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WE NEED A MOVE OF GOD!

This message is directed to the “true church”, to those who are, in fact, “Born Again” according to the word of the living GOD.

JESUS said: *“Unless one is born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.”* (John 3:3)

Paul said: *“If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”* (2 Corinthians 5:17)

As new creatures in Christ and having received the baptism and filling of His Holy Spirit we then find ourselves in a position to receive the Truth of God. See John 14:26, John 16:13 and especially I Corinthians 2:13,14. Why not take a look at these scriptures right now before you go further. Read them several times and ask FATHER to open your spiritual ears and enlighten your understanding that your heart might be in one accord with His heart.

One might ask – What does it mean to be in agreement or in one accord with our FATHER? The answer is very simple and easily understood. TO BE IN AGREEMENT WITH GOD OUR FATHER, ONE ONLY NEED TO RECEIVE AS TRUTH AND AGREE WITH, HIS HOLY WORD! That’s all. If we will “only believe” that FATHER’S word is in fact what It says of Its self, then we are in a position to receive from Him. When we fail to believe we place ourselves in a very dangerous position and become an easy target for Satan and his demons. You cannot say that we were not warned.

“My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge.” (Hosea 4:6)

“It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of GOD.” (JESUS speaking in Matthew 4:4)

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.” (JESUS speaking Matthew 24:35)

“- - the word that I have spoken will judge him in the last day.” (again JESUS speaking in John 12:48)

When we fail to “receive and believe” our FATHER’S word, we are in rebellion against Him and the authority of His word! If we are not following His word, then who’s word are we following? Let me ask you, who do you believe, GOD or man? Sadly, many of us are following (believing) the dictates of our own heart even though FATHER’S word contradicts our heart. When this happens we become restricted by our own affections. (See 2 Corinthians 6:11). Listen to the prophet of GOD, Jeremiah:

“Yet they did not obey or incline their ear, but followed the counsels and the dictates of their evil hearts, and went backward and not forward.” (Jeremiah 7:24)

“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it? I the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings?” (Jeremiah 17:9,10)

My brothers and sisters this Christian walk that we are on and our standing before GOD all hinges on the truthfulness of His word. Our salvation and eternal life depends upon His word! Our peace, our joy, our deliverance, our healing and our prosperity all depend upon His word! Whether or not we receive His full blessing or miss His full blessing depends totally upon His word and our response to that Word. Our GOD is a GOD of truth, PERFECT TRUTH! Please believe that He will not alter His word for you or me or for any living creature!

“- - Indeed, let GOD be true but every man a liar--.” (Romans 3:4)

The more I study FATHER’S word and reflect on what He says – the more I look into the mirror of His word and compare my experience with that Word, the more I am convinced that something is not in proper order. In fact I would have to say that we, the church, have gone backward rather than forward when we compare ourselves to the church in the book of Acts. It is the truth! I don’t know about you but I am ready to get totally honest before GOD and ask some very hard questions. I’m talking about a spiritual self examination. I’m talking about setting aside all agendas, all opinions, and being brutally honest with myself and the church. If we as the body of Christ are to live victoriously, then we must have the power of our GOD in our midst! We must have our Lord confirming His word as He promised to do in Mark 16:20! Just repeating His word is not enough! Just hoping that the Word will work is not enough! Counting on His grace just because we are His children, regardless of how we respond to His word is not enough! We can preach, we can teach, we can pray, we can organize, we can build buildings, hold conferences and revivals, but if the power of the living GOD does not move it was all for naught.

I believe one reason many people have no more respect for the church than they do is because they do not see the “real” power of GOD moving. When GOD moves, PEOPLE GET RADICALLY SAVED! When GOD moves, PEOPLE WHO ARE OPPRESSED AND POSSESSED BY DEMONS ARE TOTALLY DELIVERED! When GOD moves, PEOPLE WHO ARE CRIPPLED, MAIMED, BLIND, DEAF AND SUFFERING SICKNESS UNTO DEATH ARE HEALED AND MADE WHOLE!

WHEN GOD MOVES THINGS HAPPEN AND MULTITUDES FOLLOW! Oh how we need GOD to move! So much is at stake! So many souls hang in the balance! There is so much suffering within the church! The enemy is running rampant within our camp and we seem helpless to do anything about it. In fact, many, many people have been so convinced that FATHER’S word cannot be believed as literal truth, that they have now taken on a form of Godliness but deny His power. (see 2 Timothy 3:5). Oh how we need a real move of GOD!!

