

# WORD AT WORK

## VOLUME XXXIV NUMBER I Knowing the God of Covenant II Knowing the Lord by Times and Seasons

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Scripture: Acts 1:6-8

Acts 1:6-8 says, *"Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, 'Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?' And He said to them, 'It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.'"* The disciples were asking about a specific **chronos** that revealed Jesus as King. The answer Jesus gave in verse 7 was, *"It is not for you to know times/**chronoi** or seasons/**kairoi** which the Father has put in His own authority."* The Greek word for "authority" here is **ex-oo-see-ah**, and it is the word for, 'The governmental authority of God.' The government of God has ordained **chronos** seasons and **kairos** visitations. **Chronos** refers to a period of time that has a set beginning and set ending. **Kairos**, however, is a season that is not measured by a clock or calendar. One of the things that we understand from this passage is that the disciples were specifically asking to know about God's unfolding prophetic plan. They were asking what season they were in. Jesus' answer was, "You are asking about something that is way beyond the scope of your lives. Instead, focus on what God has ordained for your lifetime." They were about to receive power when the Holy Spirit would come upon them because they had a job to do – they were to witness. There is a distinct aspect of knowing the Lord that includes the times and seasons that will unfold in each of our lives. It is possible to know the Savior and be completely ignorant about the times and seasons that will unfold ahead of us. Part of knowing God is the deep awareness of the times and seasons that will impact us while we live on the earth. It is one thing to know the Lord and it is another to comprehend His times and seasons so we can achieve our maximum fruit. If we know the times and seasons, we can fully realize our ordained participation. Knowing the Lord by times and seasons is all about the fruit we will have in eternity. Every believer who knows the Lord by times and seasons maximizes their eternal fruitfulness.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Scripture: Acts 2:1-4

In Acts 2:1-4, the Day of Pentecost came and everyone there was empowered by the Holy Spirit. They were then charged with establishing a foundation for the New Testament church. That was their assignment and that was their call. But God's plan did not happen unopposed. It was dramatically opposed on many different fronts. Therefore, for their entire life, they would give themselves to establishing the foundation of the New Testament church. As they wound up the transitional age from the Old Covenant to the New, they produced the theology that would fill the New Testament. Their obedience brought great fruit! "Truth was, in the Old Testament, concealed, and in the New Testament, revealed." Scripture came alive in their lifetime. How much is revelation a part of our paradigm? Do we have all the revelation we need for our time and season or do we not? Do we know the Jesus they knew? Is there an added dimension to the Jesus that winds up the church age that exceeds the One who began the church age? Are we prepared to recognize the Lord as the times and seasons shift?

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Scripture: Daniel 8:23-26, 1 John 2:18

1 John 2:18 says, *"Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour."* This verse says that in the last hours and days the antichrist spirit will grow stronger. If we believe we are in the last days then we must recognize the thumbprint of those who move in an antichrist spirit because their number one cloak is that of deception. If we have ever voted for a politician who supports abortion or homosexual marriage, we have promoted an antichrist spirit! Score one for deception. We can repent and not do it again! Daniel 8:23 reveals much about this spirit. Demonically empowered leaders gain authority over nations in the last days. Daniel 8:25a says, *"Through his cunning He shall cause deceit to prosper under his rule; And he shall exalt himself in his heart. He shall destroy many in their prosperity."* Isn't it interesting that one of the manifestations of the antichrist spirit is an ever-increasing deception that somehow people believe? They unwittingly believe the deception and have no ability to see through it. Is there a politician that falls into that category today? What is stunning is that the antichrist will have the ability to take the most prosperous arena of a nation like its military and will utterly decimate it through deception. He will take the most prosperous area of a nation, like its economy or medical-care system, and will utterly decimate both and destroy them while people applaud him. He will, for example, take the economy of a flourishing nation and cripple or destroy it. He will do it through deception. This is the antichrist spirit. When you look at the fruit of what he does, it is the destruction of those with prosperity and he does it by deception. Can we recognize anyone who might operate by those principles today? Is there an antichrist-anointed leader who fits that description? If there is, then there is good news. Daniel 8:25b says, *"He shall even rise against the Prince of princes; But he shall be broken without human means."* I believe that there is probably nothing God takes more seriously than an antichrist spirit who deceives the majority of people. God is determined to destroy this deceiver by Himself. We can pray judicially and offer up intercession. But there are some things so abominable to God that He reserves the right to destroy them Himself. It seems hell was made for certain individuals. It is a shame for anyone to go there but there are antichrist-anointed individuals who belong there. Without repentance, it will eventually be their residence because of all they have destroyed. If we do live in the season of the great advancement of the antichrist spirit, then one primary issue must be to *not* be deceived. Secondly, we have a Biblical obligation to pray termination on any politician who advances an antichrist agenda. God is neither a Democrat nor a Republican but Judge of all the earth ready to manifest for the church but judgment begins at the house of the Lord! God will deal with out-of-position ministers before He removes evil politicians! Judgment begins at the church!

