

Matthew 6:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as *it is* in heaven.

I believe the Body of Christ is on the edge of the greatest revival ever

If we are going to be a part of this revival, we must have a desire for "more" and an understanding of the **culture** that will usher it in and maintain it.

More miracles, healings, deliverance, glory, power, more ministries and churches planted, more of the presence of God

1 Peter 2:9 (NKJV)

⁹ But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, **that you may proclaim the praises** of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

- Identity doesn't come from education it comes from impartation
- We are "sent" to change our culture

We are living in a new Kingdom with a new identity

Colossians 1:13 (NKJV)

¹³ He has **delivered** us from the power of darkness and **conveyed us** into the **kingdom** of the Son of His love

Acts 2:17–21 (NKJV)

¹⁷ *‘And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, That I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; And they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above And signs in the earth beneath: Blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the coming of the great and awesome day of the LORD. ²¹ And it shall come to pass That whoever calls on the name of the LORD Shall be saved.’*

- This is a promise that began more than 2000 years ago
- The prophet Joel prophesied it 500 years before Peter quoted it
- Supernatural vision and God-inspired dreams are available to those who ask
- With more than four billion lost people we need Kingdom minded, radical visionaries to dream with God

Can you imagine what our city would look like if the Kingdom of God were superimposed over every realm of society?

- Dreamers are the cultural catalysts, reformers and history makers
- Remember movements don't define people, people define movements

“Prophecy is history written in advance” – Graham Cooke

The year is 907 BC, the Israelites’ king has managed to lead them away from God into idolatry

- He begins his reign by setting up two golden calves
- He demands that his people worship them instead of Jehovah
- An unnamed prophet steps up and manages to get into the king’s presence
- He rebukes Jeroboam and declares that God is raising up another king to take his place
- Josiah by name

1 Kings 13:2–3 (NKJV)

² Then he cried out against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, “O altar, altar! Thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, a child, Josiah by name, shall be born to the house of David; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men’s bones shall be burned on you.’ ” ³ And he gave a sign the same day, saying, “This *is* the sign which the LORD has spoken: Surely the altar shall split apart, and the ashes on it shall be poured out.”

As Jeroboam reaches out his hand commanding the guards to arrest the prophet, his arm becomes useless and hangs paralyzed by his side

1 Kings 13:5 (NKJV)

⁵ The altar also was split apart, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of the LORD.

- The king asks the prophet to pray that his hand be healed
- He prays for Jeroboam and his hand is restored
- The king invites him to dinner
- The prophet declines and leaves the palace

Two hundred and seventy years pass, and things continue to decline in Judah

- King Manasseh's reign of terror plunges the country into one of its darkest ages in history
- Thousands of children are sacrificed on the altars of idols
- The streets are filled with blood
- Manasseh's son Amon is no better as he takes the throne over, after the death of his father
- Two years into his reign he is assassinated
- Josiah is crowned king at just eight years old

When he turns 26, he starts to seek the Lord, breaking generational curses passed down to him by his father and grandfather

- Josiah calls for the restoration of the house of the Lord
- It has not been used for more than fifty years
- During the renovation the high priest finds a lost book of the law and has it read to the king

2 Kings 22:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ Now it happened, when the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, that he tore his clothes.

- From this point on he becomes a radical revivalist
- He tears down the altars of Baal
- Destroys the evil priesthood, burns everything dedicated to the worship of other gods
- Calls the nation back to Jehovah

What exactly happened to Josiah on the day he heard the word of the Lord?

- He realizes how far God's people have fallen
- I believe he receives a prophetic declaration about himself
- He embraces it and seizes his destiny
- All because a prophet looked into the future and called something that was not as though it were

2 Kings 23:15–16 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Moreover the altar that *was* at Bethel, *and* the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down; and he burned the high place *and* crushed *it* to powder, and burned the wooden image. ¹⁶ As Josiah turned, he saw the tombs that *were* there on the mountain. And he sent and took the bones out of the tombs and burned *them* on the altar, and defiled it according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.

