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Isaiah 28:11 to 12 says:

For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

To whom he said, This [is] the rest [with which] you may cause the weary to rest; and this [is] the refreshing: yet they would not hear.

Joshua 11:23 says:

So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the LORD [Yahweh] said to Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance to Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from war.

What is revival? It is a word everybody knows. It is a word that has been used certainly as long as I can remember. Right from a child I grew up with this word 'revival' ringing in my ears.

Having grown up in the Pentecostal church, it seems that the word revival is total 'Pentecostalese', because every Pentecostal and Charismatic has that word on their tongue. They are saying,

"We are praying for revival. Let's fast and pray. Let's call this church to wait on God for revival."

"What are you praying for?"

"Revival of course."

"What is revival?"

"Well, umm.. yeah, what is revival?"

Different Ideas of Revival

Over a period of time that whole concept has become warped and denatured. Eventually each person has their own concept of what revival means. And for many churches and for most pastors, revival is an aspiration for growth and success.

They say, "We are praying for revival so that the people will come in; so the pews will be full and so that our church will get big. There will be lots of finance so we will have to extend the seating.

"We will have to break down the church and make it bigger. There will be lots of people because we will have revival. Glory; hallelujah. The tithes will triple. This is revival, brother."

Is that your concept of revival? Next we have the legalistic approach to revival that says,

"It depends completely on us. It is up to us to turn from our sin. We have to become righteous and holy and somehow justify and bring revival."

Then you get the passive approach that says,

"Well God is sovereign and He will send revival when He wants to do it. We can't force His hand. We have to wait. When God decides to bring revival we'll get it. So we'll just keep hoping and praying that revival will arrive."

And then revival comes and revival goes. It seldom lasts does it?

Have these been your experiences with revival? Are these some of the concepts that you have heard and adopted through the years concerning revival?

In this section I am talking about the Joshua apostle, so you may wonder perhaps why I am talking about revival. It is for a very important reason. Joshua brings the End Times revival, and the end result of revival is supposed to another 'r' word - rest. That is why I entitled this section 'The Rest of Revival'.

Revival is supposed to be ultimately heading for a time of rest. How is this going to come about, and how is the Joshua apostle meant to bring it about? With the Lord's help I am going to try and give you some pointers here, taken from the life of Joshua and from his experiences.

We looked in the last section at Joshua's mistake that he made at Gibeon and how he had to deal with the five kings. I showed you that it was a picture of Satan's counterfeit of the Fivefold Ministry, and how the enemy has set up a system in the world to counteract everything that God does in the church.

Now I would like us to have a look at how we deal with the World System and the effects of the world. I want to show you how the Joshua apostle goes about approaching this, and how God will work through the ministry of the Joshua apostle to bring it about.

Reviving the Church

There is a need for revival. What is revival? Well in simple English terms it means this:

To bring back to life what once was, or to restore something that was there before.

So revival in the context of the Joshua apostle means to bring the church back to where it was. We saw that the Moses apostle has the responsibility of laying out the pattern for the church. Which pattern? It was the original pattern that God had.

What happened to the pattern that the early apostles laid out and put forth? The church went into the Dark Ages and lost the pattern. It lost the principles and veered away from what God intended, and became less than what God intended.

Now today God is raising up His Joshua apostles to lay out a new pattern for the End Times church. That new pattern will build on the pattern of the original apostles.

And as Moses completes that pattern and hands over to Joshua, Joshua will go out to bring the church back to order, and back to

the place that it was. The Joshua apostle will revive the church and bring it back into the glory and power that the early church had.

You say, "So what do we need the David and the Solomon for then?"

The David and Solomon apostles will take the church beyond what the early church had. There are a lot of people who believe that the End Times church of God will be simply what was there in the early church, perhaps in greater measure, because there will be more apostles.

When I hear somebody speak like that I know that they haven't had much exposure to anything more than the Moses and Joshua type ministries. Joshua will bring the church back to where it should have been. Therefore Joshua will work within the limits of the existing church system, even as Moses will.

