

REVIVAL OF WATCHERS & WARRIORS

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**“AND THE
NAME OF THE
CITY FROM
THAT TIME
ON SHALL BE,
THE LORD IS
THERE”**

EZEKIEL 48:35

BOOK OF EZEKIEL

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IN LOVE AND POWER

HE IS BEYOND RELIGION

One of the thrills of human existence is religion, because of its discipline, community, and ability to reach out for the divine in the midst of the natural, through routines and devotions, done consistently and intently. The only issue is that, like every other natural experience, Satan has influenced religion and routines. So, while it's good to pray, the question is, to whom are we praying? By whom are we praying? While it's good to meditate, again, in whom are we meditating and unto what are we meditating? While it's good to sacrifice and give, for what and whom are we sacrificing? While it's good to belong to a community to which we are accountable, again I ask, by what values and what spirit are we communing in in that community? This makes all the difference.

Satan has influenced every religion on earth. The only religion that he hasn't been able to influence is the faith. Notice, I didn't even say "Christianity", I said "the faith".

What is the faith? It is a system of belief, thought, and action ordained by God in Christ, through the Spirit of

God. The reason why demons have not been able to overthrow the faith is because the faith is secured in God, and in Christ. It is beyond Satan's reach, and not only that, the faith is not only a religion, or a devotion, it's a devotion flowing from a life. The faith is a life. It is eternal life in operation. This is beyond Satan, because it is beyond religion.

This life is an outflow of the glory and power of God. So then, when a true believer prays, praises, preaches, prophesies or practice miracles, we do it all by the presence and power of God. This is beyond religion. You can see our practices, but you cannot copy them because they are an outflow of divine life. This is precisely what the Lord is calling the professing Church of this time to, and what He is calling the entire religious world to. This was the burden of the Lord in the life of prophet Ezekiel, at the time, calling the people of God to the glory of God, so that all they are and do would be an outflow from the throne of God, the lamb and the water of the River of life.

AUTHOR'S NOTE

This book reminds us that Christ has redeemed us from dead works by His precious blood, into the realm of light and fire. This is a realm of watchers and warriors. These are the church of the firstborn, righteous men being made perfect through the fire of God. This fire is the perfect eternal judgements of God. Its the line we cross as we ascend into glory.

There's power availed in Christ. This prophetic power is the power of the Holy Spirit, in the name of Jesus. This power works with watchers and warriors who work out this salvation of God.

This book is also a prophetic and practical study through the book of Ezekiel with focus on reigning by light & fire.

My prayer is for the eyes of your heart to be flooded with visions and revelations of the Lord Jesus.

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KNOWING GOD

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Experiencing and living in the glory!

Mystery and Revelation of God's Glory

Stirring Revival of Glory in prevalent Religion

The three righteous judgments of God.

Revival of Watchers and Shepherds

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(II) Spiritual implication of the prophetic.

(III) Living beyond religion, in love and power.

INTRODUCTION TO BEYOND RELIGION

Religion is the many human-judgements of all things, while truth is a divine-judgment of God. There are three major eternal judgments of God, namely, (a) His judgement on carnality, which is a “mixedness” and “duplicity”, (b) His judgment on evil, which is opposition to the Will of God, and (c) His judgment of authority and power, which is an authoritative establishment of His Will. This is God’s highest judgement and Word, which He now declares through His apostles as the Gospel, and through His prophets as visions.

When we speak about going “beyond religion”, we are speaking about going beyond human self-judgments to divine judgements on all things. This is what Revival is. It’s the reviving of God’s divine judgments into all human spaces, especially, amongst His own people.

God’s divine judgments are what’s called fire. Fire is a symbolism for judgment, purification, and overpowering.

Truly, God is a consuming fire. His highest judgment is His

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abiding presence, or His appearance (*Hebrews 12:18-29*).

When we read **Hebrews 12:18-29**, we would see two judgments of God in display and comparison. When God spoke at mount Sinai, He spoke to shake up flesh out of his people, but now, God speaks even more clearly, shaking both flesh and religion, shaking wrong earthly things and wrong heavenly things, like demons and false spirits too, so that only the glory of God will stand. He is a consuming fire.

Dead Religion is essentially false spirits. Dead religions are false spirits in manifesting. This is why true worship with God is manifested in dealing with the works of darkness. Many problems are spiritual, meaning, there's an influence of a spirit at work.

