

I. Review from *The End-Time Harvest*

- a) Most people, when they describe the end-time harvest, think of a world-wide revival where millions of people get saved in the context of signs, wonders, and miracles. Certainly, the end-time harvest is that. But it's so much more. The end-time harvest is about the sons of God (the wheat) and the sons of the evil one (the tares) coming to full maturity at the end of the age. The end-time harvest is about righteousness and lawlessness coming to full maturity before the Lord returns.
- b) Last week, we saw that the end-time harvest will be the best of times and the worst of times all at the same time! The time we are quickly moving toward will be the church's finest hour, for God will pour out His Spirit and release a worldwide revival with massive salvations, signs, wonders, and miracles. But the harvest of righteousness is far greater than this. God will fulfill His eternal purpose for the Church Age, which entails the birth of the man-child, the completion of the first-fruits harvest, and the final and ultimate ingathering. God will have an inheritance in the saints—a family of Christ-like sons, a worthy bride for Jesus Christ, and a temple that the Holy Spirit fills unto fullness.
- c) At the very same time, it will be the darkest hour in the world. The tares will mature into a global city known as "Babylon the Great." This New World Order comprised of a one-world government, a one-world economy, and a one-world religion will enslave the world, ultimately leading to the antichrist and his kingdom of totalitarian oppression, war, a state-controlled economy, and great destruction.
- d) The hour is urgent to prepare ourselves for the greatest move of God and the greatest move of Satan in history, which will lead to the return of the Lord and His glorious appearing.

II. What Will Our Response Be?

- a) Given the urgency of the hour, seeing that we are on the threshold of the greatest move of God and the greatest move of Satan in history, what will our response be? Seeing that the prophetic word of the Lord through Terry Bennett and the plans of the globalist elite to form a world government by 2030 seem to be in alignment, what are we going to do to be ready and make others ready for the church's finest hour and the world's darkest hour?
- b) The Lord has given us a two-year period, not to just be willing, but to be ready. There is a twelve-year window for us at Restoration Life and Lifeschool to make the church in the nations ready for the end-time harvest.
- c) So, the question to us is: *How shall we respond?*
- d) 2 Chronicles 16:9 says, "For the eyes of the LORD move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His."
- e) We can have absolute assurance and be completely confident that as we approach our finest hour and the world's darkest hour the Lord will "strongly support those whose heart is completely His." We don't have to fear or be anxious about what is coming. There are so many more who are for us than are against us.
- f) In this message, I want to look at eight responses that the Lord is looking for from us as we close the book to the prophetic season we've been in since January 2017.

III. Eight Responses to This Prophetic Season

1. *Wake up to the urgency of the hour.*

- "Wake up, and strengthen the things that remain, which were about to die; for I have not found your deeds completed in the sight of My God" (Rev. 3:2).

- “But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away” (Matt. 13:25).
- After what we talked about last Sunday, it is way past time for us to wake up, for the Lord has called us as forerunners to make the body of Christ in the nations ready. America as we know it is on life support fighting for her life. We are on the verge of the greatest move of God and the greatest move of Satan in history.
- It’s time for all of us to wake up and to *become the message* during this two-year training. It’s time to wake up and make ourselves ready. And it’s time to wake up to our call as a forerunner to make the nations ready. We have a little over a year to make ourselves ready and we have twelve years to make the church ready in the nations.
- That’s why we need to wake up from our deep sleep!

2. *Exchange independence for corporate interdependence.*

- Isaiah 65:8 says, “Thus says the LORD, ‘...the new wine is found in the cluster.’” The new wine of the coming move of God is a corporate move. The day of lone ranger Christianity, where everything revolved around one or two men of God, is over. The Lord is raising up an army to accomplish His end-time purposes.
- We’ve talked about this repeatedly, but the Lord is not coming back for a harem—He’s returning for one bride. He’s not coming back for a bunch of scattered kindergartners—He’s coming back for one mature man, a corporate son, organically united by the indwelling life of Christ.
- This me-and-Jesus-and-no-more mentality that many have is not the Lord. This idea that I love Jesus but don’t like His church is unbiblical. I’m not talking about the institutional church under the government of man. I certainly don’t want anything to do with the organized Christian religion that has become a replica of the tower of Babel. I’m talking about the true church, the Lord’s body, those who have the life of Christ in their spirit. The coming prophetic and historic move of the Spirit will be released through the corporate body, filled unto fullness with the life of Jesus Christ.
- The new wine of the Spirit that’s coming, the best wine that Jesus saved for last, is found in the cluster, in the corporate, in the body working together. Therefore, if we want to be part of this end-time move of the Spirit, we can’t just lock ourselves away in our prayer closets, having this introverted me-and-Jesus mentality. This type of independence will disqualify us from the end-time move of the Holy Spirit. I know Jesus loves you and you have a unique relationship with Him, but what He is about to do is so much bigger than you and Jesus. The coming end-time move of the Spirit is corporate. The new wine is found in the cluster.
- The Lord wants to move us from an unhealthy dependence on one another and from an isolated independence from one another into corporate interdependence, where we have our own relationship with the Lord, but we are also individual living stones who are fit together.
- The reason why some don’t feel like they fit in is because they need to embrace the sanding and chiseling that comes when the Lord fits us together with other living stones. If we’re isolated, we don’t get to experience the glorious work of God fitting us together with each other. You can never achieve your full God-given destiny apart from the body of Christ. The fitting together with other living stones can only happen through the cross and the sword, as these two instruments work to cut away our selfish independence so that we can be joined together to what the Lord is doing through His body.