I believe that for the most part, the church has become comfortable with a gospel that is less than the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST. The absence of power does not seem to bother most. Even in the full Gospel and Charismatic church many appear to be satisfied with what they believe are manifestations of the Spirit as a person may be slain (fall down), shake, laugh, etc., etc. And I do not make light of these manifestations. They may in fact be of GOD-----and they may not be. Please see 2 Corinthians 11:14 & 15). I have personally encountered the power of the Holy Spirit and was unable to stand. Make no mistake about it, your writer believes that GOD moves in strange and mysterious ways. However, the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST was a Gospel of Salvation, Deliverance and Healing and with that Gospel we should be satisfied, and WE SHOULD BE DISSATISFIED WITH ANYTHING LESS THAN A GOSPEL THAT PRODUCES SALVATION, DELIVERANCE AND HEALING.

In May of 1999 here in America we have more mega churches, more “how to” books, more videos and tapes, we hold more Christian conferences, publish more slick Christian magazines, we have more programs of ministry, we produce and display more WWJD bumper stickers and bracelets, we are producing more and more Christian music and we have more Christian radio stations and cable stations than ever before. Here in America we have more musical instruments and state of the art sound systems in our churches than ever before. Here in America we have produced a whole line up of Christian heroes that we court in an effort to get them to come to our area and hold a meeting or give a concert. Now lets look at the other side of the coin here in America.

In May of 1999 here in America, we continue to slaughter the unborn at a faster and faster pace, we continue to publish and distribute more and more pornography in printed and video form, violence continues to increase and now even the children are slaughtering the children. Yes, here in America gambling is increasing like an exploding fire storm and divorce is now the rule rather than the exception. Yes here in America Humanism and the occult are expanding and now are accepted in corporate America. Here in America all social graces are virtually gone. We stand in line for days to buy tickets for a movie but will not cross the street to worship GOD. Here in America the homosexual lifestyle is now not only accepted as normal but is taught in many schools. We are disintegrating right before our eyes. Even as knowledge increases and technology advances, man is returning to his basic animalistic instincts. When we hold America up to the mirror of FATHER’S word, what we see should cause us to cry out “Oh my GOD have mercy”!

OH HOW WE NEED A MOVE OF GOD! OH HOW WE NEED OUR GOD TO VISIT US IN ALL OF HIS POWER!

My brothers and sisters whatever we, as the church, have been doing – it has not worked! DO NOT BE DECIEVED BY WHAT APPEARS TO BE LIGHT, BY WHAT APPEARS TO BE RIGHTOUSNESS, IF THE POWER OF GOD IS NOT PRESENT! TEST THE SPIRITS (See I John 4:1) AND TEST ALL THINGS! (See I Thessalonians 5:21) I do not know about you but I am not satisfied with a powerless gospel! I am not satisfied with a gospel that cannot be confirmed “as presented”! I am not satisfied with a lot of theory and human reasoning that reduces FATHER’S word to nothing more than a “has been” gospel! I can’t get excited anymore about lot of fleshly excitement, religious hype and great swelling words, regardless of how well intentioned it all may be! I do not and I pray that you do not desire to finish your race in this life on a “what might have been” note. I believe FATHER wants each of us to finish our race in a “blaze of glory”. I believe FATHER desires that “The Church” rise to her rightful place and come into full maturity as she preaches the gospel of salvation, resulting in an unparalleled harvest of souls! I believe FATHER desires that the Body of His Son, “The Church”, deliver those who are bound up by the demons of hell and set them totally free! Yes I believe that we, you and I, “The Church” are to be about healing the sick as we are used of Him as instruments of righteousness. This walk is all about Salvation, Deliverance and Healing! Oh how we need a “real” move of GOD!

I believe that at least a part of our problem is that many of us live two lives. One when involved at the church and another in the world. Many of us have not become a “peculiar people” in the eyes of the world! Listen to Peter:

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; - - (I Peter 2:9 KJV)

And Paul left this message for us who would follow him:

“Come out from among them and be separate, says the LORD. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.”

“I will be a father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord almighty.”

“Therefore having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of GOD.” (2 Corinthians 6:17, 18 & 7:1)

Folks let's be honest with ourselves, the church and our GOD. When we look into the mirror of 1 Peter 2:9 and 2 Corinthians 6:17, 18 and 7:1, do we see ourselves reflecting His word? Does the world see us as a peculiar people? Are we separating ourselves from the filth of the world? Are we perfecting holiness in the fear of GOD? Are we? Are we really? If not, why not?