There is a need for revival. Why? It is because the church has strayed away from the original pattern. Joshua has to implement the new principles that Moses has laid out.

Dealing With the World

We have looked at this in various different places so I am not going to elaborate on it here. But how is Joshua going to do it? He is going to have to start by dealing with the five kings which we looked at last time.

Joshua made a mistake in that he entered into a covenant with Gibeon, and Gibeon is a picture of the world. As a result of that covenant, he came in confrontation with the World System as those five kings gathered together and were arrayed against him.

Joshua has to start by breaking free of Gibeon. He has become involved and has allied himself to Gibeon, even as the church of God have allied themselves to the World System. And the church has become colored by and influenced by the world, by those five kings that we looked at.

So the first thing the Joshua apostle has to do is to bring the church to the place of dealing with the world, with the Gibeonites.

What did Joshua do? Joshua 9:27 says:

And Joshua made them (the Gibeonites) that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for the congregation, and for the altar of the LORD [Yahweh], even to this day, in the place which he should choose.

Joshua forced the Gibeonites to serve him. He couldn't break the covenant. He had made a vow. He was part and parcel of the Gibeonites, but he did not have to bow to them. He made them subservient to him. Have you heard this statement? It says,

We are in the world, but we are not of the world.

Then there is the Scripture that says,

And this is the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith.

We are meant to be overcomers in this world. And we will be looking at that in a lot more detail as we see how Joshua handled this.

Joshua began firstly by bringing the Gibeonites in subjection to him. This was not only to the people of God, but to the service of God, to the altar of God and the church of God.

The Joshua apostle must bring the church to the place where the church brings the World System in subservience. This is not only so that the world cannot influence the church, but so that the world in actual fact begins to serve the church.

How are you going to do that? By rising up and becoming what God has called you to be. It all has to do with the displacement of the World System, and it is going to benefit the church of God.

A Backlash

Then Joshua prepared for the backlash. What backlash?

If you get involved in the world, you try and stand against the world and bring it into subjection and there is going to be a kickback. There is going to be a backlash from the world that will come and try and attack you.

There are going to be elements in the world that will not be happy about you ruling and reigning in life in Christ Jesus. That is when the five kings rose up to attack. It was a backlash from the World System, and Joshua had to prepare himself for that.

The first thing he had to do is to gather together all the men of war and the mighty men of valor. If you are a Joshua apostle expect the world to fight back. It is not going to bow to you easily.

There will be a mighty backlash from the world. It is your responsibility to mobilize the church of God, the Body of Christ for war. You are not there to just give the good news and say,

"It's all going to fall into our laps guys. It's all just going to happen. The Lord is going to take care of it."

Moses said, "Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord."

But Joshua cannot stand there and say,

"Okay guys, just stand and let the Lord do it all for you; no problem here."

Winning the Battle

Prepare for war because you have a fight on your hands. Expect it and be ready to handle it when it comes, because it will.

What did Joshua do the moment the world lashed back? The Scripture says that Joshua rose up from Gilgal. Gilgal means, 'a rolling wheel'.

Joshua got the wheels rolling. He didn't sit and get caught unawares. He didn't sit back and wait for the world to come and destroy him. He rose up, ready to attack before they even got to him. He rose up from Gilgal and went out to face them immediately.

The Scripture says that he came suddenly. They were not expecting him. He came in the middle of the night while they were all asleep. They marched through the night up from Gilgal and the next morning there they were, ready to attack immediately.

Joshua apostle you must mobilize the church of God to wake up, to get up and to get moving, even while it is yet night. Even before the manifestation of the attack that comes from the System of this world, from the Pharaoh of this world and from his hosts, you must rise up and attack.

You must have the element of surprise. Nobody has yet won a battle by being defensive. You can't do it. The church must come to the place where they say,

"Enough is enough. We're not going on this way. We're not going to accept this anymore. Enough already; we're going to get out there and we're going to smash them."

