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All Dressed Up and No Place to Go! Celebration - Year 2000 Are You Invited to the Party?

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We are nearing the end of the 1990's. So, what is the big deal about the end of a Millennium? Isn't it all a lot of hype?

As we enter the new Millennium, there will be many changes that you may have to deal with as a Global citizen. Are you prepared? Goals are starting to sound amazingly alike, from both the "cutting edge" Christians and official World organizations.

There are some who are reluctant to accept the sudden weaving together of events which reveal that the "time clock" is winding down quickly! There are events that could greatly affect your future and change the way that you now live. There is a careful and deliberate design being planned even for your future - without consulting you. These plans are quickly falling into place.

No, this not the speech of an Alarmist or a Doomsayer. This is an honest look at the facts as they are now emerging. Shepherds (Pastors) who may not have had time to be "discerning" will now find themselves frantically trying to comprehend what is happening. They will suddenly realize that they are not equipped to lead the flock that has been entrusted to their care by the Good Shepherd who gave His life for His sheep. Let us pray that His sheep know His voice and will not follow man, but will be equipped to hear the voice of the Great Shepherd.

Hostilities are surprising and unexpectedly being manifested by the so-called Christian as well as the secular world. Those who believe and stand for the pure Word of God are being marginalized. Church, you must be willing to make a commitment to stand for Jesus Christ and for His Truth as never before. Unless He returns very soon, the outlook is persecution. The year 2000 plays an important role.

This is not about stock-piling food, taking your money out of the bank, hiding in shelters. Unfortunately, too many are leading the innocent astray with their fear tactics and in the meanwhile reaping a harvest from all the "survival kits" they are selling.

It is important to realize that truly "born again" Christians who walk by the Word of God and are anxiously awaiting His Appearance are looked upon as: **dangerous and a hindrance to the coming plans for world peace and prosperity.**

There are many who will not be able to "take the heat". When every area of your life here on earth starts to crumble and shake, where will you find your strength?

There is going to be a WORLD WIDE Celebration ushering in the Year 2000 which many are trusting will be a time of Global Peace and Prosperity. You will be confronted with important decisions in the months ahead. You are being faced with serious decisions.

Are You Willing to Unite? Today the buzz word is Unity. To dwell together in unity is of great value. It is desired of the Lord for His people. But compromise today has taken on the robes of Unity. We are being told to overlook traditional doctrine (teaching from the Word), as it is only a hindrance to unity. Christians are being told that if they do not unite with other Christians they will be guilty of hindering the prayer of Jesus in John 17:21:

". . . . that they all may be one; as thou Father, art in me and I in thee, that they also may be one in us. . . "

This scripture is misinterpreted and taken out of context. What is overlooked is that the "one" Jesus was speaking about was us measuring up to His standards, not "peace keeping" at any cost and regardless of truth. We can not bow to anything less than what God's Word teaches, yet this is what we are being strongly advised to do - compromise for the sake of unity. Compromise is being *required* by World Organizations as well as a mounting number of Christians and parachurch organizations.

There is an urgency! The earth must be "purged" of all who will not cooperate with the Global way of thinking. On the "religious" side, the agenda is to "forfeit" those who will not cooperate with "acceptable" and "politically correct" religions. The uncooperative are thought to "hinder" the preparation of the earth for the coming of Christ. The "coming" that many in organized religion believe today is not the glorious appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is rather a "spiritual" coming which will "manifest the Sons of God"; or, the Church will finally rise up and take the earth for Christ!

Characteristic of global organizations is the striving for unity. Those who hold to the "old ways" are thought to be hindrances to the "prophet" ordained mandate to "bring us all into unity" and taking over the world's material wealth, political positions in government, business, etc. in the new millennium. **Resistance to being united will result in a necessary "purging" or "removal" from the earth... thus the teaching on Joel's Army (taken from Joel 2 &3) which many believed is being raised up.**

The Dominion/Kingdom Now beliefs include helping God, through judging the earth and ridding it of what they deem to be evil (which could include those who hinder unity). Those in this belief system believe that they will unite the churches so that there is a One City Church in every City united to stand and "reconstruct" society and dominate every area of the World. Prayer networks have also hooked into this thinking. They are taking strategic positions in the heavenlies to bring down named principalities so that today's Intercessors are the ones putting Satan under their feet.