Preachers of the Gospel have been sent to set the captives free. We've been sent to deliver people by casting out demons, then, build them up in the faith, and empower them with spiritual gifts for the purpose of effective worship and warfare.

God is a consuming fire, so Jesus is the man on fire, and the Holy Spirit is the minister of fire. Angels are windy fire and

spirits are flames of fire (*Hebrews 1:7*).

When we look at these three holy judgments, we can see them in Jesus' death, burial and resurrection. Jesus' death was God's judgment on carnality, Jesus' burial was God's judgment on evil (*1 Peter 3:18-22*), and Jesus' resurrection was God's judgement of power and authority to rule and reign with God in life.

Beloved, **“you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light”** (*Romans 13:11-12*). Casting off works of darkness is putting away dead religion, and putting on this armor of light is living by the glory of God and the culture of heaven.

Putting on this armor of light, is allowing the Christ in us, by whom we bear the eternal judgements of God in our spirits, to influence and affect our pursuits, actions, times and spaces. It's prophetic lifestyle in His presence.

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Whenever we gather together to retreat, there's prophetic accuracy, because of fresh revelations and consecrations.

(I) SUMMARY OF HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

There's a historical dimension to revival. This is the consideration of the state of things as it is in the present experience of men and women.

This historical side of revival has two sides. Where the church was, when it was alive and in tandem with the Holy Spirit, and where the church presently is, now, that it's been influenced and oppressed by the world.

When we read *Ezekiel 1-7*, we see the priest Ezekiel in Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, when the Lord appeared to Him to show Him visions. In these visions, He was shown the state of Israel's devotion to God. He was first shown the glory of God. He saw God in glory, with the angelic and spirits bearing the Glory of God in the realm of the spirit. The priest became awake to the reality of things in the Spirit, and through the Spirit as life, and light, He saw the rebellious conditions of Israel, and through the Spirit as power, he was to declare the message given to Him, which is a call to repentance and faith unto the glory of Jesus.

(a) **Ezekiel 1-7**

Ezekiel had visions of God's glory in the midst of dead religion. May we see visions of the glory of God in Jesus name.

Ezekeil received a calling based on this Hope he saw as the vision of the glory. This calling was a throne and a scroll in the realms of God, which was a prophetic message in time (*Ezekiel 3:2*). Ezekiel was called to be a watchman (*Ezekiel 3:17*), who would give a lot of warnings and rebukes. May we see and enter the callings of God for our lives. When we encounter the glory, may we enter in, in Jesus name.

Ezekiel entered consecrations to this prophetic message by the visions and revelations of the glory of God. The Spirit would often enter into him, and strengthen him to receive the next prophetic instructions (*Ezekiel 3:23-24*). This meant that Ezekiel functioned in the Spirit, in life, in power. With every message had to come fresh consecrations to the glory of God. He had to stay fresh. He had to be dedicated to freshness. Freshness comes only by staying with God. May we be ever fresh in Jesus name.

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Ezekiel had to deal with rejection from the professing church, which was a religious rebellious church, because they had rebelled and rejected God. They only rejected a man of the glory, because they were rejecting the laws and life of the glory. This is the rejection that was happening. Ezekiel had to deal with that, knowing that the purpose for the rejection is because of their inward rebellion against God. May we ever be faithful to Jesus even in the face of rejection from the professing church.

Ezekiel was instructed, after the visions he had seen, to prophesy against Isreal because of their carnality, abominations, worldliness and all. He was to speak against dead religion, calling men to repentance. This was part of his message to the church. The atmosphere needed to be sanitized. When we read ***Ezekiel 6***, we will see this very vividly. God would show His displeasure by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence. Ezekiel had to declare these to God's people. Like Ezekiel, may we put on the boldness of God, the authority of God, the fire of God, to speak against the carnality of the professing church of our generation. May we declare the message we've received from Zion in Jesus name. As with Ezekiel, so was it with John.

Essentially, the judgement on sin, carnality, worldliness and dead religion is what the death of Jesus Christ is about. We must proclaim His death. Every minister and ministry of the Gospel must believe, abide, experience and proclaim the death of Jesus Christ. This is the basis of repentance, consecration, groaning, seeking and dedication. Without a proclamation of the death of the Lord Jesus, then, we cannot be accurately positioned for the life of the Lord. In Paul's words; **"But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you."** 2 Corinthians 4:7-12. We must see and know this message, in a prophetic way, that we may be able to declare it in power to a generation, for the curing of carnality and worldliness. This is primary work. This is preparation for faith, laying on of hands and eternal judgements (*Hebrews 6:1-3*). This message

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of death is captured in repentance, baptisms and bodily resurrection, they are all about putting off death, and it's influences.