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Scripture: Daniel 11:32

Daniel 11:32 says, *"Those who do wickedly against the covenant he shall corrupt with flattery; but the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits."* There is a distinction here among believers in the church. Some in the church will be induced to do wickedly against the covenant and they shall be deceived by flattery. A very important and crucial thing the church needs in the last days is discernment. We desperately need a discerning spirit and must recognize flattery for what it is and look at the spirit behind it. That is why the second half of verse 32 is so exciting! The people who know their God shall be strong and take action. *"Know"* is the Hebrew word **yaw-dah** and it means, 'The ultimate in intimacy.' Are we walking in that place? *"Strong"* is **khaw-zak** and means, 'To repair, rebuild, strengthen or have courage.' Do we qualify for **khaw-zak**? The third part, to *"carry out great exploits,"* is **aw-saw** and means, 'To take action.' Are we willing to take action? If we are willing to take action then that is really what God is looking for in the last days. The people who know their God and have an intimate relationship with Him talk to Him and He talks to them. There are people who have courage, are willing to repair, rebuild and strengthen others and people who are willing to arise in active resistance

toward evil. It is these people that will be exceedingly fruitful in the last days and I trust we will find ourselves in that place. The church must take action by praying against those destroying the land.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Scripture: Daniel 11:33, Psalm 143:12, Psalm 139

Daniel 11:33 says, *“And those of the people who understand shall instruct many; yet for many days they shall fall by sword and flame, by captivity and plundering.”* It is obvious that there is a war against the church that is orchestrated by the antichrist spirit. The antichrist spirit is assaulting the US Military. I heard recently that there was a briefing that was given to all the troops on every base in the world.<sup>1</sup> Christian groups like the America Family Association were called ‘terrorists.’ Some of the best ministries in America were attacked. Soldiers were told if they contributed to those ministries there would be administrative punishment. That is the obvious fruit of an antichrist spirit. And it comes directly from the Commander-In-Chief. There is a purge of Christians going on in the US Military. Christians are being driven out. I know it from talking to men with sons, daughters and son-in-laws in the military that are committed to Christ. Some of them have been driven out, even given ‘dishonorable discharges.’ There is an antichrist spirit already at work. The fact is, if we have understanding, then it is up to us to instruct all those who will listen about the remedy. And the remedy is Judicial prayer. And we can pray it out of David's Psalms. There is hardly a Psalm that David wrote that does not have a Judicial application. I recommend praying Psalm 143:12, which David prayed upon Absalom's rebellion. Praying Psalm 143:12 fits the crime. It is a fruitful work – one with eternal consequences. My wife pointed out to me recently that one of the most tenderhearted and loving Psalms of all times, ends with a strong Judicial undertone. Psalm 139 begins with tenderhearted love *“Lord, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; You understand my thought afar off. You comprehend my path and my lying down, And are acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word on my tongue, But behold, O Lord, You know it altogether. You have hedged me behind and before, And laid Your hand upon me....”* And this same Psalm, in verses 19-22, reveals judicial love in action, *“Oh, that You would slay the wicked, O God! Depart from me, therefore, you bloodthirsty men. For they speak against You wickedly; Your enemies take Your name in vain. Do I not hate them, O Lord, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies.”* Are we, like David, truly men and women after **God's own heart?**

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Scripture: Daniel 11:34

There are many who might say, “The end-times are here and all these things are written, they are set and there is nothing we can do about it.” That seems to be a prevalent mindset concerning end-time prophecy. I think what that mindset misses is the power of the witnesses. Verse 34 indicates a measure of God's intervention. It says, *“Now when they fall, they shall be aided with a little help; but many shall join with them by intrigue.”* “By intrigue” translates to ‘deceptive flattery.’ There is a reason the antichrist spirit continually uses flattery to gain entrance to places where it can do damage. If the nations in which we live have a prophetic destiny, then it is incumbent on every believer to pray God's Judicial authority on the heads of those who are corrupting and taking the nation down a path where it does not belong.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Scripture: Daniel 11:35

