

THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,
**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God
IN CHRIST JESUS.***
(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)

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**2012: What I Say to You, I Say to All.
Watch!**

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(33) **Watch! Be wakeful, and pray.** For you do not know when the time is. (34) As a man going away, leaving his house, and giving his slaves authority, and to each his work (and he commanded the doorkeeper, that he **watch**), (35) then **you watch**, for you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, *at evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrowing, or early;* (36) so that he may not come suddenly *and find you sleeping.* (37) **And what I say to you, I say to all. Watch!** (Mark 13:33-37 LITV)

Each year the Lord gives me a word for the year. This year I have been given two words. One of them came on the first day of the year as I was sitting down to have some quiet time with the Lord. It was as if I did not even have to inquire; He simply spoke it.

The word came exactly as it is stated in Mark 13:37. It has been quite some time since I read this portion of scripture, so I had to look it up to be sure I heard it right. I did.

I heard: **What I say to you, I say to all. Watch!**

Frankly, this caught my attention, for the last time I was given this word in power was in the days leading up to September 11, 2001. During the months leading up to that infamous day, I was stirred in my spirit to watch, to be on the alert. In fact, on the morning of September 11, 2001, I had purposed to begin writing on the subject *Watch*. As I sat in front of my computer with the windows open and listening to the birds chirping in the tree outside my office, a friend phoned to tell me I needed to turn on the television immediately. The rest is history.

Now, as we begin the year 2012 with so many people predicting that it is going to be a challenging year, I am once again being told to watch. At this point, I have no specific details as to what is coming; but undoubtedly, great change is coming, not only in this year but in the years to come until the Kingdom comes. We can be assured that the change is leading up to the coming of the Lord to meet His people in air (not in heaven) to usher in His kingdom **when the earth experiences Your judgments and the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness** (Isaiah 26:9). After all, "watch" is associated with the Lord of the House coming at a time that we do not know; although, the time is most likely associated with the **Feast of Trumpets** (resurrection) and the **Feast of Tabernacles** (transfiguration) in some year.

Well, I have a few thoughts on the matter.

First, contrary to what many think, the world is **not** coming to an end. The Mayan calendar, Nostradamus, Edgar Cayce, or any other clairvoyant is not the last word on **the times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority** (Acts 1:7). They may have had some insight into change that will come upon the earth, but, according to God's time, this earth that we live on is not going to come to an end in some apocalyptic destruction.

"He [the God of heaven] who changes the times and the epochs; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men and knowledge to men of understanding. (Daniel 2:21 NASB)

Second, the glorious Kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ is on the near horizon and heaven is getting ready to announce its arrival to the nations of this earth, and, for this, we need to be rejoicing, not living in fear for what is coming upon the earth. His kingdom will last for 1,000 years before a new heaven and a new earth come into view.

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "**The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever [the eons of the eons].**" (Revelation 11:15 ESV [CV])

Third, what is about to change dramatically is the *kosmos* or the orderly arrangement by which our present, wicked age [eon] operates. In other words, **Mystery Babylon** is being crushed with the mighty stone of God, which speaks of the **Stone Kingdom** (Daniel 2:31-35). It is about man's systems and *isms* being brought to dust and replaced with the righteous and just and impartial government of God.

"Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that **not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain [kingdom] and filled the whole earth.** (Daniel 2:35 NASB)

Fourth, based on past experience, I am going to be particularly tuned to hear the Lord next month. For some reason, the month of February has been a particularly active month for hearing from the Lord.

On February 27, 1995, I was told: "**When the structures crumble, testify of My kingdom.**" I began to do this in earnest when I saw the two towers (structures) of the World Trade Center *crumble* to the ground on 9/11. Exactly 15 years from the word given in 1995, on February 27, 2010, Chile experienced the 7th largest recorded quake in history up to that point. Many structures crumbled on that day. The number 7 signifies divine or spiritual perfection or completion of what is in view. On February 28, 2008, I was given a dream of a key of the kingdom and of the American people being cut loose from our present corrupt political system, which I saw as **cords of falsehood** (Isaiah 5:18, 20-21) that have been leading us around. On February 10, 2009, I heard: "**Thus saith the Lord, 'I have lifted up a hammer over the United States and I am about to strike at the heart of the nation.'**" The hammer is the word of the Lord (Jeremiah 23:29). On February 22, 2009, I was given a very clear dream of a FedEx box truck crashing to the earth and tumbling along the ground; on March 22, 2009, a FedEx air cargo plane crashed and tumbled down a runway in Tokyo, Japan. Does this indicate an economic collapse?

I have previously written on these, but the point is that we must watch and be on the alert! Just the other day, I had a dream of **small volcanoes erupting** all over a field; volcanoes could indicate disruptions or upheavals in kingdoms of this world (field). Individually, these upheavals might not seem significant, but, in the aggregate, they might be quite significant, especially as a sign of the judgment of God.

Fifth, many are looking for the so-called "rapture" to take them out of this earth as the "great escape" and leave earth as it goes into near destruction. However, rapture is not about escape from this earth; it is about **resurrection and transfiguration** into the image of Christ; it is about the Lord's conquerors commencing their reign with Him on earth and in heaven, bringing the **Kingdom of the Heavens** to earth, establishing the **Kingdom of Christ** throughout the nations so that the world learns the righteousness of God. At precisely **1:44 am** on September 26, 2008, the Lord spoke to me: "**The next great event is the resurrection.**" By the way, the number 144 signifies "the first resurrection saints."

As far as an apocalyptic destruction of the earth, do you really think God is going to destroy much of this earth, sending it back to the Stone Age with men living in caves again? Hardly! God so loves the world that He wants and has purposed to restore it. In fact, the glory of the next age will exceed anything this earth has ever seen.

"But indeed, as I live, all the earth will be filled with the glory of the LORD" (Numbers 14:21). "**For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea"** (Habakkuk 2:14 NASB).

Have you ever considered how much water covers the sea? A bunch! The whole earth will be filled with the glory of the Lord.

What I say to you, I say to all. Watch! Be encouraged!