You say, "Oh no, don't upset Pharaoh. Don't upset the world. Let's just pour oil on troubled waters. Let's just let sleeping dogs lie. Don't mess with these guys. They're pretty tough."

"No, let's go and smash them now! Let's get the wheels rolling."

Take a Step

Why must you do this? Because until you take a step God will not take a step, because He works through His people. God's instrument of blessing in this earth is the Body of Christ.

God's instrument of war in this world and the means by which He will conquer is the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. And while you are sleeping, the enemy (the world) is marching against the

church. You must march through the night and catch them by surprise. Don't you sleep.

The Scripture says that as Joshua rose up to go and attack the Lord said,

"I am with you. I'm right behind you; I'm ahead of you and in the middle of you. I'm part of you. I am fighting with you and for you."

In Joshua 10:11 it says:

And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, [and] were in the descent to Bethhoron, that the LORD [Yahweh] cast down great stones from heaven upon them up to Azekah, and more of them died from the hailstones than what the children of Israel killed with the sword.

God killed more of them than what the Israelites did.

You say, "Well couldn't we have just stayed home and slept and let God do it? Hey Lord, why did we have to do that march right through the night? Why couldn't you just drop the hailstones on them so that when we got up in the morning and got out there they were all dead already?"

Initiate the New Move

God will work with you when you take the first step. That is why God has to raise up Joshua apostles. If He doesn't the soldiers will sleep, the Body of Christ will remain in its slumber, and the enemy will come in and overwhelm and destroy the work of God.

Joshua apostle, God will raise you up to initiate this move. What move? It is the move of God. We are praying and saying,

"Oh Lord we're praying for the new move. We're praying for revival. Come Holy Spirit, bring revival. Oh Lord, we're waiting, we're fasting and praying and we're waiting on you for revival. Oh Lord, send revival."

"What are you doing about going out and attacking the enemy?"

"Well we'll do that once revival comes."

It doesn't work that way. You have to move first, then God will move with you. It says,

As they fled before Israel God moved on their behalf.

He did most of the work, but not until the Israelites stepped out boldly in obedience to the Lord when He said,

"Go and take the land."

He said to Joshua,

"Everywhere you put your foot I have already given to you. But Joshua it doesn't become yours until you put your foot on it."

Moving in Signs And Wonders

The church of the Lord Jesus Christ has been praying for years for revival, when it is lying ahead. Do you want the power of God? Do you want God to work? Do you want signs and wonders?

Stop waiting and get moving. Stop standing and looking at the Red Sea and crying,

"Well stand still and see the revival of the Lord."

It is not coming until you move. God began to work and He worked with signs following. Isn't that similar to a Scripture in the New Testament, where before He ascended to Heaven, Jesus had said to His disciples,

Go ye into all the world.

What are we talking about here? We are talking about attacking the world. He said,

Go into all the world and preach the gospel.

The Scripture says that as they went forth, the Lord worked with them confirming the Word with signs following. Following what? Following the Word. Following who? Following you.

You say, "I wish God would perform signs and wonders. I wish we had miracles. I wish we had people getting healed and that we could see the dead being raised."

It is not going to happen in the church. It is going to happen in the world. It is not going to happen while you are waiting for the world to attack you, huddled in your little corner.

It is going to happen when you go out into the world to claim the kingdoms of this world for the Kingdom of our God. That is when it will take place.

CHAPTER 19

Learning to Flow

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Now you will have to learn to flow when revival comes, and it will because God will step in. You will have to learn to flow with the river. God will lead.

As you step forward He will step in, and the revival power of God will begin to move and will begin to flow. All you need to do is to keep flowing in the same direction as what the Lord is, and God will back you all the way as you continue to step forward.

You say, "Well we got in there and we beat them."

It is not enough. You have to keep moving and pursuing. You must go until you have conquered all the land. You can't stop. The Children of Israel couldn't stop after Jericho and say,

"Well that's great. We conquered their big city. Let's take a six month break."