Verse 35 tells us, *“And some of those of understanding shall fall, to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end; because it is still for the appointed time.”* The last days are amazing in their unfolding. When I was young in ministry, I was taught that the church would be raptured and none of us would

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<sup>1</sup> Starnes, Todd. “Army Briefing Labels Tea Party, Christians as Terror Threats.” Townhall.com. 10/18/2013.

have to prepare for the end-times. As my ministry years developed into decades, the Lord began to suggest that a much wiser approach would be to hope for a rapture, but prepare as if we were going to have to live through the great tribulation. Having taken His suggestion, I studied it out and wrote preparational material for the latter days. I have learned it is imperative that we walk with the Lord, have a sure, covenantal foundation and be very prepared to display the Judicial Christ. Can we accept the fact that tribulation is unfolding all around us because evil, godless men rule? We must carry the anointing of the two witnesses. A church that cannot pray judgment on enemies is not ready for tribulation. The antichrist spirit is operational in the lives of some leaders to the point that they appear to be winning in education, government and the military. I never thought I would be alive in days like this, but it is increasingly obvious that for those who know their God, maturing in character and covenant is where we need to invest our time because it is God's safe-haven through perilous times.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Scripture: Daniel 11:36

Verse 36 says, *"Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done."* One of the things that marks those with an antichrist spirit, is they believe that they are supreme. They exalt themselves in their mind above God and consistently blaspheme the Creator. What is amazing is, they prosper until the cup of iniquity is full and God Himself removes them. We need to discern the antichrist spirit and how it operates. Once we see it in a man, we look beyond the individual involved to look for signs of the depth, dimension and degree to which the spirit has control of the individual. Walking in the last days demands we be able to discern the antichrist spirit. I trust we will commit to growing in wisdom and discernment.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Scripture: Daniel 11:37

Daniel 11:37 outlines the primary, core rebellion of the antichrist in how he exalts himself above God. It says, *"He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all."* Homosexuality is a core breeding ground for the antichrist spirit! The antichrist spirit always places itself in a position of being supreme. It places itself in a position of being an ultimate authority and the ultimate arbiter of every conflict. We have to recognize those symptoms to know what we are dealing with.

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

Scripture: Daniel 11:38

Verse 38 says, *"But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things."* The antichrist spirit is driven to build a monument to himself. Everything that he does is 100% aimed at building a monument that has never existed before and is beyond anything that anyone else knows because it has his name on it. He is driven to be a transformer of society. His determination is to be the one who brings in major change. The problem is that all the change he brings is demonic. He brings death, destruction and decimates people in their prosperity. Therefore judicial intercession is warranted, needed and absolutely essential that God intervenes and destroys the individual before he destroys the nation. May the God of Heaven treat this antichrist spirit just he has treated God's people and purposes! The promise is that God will intervene, for He is the only One who can stop him! This antichrist spirit has found a home in a number of politicians. Will God intervene? Does He intervene for the two witnesses of Revelation? Can we expect His intervention in our behalf as well? We certainly can!

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Scripture: Daniel 11:39

Verse 39 gives us further insight into the antichrist spirit. It says, *“Thus he shall act against the strongest fortresses with a foreign god, which he shall acknowledge, and advance its glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and divide the land for gain.”* All the schemes the antichrist spirit comes up with to take over sections of an economy, portions of a nation, etc., he does in order to divide it for his gain. Everything he does is for his own personal gain. He is consumed with mammon! He is 100% driven toward self-perpetuation. He is driven to keep himself in power. He will lie, cheat, steal and do whatever is necessary to keep himself in power. This is how an antichrist spirit operates. A nation's constitution or principles do not mean anything to an antichrist spirit. He consistently tries to destroy anyone who RESISTS HIS DESTRUCTIVE WAYS. The only way he can be stopped is by God's Hand of intervention. That is why the church has to pray God's Terminating Hand of intervention on the head of those with an antichrist spirit. It is the only way possible to save nations and save our harvest as the final hour approaches. Just because a leader has an antichrist spirit does not mean he is invincible. He is absolutely not. There is a God in Heaven and the last time I looked, God gave authority to witnesses and there was fire that came out of their mouth that destroyed the enemy. There is an anointing to be witnesses and I trust we are going to find it. The closer we get to the timeline of the two witnesses, the more judicial manifestations will abound!