This Global Dominionist church fits very expediently into the World Church System that has been in the formation throughout this Century.

Global Organizations will not Tolerate Bible Believing Christians. Politically incorrect churches and individuals who do not "fit in" are considered a hindrance to progress and a smooth entrance into the Year 2000.

World Religion. A world religion is being set up to worship "Gaia" - a feminine deity. A document entitled, "Global 2000 Revisited: What Shall We do?" there is an invitation for heads of state and religious leaders to convene in Thingvelier, Iceland on January 1, 2000. At this meeting they are to meet before a stone altar and present handwritten covenants pledging loyalty to GAIA. (Gaia is considered to be the breathing Earth and must be honored and worshiped - or Mother Earth).

Parliament of World Religions. In a keynote address at the last Parliament of World Religions, Gerald Barney said that, "Religion must die. It is the fundamental cause of virtually all social, economic and ecological problems and much of the violence of the world. . . As soon as we humans learn to think like Earth, we together will see a new future for Earth. Then we can die in peace, all five billion of us, to our old ways of thinking. We can cross the waters together and we can celebrate Earth's safe arrival in a new era in a way that will be remembered together."

The Declaration of a Global Ethics 1993 was unveiled and signed by scores of religious leaders. The third of the Global Ethic's 'irrevocable directives' a 'commitment to a culture of tolerance', suggested that religious leaders who preach 'intolerance' (perhaps by condemning sin) should be punished by the loss of their congregations. "When they stir up prejudice, hatred, and enmity towards those of different beliefs, or legitimate religious wars, they deserve the condemnation of human kind and the loss of their adherents."

At the Monday evening session, August 30, 1993, two speakers both announced to the vast audience that "There must be a World Congress of Religion by 2,000 A.D."

UNESCO. Father Hans Kung, Globalist theologian and Swiss born Catholic Theologian was commissioned by UNESCO to create a "Declaration of a Global Religious Ethic" which would impose a set of binding commitments upon religious leaders and institutions. From Kung's perspective, traditional religions have an ethical obligation to cease to exist. "Any form of church conservatism is to be rejected. . to put it bluntly - no regressive or repressive religion . . has a long - term future."

It is agreed that for this to work properly, all the faiths of the world would have to be respected. All who would not agree to agree would have to be forfeited. The belief, that forgiveness of sins is obtained only through Jesus' name, would constitute religious exclusiveness, and therefore would be viewed as an enemy.

Bishop of Verdun, France on the Subject of World Government. Pierre Boillon, "The entire world must become aware that, if this institution is to become effective, every nation must renounce its ultimate sovereignty to this universal authority.

United Religion Organization. This is to be formed. Dr. Norman Myers (former advisor to the UN, the World Bank and the State Department) sets forth the basic tenets of the Gaian religion, declaring that "there is no longer any "we" and "they". For the first time and for all time, there is only "us" and all of us humans, together with all our fellow species and other members of the Gaian community." Ultimately this would require a UN ministry of religion. The Futurist magazine reported, "Religions are now headed toward what may eventually form a United Religions Organization (URO) structured much the same way as the United Nations Organization (URO) and sharing the same goals",

Religious Leadership in Secular Society Conference. This conference was held February, 1994. There were 500 Christian and Jewish Clergymen from 90 countries gathered in Jerusalem for the "religious Leadership in Secular Society" conference. It was reported in the Washington TIMES that, "the conference sought to indict 'fundamentalism' as a global menace." One prominent religious official told the conference that "authentic religious leadership has to deal with religious extremism". The Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, urged leaders of the three monotheistic religions to "weed out the extremes" from their respective faiths in the interest of "moderating, whenever possible, unstable and pathological faith expressions".

Persecution From Within? The following information is unsettling as it reveals the condemnation of Christians and churches who believe in the veracity of Scripture. They are held in contempt by those who are hoping to establish a Kingdom here on the earth.

"According to John Whitehead, belief in the rapture is like having a death wish and is the type of escapism similar to the escapism non-Christians seek in drugs, sex and entertainment. Whitehead is president of the Rutherford Institute, an organization of conservative attorneys who primarily defend the First Amendment rights and religious liberties of Christians. Whitehead believes that the same despair experienced by the vain pursuits of secularists is experienced by those who believe in the rapture. He says, "With the evangelicals escapism centers on fantasizing about such things as the rapture. When it becomes clear that these do not provide fulfillment, despair sets in. Suicide and the like increase. Meanwhile many pastors prophesy doom while misguided souls sit entombed in churches waiting for the tide to roll over them. A general pessimism (or death wish) permeates every aspect of culture. Who wants to live in a world that has not future?"

