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The Works HE does, WE shall do!

Good morning, Church!

I don't want the title of this teaching letter to be deceiving. I have taken it from John 14:12. **“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.”** (KJV) I have several pastor friends who are praying for revival. Not necessarily an evangelistic revival, but the revival of the heart. This revival has often times been referred to as the “end-time” revival—I am neither going to agree with that nor disagree with that. I still need to spend lots of time in the Word and with the Holy Ghost for instruction. While I pondered on what a pastor recently told me concerning “the” revival, he said that several have prophesied to him that the revival would start in the Gallup, New Mexico area. There is an agreement, seemingly, between several pastors in this area concerning the start of this great revival. The reason I was pondering was because when we had our church building in the Elkhart, Kansas area, the same prophecy was foretold about that location. A few pastor friends of mine agreed also that Elkhart, Kansas was the spot. Then Bev and I visited a church and ministry in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Guess what? The same prophecy about the same revival was foretold for the Tulsa, Oklahoma area. I have some kinfolks in the Southern California area that say the end-time revival is going to start there. So what gives? The Holy Spirit does not make any mistakes! And that truth has been leading me to a conclusion that seems to be in the character and demeanor of God. Think about this—The Revival, for

which everyone is praying, will occur simultaneously world-wide. However, we **must, must, must** understand revival will not come to a location which has not prepared for it! Earnest prayer, fasting and prayer, getting ready by preparing yourself, not for formula, but for relationship are the ways these churches are preparing for the revival. Pastors that are leading a church body towards revival have had the image of revival in their hearts for years. And that my friend is the KEY! Pastors leading their own flocks into relationship with the Father, Pastors in a community coming together in unity, not only in prayer for revival, but becoming unified by the Word of God—those who are sanctified by the truth of God’s Word. I know for a fact, that there are churches who are preparing and I believe, I have been with them in their search and seeking God and these will be the ones to see the mighty move of God in a supernatural way called Revival. How else can all these prophecies be right in different parts of the globe? What a wonderful time that will be! I know this will happen based on the information I already know about God, His Son, and His Holy Spirit. The Revival has been described by one pastor, and I agree, as being a revival of the heart. Oh yes, there is going to be souls saved, but the revival is going to start with the church. It comes about only by fervent, intense, and earnest prayers because it will be brought in by the spirit of Elijah. Yes, that same spirit, not the man, but the spirit of Elijah that Jesus described when He was speaking to the people after the messengers came from John, the Baptist, in prison in Luke 7:24-35. Jesus, later in an incident on the Mount of Transfiguration when the Elijah and Moses appeared to Jesus, the three disciples, Peter, James, and John asked Jesus, “Why then say the scribes that Elias (Elijah) must first come?” Jesus answered them and said, **“Elias (Elijah) truly will first come, and restore all things. But, I say unto you, that Elias (Elijah) is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto**

him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.” Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist. (Matthew 17:10-13) Remember earlier, I said this revival is going to come only by the fervent, intense, and earnest prayers of the saints—Look at James 5:16-18—“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The **effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much**. Elias (Elijah) was a man subject to like passions as we are, and **he prayed earnestly** that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit.” *I underlined and bolded portions of scripture for emphasis and teaching sakes alone.* So what does John 14:12 have to do with all of that? I am glad you asked! When we are obedient to the will of the Father, we are going to be praying fervently, intensely, and earnestly. We will probably be praying for our loved ones, our friends, our ministries, and all that concerns us, however, as we involve ourselves in the Holy Spirit (the five keys), we will be preparing ourselves for the upcoming revival. We will be seeking and praying with all that is in us for the revival to come and shake the land. If that revival were to break out today, those bodies of Christ who have prepared themselves would be inundated with sick, hurting, dying people who flood that body of Christ day and night. A revival of our hearts brings about the ability, the capability, and the desire to do John 14:12. When that begins, there will be no rest for the believer, they will be constantly laying hands on and praying for countless men, women, and children who need a touch from God. I do want to emphasize a point here. If you have a Bible that has *italicized* words—words that slant, then you understand that those italicized words were not in the original text. These italicized words were put in to help clarify the meaning of that particular passage of scripture. I think all in all, the