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

Scripture: Revelation 7:1-3

After studying the last days and God's preparation for the last days, there are several foundational keys that enable us to walk through such a season. We know from Revelation 7:1-3 that there is something much more important than the 666 mark that the antichrist carries. Much more important is the actual mark God puts on His servants. The antichrist is a counterfeit of the real Christ and therefore has a counterfeit mark. But you cannot counterfeit what is not real and what is real is the fact that God marks His servants so that they can finish their call and not be removed until their assignments are completed. So the marks we need to look for are the ones that God puts on our foreheads. Revelation 7:1-3 says, *“After these things I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, on the sea, or on any tree. Then I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God. And he cried with a loud voice to the four angels to whom it was granted to harm the earth and the sea, saying, ‘Do not harm the earth, the sea, or the trees till we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.’”* One major question we need to ask ourselves is, “Are we fellowshiping with people who are sealed?” Have we given our hearts to God sufficiently that His seals are evident? If I link covenantal arms with someone who has not been sealed, then they can become a hindering roadblock! If we link covenantal arms with people who are not sealed, it means the enemy can devour our friends and bring devastation. Linking arms covenantally with someone not sealed effectively opens us to unwarranted warfare. We must grow into a level of discernment that cannot be fooled by a counterfeit seal. Do we recognize God's seals that will carry believers through the last days?

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 13

Scripture: Ephesians 1:13,14

One of the first and strongest seals that I look for in the lives of people is in Ephesians 1:13,14. It says, *“In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”* If we are sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, we may not be spiritually mature, but have at least yielded to the Holy Spirit and have said ‘yes’ to the fullness of the Spirit. Even though we might speak foreign languages we have never learned, it says there is enough humility in us to take God's seal and let Him rule and tame our tongues. Do we have the seal of the Holy Spirit? And are there other

seals? Yes! There are nine in all, two of which are absolutely essential. We must walk with the seal of the Holy Spirit!

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:19

2 Timothy 2:19 says, *"Nevertheless the solid foundation of God stands, having this seal: 'The Lord knows those who are His,' and, 'Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.'"* There is a seal. The foundational seals of the Lord are first the Holy Spirit and second, a commitment to God's Word strong enough that a person flees from iniquity. The pursuit of righteousness and love of purity is a core, foundational seal. If we intend to enter into covenant with someone, if we are willing to link arms with them, we had better make sure they have this seal. God says that bad company corrupts good morals. The people we embrace as friends become influential in our lives. We must wisely and maturely choose right to avoid eternal consequences.

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:19-21

Verses 20,21 add another dimension or face to the foundational seal of departing from iniquity. This passage says, *"But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work."* I do not want to link arms with someone who may have the Holy Spirit seal but refuses to cleanse himself. Notice that the issue is that each one of us must cleanse **ourselves**. *"Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter then he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work."...* So whether or not we are a vessel for honor does not depend on the sovereignty of God. It depends on what you and I do as far as fleeing from iniquity. If we flee from iniquity and move toward God and His Word, then the Scripture says, we are a vessel for honor. *"Sanctified"* means 'Set apart for the Master's use' or 'Prepared for every good work.' Is it a good work when the words of our lips slay the wicked? It is an excellent work, an eternal work and it is a work that a lot more people in the Body need to experience. If we would cleanse ourselves we could have those experiences. We have to pray prayers that will put determined enemies in the grave. If we are not doing that, we are to God like a castrated calf. (See our new book entitled, *God's Layered Love*) Rest assured the Lord told me the church looks to Him like castrated calves. If we do not cleanse ourselves and do not set ourselves intentionally toward purity, then we cannot pray the enemies of God into their eternal reward! It is an eternal work and it is the only way to bring in the harvest of the last days. If we cannot use the Rod of Iron, then we will not get a harvest. It is that simple. Use it or lose it! Psalm 2:8,9 says, *"Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a Rod of Iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel."* This speaks to the resistance to our harvest. If we cannot break the resistance to our harvest by praying and using the Rod of Iron, what value are we to the Kingdom? I believe Hugo Chavez is in the grave because of this principle taught to pastors of many nations in both Central and South America. This antichrist leader is graveyard-dead, gone, done, ever residing in the flame, if he died refusing to repent. For two years, these pastors prayed judicially. I taught what the Lord showed me about His Judicial nature, and they grabbed ahold! Now they are retaking their nations. It is going on right now! They are taking their nations, but what are we doing with ours?