Whitehead then expresses hope in the fact that some Christians are not succumbing to the gloom and doom mind set of the rapture and are becoming politically active. (CIB Bulletin).

Being without Discernment in 1999 is like being without a boat in the middle of the ocean. Test everything by God's Word. You will discover that there are some well known and prestigious personalities involved in planning a different Agenda than that laid out in Scripture. Sooner or later people will disappoint us. We are learning that we can not put our trust in man, but wholly depend upon God, who is forever faithful.

Why so Hard on Dissenters? Unfortunately, there seems to be agreement concerning the need to "cleanse" the earth of "dissenters" (those who oppose the Global thinking). UNITY is of utmost importance. However, we cannot compromise what is essential in order to unite with all other beliefs. It is important to get along, but we can not deny the very belief and teachings that are the foundation of our faith. Compromise will cost you your soul.

In the eyes of the "globalist", be it in the church or the world, "controversial doctrine" poses a threat to peace and unity in the Third Millennium and will not be allowed. The new millennium is thought to be humanity's final chance to start over. For the mis-led Christian, it is the chance to help cleanse the earth in order to bring about the Restoration of a new millennial earth. They will strive to perfect it in order that they can then invite Christ to return and set up His Kingdom. So, it is up to humanity to accomplish this Utopia. Scripture takes a second place today to the private and privileged revelations given by the "prophets" roaming the land.

Many of the "New Breed of Prophets" say that Jesus will return in quite a different way than believed in traditional Christianity. He will "incarnate" Himself in humanity rather than come as a physical King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

So, Let the Party Begin! Massive world-wide celebrations are planned to begin New Years Eve 1999 to continue through January 1, 2000. This is to be the biggest blow-out party since the world began. It will be a planetary bash to be equaled by - nothing else.

Party Pooper Special. It has been made clear that those who refuse to blend in with the "approved" new one-world religion will not be allowed to put a damper on the festive activities. It is understood that the World and religious organizations have every "emergency" covered. The dissenters will not allowed to "rain on their parade".

Sadly, the "new Christianity" has very little problem going in the same "global" direction. Many will arrive at the same party. New Agers and church leaders have agreed that the giant global celebration will be the biggest party the world has ever seen. Some are even calling it a "birthday party for Jesus". It does seem as if Bible-based Christians are "going against the tide". It is important that we realize that we are in a time as never faced before by Godly and ungodly alike. True Christians need to be informed so as to be able to make personal and knowledgeable decisions. To stick one's head in the sand now is to leave the rest exposed to the "fiery darts of the Devil". Many say, "I do not want to hear anything negative." By choosing not to be informed, even to a "skeletal" knowledge, is the same as being deaf and choosing to stroll between the rails as the puffing locomotive bears down on you or on the ones that you love.

As born-again, Bible-believing Christians, we are facing possible life-changing decisions. Our comfort is that God will guide each one as we see the "Day approaching".

Pray for Discernment so that you will not be misled by what sounds or feels good. Jesus said that in the last days there would be deceivers. He said there would be false prophets. He told us that there would be those that would say, "Christ is in the desert, go there." Jesus said, "no, do not go". The Son of Man is coming in the clouds with great glory!

It is sad to see many well-grounded Christians being led into false doctrine because they are afraid of "missing the move of God".

Soon we will wake up to the fact that we are "all dressed up with no place to go!" There appears to be no provision for us to exist according to the rest of the world as they plan for the Year 2000. If we are truly following Jesus, we will not be invited to the Party.

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The Reproach of the Solemn Assembly

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(Transcribed from a audio tape recording from a Message at Times Square Church)

Zephaniah 3:18 - "I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden. "

This is a dual prophecy by Zephaniah. It has to do with the children of Israel . . and also with spiritual Zion (which is the church of Jesus Christ of the last day). First of all, he was speaking to Jews - that God was going to gather together the dispersed . . . but He was only going to bring back those who had a broken heart for the sad condition of Israel. He would remember all who carried the reproach. . . all of the horrible things that were going on in God's House. Those who carried the burden of it, He said, "I am going to gather you". He made great promises to these. . .