(b) Ezekiel 8-11

A vision of the state of the professing church, and it's because of blatant unrighteousness and unholiness.

A promise to change the people from within, a remnant, who will receive the grace of God, and by the Spirit of God will be brought into the consecrations of this grace. They will do accurate spiritual warfare by the grace of God (*Romans 11:5-6*).

The dead religion and dead works that was shown to Ezekiel were around four expressions.

(1) the worship of the image of jealousy, meaning, the dishonor of God, and the presence of God.

What's this image of jealousy? When we read the New Testament epistle to the Thessalonians, **“Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed,**

the son of destruction, who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.... For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work.... The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with all wicked deception for those who are perishing, because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false..."

2 Thessalonians 2:3-4, 7A, 9-11. This man of lawlessness is a very selfish and prideful man. This man is an apostate. The rebellion is the apostatizing. It's the turning of those who knew of the things of God, but were usurped by Satan. These ones will use God's principles set in the realm of the spirit for the worship of Satan. They will bring this a lot into the church. It's for this, that God has to bring judgement on them. Jesus is a mighty man of war. He roars (*Revelation 1:15, 2 Peter 3:10*). God will bring eternal judgement on this image of jealousy, and this image of apostasy. When we read revelation, we would also see Jesus bringing eternal judgements on the church, as prophetic witness (*Revelation 2-3*).

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This was dishonor to the Lord, by bringing in an image of jealousy into His house. This is forgetting the holiness and the majesty of God. It's losing a sense of the fear of God. This is losing a Holy Sense. This is losing a sense of the knowledge of God. Being undiscerning.

(2) the worship of the beasts, which were the works of their hands, meaning, the prioritizing of works, either religious work, worldly work, and dead works above God Himself. By this, demons enter in through this door. This was idolatry.

By this, their consciousness was not on God, they didn't gain their sense of identity from the Lord and His presence. By this, they kept losing power, because power is an offshoot of the presence of the Lord. Identity is actually identifying with God, not the world, or accomplishments.

(3) the worship of the fertility god, which is trusting another god for power. This is also wrong, very wrong. The woman were easily deceived because they wanted children and husbands, they were vulnerable, because they weren't also protected by the men. The men were to be priests and kings, to direct the women in the things of God, but ***“there sat women weeping for Tammuz”*** Ezekiel 8:14, Tammuz was known to be a fertility God.

When we are not conscious of God's presence and power, the needs of men will make them start looking for anywhere to fulfill this. They will turn to a different power; demonic power. The thing about demonic power is that they cause sensations and give illusions of solutions but only plunge their victims into deeper lostness. Demons attempt to counterfeit reality. These are the principalities in heavenly places (*Ephesians 6:12*).

(4) the worship of the Sun, men turning their backs from the temple, meaning, many are in the temple, but turning their backs from the reality of where they are, and longing for the created order with all their hearts and their minds. The men had given themselves to science, and the study of what God made more than God Himself, so that they can profit from what God made. This made them blind. Their direction and devotion was false.

These are all the things that provoke God's judgement against these idolatry and false religion. Someone might be thinking that was in the Old Testament, but look at these scriptures.

“For although they knew God, they did not honor him as

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God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened” Romans 1:21,

When we read **Romans 1:18-32**, we would read of the righteous judgements of God against all apostates, unbelievers, and false-believers. The apostates suppress the truth, the unbelievers know about God but refuse to believe, false-believers know God but refuse to praise Him with their lives. God’s judgement comes on these groups, not to destroy them, but to destroy carnality and evil.

“Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false, in order that all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness” 2 Thessalonians 2:11-12,

God’s judgment is not something that simply happens impersonally, but it’s a personal judgement.

“This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, and to grant relief

to you who are afflicted as well as to us, when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed. To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.” 2 Thessalonians 1:5-12,

The righteous judgments of God is what purifies and sanctifies us, so that we would be worthy of the glory and kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. It's these righteous judgments that power our prayers. God is coming for a triumphant church, and this will not be possible if the dimension of the judgements of God is not known.