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:22

We are told that having, in our foundation, the seal of cleansing ourselves means that we will *"...Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart."* Linking arms covenantally with people of like precious faith is something to be done to survive and be fruitful in the

last days. It also means that we must choose to flee youthful lusts, pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace. Pure-hearted people come together to do God's work in the last days. That is a group we want to be involved in! That is a group that would allow every single one of us to say, "I ENJOY going to church!" When there are like-minded believers who pursue the Lord out of a pure heart, it makes church vibrant. **Anything** is possible in an atmosphere like that. Are we willing to pay the price to walk that out? If we are, church could get really exciting!

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:23, 1 Corinthians.12:28

Finally the seal in that foundation says, *"But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife."* Why speculate about what we do not know? Praying is very important because God can change everything. Strife is something that you and I cannot afford. We have to link arms covenantally to pursue the goal of the power of God for the last days and for an end-time harvest. As a people, who want God's very best, we have to choose to pursue the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. It is our choice, and if we choose to link arms covenantally, that is when we will see some tremendous fruit! Church could actually be not only joyful, but dynamic too! Let us trust it will be. When the right gifts are in position, the church grows and abounds! An example is 1 Corinthians 12:28 which says, *"And God has appointed these in the church: first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, after that miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, administrations, varieties of tongues."* The prominent gift mix of the first churches was apostle, prophet and teacher. During the reign of Constantine pastors emerged as the prominent gift mix consolidating the gains of previous years. Can pastor-led churches prepare us for the last days? The answer is in God's purpose for each gift. God's layered love answers that question and the answer is decidedly, no! Only the strength and anointing of the apostolic office can prepare the church for what is ahead! Like Ephesus we have to test to separate the real from the counterfeit. The test is Isaiah 11:4. They either have the fruit or they do not.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

Scripture: Acts 20:17-21

Acts 20:17-21 says, *"From Miletus he sent to Ephesus and called for the elders of the church. And when they had come to him, he said to them: 'You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of the Jews; how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.'" Two primary things are foundational to every walk. First, we have to build a life of repentance. Repentance becomes part of who we are because it is a vital part of how we mature. Repentance is a mark of true biblical humility. "...repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ."* Faith toward Christ propels us to do whatever the Spirit tells us to do. Faith toward Christ is fully appropriating His sacrifice for our sin and walking with a free conscience, doing what the Spirit leads us to do. Faith toward Christ means obeying what Jesus prompts us to do.

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

Scripture: Acts 20:22-24

Acts 17:22-24 says, *"And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."'" If we count living our lives **our own way as** a precious thing, it brings us into a conflict. But if we are willing to lay it down as Jesus did, it releases us from internal personal conflict. There is no conflict when we yield in obedience. Paul lived to*

obey and so should we. If we are willing to lay our lives down, obedience is no longer so difficult. The people who are not willing to lay their lives down, have become takers rather than givers. To be in covenant with people who are not willing to lay their lives down is a crucifixion multiplied because they hinder obedience. If we want a church that embraces Christ's mission, we can only be in covenant with believers who are willing to lay their lives down.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 20

Scripture: Acts 20:25-27

There is a progression here in this passage that reveals the heart that obeys God. Acts 20:25-27 says, *"And indeed, now I know that you all, among whom I have gone preaching the kingdom of God, will see my face no more. Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare to you the whole counsel of God."* How does this end? Paul said, "Because I did not count my life dear, I gave you everything God gave me, even when I knew it could cost us our friendship. I gave you what God gave me. I did not diminish it in any way." I hope we will be able to say that at the end of our life. Are we willing to prophesy hard things? Are we willing to speak words that many people do not want to hear. Are we willing to deliver Holy Spirit-originated words that cause repentance or rebellion? Will leaders be prepared to deliver messages that might decimate their paycheck? Anyone can speak a word that people want to hear. God wants committed believers ready to lay their lives down for His purposes! If God tells us, we better be willing to deliver it straight and unvarnished. The Holy Spirit will guide and lead us in both how and when we deliver a word. But, we cannot diminish it. I trust we are growing in that dimension.

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Scripture: Acts 20:28,29

Acts 20:28,29 says, *"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. For I know this, that after my departure savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock."* Paul was making a statement, 'If you are going to lead, lead!' Jesus purchased people by His blood. But there are wolves out there and because of the standard Paul himself chose to live, the wolves could not come in. I trust that all of us will embrace the same standard because it will keep the wolves at bay. A standard of purity in finances is revealed as the benchmark that separates us from the wolves. If we are willing to walk without manipulation for money, I believe we will see some of the same miracles in these days. The apostolic anointing that Paul walked in kept the wolves at bay and I trust God will restore it to the point that it keeps the wolves at bay again. What if future Acts 5 events, like those of Ananias and Sapphira, come out of pulpits rather than pews?