Imagine how it must have felt for Josiah to hear a prophet call him by name and declare his destiny hundreds of years earlier

- When he heard the word, he understood his God-given destiny
- His life was not an accident
- He had a race to run, a purpose to fulfill, a mark to make for God
- He challenged an ungodly system and made history

Another seven hundred years in the future

- Peter and John are outside the gate called Beautiful that leads to the temple
- A man lame from birth is lying there, begging for alms

Acts 3:4–8 (NKJV)

⁴ And fixing his eyes on him, with John, Peter said, “Look at us.” ⁵ So he gave them his attention, expecting to receive something from them. ⁶ Then Peter said, “Silver and gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk.” ⁷ And he took him by the right hand and lifted *him* up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. ⁸ So he, leaping up, stood and walked and entered the temple with them—walking, leaping, and praising God.

This obviously gathers a crowd, so Peter takes the opportunity to preach

- At the end of his message he makes this statement

Acts 3:24–25 (NKJV)

²⁴ Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days. ²⁵ You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, *‘And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.’*

- He was saying that Samuel and the other prophets looked into the future and saw a race of people who had never lived before
- As they saw these people, they began to prophesy about them
- They were declaring the **new species** that would be born because of their prophetic declarations
- It’s as if their declarations were the seed sown that would bring about this blessing

Jesus said the word of God is like a seed that is scattered

The type of soil it sown into determines the fruit

– Matthew 13:3-23

- Out of four different soils only one bears any fruit at all
- The soil is our heart
- What is the condition of my soil?

The Old Testament is full of Prophetic Declarations available for you and I to see fulfilled in our lives, not just

- Not just the Jewish people but those who are Jews by the Spirit – **Romans 9:8**

Romans 15:4 (NKJV)

⁴For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Genesis 26:4 (NKJV)

⁴And I will make your descendants multiply as the stars of heaven; I will give to your descendants all these lands; and in your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed;

- The birth of Christ in the lineage of Abraham initiated the fulfillment of the promise

Galatians 3:14 (NKJV)

¹⁴that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

- This prophetic declaration is still lingering in the halls of history to be fulfilled in the body of Christ
- Every declaration made to Abraham and the Jewish People is available to those who believe

Ezekiel looked into the future and prophesied about a people who would have a new heart and a new spirit

Ezekiel 36:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

- This is why Jesus said that he who is least in the Kingdom of God is greater than John the Baptist – **Matthew 11:11**
- This is why Jesus said that we would do greater things even than Him – **John 14:12**

Hebrews 8:11–12 (NKJV)

¹¹ *None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them. ¹² For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.*"

- The writer of Hebrews is quoting a prophecy from the book Jeremiah – **Jeremiah 31:34**

There are hundreds of verses that Samuel and his successors wrote concerning us

- God wants to turn history into *His-story*
- These prophetic words become catalysts that mold the events of our lives
- Personally, and corporately

Isaiah 61:4 (NKJV)

⁴ And they shall rebuild the old ruins, They shall raise up the former desolations, And they shall repair the ruined cities, The desolations of many generations.

The Spirit of the Lord has anointed us to see freedom and restoration come into people's lives and that this personal restoration would result in cities and nations being rebuilt

Acts 3:19–21 (NKJV)

¹⁹ Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, ²⁰ and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, ²¹ whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

Matthew 5:14–16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

- Jesus made it clear that we are the light of the entire world
- We are to place that light in the most visible place
- Not to be hidden under a basket
- This is not one light, but many household lamps

Isaiah 60:1–5 (NKJV)

Arise, shine; For your light has come! And the glory of the LORD is risen upon you. ² For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, And deep darkness the people; But the LORD will arise over you, And His glory will be seen upon you. ³ The Gentiles shall come to your light, And kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴ Lift up your eyes all around, and see: They all gather together, they come to you; Your sons shall come from afar, And your daughters shall be nursed at *your* side. ⁵ Then you shall see and become radiant, And your heart shall swell with joy; Because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, The wealth of the Gentiles shall come to you.

- God is exhorting us to rise and shine in the midst of the deep darkness that is covering the earth

His plan is that nations, kings, and people around the world are healed, saved, delivered and transformed

- The Lord needs people like us to rise up in faith, with the mind of Christ that don't let their circumstances dictate the stance they take
- We don't need more powerless Christianity
- The harvest is at stake

2 Peter 3:9 (NKJV)

⁹ The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.