

Dear Friend,

We have all seen how quickly the world can change because of something as small as the molecules that carry COVID-19. In only a few weeks the whole world changed. Restaurants and bars closed around the world. Churches, mosques, synagogues and temples no longer had congregations meeting in their buildings. International travel was virtually banned. Tourism ceased globally. All but the most essential businesses were closed. In America alone, nearly 250 million people were either laid off or forced to work from home in virtual quarantine.

Suddenly the “land of plenty” was not quite so plentiful anymore. Common, everyday things we all took for granted became scarce commodities. We were astonished to see the empty shelves in the grocery stores that normally were full of toilet paper, sanitizer sprays, and hand sanitizer. Who would ever have thought the bread aisles at major big box stores would be empty? People behaved differently also. No longer were they shaking hands and standing close to each other while they talked. People were staying six feet apart from each other trying to observe “social distancing.”

It all changed so fast. If at Christmas time last year you would have told people that such changes would be in place by the start of Spring, they would have thought you had lost your mind. But it did happen ... and it happened very quickly. This world that we tend to think is so big, was changed in a matter of a few weeks. It boggles the mind. Who would have thought such change could come so quickly and so universally to the whole world?

I was thinking about these things when the Holy Spirit said, “*Now you understand how quickly an outpouring of true revival can spread around the whole world also.*” I had not thought of it until that moment. We need to understand that the soon coming revival will spread over the earth just as quickly, and perhaps even faster, as the power of God sweeps around this world through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Notice carefully that Jesus said “this gospel of the kingdom” shall be preached. It is the gospel Jesus preached. It is the gospel that is accompanied by the power of God. It is the gospel that is followed by signs and wonders to confirm the Word.

Let me tell you; the world has not yet seen “this gospel” preached. The vast majority of the world has not yet heard or seen the same gospel of power that Jesus preached.

T. L. Osborn was a preacher who was mightily used of God in signs and wonders. During his lifetime it was often said by those familiar with his ministry that he had seen more miracles performed in the name of Jesus than any other living person at the time. I remember something he said that penetrated my consciousness even as a young man;

“The church doesn’t need more power. The church needs more gospel.”

- T. L. Osborn

We must understand the gospel, the true gospel of Jesus Christ, IS THE POWER OF GOD! Paul said it emphatically:

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Jesus wanted “this gospel” to be preached in all the world. Not a different gospel ... “this gospel.” The same gospel He preached. Jesus understood the danger of preaching a powerless gospel to the world. He knew it would be ineffective to harvest the precious souls the Father so desperately wants to save from eternal damnation. Jesus was so concerned about the danger of His disciples preaching a powerless gospel He told them,

Acts 1:4-5,8 And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. [5] For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. [8] 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 Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Jesus “commanded them.” What did He command? Do not leave Jerusalem before you have received power after being baptized with the Holy Ghost. He didn’t suggest. He didn’t plead. He commanded! Don’t leave town to preach “this gospel” without the power of the Holy Spirit. Because they obeyed this command,

the gospel they preached in the first century was the same gospel Jesus preached. And notice it was confirmed with signs following.

Mark 16:20 And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

During the first few centuries after Christ ascended into heaven, Christianity spread like wildfire through the known world. As we read the book of Acts, we see thousands of people being saved as the apostles preached “this gospel” to them. It is the same today. As people see the truth demonstrated with supernatural healings, signs and wonders by the power of the Holy Spirit, they will surrender their hearts to God through Jesus Christ very rapidly. They will forsake the false gods of the past. Those false gods do not speak, do not heal, and do not save. But Jesus Christ is the same forever.

Get a new vision of the outpouring of revival that is coming. This world can change very rapidly. Things will not remain the same as always. The greatest harvest of souls in the history of mankind is at hand. We are on the cusp of these things. The best is yet to come!

Your friend and co-laborer,

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