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Scripture: Acts 20:30,31

Why did the wolves need to be kept at bay? Verses 30,31 tells us, *"Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears."* What do wolves do? Wolves build their own kingdom. Wolves are after only that which profits them. They are personal-kingdom builders. When the apostolic anointing arises, the wolves will be revealed for who they are. Only the fear of the Lord can make wolves flee. Only those who represent, carry and execute authority from the judicial Christ can restore the fear of the Lord! Praying justice is one thing, but seeing God perform it is quite another. When God kills, the fear of the Lord comes to a congregation! Fear of the Lord come!



#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Scripture: Acts 20:32-35

In Acts 20:32,33, Paul tells it straight. He says, *"So now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which is able to build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified. I have coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel."* Paul says that he passed the mammon test. Because he passed the money test, he was able to walk in the last days completely given over to God's purpose and plan. When we can say that, we are qualified to walk in the fullness that God has. Because we are delivered from trying to build anything for ourselves, we are delivered from bondage to finances because we are wholly given to His will. That is a group of people that I would link arms with! It takes great wealth to harvest nations and the Lord is looking for men and women He can trust to funnel resources for the harvest. Why can't we qualify? All things are possible to Him who believes! Paul's final example in verses 34,35 says, *"Yes, you yourselves know that these hands have provided for my necessities, and for those who were with me. I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"* Are we ready to walk with a group like that? There is a standard here that brings the apostolic anointing. If we embrace this standard and walk it out, we can see the full measure of what the early church walked in, *plus* what it takes to wind up the age. I suspect it is time for that! The question is, will we say yes? Jesus is ready. Are we willing to pay the price to walk hand-in-hand with Him in the last days?

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Scripture: Jeremiah 15:1

Jeremiah 15:1 says, *"Then the Lord said to me, 'Even if Moses and Samuel stood before Me, My mind would not be favorable toward this people. Cast them out of My sight, and let them go forth.'"* It is interesting that both Moses and Samuel found a very special place in the Heart of God that their prayers would move His Hand to save people. Samuel interceded, and all his days the Hand of the Lord was against the Philistines. His prayers moved the Hand of God to save Israel many, many times. Moses, on a number of occasions, prayed and interceded for Israel, and they were saved from the destruction God deemed just! God is *no respecter of persons* – so prayers uttered by you or I can have the same weight as prayers uttered by Moses or Samuel. It is possible to stand along with Moses and Samuel in a unique place of intercession in the last days. Will we stand in that place? There are many that would say, "No! There is no way any man can pray to change God's mind or sway His Hand. Both Moses and Samuel were prophets and had a very unique relationship with God we could never aspire to." But anyone who says that is utterly ignorant of the promise of the New Testament. Every single New Testament believer stands in a better place than either Moses or Samuel. But do we accept and believe that? Do we know that? Is that concept part of who we are and the way we think? Are we willing to take God's covenant and really act on it? We had better be – if we do not, we cannot be prepared for the days ahead. Moving God's Hand is an end-time imperative!

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

Scripture: Jeremiah 15:2-4

Verses 2-4 state, *"And it shall be, if they say to you, 'Where should we go?' then you shall tell them, 'Thus says the Lord: 'Such as are for death, to death; And such as are for the sword, to the sword; And such as are for the famine, to the famine; And such as are for the captivity, to the captivity. And I will appoint over them four forms of destruction,' says the Lord: 'the sword to slay, the dogs to drag, the birds of the heavens and the beasts of the earth to devour and destroy. I will hand them over to trouble, to all kingdoms of the earth, because of Manasseh the son of Hezekiah, king of Judah, for what he did in Jerusalem.'"* The nation of Israel, under Manasseh, got itself into a place of fullness of iniquity where judgment was inevitable. It is possible for people to see fullness of iniquity in their nation and believe that it is too late for intercession to change things. If a nation fills the cup of iniquity, it

is inevitable that the Judicial Hand of God will fall. That possibility is an intense reality and could very well happen to America, with the way things are going. God said there are four judicial results of filling the cup of iniquity. Filling the cup can result in death, famine, captivity and multiple forms of adversity. It is possible to find ourselves moving rapidly to a full cup of iniquity. The real question is, what are we going to do, if we find ourselves in such a position? The Lord said, *“Even if Moses and Samuel stood before Me, My mind would not be favorable toward this people.”* Thank God we stand in a better place than Moses and Samuel! Believers with salt pray termination on the perpetrators and mercy for the nation! Save the nation by moving God's Judicial Hand against those defiling it!