This prophecy is also to the Church of Jesus Christ in the Last Day. In the Old Testament, the children of Israel were called to their festivals for seven days. On the eighth day - it was called an Solemn Assembly. That was when they met especially together - putting everything aside in focused worship and praise to the Heavenly Father. The scripture says, "On the eighth day you shall have a Solemn Assembly". This Solemn Assembly is all through the Old Testament representing the congregation that is separated unto God needing to meet the Lord.

This is the Church of Jesus Christ in the Last Day. According to Zephaniah, the House of God in the Last Days is going to be under reproach. The Hebrew word *hear* means "shame and disgrace". There is going to be shame and disgrace in the House of God. We are not talking about the backslidden, liberal modern church. . . . The Lord said on the Judgment Day, He will deal with that Church. We can pray for them, but we are not spend any of our grief on that which is not really the Church. God is looking for a people who will sorrow and grieve over the reproach that is being fostered on the Church of Jesus Christ in these last days. I am talking about the Church that was born at Pentecost. I am talking about the Church born in the doctrine of the Godhead of Jesus Christ. That *born-again* Church is under attack. That Church is suffering reproach. It has been prophesied that in this day of reproach, shame and disgrace, God is going to raise up a holy remnant who are going grieve and weep over this defilement. . .

God will have a remnant that will not sit idly by while all of these things invade the Church. God says, "I will have a people that are not going to be satisfied to go their merry way and just ignore what is happening as Charlatans and money-mad false prophets are coming into the House of God and destroying everything in sight." God is going to gather a people who grieve over this. . . . If you truly love the Lord and you love His Church, you can not look honestly at what is happening today (and I am going to name these reproaches this morning). If after you hear what I have to say about this reproach, and you can walk out of this Church and you can say, "I just stand on Matthew 18 'the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church', I am not going to worry about, God has everything under control".

That is not enough. God uses people. God uses people to perform His work. He does not send angels. Angels weep over it, but God does not use angels to accomplish His purposes. He uses burdened broken-hearted weeping men and women. . . . Judgment is at the door, Jesus is coming. The Day of the Lord is at hand. Wake up elders. Wake up pastors. Wake up shepherds. Take a look at the Church. Get the burden. Carry it. Why should we take on the burden of the reproach of the Solemn Assembly? Joel said, "because there is a rotten seed being planted."

A gospel is being preached that is withering everything that is in sight. Everything that is green and Godly and pure is being withered. The seed is rotten there is a famine of hearing the pure Word of the Lord. . . . there is no pasture. The flocks are desolate and hungry. The rivers are drying up. A **strange fire** is devouring the pastors. Ezekiel says that Shepherds are trampling down the good pasture and eating the best for themselves. What are the shameful disgraceful things that are happening in the Church of Jesus Christ today?

First of all it is **the rotten seed** that is being preached by covetous Shepherds. This is known as the **PROSPERITY GOSPEL**. This is one of the greatest reproaches that the Church of Jesus Christ ever perpetrated since Christ. This perverted gospel is poisoning multitudes - even in China, Africa and all over the world. It is an American gospel invented and spread by rich American evangelists and pastors. Rich! It alarms me that so many people can hear the tapes and see videos that are coming out of these prosperity conferences and not weep over them. This poison has spread all over the world. Cuba is about to open and they are itching to get in there right now with their Prosperity gospel to tell them, "you have been poor enough now, God wants all Cubans to be rich."

This past week I was given a video tape recently recorded in Kenneth Copeland's meetings. I listened to the speakers and I was dumbfounded. Folks, you read the New Testament, you will find that Paul the Apostle named those who he believed were false prophets. He warned and he named their names. I am telling you now that if you can listen to what I am about to tell you, and not be grieved, then you are blind. You are spiritually blind. You have a hard heart. A heart with a shield on it so that the pure gospel can not penetrate it. The mind has been so saturated with this unbalanced gospel that you can not come to many of them. You can not preach the truth. You can not show them anything else in the scripture because they have a shield over their hearts. Hard hearted.