You have to keep going and moving forward. You have to keep putting your foot on the land until you have taken all of the land.

Joshua continued pressing on and taking the land. And as they defeated all of these people and defeated these kings and their hosts that came against them, he didn't stop there. He didn't say,

"Well we've dealt with the five kings."

He went on and he took the land they came from. These kings had come from their land with their armies. There were a whole lot of people left behind there.

There were more kings back there. There were more people on those territories that needed to be dealt with, so Joshua pressed on. He kept going and kept moving.

Keep Moving Ahead

I will tell you what happens very often when God begins to move in revival power.

We say, "What we've prayed for has arrived. Hallelujah, let's enjoy it! Let's have a glory hallelujah camp meeting. Let's have meetings continuously. Let's have these wonderful revival meetings and have everybody coming in."

The news gets around that revival has fallen on this church and it has spread far and wide. And people come from everywhere to come and experience this wonderful revival that is taking place.

We stop going forward. We have stopped attacking the world. We don't need to now; we have our revival. We've got what we have been praying for. It has arrived.

You say, "Oh we have such wonderful meetings. We come and have a glorious time. We get filled with the Spirit and fall under the power. We speak in tongues and get drunk in the Spirit.

"Then we go home, and we can't wait to get back to the next meeting where we can go and get drunk again. What a wonderful revival we're having!"

Then one day suddenly it stops and you say,

"Oh gee, it's over. I guess we'll have to find another place where there is revival, so we can go there and get a touch from God."

When God begins to move in revival power, as you step forward in obedience to Him and His Spirit begins to move, it is up to you to maintain that move. And not only that, but to call upon the Lord to perform signs and wonders and miracles.

There are a lot of revival moves that are taking place in the Body of Christ today, that are nothing but a time of pleasure and enjoyment of the presence of the Lord. There is nothing wrong with that. It is a gift of God.

But God has given us His power to perform signs and wonders and miracles and to displace the kingdoms of this world. Are we tapping into His power and making full use of what is available to us?

Are we making sure that this pouring of God's Spirit not only continues but is amplified; that it is increased and reaches the bounds of what God is giving to us?

Don't Let The Sun Go Down

There they were. God had poured down the hailstones and killed the enemy. They were out there conquering. They were in revival, and the next moment the sun started to go down.

You say, "You know every revival only has a limited time. Once it has burnt out and run its course, and God has done what He wanted to here it is over. History shows us that no revival ever lasted indefinitely. It always came to an end.

"The day may burn brightly in the noon day sun, but the time comes when the shadows start to lengthen and the sun starts to go down, and then we know it is time to pack up. It's over. We're going to have to wait for another day and start seeking the Lord again for some new outpouring of revival."

If you are perhaps just an evangelist who has been reliant on the little bit of anointing that you have, perhaps you might accept that. But if you are a Joshua apostle it is not good enough. You say,

"This thing didn't happen by accident. This isn't just a little temporary move of God. This is His mandate for the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

"This is what the End Times church is for and it is what we are supposed to be doing. And until we have done the job we are not getting out of here. We are sticking with it through to the end and I don't care what it takes."

Joshua looked up at the sun and he said,

"You're not going down until I'm finished!"

What audacity; what a cheek he had! Who did he think he was?

He was a mere man, and to think that he was so important that God would cause the entire solar system to slow down just for him. He was leading the people of God and there is nothing more important in this world than God's plan for His church.

Don't you dare be complacent and accept that there is limited time for God to move. When you step out in obedience and go and conquer the kingdoms of this world, God will confirm His Word. His revival power will come, and signs and wonders will be available to you if you will dare to trust God for them.

You need to dare to step out and be like some of the early revivalists like Smith Wigglesworth. He was stupid enough to put a dead body against the wall and say,

"Walk!"

Nobody had ever tried that before. They didn't know whether it would work or not. They weren't going to take a chance just in case it wouldn't work. You have to have a fire burning within you.