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

Scripture: Matthew 11:11

Matthew 11:11 says, *“Assuredly, I say to you, among those born of women there has not risen one greater than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”* Biblically, according to the Word, are we greater than Moses, Samuel or John the Baptist? Absolutely yes, we are! We are greater only because they were under a sacrificial system. In order to get to a place where they could move God's hand, they had to perform sacrifices for sin, for both themselves and their people. But under the New Covenant, we have one sacrifice for sins, forever, and that is Jesus! We have a better covenant based on better promises. Can we move God's Hand, yes! Can we save a nation, yes! That is why covenant is such a key part of this passage. From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence and the violent take it by force! Until we accept the fact that we stand in a position greater than Moses, Samuel and John the Baptist, we should not even tackle the kind of things they did. But if we say yes to what Jesus proclaimed in the New Covenant, and until it becomes real on the inside of us, we cannot stand up to trust God for a harvest of nations. The New Covenant has to become real in our hearts. Whether or not we can link arms with fellow believers will impact nations. Is it real in our hearts? If it is not, make it so!

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 27

Scripture: Matthew 11:12

Matthew 11:12 says, *“And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.”* Do we believe what Scripture says? Scripture has something to say about *who we are*. Do we believe it? Scripture says we can actually stand before God relationally in a greater position than Moses, Samuel or John the Baptist. They were servants, but we are sons! Verse 12 becomes reality for sons. Sons know the inheritance is theirs. From the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force! There is spiritual intercession which says no to the wicked and their wickedness. There is spiritual intercession that comes against obstacles and *demands* God's covenant promises for the salvation and harvest of nations. With this kind of intercession, those who move in an antichrist spirit are going to face the Hand of the Judicial Christ!

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

Scripture: Matthew 11:12, Isaiah 11:1-4

Matthew 11:12 really turns Isaiah 11:1-4 into a reality in our hearts. Isaiah 11:1-4 says, *“There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. His delight is in the fear of the Lord, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears; But with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.”* Unless we believe Matthew 11:12, we probably will not ever tackle Isaiah 11:1-4. If we believe Matthew 11:12, we

can actually tackle Isaiah 11:1-4. Verse 4 makes the reality of Christ's Judicial Hand very clear, "...with righteousness He shall judge the poor, And decide with equity for the meek of the earth; **He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked.**" Is the Rod of Iron in our mouths? Do we use it to deal with the resistance of the harvest of nations? There are leaders in our nation that show an antichrist spirit. Do we put the Rod of Iron in our mouths? Does the very breath of our lips slay the resistance to our harvest? If it does not, then we allow worldly leaders to help fill the cup of iniquity and steal our harvest! Will we allow the enemy to steal our harvest, because we are too timid to **read, understand** and **act** on God's Word? If we make a covenant, we had better be sure it is with people willing to read, understand and act on the Word of the Lord. Sometimes believing and acting on the Word takes courage. Do we have enough courage to believe the Word? Do our covenantal brethren have the courage to believe the Word? Is Matthew 11:12 a reality to us? Is it a reality in our church? Do we really believe that from the days of John the Baptist until now, the Kingdom of Heaven suffers violence and the violent take it? The Greek word translated "*take*" is **har-pad-zo**. **Har-pad-zo** means, 'Rapture.' There is coming a greater display than the rapture and that is what the church does to the enemy! Do we want to be part of that group? The door to this realm is open. What will we do?

