

The Bride Made Ready

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Scripture: Matthew 24:42, 1 Thessalonians 5:6, Revelation 3:2, 1 Peter 5:8, 2 Peter 3:10, Matthew 25:13, 1 Corinthians 15:58, Hebrews 10:25, James 4:8, Revelation 22:12

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Transcript

I want you to face this direction. No one go back to their seats. I want everyone to listen.

I'm not going to preach the message, but I'm going to give you the word the Lord gave me early this morning. I want you to listen. I don't want anyone talking.

I don't want anyone hollering out. I don't want anyone giving their opinions. This morning, as any other day, I was up early.

I entered into my daily routine, awaiting the Lord's Word for tonight. Over the last few days, there has been a restlessness in my spirit. I mentioned to pastor that I feel very unsettled.

I feel like the ground underneath me is shifting. I feel as if something is about to change. Now the Lord knows I love change.

I thrive on the unknown. I enjoy the uncertainties of life. I'm extremely uncomfortable when everything is cookie-cutter predictable.

When the earth begins to shift, when I hear roots being pulled up out of the ground, when I feel the wind on my face blowing in a new direction, I like that. Over the last several days, something has been stirring. I can't stop moving around.

There is something on the horizon, something big. I can't touch it yet. I can't gaze upon it with my eyes, but I can feel it.

It's there and it's moving closer. My spirit man is speaking loud and clear. He has overridden my carnal nature and is raising his voice.

The first time I heard my spirit man was 22 years ago. He told me when I got saved that I was a child of God. My spirit bore witness with God's spirit that I was God's child.

Now the Spirit of the Lord is telling this child of God that something's up. The Lord would say to everyone in this place, live unsettled. The Lord would say to everyone in this place, live unsettled.

Don't sink too deep into the soil of this earth. Keep your head up and your feet moving. Stay alert.

Be sober. This morning early, the Lord spoke clearly these two words, I'm coming. The day of my return is at hand.

Loose yourself. Loose yourself of any ties that bind. If you don't loose yourself, I'll help loose you.

Prepare the way in your own heart and then help prepare the way in others. I want no obstacles. I will have no obstructions.

I will return for a pilgrim people. He said to me, let the church know that the day is approaching. Warn them, don't whine and dine them.

Tell them clearly, don't mix words. My word, my water is pure. Don't taint it.

Make it clear. Let my people know it's about to happen. What is about to occur will change world history.

Nothing will remain the same. Let the unbelievers, let the skeptics, let the religious ones know that what they fear the most is about to happen. I'm going to say that again.

Nothing will remain the same. Let the unbelievers, let the skeptics, let the religious ones know that what they fear the most is about to happen. Every fear known to man will be swallowed by the terror of the day ahead.

Fear will overcome fear. Dread will overcome dread. The violent will be overcome by the more violent.

My final work is at hand. My spirit's wooing is about to seize. No one will grieve me anymore.

No one will quench my spirit anymore. No one will resist me anymore. Their days are over.

Let them know my warm season of grace and mercy will soon turn to a chilling winter of judgment and wrath. The warm days of my wooing will be exchanged for the fiery days of my vengeance, my pleading for the souls of man, the passionate cry of the faithful harvesters, the unselfish service of my holy servants, all their labor, all the charity, all the pain, all the suffering. It will be over.

I have heard, says the Lord, the groans of nature. I have heard the midnight cries. My church has been begging my return.

My bride has been longing to be with me. The plan of the ages has almost reached fruition. The tree has borne forth its fruit.

The fertile soil has yielded the harvest. The planting will stop. The laborers will leave.

The sickle will rust. It's almost over. I'm coming back.

I will not delay my coming to you, so don't delay your coming to me. Jesus, we hear you. We hear you.

When I say something right now to this group of people, everyone within the sound of my voice, I love this revival, but I love Jesus more. This revival is awesome. It's at the beginning stages, we all believe, is at the very infancy.

It's at the very beginning. If you knew what we knew about the rumblings out there, there's a rumbling across the world right now. We get the calls, we get the emails, we get the faxes of what's happening out there.

It's at the infancy stage, it's at the very beginning, and you may marvel, but what, two years, three years? That's incredible, friend. In God's sight, he is beginning something right now that's going to culminate in his second coming. He's beginning something right now.

He's getting his bride ready. And take a look at the church across the world. We're not anywhere close to being ready.

This has got to sweep all over. It's got to sweep from coast to coast. It's got to sweep to Finland and Germany and Japan and Australia and Russia.

It's got to go into South Africa, South America, into Central America. It's got to touch every continent in this world. But let me tell you something, friend, that's wonderful.

I love this revival, but I love Jesus more and what he's saying to me and what he's saying to you. This could go on and on, we all know that, but you need to live as if he's coming back tonight because I have not gotten a word from the Lord that this thing's going on and on. I've gotten a word from the Lord that he's coming back soon.

Now, he's not coming back for a weak church. He's not coming back for a helpless church. He's not coming back for a stained, spotted, wretched church.

He's not coming back for a church in adultery. He's coming back for a church that's anticipating, they're looking, they're anticipating his return. A bride that's looking up to heaven said, Jesus, Maranatha, Maranatha, come back, come back.