That was just the power of an evangelist. What kind of power has God given to His End Times apostles? They are the ones who stand up in His authority and power, and lead the church in these End Times in which we live, into the greatest victory and outpouring of the Spirit of God that this world has ever known.

Do Not Accept No

If God has called you to be a Joshua you will be bold enough and arrogant enough if you want to use that word. You will have the audacity to believe that God's power is coming and it is staying until we have the job done. You are not going to accept anything less.

You say, "But what if it's not the will of the Lord?"

"Then you make it His will."

"What?"

The Scripture does not tell us that God spoke to Joshua and said,

"Hey Joshua, would you like me to leave the sun up a little bit longer for you today? Would you like me just to slow things down a little bit so that it takes a bit longer?"

No, the Scripture tells me that Joshua spoke to God and God heeded the word of a man. Why? Because this was a man with another spirit. This was a man who was not taking no for an answer.

He was a man who was not waiting for it to happen. He was going to make it happen, and he was doing it for the sake of the Kingdom of God and for the victory of God's people.

Do you have the heart of the Joshua and do you have what it takes? Or are you going to sit on the sidelines and say,

"Well I'm just an evangelist you know."

Then that is all you will be. God has called you to something higher than just being an evangelist. And yes, as a Joshua you will be carrying out the ministry of an evangelist.

Joshua spoke to the sun and the Scripture says that the sun slowed down. The earth actually slowed down in its rotation.

It didn't stop. It just slowed down, and it took nearly a whole day for the sun to go down. Revival brings signs and wonders and we must make use of that opportunity and that power.

Now what happens when revival comes? What are some of the effects that we will see? 1 John 2:15 and 16 says:

*Do not love the world, neither the things [that are] in the world. If any man loves the world, the [agape] love of the Father is not in him.
For all that [is] in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of [bios] life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

When God's revival power comes, God begins to deal with the heart of man. He begins to deal with your love and the things

that you love; the things that are dear to your heart. He starts to make them ineffective as far as the world is concerned.

The Scripture speaks about us being crucified to the world. We will get to that shortly.

CHAPTER 20

Dealing With the World

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We see that the first thing that happened to these kings is they went and hid themselves in a cave. They went and hid away. The world is so clever. The world thinks that if it hides away from you and you don't notice it that you will ignore it.

What are you going to do when you rise up in revival power and you think you have overcome the world? Don't you believe it. Satan is subtle and Pharaoh will throw you off the track by just avoiding.

Suddenly you have this great move of God. Suddenly it looks as though you have conquered and you say,

"They have disappeared; they've gone. We did it, guys. Oh hallelujah, let's celebrate. Glory, we've got revival. We've got power and we've defeated the world. Oh yeah, let's make a bit party out of it."

Those kings are still there. They are just hiding away in the cave. When Joshua saw that, he moved very quickly to make sure that they stayed in the cave. He put a whole lot of stones there and trapped them.

Don't be deceived by the world. Make sure that you maintain that attack. And the very first thing that you have to do is to get God's people to seal off their hearts from the influences of this world.

You cannot just go and directly attack those kings in the flesh. You can't go attacking the educational system. You will probably get into trouble with the law. You can't just go and speak publicly against the President and the Senators, the Government and the local municipal leaders, or whoever is in your country and in your area.

Some countries might allow you to wave banners and go on protests for what it is worth, which is nothing. God did not call the Body of Christ to do that. You have to deal with it in the hearts of God's people. You have to get them to seal it off and

not allow those things to influence them until the time comes when you can deal with it.

So the first thing you need to do as a Joshua apostle is to get God's peoples' eyes off the influences of the world. Get them diverted away from it.

Shut it off and get those kings locked up in the cave for now. We'll deal with them later. There is a time, and the time will come when God will displace this World System. But there is an order to be followed through.

Do Not Get Militant

God did not call the Joshua apostle to be militant and to rise up, gather all the people together and say,

"We are signing a petition and sending it to our Governor."