3. *Be part of an army that will help fulfill God's eternal purpose.*

- On New Year's Eve 2017, I spoke about being aligned to God's eternal purpose. I asked the question, "Do you want God to fulfill your dreams or do you want to join an army that will help fulfill God's dreams?" I knew that the Lord was giving us this challenge and test for 2018.
- This is still the question the Lord is asking. He wants to know: Whose dream do you want to see accomplished? Yours or mine? Your destiny or My eternal purpose?
- Isaiah 65:11 states, "But you who forsake the LORD, who forget My holy mountain, who set a table for Fortune, and who fill cups with mixed wine for Destiny."
- Fortune and Destiny were two Babylonian gods who promised money and a fulfilling destiny at the expense of God's eternal purpose. The Lord was basically asking Israel the same question He's asking us: Do you want to fulfill your own destiny or Mine?
- If we choose our destiny over God's eternal purpose, here's the warning: He will give us what we want, but He will send leanness into our soul.
- When the children of Israel craved meat in the wilderness, God gave them their request until it came out of their nose. Beware of the Lord giving you what you want. Often, in His mercy, the Lord protects us from our own stubborn desires and self-centered prayer requests. However, if we persist on having our own way, stubbornly insisting upon getting what we truly want, there comes a time when the Lord will grant us our request. In fact, the Lord will give us what we truly want in such abundance that we will have it, like the children of Israel, running out of our nose. The price we have to pay, however, is that God sends "leanness into [our] soul" (Ps. 106:14-15, NKJV). Whereas we could have had the life of Christ in fullness in our soul, now we have self in fullness. The Lord removes His restraint until the self-life permeates all that we are and all that we do. Our self-life overflows and touches everything, until our legacy becomes, from heaven's perspective, he or she became their own god. They did what was right in their own eyes.
- Not only will the Lord send leanness into our soul, but He will give us a "wasting disease" (Ps. 106:15). Looking at the Hebrew, this is not a sickness, for the Hebrew is literally "leanness, leanness" or "wasting, wasting." In other words, God gives us what we want, but He removes His restraint from us and allows us to do our own thing. What happens is that we waste 10, 20, 30, or more years of our life. Though we are still saved, our life is wasted pursuing what we want.

4. *Close the door to the accuser by taking this season serious.*

- On Sunday January 28, 2018, the Lord told Patricia that Satan has an accusation against us. The accusation was that we were sitting down to eat and drink, and rising up to play. She shared this with our church on Sunday, February 4, 2018.
- I want to explain a few things about this word. First, we have to know that the accuser of the brethren is one of the greatest enemies that will oppose those who are seeking to fulfill God's eternal purpose. We see this in Revelation 12. The dragon, the accuser of the brethren, is waiting to devour the man-child when he is born.
- The accuser attacks us in many ways, including through guilt, shame, condemnation, self-accusation, accusations about others, accusations about leadership, accusations about God, judging, criticism, and offense.
- The phrase, "Sitting down to eat and drink, and rising up to play" is from 1 Corinthians 10:7. But originally, it was from Exodus 32:6. Here's what was happening. Moses was on the mountain with God, receiving the exact blueprint for what he was to build in the future. While Moses was

receiving the blueprint, the people were not taking this season serious. The cultural pull from Egypt was so strong upon them that they were eating, drinking, and playing when they should have been waiting on the Lord.

- Here's my summary of this word: "Restoration Life, we have to realize that the accuser is one of the greatest enemies that we will fight as we seek to see God's eternal purpose fulfilled. We have to know the accuser's tactics and schemes. We have to know the way he works to defeat us in order to stop God's eternal purpose. This is what he fights relentlessly against. We also need to realize that we have opened a legal door to him because we have not taken this season serious. While the blueprint was being given to the leaders (God's Eternal Purpose and The Eternal Purpose Church), some of us were like the children of Israel, eating, drinking, and playing. In other words, the blueprint was being given, but we were not taking the season serious. We were in business-as-usual mode, not recognizing the season of visitation that we were in.
- I know that many have already repented for not taking this season serious, so please don't come under condemnation and accusation. However, the Lord keeps bringing this up because He wants everyone in the entire body to go all the way. In His love and compassion, He will push pause on the corporate journey toward fullness even if one or two are still in the valley of decision. The Lord wants the entire body at Restoration Life to discern the season we are in, to wake up, to take this season serious, and to make ourselves ready.