Some of you will not receive it. If you have been feeding your soul on Copeland or Hagin's tapes, you are not going to like what you hear. Folks, I am a Shepherd, I've been called by God. I made this church a promise. As long as we are in this pulpit, if we saw wolves in sheep's clothing coming to rob the flock, we would stand up and cry out against it. It is up to you to do something about it.

I sat this week and listened to the speakers at this conference and I was so shocked and hurt. The burden of the Lord came on me. That is why I am preaching this message. Grieve over it. I quote word for word what was said. All the speakers could hardly get by because all of the people were running up stuffing their pockets with money. The reason they do that is a new doctrine that has just come out that says, "if you want to be blessed, you have to find the most blessed evangelist or pastor you can find because he that has been given much receiveth much, he that has little, even that which he has will be taken from him. If you find the most blessed prosperous preacher and give him money, then you will be blessed. The more blessed he is, if you give you to those that are most blessed. . . . it is a pyramid scheme. If these men were in the secular world, they would be in jail. Ponzie schemes. Pyramid schemes. The man at the top who appears to be the holiest and speaks the loudest. Hundreds of people were running up until the pockets were bulging. The sinner says, "is this the free gospel? Dollar bills?"

Listen to what was said. The speaker got up and he said, "if a poor widow on welfare hands you \$5.00, you better take it. Elijah took the widow's last meal. You are the anointed one, you deserve it, you take it."

The same speaker said, "I live in a 8,000 square foot house. I am going to build a bigger one now. One that King Solomon would be proud of. I just paid \$15,000 for a dog. You see this gorgeous ring on my finger, I was in Jamaica and just paid \$32,000 for it. I want you know that when the people in my town come past my mansion and they see my Rolls Royce sitting in the driveway, they know there is a God in heaven." Now, you tell me, that is the gospel? You tell me that you can't weep over that.

One of the speakers got up and said, "We made a covenant along with Brother Copeland that for the next 365 days none of us are going to suffer for a single day. We will not know a moment of discouragement. We will never be sick or in need. We are going to enjoy all the blessings. We reject all suffering, all pain, all financial problems." That is fine if you are on the top of the heap.

Here is what grieves me most. This was preached. "The Holy Spirit can't be poured out upon you until first you are in the money flow. Until you are prospering, the Holy Ghost can not do His work." Think of it! How does this affect you? What does it do to your spirit when you see poor people who are living from pay check to pay check and suddenly he says, "run for the money" and people are running wildly everywhere and they say as they run, "they are claiming the riches".

Then I see people withering like snakes out of their seats onto the floor. I see the evangelist going up and hissing like a snake and people falling everywhere. Folks, what is going on? The Reproach of the Solemn Assembly! The prophet called them "greedy dogs, ungodly watchmen". Folks, if you had the heart of God and the burden of the Lord you would be crying out with Isaiah, "they are blind watchmen, ignorant, dumb dogs, sleeping, loving to slumber, yea, greedy dogs which can never have enough." "I've got 8,000 square foot but I am going to sell it and I'm going to make one now that King Solomon could live in." Never getting enough.

He said, "Shepherds that can not understand, they all look to their own way, every one for his own gain from his quarter. Jeremiah spared no words. He said, "My people are lost sheep. Their Shepherds have caused them to go astray." You say, "Pastor, you have no right to speak so strongly on this subject." If you think I'm strong, listen to Ezekiel 34:1-10. [read this scripture]

You take \$5.00 from the widow and you buy a \$15,000 dog. You take the pay check from the widow and the poor and you tell them that they do not have enough faith - that is why they are prospering. You take the very wool from off the back of the sheep. You are not out for souls, you are out for money.

"The Shepherds fed themselves and fed not the flock, therefore O you Shepherds, hear the Word of the Lord. Thus saith the Lord God, Behold I am against the Shepherds and I will require my flock at their hand and cause them to cease from feeding the flock. Neither shall the Shepherds feed themselves any more, for I will deliver my flock from mouth that they may not be meat for them anymore".

I am going to deliver my flock from the teeth of these men. My God, help us.

Second, the misrepresentation of the blessed Holy Ghost. This is the worst reproach. It should make us fall on our faces. The way and the manner in which the Holy Ghost is being represented to the whole world. Sad to say, there is so little discernment left in the church among so many pastors and even church leaders. They don't even know when the

Holy Ghost is being misrepresented or blasphemed. There are thousands of Christians that go to crusades and they see things that they think is the Holy Ghost and they don't even know what they are sitting under. They are clapping and praising God while a man stands up there blaspheming and misrepresenting the Holy Ghost and they don't even know it.