You don't need the Spirit of God to do that. Any unbeliever can do that. You do not need revival power to do that. You will accomplish nothing with the weapons of the flesh.

But when God's revival power rises up and God's people go forward in revival power, that system is going to be displaced. You start by getting God's peoples' eyes off those things and get them fixed on the task which lies ahead of them. That task is,

Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved.

Let's cause them to come into the Kingdom of God. When they come into the Kingdom of God then the kingdoms of this world will begin to lose some of their support.

Revival brings a change in our actions. It is not only a change in our hearts, in our attitudes and in our love, but a change in our actions.

It is up to you as a Joshua apostle to lay out the pattern. You have to implement the principles that Moses has laid out for

bringing the church into a new activity; into a new mode of behavior and a new way of functioning in this world.

Put the World in Subjection

After they returned, Joshua called for them to bring those kings out and they laid them on the ground. He called the people and said,

"Okay, come and put your feet on their necks."

There is something about a guy lying there on the ground and you have your foot on his neck. It gives you a kind of sense of control and power doesn't it? You can say,

"Yes you - I could crush you with just one foot. Just you be very careful. I have you under my foot."

Isn't that what Jesus said? He said that we would crush the kingdom of darkness under our foot? He said,

Behold I give you power to tread on serpents and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means harm you.

The Church of Jesus Christ needs to be made aware that she has power over this world, not by vote or petitions, and not by rallying together and holding some kind of march through the city.

You have authority and power by the Spirit of God, to put the powers of this world under your feet and to hold them there so that they can't move. When you have them there and you have the world under your control, only then is God going to open the way for you to destroy these things and to displace them.

It was only afterwards that these kings were finally dealt with and they were killed. The land wasn't fully taken yet, but the kings, the leaders and influences that were motivating it, were dealt with.

Joshua instructed that they hung them up so that everybody could take a look and never forget them. Never forget what?

Firstly, don't forget who those five kings are. Remember who they are, and don't forget that as far as you are concerned they are dead. They have no power over you. In the name of Jesus you have conquered them and you have overcome them. And they will never affect you or influence your life again.

Death to the World

Then finally Joshua threw them back in the cave and put stones over to keep them buried. Finally the church comes to a place where the world is dead. How does this happen? Galatians 6:14 says:

But God forbid that I should glory, except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world.

It is the cross.

You say, "Oh no, you're talking death again."

That's right and it is called living the crucified life. It is called living a life that is totally dead to the world. It is called living a life that is dedicated fully to the Lord and to Him alone, where the influences of this world no longer affect you and have no power over you anymore. This is because you are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God.

Do you know of an apostle who is always preaching about death? Have you heard and seen somebody like that? Every time you come across somebody like that, go up to them and say,

"Hello Joshua, pleased to meet you."

That is what you are doing as a Joshua apostle. You are continually bringing God's people to death to this world. And then you are bringing the revival power of God to come upon them, and causing them to rise up and be victorious for the Lord.

CHAPTER 21

Moving in Power

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How do we keep this thing going? We have come to this place where we have overcome. God's revival power has arrived, but we have to maintain it. We have to maintain this End Times move of God, that is going to take us ultimately and finally to the return of the Lord Jesus Christ for His spotless Bride.

Reaching Out to the World

We have covered it a bit already. You will have to move from defense to attack. And so as Joshua went and he attacked and dealt with all of the land of the kings, what is this speaking about? It is speaking about,

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.

It is speaking about continually reaching out to reach every person in this world that does not know Jesus Christ as their Savior. We have to go and conquer this world for the Lord and for His Kingdom, and to win the lost to Him.

It speaks of the greatest evangelistic thrust that this world has ever known and that the Body of Christ has ever been involved in. The Scripture says that they went everywhere preaching the Word. And even when the persecution of Saul came to Jerusalem and caused the church to scatter, it says they went everywhere preaching the Word.