5. *Start the life-long journey of following the Lamb wherever He goes.*

- Revelation 14:4 is a beautiful summary of what the Lord desires to establish within us. This verse states, "These are the ones who follow the Lamb wherever He goes."
- They follow the Lamb wherever He goes makes a great sermon and it's easy to shout "amen" to. But it's very challenging to live. The way is narrow that leads to life. This is far more than Jesus being the only way to salvation. This is about having His life released in us in fullness. The way to Zion is narrow, disruptive, and confining. It is a path that few in the body of Christ are willing to travel because it can only be traversed by taking up our cross and allowing God's sword to divide between soul and spirit. On the journey into God's eternal purpose, the self-life is dealt a brutal death-blow. That's why so few are willing to go all the way.
- On the journey toward Zion, presumption is one of the soulish activities that the Holy Spirit targets with His sharp, two-edged sword. It's impossible to dwell in the holy of holies while walking in presumption. We cannot abide in the glory of God while offering strange fire to the Lord. What we got away with in the outer court will get us killed in the holy of holies.
- What is presumption? It's an idea or belief that is taken to be true, and is often used as the basis for other ideas or beliefs, although it is not known for certain. It's to assume with confidence that something is true, whether or not it is.
- In our relationship with the Lord, presumption is believing that because I think it, then God must think it too and agree with me. Based upon this assumption, we then venture onward without waiting upon the Lord and saturating our decisions in prayer. We then go out when He has not sent us. We then progress onward without His authority or permission.
- Presumption is sleeping with Hagar in an attempt to produce a son of promise. Presumption is trying to take the land when the Lord has not released you (Numbers 14). Presumption is offering strange fire which the Lord has not commanded. The higher and further you go on in the Lord, the more dangerous and deadly presumption can be. Presumption has killed many great moves of God and has caused the fall of many great leaders. This should make us tremble in the fear of God.

- David prayed, “Keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not rule over me; then I will be blameless, and I shall be acquitted of great transgression” (Ps. 19:13).
 - Because David feared God and didn’t want to commit presumptuous sins, he always inquired of the Lord. Lord, should I go into battle? Should I attack? Should I wait? David always inquired of the Lord to ensure that he didn’t commit presumptuous sins.
 - The safeguard against presumption is to know that God’s thoughts are infinitely higher than our thoughts and His ways are infinitely higher than our ways. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so God’s thoughts are higher than our thoughts and God’s ways are higher than our ways (Isa. 55:8-9).
 - In an effort to protect ourselves from presumptuous sins, we should not err on the other side of the ditch, falling into what some call “the paralysis of analysis.” Fear God, inquire of Him in everything, wait on His leading and timing, and surround yourself with godly counsel when making important decisions. Having done this, trust that God will lead you on the narrow path that leads to life, to Zion, and to His eternal purpose.
6. *Don’t reject, ignore, take lightly, or harden your heart to what God has been speaking to us corporately.*
- It’s easy to accept the voice of God when He speaks to us personally. It’s much harder when He speaks to us corporately. It’s especially difficult when we become familiar with the vessels the Lord speaks through. As the famous saying goes, “Familiarity breeds contempt.” Even Jesus couldn’t do many miracles in His own hometown because they had grown familiar to Him. Because of their familiarity, Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his hometown and in his own household” (Matt. 13:57).
 - How dangerous familiarity can be to missing the voice of God corporately! When the Lord raises up voices to speak through in a corporate setting, He doesn’t ask our permission or poll our preferences. But here’s the problem for us. If we are familiar, offended, or we dislike the vessel He has chosen, even though we love Jesus wholeheartedly, it’s easy to reject, take lightly, or even harden our hearts to His voice in a corporate setting.
 - Jesus said, “He who receives you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me. He who receives a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward” (Matt. 10:40-41). If we truly want Jesus in fullness, there’s no way around the need to hear His voice through whatever messenger He has raised up!
 - Since January 2017, we have been in the greatest and most intense prophetic season that I can remember. However, we must realize that with greater clarity and greater revelation comes greater accountability, responsibility, and consequences if we reject, ignore, or harden our heart.
 - God’s voice through human vessels is not meant to entertain us, but to transform us.
 - The Lord said that there were consequences for Israel “because I called, but you did not answer; I spoke, but you did not hear” (Isa. 65:12). The same is true for us if we reject, ignore, or harden our heart to God’s voice spoken in a corporate setting.
 - When the Lord speaks in a corporate setting and we don’t heed His voice, it can cause shipwreck in our life. Paul told Timothy to fight the good fight “in accordance with the prophecies previously made concerning you” (1 Tim. 1:18). These prophecies were given to help him—and us—keep “faith and a good conscience” (1 Tim. 1:19). Yet there’s another side to the story. Some rejected the word of the Lord, and as a result, they “suffered shipwreck in regard to their faith” (1 Tim. 1:19).