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Scripture: Numbers 16:1-3

If we really believe Matthew 11:12, Jesus says we stand in a greater position than Moses. If we believe Jesus' words, it is time to look at what Moses did, because we can aim to eclipse that. In Numbers 16:1-3 Moses had some major resistance. Verses 1-3 say, "*Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men; and they rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, representatives of the congregation, men of renown. They gathered together against Moses and Aaron, and said to them, 'You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?'*" Not only do we have the resistance of Korah, Dathan and Abiram, but we have 250 of the top leaders of all the tribes arrayed against Moses. That is like having the whole nation move against you. These were not just regular leaders, but rather, Senators and Supreme Court justices. They had titles and were men of renown. They were very well-known. They gathered together against Moses and Aaron. How would we like to take on a whole nation? "*You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the Lord?'*" They accused Moses of self-will, self-promotion and personal ambition and aimed to dismiss him! If we indeed believe Matthew 11:12, we have to be willing to face what Moses faced. We are in a *better* position to call down judgment than he was! And what he did in this situation was quite remarkable! Do we really believe Matthew 11:12? We better, because it is our ticket *to* and *through* the end-times! All we need is available! Korah, Dathan and Abiram are alive and well and in some instances have leadership positions already. The wind of the Spirit is coming to position those prepared to lead. Let the wind blow!

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

Scripture: Numbers 16:8-10

What was Moses' response when he was standing in front of the leaders of the whole nation? This is one man standing against the leaders of a nation. Do we see it? Do we get it? Do we realize what God wants to form in us? He wants to shape us into individuals who are willing to take on leaders of nations. In verses 8-10, Moses falls on his face. He gets an action plan from God, then stands up and declares it. He calls it exactly like it is. If there is one thing we know, God has an action plan for our country and for nations throughout the world. He has an 'action plan' to get a harvest of nations! Our job is to find out what that is and declare it in the Throne-Room. When the leadership of the state decides to legislate sin, we have a job to do. When judges and politicians declare sin that the Lord abhors as legal, we have a very real responsibility. Recently in California leaders have decreed by

law the teaching and accepting of homosexuality to children in kindergarten and older. We have a clear responsibility to be on our faces in the Throne-Room to get action. If we do nothing, if we shrug our shoulders and passively refuse to confront the sin, we are **not** walking in the Word. If we accept the situation by inaction, we are not only **ignoring**, but **compromising** God's redemption plan. God does have an action plan and once it's revealed to us we must stand up and declare it. Are we willing to find God's action plan? Moses did and he declared it! Our action plan will be totally different, as we live in a different society. There are completely different interactions between the church and politicians. Our action plan will be appropriate to what we face. What this tells us is that God has an action plan, and we stand in a better place before the Throne than Moses did! He found out what God's action plan was and then started to pray it. That is what we need to do – "Lord, what is **Your** action plan? What is Your chosen redemptive path? Will you not do to those promoting death, what you did to Korah, Dathan and Abiram?"

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

Scripture: Numbers 16:11-14

Numbers 16:11-14,30,35 says, *"Therefore you and all your company are gathered together against the Lord. And what is Aaron that you complain against him?" And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, but they said, 'We will not come up! Is it a small thing that you have brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, that you should keep acting like a prince over us? Moreover you have not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards. Will you put out the eyes of these men? We will not come up!'"* Wolves stirred up the people against Moses and Aaron. Moses brought an indictment against the leaders for violating God's Word and rejecting His choice. They responded by rebuking Moses and saying, "We'll never do what you say, in any way, shape or form! None of the things you have told us will come to pass." Sometimes we see civil war in the church. God is the Ultimate Arbiter. Verse 30 says, *"But if the Lord creates a new thing, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the pit, then you will understand that these men have rejected the Lord."* Verse 35 says, *"And a fire came out from the Lord and consumed the two hundred and fifty men who were offering incense."* The war continued. In verse 40 we have a memorial to Moses' prayer in verse 15. Moses appealed to God, because he had not taken and he had not hurt. In 1 Samuel 12:1-5, we find the same appeal from Samuel. In Jeremiah, God said that even if Moses and Samuel prayed, He would not be inclined to forgive this people. But we stand in a place better than Moses and Samuel. So in the New Covenant, we have to fulfill our part. This means, we have to be able to say what Moses and Samuel said, "I have not taken and I have not hurt." If we can say we have not taken and we have not hurt, we qualify for the full measure of God's Judicial Hand. And in the New Covenant, it eclipses what Moses and Samuel did. Moses prayed and God created a new thing. He created a sinkhole that swallowed His enemies. Is it possible for God to create a new thing when you and I pray today? It most certainly is and the Scripture guarantees it will. This is the God we serve in the last days. Could a sinkhole open under California's legislature? We can walk with Him and see what develops! Are we ready? Do we believe Matthew 11:12? If we do, then what we read of Moses and Samuel is certainly possible. God is willing and He is waiting on us. If those leading the Senate invoke the Nuclear Option to put ungodly judges on the DC Court of Appeals, where is the church? Praying God's Nuclear Option over the Senate is imperative!