Wherever they went the gospel went with them. They extended out into the earth, and suddenly we see a church springing up there in Antioch. They didn't even have an apostle to do it.

Why was this? It was because Peter had instilled such power into them already right from the Day of Pentecost when he stood up and declared. He moved in such anointing power that his very shadow over people was touching them.

He stirred them up, then he forgot to tell them to go out, so God brought in a new agent. He was a double agent at the time but he didn't know it. His name was Saul of Tarsus and he thought he was working for the world, but he wasn't.

Even while he was killing Christians he was working for God. He was causing the church to scatter throughout the earth to fulfill the great commission that God had given to the early church.

Joshua the Evangelist

Joshua attacked and took the land. The world must be won to Jesus. We must reach the whole world - as many as we can - before Jesus returns, because He is waiting for the full number of His Bride to come in, that He may come and receive her unto Himself.

It is an ongoing process, and it is a strong emphasis in the ministry of the Joshua apostle. The Joshua apostle is continually motivating people, sending them forth and challenging them to get out with the Word. You don't stop until you have taken all the land.

You say, "But surely we are never going to win the whole world to the Lord?"

Well you know Joshua took the whole land and there were still enemies that weren't defeated. Yes we are not going to reach the whole world for the Lord, but the Scripture says that this gospel will be preached in every nation.

There will not be a place in this world that the gospel has not penetrated. And yes not everybody will receive the gospel. Not everybody will be saved, but everybody will hear.

Everybody will be subjected to the powers of the age to come and will see the signs and wonders that God is performing in His church. But only if you succeed as a Joshua apostle in leading the church of Christ. In sending them forth to go and take the whole land, to go and take the kingdoms of this world for the Lord and for His Kingdom.

That is what revival is about. That is what it is for. It is to equip us to win this world for the Lord, to bring this world into subjection to the Kingdom of God.

How do we do it? By the power of the Spirit and the power of His Word. We don't do it with fleshly weapons, but with spiritual weapons because the Scripture says,

(For the weapons of our warfare [are] not fleshly, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

It is to change the hearts and the minds of people; to cause them to think like children of the living God.

Battle Against Satan

Joshua finally completed the job, and conquered not only the kings, but all of their lands in all of their realm of influence, and the battle was won. Then he came home again to Gilgal.

We say, "Hallelujah, we've done it! We have preached the gospel in every nation. We can count them - this nation, that nation, that nation. We have reached the world and preached to every single person out there. They have all heard the word."

Or so we think, but I am afraid not. There were enemies that were not yet dealt with, and the Scripture tells us that there came another accumulation of hosts under another bunch of kings.

This time they made the battle of the five kings look like a picnic. Joshua 11:4 describes it and says:

And they went out, they and all their armies with them, many people, vast in number like the sand that [is] upon the sea shore, with exceedingly large numbers of horses and chariots.

What is this speaking about? It is speaking about an enemy that is not the powers of this world. We are speaking about an enemy that is far more vast even than the countries of this world and the nations of this world. We are speaking about the kingdom of darkness.

Satan will realize that he cannot fight using the weapons of this world. When through the power of God we have disabled his instruments in this world by rising up as a church of the Lord Jesus Christ in power and authority, there will come one final attack. The hosts of darkness will be gathered together against the church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

No Fear

But do you know something? God's people will know who they are and what they are. They will know who they are in Christ Jesus. And the one thing they do not need to do is fear. God spoke to Joshua and said,

"Don't be afraid; fear not."

Fear is the only weapon that Satan has. That is it.

You say, "But look at them. There are millions of them! They are like the sands of the sea. I mean I could be chopping off heads all day. We don't stand much hope that they will not keep coming."

It is a lie and you say,

"Lord you've got to do something here. Lord, you helped us before. Are you going to drop down some hailstones again?"

But you can't kill demons that way. Jesus already conquered the kingdom of darkness on the cross of Calvary. He already took away his power. He said to Joshua,

"Don't you fear. Go out there and you will slaughter them. You will overcome every one of them and will wipe them out without a problem."

