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There are three conditions involved in what has been outlined for the Church. Three classes of people are involved in the thing that is about to burst on the world. First, there is the world itself -- the people that are in the world. Their condition, in the last days, is clearly stated: "As it was in the days of Noah, so shall it be in the day when the Son of man comes." I don't know where you would go to find any more sin for this world to delve into. It seems to me that Hell has exhausted its inventive genius to invent ways to attack the people of the world who are intent on living for themselves. All the world, outside of Christ, is wondering what is going to become of it -- wondering about economical conditions -- whether they will be able to get butter and eggs, and clothes to wear -- wondering what is going to happen to them as the years roll over their heads, and they get old and infirm, and question marks are multiplied on the side of the world.

With regard to the condition of the world, it fills almost to the letter, the condition prophesied by the Prophets of old, and by our Lord Jesus Christ, Himself. In His warning words in Matt. 24 He says, "When you see these things come to pass then know He is near, even at the door". If the world is not bathed in blood in the next 21 days of time it will be a miracle. Only the restraining hand of God can hold back the pile of devilism, of destruction of human minds, and beastliness. These are the conditions that have been shown and prophesied for thousands of years.

A thousand years before Christ came, Joel testified that there were going to be signs in the Heavens above and the earth beneath. Down the Highway you can see, everyday of your life, the Scripture literally fulfilled as the world prepares for war. The outlook for the world makes me sorry for the world, that in its blindness it takes a By-way that can only lead it through rivers of blood, into the grave. Those things have been shown in our Bible repeatedly -- this world condition is not of God's ordination. God has foreseen it and caused it to be written in an indestructible Book and has preserved this Book right down to the time when its fulfillments are on the world and God's people. We are living in the most solemn moments of the history of the world, for the world.

The world is to be involved in the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and of the passing through those agonies and burdens and punishments and penalties that have been determined against it. Sin is only discovered in the human heart. There is no other realm of creation in which you can find sin. It is in men and women and nowhere else. Knowing that --- there is only one remedy and only one that has been provided for sin, and that is the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ poured out on Calvary's Cross, and every soul that will look to Jesus in simple faith, believing in the Lord, can be washed from their sin in the twinkling of an eye.

God has ordained Spirit Power all around the sinner and these powers are trying to persuade him from his sin and bring him back under the control of the Living God. If men and women find themselves slipping into hell it will be because they have trampled under foot the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, only by which they can be saved. When you trample the blood of Christ under foot you have stepped over the last barrier that God has put in the pathway of hell.

We are looking for a Revival. We think if we can get the right kind of an Evangelist that we can get a Revival. In that idea you are as faraway as East is from West. No man on earth can bring you a Revival. The man sitting in one seat can have a bubbling Revival in his soul, and the man next to him can be as dead. If this Generation does not get the marvelous evidence and the demonstration of the power and Spirit of God it will be because you and I miserably fail in our part of the Program. The Church of the Living God must be on fire for a Revival to come. If God would only burst in my soul --- if He would burst in your soul and you would give Him a chance! I don't care what is the matter with you -- you may be as dry as an Egyptian Mummy --- if you will only open up to God. !! I love the Lord and I appreciate the wonderful thing that God has done for me.

I don't put a premium on noise, but when you get so filled up, you have got to have some way to express yourself. The only way I know is to sound it out. 'Twas by faith the walls of Jericho fell. I realize they were different from the kind of walls we have today. Then, they shouted with a great shout and the walls went down. I don't know what we have to do now in the days of reinforced concrete. The bridges today will not burn. You have to blast them down. You have to put God's dynamite behind them -- the Power of the Holy Ghost. God have mercy on the world. God have mercy on every unsaved loved one in these days, right now.... unless we step up and get underneath God's measuring line.

The Devil is fixing Theology and preaching and Preachers and Congregations so that they are all sliding along so smooth. The road to Glory never was smooth. Show me the day and time in the history of the World when God's people did not have the sword at their throat. Show me a servant of God that did not have to face hell-fire.

"I am the Resurrection and the Life. He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." The Devil can't beat that! He may get them dead but Christ will get them alive. You and I need that resurrection life. I will show you a world steeped in hell until Christ arose from the dead. Resurrection Power -- every speck, every scrap of power that comes down on the Church in these last days is the Power of Resurrection. Paul says, "That I may know Him and the Power of His Resurrection." We get so taken up with the Resurrection that we forget to grieve. "Being made conformable to His death." There cannot be a resurrection until death has taken place.

The Church is a long, long way behind. When you mention three days of fasting and prayer, that sounds like a funeral. Somebody fasted and prayed for you. If you were saved under my ministry, I fasted and prayed for you. I did it many a time and I am ready and willing to do it again. It is only as you and I are made conformable to the death of Christ. God is so close right now there isn't a devil or disease that could stand before Him. There isn't a soul that could stay unsaved if they were only willing to signify it to the Lord.

We want to go to Glory and slide along on the cushions but you will not get anywhere on the cushions. The Church must face the fact that God expects the Church to measure up to the standard of its Head. Look at Christ, that Blessed Son of God!

Soon there will not be a Missionary left in Japan unless he is willing to bow to the Emperor. Everyone of you, here, have been purchased by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.... Jesus Christ in the Glory. Thank God, He is in the Glory --- far above all Principalities and Power. The Lord is the third Party in this conflict. The Scripture says, He is standing at the door. Behold, the Judge stands at the door -- at the door of the Heavens with His hand on the latch. Standing at the door of the world. "When you see these things come to pass then know He is near, even at the door."

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Don't apply that to sinners all the time. God is standing at the door of the Church. Right now, as far as I can see, Politics have filled their day in the world; Governments have filled their day in the world; they are doing heroic things, but the Church (you and I) has got to stand at its place and do what God calls each one of us to do.

Judgment hangs over the world. That great Stone has been separated from its contact with the Heavens above and is about ready to come down with a crash. God said, "Yet once more I shake, not only the earth, but the powers of the Heavens." You and I are going to be in that shaking and everything is going to be shaken. The earth is waiting for you and Heaven is waiting for you. Revival comes when the Church is filled with the Holy Ghost. Don't make excuses. Don't tell yourself that God doesn't want you to be filled with the Holy Ghost. You are just deceiving yourself. Every breathing soul should be filled and baptised with the Holy Ghost and Fire of God. There is the reason we are a house divided against itself. Let us go down on our knees. Stop telling yourself you cannot receive the Holy Ghost. When you do that you fly in the face of God. He said, "The promise is unto you and your children...."

That is what we need in Bethel Temple and in the whole world. I need to get down and get this vessel filled with the Oil of God. Amen.

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