I am fully persuaded that there are many reasons why we are not, for the most part, seeing FATHER'S word confirmed. I certainly do not claim to have all of the reasons, nor do I claim to have all the answers. However, I do believe the following are at least a few of our problem areas;

1. A lack of reverence as we approach corporate worship. Where there is a lack of reverence there is a lack of “fear”. Where there is a lack of “fear” there is a spirit of over familiarity and a lack of respect. Many of us do not have a full understanding of who GOD is.
2. A lack of hunger for GOD and the things of GOD. There is little desperation found in our hearts. Where there is a lack of hunger and desperation, one is not inclined to pay the price of “separation”.
3. A lack of unity, to be found in “One accord”. Where there is a lack of unity, there is division, weakness and every foul and evil thing. A house divided cannot stand.
4. The men are, for the most part, out of the order of GOD. We men, have been yoked to the world and its system. FATHER calls us men to set the example for our wives, our children, the church and the world. Sadly, most of us have not followed the order of GOD. We need to repent before it is too late!
5. Personal agendas and a lack of spiritual freedom. We all have agendas. As Christians we have developed traditions down through the years and we continue to develop new traditions all the time. We become creatures of habit and we are very stubborn when it comes to breaking our habits or traditions. May I suggest that this is one of our weakest spiritual points. If your beliefs, traditions and way of doing things results in a continual harvest of souls, deliverance of the demonically oppressed or possessed and getting the sick, crippled, blind, deaf and maimed made well, then praise GOD and keep on keeping on. However, if salvation, deliverance and healing are not evident in your life and or ministry, THEN YOU NEED TO MAKE SOME CHANGES. The sooner the better!
6. A lack of holiness, an understanding of holiness or even a desire for holiness. Let us ask of ourselves: What are we listening to? What are we watching? What are we reading? How are we caring for His holy temple, our body? Do we fast on a regular basis? How much “quality” time do we spend in prayer?
7. A lack of knowledge of the Word of GOD. We cannot live except by every word from the mouth of GOD. (Matthew 4:4). If we are not consuming His word as if our lives depended on

it, and they do, then we need not expect to receive the full blessing of FATHER in this life. Anyone who tells you that feeding on FATHER'S word is not essential to receiving his full blessing is A LIAR! Not only that, but they are not your friend! Flee from such a person! Remember that all of our troubles started when Satan questioned GOD'S word!

I believe our GOD desires to move TODAY! In fact, I know that I know that He desires to move in the midst of His people. I further believe that the only thing that restrains Him from moving is the heart of man! If we are going to see a real move of GOD, we are going to have to experience a change of heart. I am telling you the absolute truth! THERE IS NO PROBLEM WITH OUR FATHER OR WITH HIS WORD! THE PROBLEM LIES IN THE HEART OF MAN! As long as we are satisfied with a powerless gospel, as long as we carry no burden for the lost, as long as we take a ho hum attitude as we watch the sick continue with their sickness and bury more and more of our brothers and sisters before they have received FATHER'S full blessing, as long as we run to and fro from one conference to another from one book to another, from one tape to another, as long as we think that "we know" and that "our way" is "the way" (Pride), as long as the cares and the worries of the world and the desire for other things continue to overshadow the desire for the things of GOD and as long as we love family, the comforts of the world and our friends more than we love GOD – AS LONG AS THESE CONDITIONS EXIST IN OUR HEARTS, NOTHING MUCH IS GOING TO CHANGE, UNTIL JUDGEMENT FALLS! Oh how we need a move of GOD today while it is still called today!

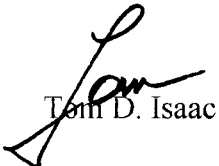
Are you satisfied with the spiritual maturity of the church? Do you have a desire to come into full spiritual maturity and be all that you can be for your FATHER and your LORD? Are you willing to break out of your habits and traditions? Are you willing to sacrifice all including your reputation your ministry, your way of doing things? Are you so hungry for a "real" move of GOD that you would pick up and "go" to follow after Him?

I pray that YOU will become more and more uncomfortable with our (the church) present condition. So much so that YOU will become hungry and actually crave a real move of GOD. Not because you want to be entertained or because you want to experience some thrilling manifestation but rather because of a growing love for Him and a love for your brothers and sisters. I pray that you would come to the place where your greatest desire is to come into His presence, tell Him that you love Him with all of your heart as you bow down before Him crying out Holy, Holy, Holy, my FATHER, my LORD!

"And they went out and preached everywhere, the LORD working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs. Amen." (Mark 16:20)

OH! HOW WE NEED A MOVE OF GOD!

Sincerely,



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