Entire Charismatic denominations, including the Assemblies of God, are being torn apart, literally torn apart by pseudo revivals. All kinds of things that are happening - there is something new being introduced almost every week. The leaders don't whether to embrace it or to curse it. They don't know what to do. We get letters from hundreds and hundreds of pastors from all over the world. They say, "what is right and what is wrong?" Where are the leaders? Where is somebody to tell us?

Folks, what we are seeing today in what is called so many revivals and things that are happening attributed to the Holy Ghost can not be found in the Scripture. Anything that can not be found in this Book has to be rejected outright. Totally rejected! I weep when I see these videos that are sent to me from all over the country. Whole groups of bodies jerking out of control, falling on the floor, laughing hysterically, staggering around like drunkards, writhing like snakes, howling like wild animals. We have evangelists that stand and blow on people to knock them down, as if the breath of the Holy Ghost is now incarnated him. Throws his "designer" jacket at people and says that is the "hand of the Lord".

Now a new Gospel has just hit South America. Folks, it is rude and crude, but I have to tell you. When you get away from the parameters of Scripture, when you get up and say: "Oh, it is a New Thing, God is doing a New Thing? I don't understand it, it is not in the Scripture, but I don't want to stand against the Holy Ghost". Folks, if it is not in this Book, you must stand up against it. Now the New Thing is that you can't enter the Kingdom of God except you come as a little babe. The people come with diapers under their outer clothing so that they can defecate and urinate in the meetings. This is the New Thing. Folks, where does it end?

A pastor said, "Is it come down to this that one day some evangelist stands up and says, 'I've got a revelation from the Lord, it is time add Mary to your worship". That is what it is going to come to. Another evangelist calls himself the Holy Ghost Bartender. He says, "Belly up to the bar and take a drink of the Holy Ghost." They call that drinking the new wine. I hear ringing in my ears the prophet that said, "The day of the Lord is at hand. Wickedness abounds. Weep between the porch and the altar. Put on sackcloth. Fast and mourn for the backslidding of my people."

Jesus is about to come. The masses are unreached. When I see Christians belly up to what is called the "Holy Ghost Bar", staggering like drunkards, Joel's words come to me loud and clear, "Awake you drunkards and weep all you who drink new wine because the harvest in the field is perished."

Souls are dying by the thousands, what are you laughing about. Anything of the Holy Ghost has to work anywhere on the face of the earth. You have to be able to take it into the most vile wicked places. You have to take it into poverty nations. You have to take it to the dregs of humanity and it has to work there. It can't work just in prosperous America. It has to work everywhere on the face of the earth. I dare these men take this gospel, the laughing gospel into the Balkans now. Go into the refugee camps where wives are crying because they saw their husbands shot. Their daughters have been raped. Their children are hungry. They have lost their homes and go in there and ask them to "belly up to the bar" - the Holy Ghost wants you to laugh. This so-called revival is coming to Madison Square Gardens this summer. Knowing what you know about the Scripture, carrying the grief and the burden for the Solemn Assembly, how can you even conceive of embracing such a doctrine?

Let me tell you who is laughing. The world. The ungodly, the heathen. It has become a spectacle. In a time so close to the coming of the Lord when the Church of Jesus Christ ought to be shut away in a secret closet of prayer. Where it ought to be weeping for the lost. Where it ought to have the desire to forsake all and follow Jesus. Where there should never be a mention of the dollar bill. The American god. The American idolatry. We have the world looking at this foolishness and do you know what they are thinking now - that the Holy Ghost is a Ringmaster. It is a Charismatic Circus.

I don't care what anybody thinks any more. I don't care if people drop off the mailing list. I care for their souls and the fact that many are into this blindness. I have a duty before God to stand before the congregation that He has called me to minister to and warn you and tell you that these are reproaches of the Solemn Assembly and the Bible says that you are to be sorrowful about it. The elders are to be sorrowful. The congregation, the Pastors, the Ministers, the Evangelists, We should be praying down these strongholds.

Finally, the reproach of downgrading depravity in the Church. *Woe unto them that call evil good and good evil - that put darkness for light and light for darkness. They put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter*. (Jer. 23:15).

