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From The Heart Of An Intercessor

Second Reformation (Part Three)

Reformation is a movement of God in our own community, in our own church where people cry out to God for divine help. A baptism of holiness, an unimpeachable practice of godly living is the crying need of the hour. The modern church is spiritually sagging and lagging because it is trying to go around God's Word. The new evangelical bush is very trimmed, manicured and cultivated with a steady diet of programs and carnal activities but there is no fire in the bush. Where did the fire go? Come nigh, beloved, take off thy shoes, in humble awe and adoration. Come nigh, as Moses drew near to the burning bush. Today there is an overwhelming number who profess to be Christians, but they are serving their own gods, their own agenda by seeking a place of worship where their carnal lifestyles are applauded and pandered. Consequently, they have developed an egotistical conundrum that puts human achievements over God's sustaining grace, mercy and power. Too many Christians arrogate to themselves what does not properly fall within their competence and jurisdiction.

When the Spirit moves, multitudes shall come seeking to hear the gospel preached in power and purity. There shall be a total rejection of any perversion of biblical truth for personal gain and such manipulative activities would be considered as a sordid business. When Jesus comes in glory and majesty, pride and arrogance will disappear from the places of worship. When people are saturated with His spirit, they will travail, mourn, cry, fast, weep and abase themselves. Have you seen these happening in our churches? Of course not?

The day of God's visitation, His people will have the strength to withstand against mockery, rejection, scolding and lies. And they shall suffer persecutions as they have never known before. Men shall no longer delight in every crumb of social and ecclesiastical accolade which comes to them from the tables of distinguished society, but they shall know the suffering which comes from being associated with Jesus of Nazareth. There shall be shifting, shaking, and denial of faith, and many shall fall by the wayside. But a remnant shall remain true and faithful to their risen Lord and King. Their lives become a "legacy of proof," unable to be taken by lies and modernistic incursion into their existence. They know without a shadow of a doubt that "martyrdom" is the ultimate reward for a job well done.

God is not interested in religious side-shows, He will give us a holy revival, a pure and unadulterated revival where He can work among His precious "jewels of distinction" as the Lord God of glory. If we reject God's vessels and ignore the heavenly mandate for reformation, we shall go into a moral abyss. God will use those who are not afraid of the heavenly fire. For it is those who know

how to yield their bodies to the fire that shall survive the burnings of Nebuchadnezzar's furnace. And they shall walk in the midst of the fire like the Hebrew children and shall come forth with the glory of the Son of God upon them. The need of the Christian church today in America is just holiness; a people longing for the restoration of the honor of God. Where is the hunger and longing after righteousness? Yes, there is a hunger for material prosperity and so many Christians are willing to sidestep everything sacred, holy and dear to the heart of God in order to achieve fleeting wealth and fame and popularity.

The Lord will give grace and mercy to the humble and those who long to live a holy life, and the enemy shall have no power over His anointed ones. In the day of God's visitation, His people shall hunger no more and they won't be flipping television channels to find the most entertaining programs religious or otherwise, but they shall be filled to the brim and His glory shall be upon them, in them, and it shall reach out to the nations of the world in loving kindness. The day of the Lord has come, for the glory of God shall cover the earth, even "as the waters cover the sea." When man seeks after recognition and human accolades, and assiduously strains to build a great image of himself before men of renown, the glory of God lifts from him. For He declares, "*My glory will I not give to another*" (Isaiah 42:8).

America is in the midst of a spiritual recession. When the economy goes into a recession, the government starts searching for answers to stop the bleeding. It is obvious that we are in a moral and spiritual quandary. Reformation is needed and without it we're sunk. God's people have always hung tough. If Christians have to be victorious in this battle against the forces of evil, they have to be tougher and more persistent than their opposition. The Christian mantra has always been "self-denial." We should not lack poise and character. We should always follow our heart and relinquish our self-life and seek to soar higher to the very throne of God. Our spiritual tenacity to harness the flesh is a credit to the grace and mercy of God.

Join the many who are praying and longing for a Second Reformation among people of all persuasions that they may give heed to the entreating of the precious Holy Spirit, that many may accept Christ in all His divinity and glory!

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SPEAKING CANDIDLY by Matthew Skariah

The power of prayer holds such potential spiritual force. And yet for some, it remains out of reach. Prayer is powerful, yet too elusive.

So the question is: ***Do we practice the "power of prayer" or just talk about the declining spirituality in our culture?*** The reason why many of us pay lip service to the power of prayer is because we have only a sentimental interest in prayer. It sounds very Christian to say that we pray; we read books on prayer and attend seminars and conferences for self-edification.

We do not press into God with tears of intercession. I am afraid that we have become hard, dogmatic and materialistic. Worship and intercession are inextricably interlaced, and we cannot separate one from the other. Intercession enthalls us into the very throne of God where we see Him in all His glory and majesty. True worship is seeking the mind of Christ apart from all fleshly gyrations.

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