

A Prophetic Look At The Days Ahead, *by Rex Burgher*

Often people ask us at the beginning of the year what we may be sensing the Lord is saying to His church for the specific year we are presently in. Since I have been asked to speak about this at the first two churches we are going to I also felt God was prompting me to I write an article on what we are sharing.

Last year in 2004 the word that was coming forth across the 'Prophetic Billboards' was 'Open Doors in 2004'. Personally Lois and I took this to heart, realizing a couple of things. One is that doors swing both ways, doors lead you out into something and they also close off things behind you. We saw last year as an opportunity to enter into the prophetic promises spoken over us in former years as well as closing doors to disappointments of the past that have hindered us from being all we can be in God. Therefore we took the word to mean and also to purpose in our hearts that those negative doors of the past were going to be closed for good. There have been doors that have closed behind us that have given us a greater freedom in the spirit than we have experienced for several years.

We looked at many doors during the past 12 months, some we just peered into and others we ventured forth for a short distance before returning back while others we walked into and are continually walking in them.

I perceive that Romans 8:19 is key for this year, "*The earth is groaning as in childbirth for the sons of God to be revealed.*" is the scripture revealing the Father's heart for the season ahead.

Following are four things that I believe the Lord wants His family to come to realize this year.

1. The release of true *Apostolic Fathers & Mothers*
2. Finding contentment in the '*Moment*'
3. The '*language of Love*' is being birthed anew!
4. Desire to express their '*Love in ACTION*'

First, the Apostolic Movement is coming to the place where you can see the final stage of birthing beginning to take place. The apostolic baby that has been coming down the birth canal for the past 9 years was first revealed to the church in 2004. The nineties was the time of the impregnation to a large part of the church to the reality of the apostolic ministry. This coincided with the 'Father's Blessing' being released in Toronto in 1994 and in Pensacola on Father's Day 1995. Even though the birth took place through last year and into this year, many in their spirits are sensing what the baby is looking like. I believe that God is revealing to us that the return of the Father and Mother's to the church is at hand.

It is definitely true that some of the outward signs of the apostolic ministry are thousands being saved, signs and wonders, churches being planted and a many other outward visible qualities. But I really am sensing that God is more interested in true Father's and Mother's being raised up in the church than all the rest. When it comes to family, the church is as dysfunctional in raising its children as the world has become. One way we know this is that the rate of divorce within the church is at par with secular society. We have spent the past 50 years doing a remarkable job of equipping the saints but we have truly neglected maturing the saints for the work of the ministry.

We are beginning to see true Father and Mother's coming forth that will stand for Godly principles. They will be *community oriented*, not racing around from meeting to meeting but finding true contentment in doing family things. Wanting to be with their spiritual children and taking delight in watching them grow into adulthood and going into the destinies that God has for them. They will know how to bring correction

when needed and by their example many in the body as well as out will marvel at how they interact with others.

This will shake up many within the body of Christ because it will not be based on spiritual age but spiritual maturity. Many in leadership today will have to step down so that humility can do its work in them before they will be raised back up. Others will not step down but will continue to use secular methods that the world uses to grow successful ministries. They will find success in their endeavors but it will become quite evident to many spirit filled people that the house they built is not a home.

Secondly, we will find our commitments to the busyness of our lives begin to change. For many of us we live in a time when we are disappointed in what we accomplished yesterday and so overwhelmed by what we have to do tomorrow that we never find contentment in the moment. From the moment we wake up till the time we go to sleep we are reminded of all the things we didn't get done yesterday and all we have to do tomorrow to such a degree that many of us never really have the opportunity to enjoy the day they are presently in. This is why many so many people wake up in the morning not rested.

I have observed people receiving prophetic words, they sit on the edge of their seats waiting to receive a word then, when they do, the place of resting doesn't last very long till they once again are sitting on the edge waiting for another word, often within the same day of receiving the first word. We have conversations with people all the while looking over the person's shoulder hoping a better conversation will come along. That is how many of us are living our lives and God is giving us all a chance to 'redeem the day'. The joy of the moment is coming to many within the church. You will find yourself resting in conversations not worried about what you are not getting done but enjoying the kairos moment that God has brought your way. We will really want to know about a person's life, asking them questions and finding out their hopes and dreams. Then we will find ourselves connecting with them with a heartfelt desire to see them succeed in their quest for their destinies. Many will be finding themselves going to sleep at night content that it was a 'good day' with an overwhelming feeling of contentment that will lead into a deep rest.

Third, a new way of speaking to one another is coming back into the church. This is not a new language but a return of the way we spoke to one another during the first century church. When we are born naturally we have the nature of Satan, the prince of this world or the god of this age. But when we are 'born again' of the spirit we take on the nature of our Father in heaven. With that new nature comes a new language. For those who overcome and find contentment in the moment they will be the first to come into this new language. Finding rest in the day receiving encouragement or correct discipline from loving parents will give hope to our spiritual children so that the striving will cease bringing us all into a season of mature contentment. Then our language will begin to change as love overflowing from the depths of our healed hearts will bring forth a God given desire to love our God with all our heart, soul and mind leading us to truly love others as we have learned to love ourselves.

Because we have not had true spiritual Father's and Mother's many of us have never received the encouragement and/or correction we have needed to bring us into spiritual maturity. Many of us have been wandering around, wondering why we are here, what we are to do and when if ever, we will be released to do what God has so wonderfully planned for us to do. Father God is telling us to relax and let Him lead us into a place of peace where our spirits, mind and body will be in one accord with Him. Living each moment without fear, time constraints and doubts. Once we begin to experience this peace we will truly be led by the Spirit as Jesus was led.

Romans 8:13-15, *"For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are **sons of God**. For you did not receive a spirit that makes*

*you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of **sonship**. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."*

These times will come to those who are purposing to contend for them. Many will have to shake up their schedules forcing themselves out of the ruts they are in so that change will be allowed to occur. Words like self-control and perseverance are crucial but will be easier to do than we have ever experienced because there will be a grace upon it as it is central to the Father's heart. "*The creation waits in eager expectation for the **sons of God** to be revealed.*" Romans 8:19

Fourth is that the church will begin to stand up for injustices that have been grieving the Father's heart. The Father wants his children to know that he is neither Republican nor Democrat and He desires His children to be seeped in His word having His values, fighting for those who are defenseless. Love is a verb and it will become active in the hearts of His children once again. He is looking for a church who, *grieves and laments over all the detestable things that are done in the land.* (Ezekiel 9:4) It is imperative that Fathers and Mothers be revealed at this time to the family of Christ. The absence of parents within the church is coming to an end. Disobedience over matters of integrity, holiness and righteousness will not be passed by. You will be finding more and more people speaking out concerning what is right and wrong in our doing 'church as usual'. Within the hearts of the children of God is a desire to feed the poor, help the homeless and taking care of the widows and orphans. Patiently they have waited for those in charge to lead the way, now you will begin to see them either going out on their own or coming alongside of those who are already there.

This is still the year of the open doors that swing both ways. Be sons and daughters of God that have learned to 'seize the day'.

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