I've seen in the prophets a horrible thing. They commit adultery, they walk in lies, they strengthen also the hands of evil doer and non returns from his wickedness."

I received a letter this past week from an irate Christian woman. She said, "My husband, who is supposed to be a Christian, is a big time gambler, in the millions." She said, "I've been so concerned with the crowd and the danger he is in". I thought, "I'll urge him to go to the pastor."

She said, "Brother Wilkerson, you will not believe what happened. I am so angry, hurt and confused. I sent my multi-million dollar gambling husband to my pastor."

He said, "I have searched the scriptures from Genesis to Revelation and I can't find one thing in the scripture against gambling. I see no sin in it, enjoy yourself." She was dumbfounded, "How can a man of God say such a thing to my husband?"

This is exactly what Jeremiah meant, "the pastors strengthen the hands of evildoers that none doth return from his wickedness." He explains why they have downgraded depravity in their congregation and why they are calling evil good and good evil and bitter sweet and sweet bitter. He said, "The prophets have committed adultery and are walking in lies." Any man that has sin in his life is not going to get up and talk about sin in the camp. He is convicted by his own adultery, his own sin and his own evil mind.

I am not painting every minister in the country with this brush. The majority of ministers are on fire for God. There young ministers so clean and so pure in this wicked day and age. I've met many of them and I thank God for them. Even in this City I've met some of the most righteous preachers I've ever met in my lifetime. Multitudes of ministers feel just like I feel this morning and they are looking and waiting for voices to expose that which is evil. "If they had stood in my council and had caused my people to heard my words. . if they were speaking what I really have in my heart. If they were speaking the mind of God, they should have turned the people away from their evil ways and from the evil of their doings"

You can tell if a man knows the Lord. God says of the others, "I didn't send them, I didn't speak to them. They speak their own mind out of their own imagination. Out of the evil of their own hearts." "They speak of vision of their own heart, I sent them not. I have not spoken to them. They say unto them that despise me, 'the Lord said, you shall have peace' and they say unto every one that walks after the imagination of his own heart, 'no evil shall come upon there.'"

The reproach upon the Solemn Assembly should be the greatest sorrow to every one who loves Christ and His Church. This should be the greatest sorrow in our heart - these reproaches on His name and on His Church. Weep over the condition of the Church.

When you take your stand and when you take on the burden of the Lord, by fasting and prayer. Every child of God needs to be praying that everyone in this snare will be delivered. Don't touch it, don't go near it, if you go in just out of curiosity it will grab you because it appeals to everything of the flesh. Until you know how to deal with the flesh with the power of the Holy Ghost, stay away from it. Jeremiah said, "*The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is Mighty. He will save, He will rejoice over thee with joy. He will rest in His love. He will joy over thee with singing*."

Why? Because He has found a people who are sorrowful over the things that sorrow His heart. Who carry the burden that He carries, the Reproach of the Solemn Assembly.

This is going to become a "love-trap". You will hear this: "We love everybody. It doesn't matter what you preach. It doesn't matter if you are in prosperity. It doesn't matter what your gospel is - or anything else. God is love. Let us all just get together and embrace one another." How can two walk together unless they be agreed. How can you walk with those when you don't agree with the unscriptural practices, you can not. That is a love trap. They say, "Don't condemn anybody. Don't judge anybody."

That is not what the Bible says. It says that we are to judge righteous judgement. Reprove and rebuke with all longsuffering. I am not on a soapbox, I am on a Rock. God is trying to save you, Church.

What are the riches of God in Christ Jesus? The peace of God, the wisdom of God, the nearness of Christ, all that is in Christ is ours. . . .

Folks, beware! Beware! Have I scared you? Are you ready to take on the burden of the Lord. You can't do that in your own flesh. Get alone with God!

The time has come to call a Solemn Assembly. If you have any of these tapes or books, get them out of your house. Don't give them away, burn them. If somebody invites you to go to these things, say, "I'm sorry, I don't want a famine of the Word and I don't my heart to whither and dry. I want the pure Word of the Lord that will cause me to grow. I don't want any message that is going to appeal to my flesh or to foster covetousness in my spirit."

God does supply needs and He is a miracle working God, but He does it only His way. Not by misappropriating and not mis-using the scripture.

Abraham was not looking at things on earth, He was looking for a City whose Builder and Maker is God.

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