This time the armies of God go forth in the power. Why? It is because the revival power has come and has stayed. And they have followed it through and have grown in the power of God. They have grown in the authority of God.

They are grounded in the Word of God. They know the weapons of their warfare. They know the power of their God, they know the authority that they have and they are not going to tolerate this.

They are not going to sit around waiting. They will get out there and attack and wipe them out.

That is exactly what Joshua did. You see this one is different. The church of God will rise up and Satan will launch a final attack against the church of the Lord Jesus Christ; against the revived End Times church.

He will launch his attack. And it is up to the Joshua apostles who have once more mobilized the church in spiritual warfare, to rise up and to lead God's people to attack and to overcome the kingdom of darkness. They will overcome not Pharaoh and his hosts, but Apollyon and his hosts - the general of Satan's armies.

Joshua slaughtered them. He conquered every single one of them. And as they went out in faith they won the battle on their own. God didn't have to do a thing. He had already given them His authority and His power. All they needed to do was to go out and act like Him and set the enemy to flight.

Joshua Leads the Warfare

If God has called you to be a Joshua apostle then your mandate is to displace the power of this World System from the hearts of God's people. It is to mobilize the Body of Christ to rise up and to conquer, and to overcome the powers of this world. And having overcome the powers of this world, it is to also overcome the powers of the kingdom of darkness.

You are to lead them in warfare in this flesh of this world and in the spirit. Together they will rise up in power, conquering and reigning over the kingdoms of this world, conquering and destroying the kingdom of darkness and displacing it. Then you will cause God's people to take the land.

How can you do this? You can only do it by bringing God's people into His power. By causing God's people to rise up and go forward, and to take hold of the power of Almighty God which is being offered to His church. Jesus said,

Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel. And these signs shall follow those that believe. In my name they will cast out demons. They will speak with new tongues. They will take up serpents and it will not harm them. They will drink something deadly and it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.

Signs and wonders will take place at the hands of God's people when they go forth in obedience and boldness. God's power will come down, and He will revive His church and take His church even beyond into greater measure than what it has ever known.

It will lead to an outpouring of revival such as this world has never seen. And when it is over there will come a time of rest. Only then will that rest come, where finally having conquered all, we will enter into the glory of the Lord and experience the wonderful blessing that He has.

Moving in Power

So when does the rest begin? It begins when you learn to move in His power. It is easy to move in power. If something small and weak is in front of you and you have power, you just walk over it. You just push it out of the way.

There is nothing that can stand against you. There is nothing that can resist you. And when you begin to move into God's power and rise up and become what He says you are; when you rise up and take what He says you have, the church of God will rise up and conquer.

It will be like what Paul speaks about in the book of Ephesians where he says,

"We are seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus. And then knowing that we are seated and knowing that we are victorious we begin to walk. And as we begin to walk we come in

confrontation with the enemy, and we stand against him and he has to flee."

Joshua Apostle you have to bring God's people to the place of rest where they know their position in Christ. They know their inheritance and they know what is theirs, and they will stand boldly and say,

"Oh no, don't you dare!"

The kingdoms of this world will come and spout off all their brilliant ideas of fear. And the powers of this world will try and bring the church of God into a place of bondage. But they will stand up and say,

"Oh no you don't!"

And by the power of the Spirit and the authority that God has placed in them, they will go forth and conquer. They will transform the kingdoms of this world into the kingdoms of our God and of His Christ.

Then there will be a Bride dressed in spotless white, having a garment without spot or wrinkle, ready and waiting for her Bridegroom to come and take her away.

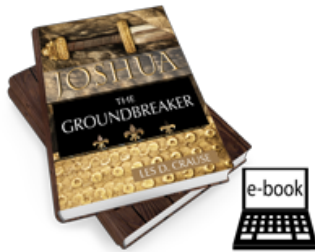
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