Come quickly, Lord, come quickly, Lord. And the word tonight, the word tonight is make sure you ain't putting in roots. Bible school students, I'm tired of hearing about the future.

I want to know about the now. What's going on now? You don't have tomorrow. What's going on now? Make sure nothing underneath you is growing roots.

Make sure you're a pilgrim people. You're mobile, you're moving. You're saying, Jesus, come down in power, move mightily.

What would happen if one night he came down and flooded the whole city here and we had to send everyone out just to deal with the apartment buildings and the malls and the restaurants because people were weeping and wailing everywhere? What a change. That's different, isn't it? I like that. That's a change.

That's the unsettling. That's the ground underneath the shaking. If God can't do that with us, he'll move to a different group.

He'll find somebody that'll move with his spirit. Be careful, those of you that have come forward, that tonight you've shaken off the garbage. I've felt it tonight.

It's dripped off of you. You're leaving it. Don't pick it back up.

When you get outside these doors and you get in your car and you head towards wherever you're going or you get on a jetliner and heading back to whatever country you're from, don't take no garbage with you. And when you get back, don't let the filth of the world get on you. And don't say, well, that was just an experience I had at Brownsville on that Saturday night.

No, friend, it's called a move of God in your life. And everyone in this place, everyone in the chapel, I know there's a mighty move of God in the chapel tonight, will be held responsible for what's taken place tonight. See, this was not contrived.

This morning when I was reading the Scriptures on his second coming, I was violently thrown, just shaken violently. That never happens to me, man. And the Lord was saying, don't move away from this.

Stay right where you're at. This is where I want you. I'm nailing this, Steve.

Get the church ready. Get them ready. Mike reminded me just a minute ago.

You got the stats on this? Is today the 31st? What's today? Today's the 31st? One year ago today, one year ago, there was a move of God exactly like what took place tonight, one year ago to the night. What was it called? There's a video out called Lord Have Mercy Too. Think about that, friend.

One year ago, one year ago, exactly to the day, the Spirit of God swept through the congregation just like tonight. Not one day before, one day after. One year ago to the day, the Spirit of God moved just like he just did.

See, that's exactly what it is, pastor. It's a sign. It's a sign of his presence.

It's a sign of his favor. It's a sign of his favor. It's an exclamation mark on what's going on in this place.

His presence is all that matters to us. And tonight he said, I think I'll just come down. Let me ask this question, how many of you here tonight know without a shadow of a doubt you sense his presence? See, friend, he's just here.

He's just here. As I was worshiping, I left this place in the Spirit, friend. I mean, I was so caught up, still am.

It's like we're floating in this place. Well, what's heaven gonna be like? But do not, friend, do not get settled. Don't get settled.

You can have a job, sir, ma'am. You can have a job. Pastor, you can pastor a church.

Keep your feet moving. Keep your feet just always moving. There's a mighty move of God going on in this church up in New Jersey right now.

Y'all still with us? You here somewhere? God's mightily moving. But let me tell you, let me tell you, keep moving. Keep moving.

Keep moving. Don't let anything settle underneath you. Keep it moving.

Keep it fresh. Keep your steps moving. Keep moving.

Jesus, keep going, Lord. I'm with you. I'm with you.

The moment, the moment you get into a predictability phase, the moment you get to the place where you've got it all figured out, this is what's gonna happen. This is what's gonna happen. We sit on this platform, and you wanna know what we say? We say, something's about to happen.

That's what we say. He never wants to take it. I never wanna take it.

Lyndal never wants to take it. You wanna know why? It's scary. It's scary because we don't know what's going on.

Mike doesn't like to take it. He felt this tonight. He felt it.

I told him, there's something happening this morning, God. I got a word from the Lord. It's scary, friend.

Revival breaks out in your church, friend. It needs to stay that way, just constantly that way. God, I've got a message, but hey, if you wanna change it, it's fine.

I think you spoke it to me this morning, Lord, but hey, I'll change. It's okay, Jesus. It's okay, Jesus.

Whatever you wanna do. Lyndal, come on back up here, brother. At the top of your lungs, in the chapel, here, and those of you that have just given your hearts to the Lord at home, I want us to sing that chorus one more time, singing out to Jesus.

Friend forever. Friend, I'm talking about lift up your voice. You wanna know what's happening right now? All over the world, people are cursing him.

It's Saturday night. There are people in bars right by here using his name in vain right now. They're cursing him because they're broke.

They're cursing him because they lost the lottery. You know what the Lord's doing? He's tuned in right here, friend. Let him hear his name.

Let him hear his name. Sing it out. Jesus.

Jesus. Jesus. Friend forever.

Friend, I'm talking about lift up your voice. You're our Jesus. That's the name of Jesus.

Friend forever. Sing the verse, man. What a friend I found.

Stay right where you're at, friend. Enjoy this. Closer than a brother.

I have felt your touch. More intimate than lovers. Jesus.

Jesus. Jesus. Friend forever.

Friend forever. Oh, Lord Jesus. Bless your name, Lord.

Jesus. Oh, dear name, Lord Jesus. Jesus.

You're my friend forever.

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