they brought to Him many who were *demonized* (lit.); and He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were ill in order that what was spoken through Isaiah the prophet might be fulfilled, saying, “He Himself took our *infirmities*, and removed (marg.) our *diseases*.”

A call of the Spirit for true deliverance is what God is declaring and decreeing, so true, God-called, -anointed, and -appointed intercessors must begin to get in line and

agreement with the Spirit and pray this move into existence by praying for believers, leaders and laymen alike, to receive what God is doing. Jesus, in His earthly ministry, operated by receptivity, going only to those who were willing to receive Him, and taught the apostles to so operate as well. So also is it by receptivity that the Holy Spirit operates in our individual lives as well as churches. He will not force Himself upon anyone, but it is up to us to invite Him in and receive what He is saying and doing.

So also must the intercessors begin to specifically petition that the churches who have an ear to hear what the Spirit is speaking allow God to remove the veil that has been covering their eyes and blinding them to the truth and realities regarding the absolute **REQUIREMENT** of deliverance of every believer in order that the kingdom of Satan be purged from them, thereby enabling them to inherit the Kingdom of God into their hearts and incorporate it into everyday lives.

This emphasis of the Spirit must come! NOW, is the time! In 2006, **deliverance** will be placed as a **centerpiece** in the Church Jesus is building, for Jesus is the **Great Deliverer!** Substantive progress by churches, even lampstand churches, will be impossible without a full and complete **yielding** to what the Spirit is speaking!

The Head of the church—the true Deliverer who Moses typified and prefigured—is now standing before the true **pharaoh**, our adversary, the devil, and shouting the Divine Demand, "**Let My people go!**" And a *mass-release* of Moses-type deliverers, deputized as spiritual law enforcement officers to enforce the Law that has come forth from His mouth, is about to transpire, in numbers that will absolutely terrorize the devil and his cohorts! God is turning the tables on the devil and his demons behind the terrorism he has been perpetrating around the world, and is raising up *Holy Ghost Terrorists*—men and women filled with the dunamis-power of God who have forsaken all to become fierce freedom fighters of the Spirit determined to set God's people free from every demonic bondage and assault.

God is about to send before Him a company of End-time John-the-Baptist type prophetic messengers who will *clear the way* before His return to His temple, the Church:

“Behold, I am going to send **My messenger**, and he will **clear the way before Me**. And **the Lord**, whom you seek, will suddenly come to His temple; and the messenger of the covenant, in whom you delight, behold, He is coming,” says the Lord of hosts. “But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a **refiner's fire** and like **fullers' soap**. “He will sit as a smelter and purifier of silver, and He will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, so that they may present to the Lord offerings in righteousness.

God's people must be delivered from all satanic bondages in order to come into the purification required to be able to possess the Kingdom! Deliverance is the pathway to purification. 2006 is the YEAR OF DELIVERANCE!

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