

THE WORD AND SPIRIT

2008 WILL OPEN HEAVENS GATES

The year of 2007, was a time that the Lord was visiting His people, to prepare them for 2008. It was "A Visit From Heaven In 2007". The Lord spoke to many people and had them make adjustments. I experienced that myself. He is still speaking to people today to get them ready for what will occur in 2008.

And the twelve gates were twelve pearls; every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass. And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. (Revelations 21:21-23, 25)

HEAVENS GATES

Gates are designed to open and close. 2008 will open heavens gates for a witness to the world that Jesus Christ rose from the dead and is alive today.

The supernatural, miraculous Spirit and Power of God will visit the earth. The ministry of the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher will come into their fullness, for those who are truly called to those offices. This will release the Gifts of the Holy Spirit like we have never seen or heard of. The Glory of God will dwell among men. The presence of angels will greatly increase and spiritual visions and dreams will be common.

There will come a correction in the church that will remove some from among us and put others in their place. It is necessary because some are influencing the church in the wrong direction. The Lord will bring His Word to pass.

POLITICAL ARENA

The presidential election will shock and amaze many but the Lord will still have His way among us. Adjustments will be made in the political arena that have hindered God's will in this nation. (End)



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COMMENTARY ON THE CHURCH IN 2008

The Body of Christ has staggered around like a person who has lost their way in the dark, for several years. All types of worldly fads, trends and fashions have been used in a desperate effort to bring people into the church or keep them there.

I realize that we are just trying anything we can to reach people with the gospel, because we don't know what to do. Like I have already stated, the church has become desperate in its actions because we are losing people and not gaining new ones.

We have tried everything from the clothes we wear to theatrical productions, time limited services, refraining from altar calls in public worship, inoffensive messages that say nothing about sin or the Holy Ghost, and we are still ineffective with our efforts. I am not criticizing or condemning. I believe there is a solution to our dilemma.

THE SOLUTION FOR THE CHURCH

The word church is listed 77 times in the new testament. Jesus Christ directly said the word church 10 times and said things about it and to it.

Church defined is, "The called out ones; a gathering or assembly of called out ones." Church is where those who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord assemble to Worship and Praise Him and get instruction from Him for their life's. You and I know that we are the Temple of God, today. (Continued Page 2)

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Our bodies are the Temple of God not a building. We are to Worship the Lord at all times and in any place because we are the Temple of God.

I do believe that we can have designated places that we come together to Worship the Lord. We call these places churches.

And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves, And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the (1) house of prayer; but ye have made it a (2) den of thieves. And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying in the temple, and saying, Hosanna to the Son of David; (3) they were sore displeased. (Matthew 21:12-15)

Steps For The Church to Take In 2008

1. Make Your Church A House Of Prayer. The above verse states, "My house shall be called a house of prayer." When I was pastor of our inmate church in prison, we did things different because we discovered what pleased the Lord by accident and making mistakes. The Glory of the Lord would fill our services.

No one who was demon possessed could sit in our church assembly without crying out and the demon leaving. Lost people would get saved and bow before the Lord right during our praise and worship or preaching service. No one asked them to.

What caused this? We never started a service without intense prayer. We had no agenda so we prayed and asked the Lord what He wanted to do. He would give me a song, scripture or prophesy to start off the service and the Glory would fall. We would praise the Lord, shout, dance in the Spirit and sing spiritual songs, as the Lord led us. We met for church 8 times a week and had prayer meetings twice daily.

We discovered the Lord will only occupy what He designs. If He didn't design or plan it He want visit or occupy it, with His Spirit and presence. I encourage you to get His plan in prayer.

2. Filter Out The Thieves. Our church was inside of prison. Some convicts would come to church just to disrupt the service or fight with someone. I would position a couple of ushers at the door to screen people in the Holy Ghost. If they picked up something negative they would turn them away and not let them in the church. *(Continued next column)*

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Yes, we actually turned people away from church! No, we were not politically correct, we were Holy Ghost correct!

When I became pastor, I got rid of anyone who had a position in the church who did not live right. Yes, they threaten to kill me. A few of them turned out to be full blow homosexuals and came out of the closet after I turned them out of the church. No, I was not politically correct.

You will never have the power of God in your church if you are politically correct and let the devil take over. We got rid of all the complainers and grumblers. If people didn't want to encounter God we sent them out. Some only wanted a social club, we wanted God.

When we got rid of all the thieves or robbers that would steal the true move of God with their own agenda, the Glory came! My friend Carl said, "YOU CAN BE POPULAR OR POWERFUL BUT YOU CAN'T BE BOTH!" You decide what you want.

3. You Can't Be A People Pleaser. The above verse states, "They were sore displeased." They didn't like what Jesus said or did. Jesus didn't go to the Temple to please the people, He went to please His Father. When we go to church to please our Heavenly Father, instead of pleasing the people, He will show up.

We must have absolutes of the Word of God that we will not violate for anyone. You have to have standards and guidelines that follow the Bible exactly. We learned this in our prison church and the Glory of God was always there. I encourage you to go all out for God!! *(End)*

GIVING AND RECEIVING

Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity. Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account. (Philippians 4:15-17)

Notice, Paul placed their giving before their receiving. The seed is always planted before the harvest can come. The Lord gives seed to the sower, so they can plant it to meet their needs.

Paul was a traveling minister, just like I am. He and I were both told by the Lord to travel and preach. Paul said, "You sent once and again unto my necessity." This means they financially supported Paul, continually, in the work of the Lord.

THANKS FOR YOUR MONTHLY SUPPORT!

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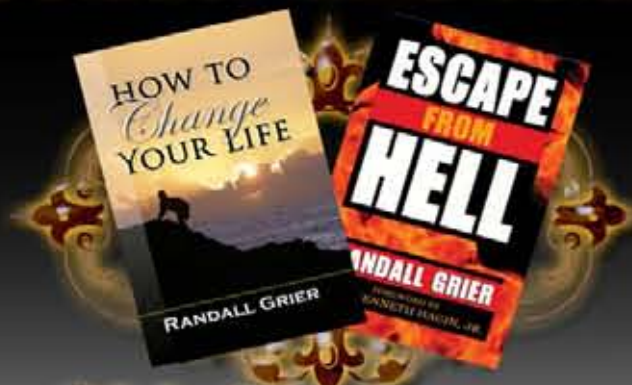


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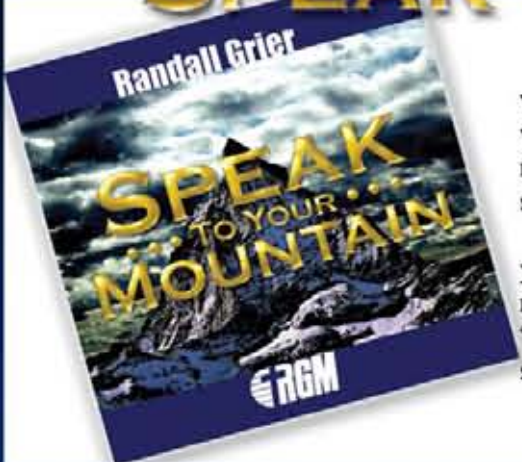


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