

PRAYER: THE WOMB OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN**REVIEW:**

Jesus instructed His Disciples to gather in prayer while asking, seeking, and knocking and asking for the Father's promised outpouring as prophesied in **Joel 2**. They gathered in prayer, waited for the promise, received the power to be Christ witness, experienced the signs, wonders, and miracles of God transforming lives, and as a result, they experienced persecution because they became a threat to the religious and economic powers of their culture. How did the Disciples respond to the increased persecution? They went back into prayer to the Father. When the Father makes a promise, He always keeps it. This is our confidence. This was the lifestyle practice of the first century Church.

Acts 2:17-21 *'And it shall come to pass (individual & corporate) in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord. ²¹ And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*

I. THE GREATEST REVIVAL IN HUMAN HISTORY IS BEFORE US

- A. **Acts 2:17-18** *'And it shall come to pass (individual & corporate) in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; **your sons** and **your daughters** shall prophesy (preach God's Will), your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸ And on My menservants and on My maidservants I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy.'*
- B. God promised to visit EVERY generation with His Spirit following the generation of the foundation of the Church.
- C. The Prophet Joel specifies that His Spirit would fall on OUR sons & daughters.
- D. The Promises of God throughout the entire Bible are always passed on from one generation to the next. The responsibility of Spiritual Fathers/Mothers is to leave a legacy of God's promises to the Sons/Daughters.
- E. **Malachi 4:4-6** *"Remember the Law of Moses, My servant, which I commanded him in Horeb (Mt. Sinai) for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. ⁵ Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. ⁶ And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse."*
- F. The greatest tragedy of any generation is to be deprived of living a life of vision for something that is bigger than themselves. God wants to restore His visions and His dreams to His sons & daughters. My desire is to teach my generation how to discern the voice and communication of Heaven to earth through dreams, visions, and plain as well as parabolic meaning.
- G. The visitation of God to a people and in a Divine season is for the purpose of God bringing order in the midst of chaos; delivering justice in the midst of injustice. God's commandments are His safe and pleasant boundary lines intended in the beginning.
- H. **Psalms 16:6** *The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places; yes, I have a good inheritance.*

- I. **Psalm 16:5-6** *Lord, you alone are my inheritance, my cup of blessing. You guard all that is mine. ⁶ The land you have given me is a pleasant land. What a wonderful inheritance!* (NLT)

II. THE GREATEST JUDGEMENT IS BEFORE US

- A. **Acts 2:19-20** *I will show wonders in heaven above and signs in the earth beneath: blood and fire and vapor of smoke. ²⁰ The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the coming of the great and awesome day of the Lord.*
- B. When God draws near to a people, He intends to confront the oppressor, wherever He is. God will use wonders (in the heavens/skies) and signs on the earth (through natural life processes).
- C. God's ultimate desire is to reveal Himself to all mankind for the purpose of saving and restoring them to His original plans and purposes. He will use His Sons & Daughters as Messengers and He will use His created order to communicate.
- D. Wherever and whoever will neglect the Words, Commands, and Promises of God will surely be under the curse of God and will be judged by God (**Malachi 4:4 & 6**).

III. FROM REPENTANCE TO RESTORATION

- A. **Acts 2:21** *And it shall come to pass that whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'*
- B. The promise of God's outpouring and visitation is His promise of restoration to all who call on His name.
- C. Repentance must be preached! Repentance must be obeyed! There is no other way to receive eternal life in Christ.
- D. Testimonies of God drawing near:
 - a. A personal testimony from my friend's healing.
 - b. Many recent Hollywood Stars turning to Christ and being water-baptized and committing to follow Christ publicly with their faith.
 - c. **'Baptize California'**- On May 19, 2024, with over 300 churches participating in unity across California, nearly 12,000 individuals were water-baptized in one weekend. There are efforts to go nationwide in May-June 2025 with a **'Baptize America'** effort. (<https://religionnews.com/2024/05/22/thousands-gather-for-historic-baptize-california-event-baptize-america-announced-for-june-2025/>)
 - d. **"Baptize America"** will take place on **Pentecost** Sunday (June 8) in 2025 and will be -- according to the group behind it -- the "largest synchronized day of water baptism in American history." (<https://www.crosswalk.com/headlines/contributors/michael-foust/baptize-america-pastor-aims-for-largest-water-baptism-event-in-us-history-in-2025.html>)
 - e. **7-29-24-** Pastor Laurie spoke about "The Sinner's Prayer," and 3,500 people walked down on the field to give their lives to Christ. He says the fire marshal wouldn't allow any additional people to go down to the field, so hundreds more people were backed up into the aisles. He reports another 1,500 people prayed to receive Christ online. As a result of those 5,000+ salvations at the Harvest event, 2,000 people showed up to get baptized over the weekend at Pirates Cove in Orange County. (<https://www2.cbn.com/news/us/2000-baptized-new-jesus-revolution-event-pirates-cove-lord-do-it-again>)
 - f. **Multiple Large** water baptisms have continued to happen on secular college campuses in the last 2 years. Let's anticipate this to continue.

- g. **7/30/24**- Pastors are reporting revival fires are spreading in the U.K.
(<https://www2.cbn.com/news/world/something-has-shifted-pastors-report-revival-fires-spreading-uk?mot=056096>)
- E. **Dream From the Lord (8/1/24)**- In my dream, I was with our IHOP-Miami Leadership Team receiving and preparing our outreach and discipleship materials. There was also a prayer line being formed to pray for a larger gathering that was about to take place. I stood in the line to pray with tears and weeping before the Lord asking for *“a preparing of heart and a drawing of souls to Jesus.”*
- F. God is preparing us as a church family to bring in a harvest of souls and for a discipleship movement that will be celebrated and defined as a family-based foundation of discipleship; disciples making disciples.