scribes and translators who put the words in did a wonderful job, but some of the time the context was changed. In this particular passage of scripture, we see a word italicized—the second word *works*—let’s look at it again--“**Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**” Do you see that second word *works* in italics? That word was added, it was not originally there. So, what does that mean? It means that—let’s break this down—Jesus said that we who believe on Him as Lord and Savior—do you see this—a believer? Is that you? Do you believe in Him? If you do, and I pray you do believe, then the works that He did, healing the sick, opening blind eyes, people made whole, deaf ears opened, all manner of diseases healed, we, as believers shall be doing also—but as we look further on, it reads and greater *works* than these shall he (talking about the believer) do—because He will go unto His Father. That second word *works* was added, it was not in the original, so it should read-- **Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.** So what is greater than all the works previously done? Salvation, my friend, salvation. We will be able to lead people to Jesus, changing their once dead to sin lives into alive in the spirit lives and that is what Jesus referred to as being greater than all the other works. Paul said that he didn’t come in excellence in speech but in the demonstration and power of the Holy Spirit. In fact, he said, “And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in the demonstration of the Spirit and of power. So when non-believers see and hear the demonstration of the Spirit and of power, then that which is greater—Salvation—will surely come!

We are all concerned about the condition of our nation, our states, and our communities. With all the hoopla of political campaigns going on

around us, we sometimes ask ourselves, “Why can’t we legislate morality?” Let me explain—Why can’t we as Christians change the unbiblical practices of homosexuality, murder by abortion, and any other morality issue we see occurring in this great nation of ours? Our great nation has laws and a Constitution that protects individual rights to behave or believe any way they want. This includes the practice of same-sex marriage, which I detest and teach against. The Word of God is full of warnings about this practice and even teaches us God’s feelings toward this practice. However, getting back to the REVIVAL issue, Christians can pray all day long about getting these laws changed and I agree that prayer alone can change things. But, we must fully be aware of this fact—the change we want to see is not legislation and changing our Constitution, we want to see a change of heart. If we can effectively and earnestly pray for revival of the heart, many people will be so affected by their change of heart and will not commit abortion, will not commit homosexuality, will not be promoting immorality and perversion. There has to be a change of heart. That’s what this end-time revival is all about. Ephesians 4:22-24—**That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be RENEWED IN THE SPIRIT OF YOUR MIND; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**—(KJV—Emphasis mine) Being renewed in the spirit of your mind is the change of heart! In Jeremiah 31:33 we see a prophecy concerning the time we are living in now—the time of the NEW Covenant. **“But this shall be the covenant that I will make** (future tense from Jeremiah’s day—today, my friend)— **“But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel** (the children of God—which we, as believers, are)—**After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”**

So, this end-time revival has to be one in which the prepared will see. How do we prepare? We pray for revival—we involve ourselves in the Holy Spirit (5 keys)—we make sure our heart is changed—we become witnesses and preach the gospel of the Kingdom of God to the world around us. Like Nehemiah, let’s build our “wall” of reaching out to those around our house—both physically and spiritually. It will be up to each one of us, as we prepare for revival, to give those around us an opportunity to change their hearts. No, we can’t legislate it, we can’t demand it, but we can lead others to Christ and let Jesus change their hearts, one neighbor at a time! That’s revival! When men and women can, for themselves, make the conscience decision not to sin then the country reaps the benefits—**“If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.”** (2 Chronicles 7:14) --but, let’s move on—look at the next verse—**“Now Mine eyes shall be open, and Mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.”** (I would encourage you to read the rest of Chapter 7 in 2nd Chronicles because of the insight one gets) Let us then stand in awe, and sin not. Let us fear the Lord's displeasure, hope in his mercy, and walk in his commandments.

In His Service,

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