- Here's the warning to us: If we reject the word of the Lord that He has been speaking corporately, then we too can suffer shipwreck in our faith. This is not meant to make us feel guilt, shame, and condemnation, but to warn us of what can happen in the fear of God.
- Hebrews 3:7-12 states, "Just as the Holy Spirit says, 'TODAY IF YOU HEAR HIS VOICE, DO NOT HARDEN YOUR HEARTS AS WHEN THEY PROVOKED ME, AS IN THE DAY OF TRIAL IN THE WILDERNESS, WHERE YOUR FATHERS TRIED Me BY TESTING Me, AND SAW MY WORKS FOR FORTY YEARS. THEREFORE I WAS ANGRY WITH THIS GENERATION, AND SAID, 'THEY ALWAYS GO ASTRAY IN THEIR HEART, AND THEY DID NOT KNOW MY WAYS'; AS I SWORE IN MY WRATH, 'THEY SHALL NOT ENTER MY REST.'" Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God."
- Notice that the author of Hebrews is speaking to the "brethren." Also keep in mind that the author of Hebrews is using Israel as an example of not allowing your heart to grow hard to God's voice spoken in a corporate context. The warning to us is this—when God speaks corporately through imperfect human vessels, do not allow doubt or unbelief to harden your heart, for this can cause you to fall away from the living God.

7. *Align yourself with God's timing.*

- In Numbers 13-14, twelve men went to spy out the land of Canaan. They saw with their own eyes that it was indeed a land flowing with milk and honey. It was a beautiful and fruitful land. Yet there were fortified cities and giants that made ten of the spies afraid. Joshua and Caleb had faith that God would give them victory over every enemy. But the other ten spies gave the entire congregation a bad report that caused them to grumble, complain, and forfeit their destiny. Rather than believing the word of the Lord that they could possess the land, their hearts were filled with doubt, unbelief and grumbling.
- After the Lord announced His judgment upon the Israelites, letting them know that most would die in the wilderness because of their unbelief, the people responded, "On second thought, we can conquer these enemies. We can defeat them. We can win. We can overcome and carry off the victory. Let's go fight!" They then rushed headlong into battle and were resoundingly defeated by their enemies. The problem was they had missed God's timing. If they had responded this way immediately after the spies returned, then they would not have died in the wilderness.
- Applying this to us, the Lord has spoken to us that the train of His presence is coming and only those who are ready will get on board. If we try to board this train apart from God's prescribed method and training, like the Israelites who tried to take the land outside of God's method and God's timing, we will miss the coming move of the Spirit.
- That's why it's important to be in full agreement with what the Holy Spirit is saying and doing, in His timing, not our own. We won't be able to say three or four years later, "Ok. Now I'm ready. Let's go." It will likely be too late. We must get ready according to God's schedule—not our own. Otherwise, we can easily miss the greatest move of God in history. "Today" if you hear His voice. The time to respond is now.

8. *Sign the book.*

- In Patricia's word, she looked and saw a book on a pedestal to the left of the stage. She knew that she was to sign it, which meant she was to forsake her own life absolutely and completely. She also knew that this was serious and that God would hold her accountable for signing it.

- When Patricia shared this word privately with the elders, it confirmed what the Lord had spoken to me. Namely, that we were to have a special service, where we fully committed to fulfilling God's eternal purpose together and we acknowledged our betrothal to Jesus the Bridegroom.
- So, on Good Friday, April 30th at 7:00 p.m., we will have a special service and we will give everyone the opportunity to respond and sign the book, if they want to. This is a very serious and solemn time before the Lord. It is not to be taken lightly. Like Patricia said, it is a complete and absolute surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ and our rights to our own life.
- As the elders prayed about it this, there are three things that we sense we are to commit to. These are:
 1. An absolute surrender to the Lordship of Jesus Christ;
 2. A conscious recognition that we have been betrothed to Jesus Christ as His bride, that we say "yes" to His invitation to marry Him forever, and that we will respond by making ourselves ready for Him;
 3. A commitment to see God's eternal purpose fulfilled in our life, in our church, and in the nations.
- There is absolutely no pressure whatsoever to sign this book. This is something that you should do prayerfully, counting the cost.
- We are also calling for a three day fast starting Wednesday, March 28 and ending after the Good Friday service on March 30.