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Phoenix Christian Assembly

FROM THE HEART OF PASTOR DON

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The profoundness of the Word of the Lord was so unique in this conference. It goes without saying that many of us really heard from God.

Since it was our fiftieth anniversary year there was quite a lot said about the year of Jubilee. There were three things that characterized the year of Jubilee in Israel:

First - Liberty was proclaimed to all the Israelites who were in bondage to any of their countrymen.

Second - There was a return of ancestral possessions to those who were compelled to sell their house because of poverty.

Third - It was to be a year of rest for the land even though it had been fallow the previous year. In our historic fiftieth year we would pray that God would bring to pass freedom from debt, return to ancestral blessing, and the rest which remaineth for the people of God to become a reality.

Several times in our conference, God called to our attention the message of restoration. As we think upon this idea, let us appreciate the promise of Joel 2:25-26: "And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army

which I sent among you. And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: and my people shall never be ashamed." Let us reflect back on any period of our lives that has been eaten or destroyed by the worms. Let us give that time frame to the Lord, and by faith, claim the restoration of those years. When restoration takes place verse 27 will become a reality. "And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed."

Pastor Don

MISSIONS BANQUET

Be sure to join us for the 3rd Annual Missions Banquet! The theme is "Across the Street and Around the World". A wonderful presentation and dinner will be the highlights of the evening.

Special guests include Pastor Walt from Church on the Street, Zimbabwean praise team and a special DVD presentation from our missionaries.

Be sure to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Friday, March 19th at 6:30pm as we celebrate our missionaries.

Be sure to join the celebration!



THE BLESSING OF GIVING

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35

Oh that my pen may be anointed as with fresh oil, while I seek to bring my own soul, and the soul of my readers, more fully under the influence of this truth!

Our gracious Lord did not content Himself with merely giving utterance to this truth; He embodied it in life. He exhibited it in death. He emptied Himself that we might be filled. He gave—ah! What did He not give? – He gave Himself for us. Oh, for hearts to apprehend and live this out!

Why is our fullness in Christ so little experienced? Why is it not enjoyed more? Simply because we fail to give

freely. How little does the Church realize how she is impoverishing herself, while she is to an awfully large extent leaving the world to perish through her unbelief, her selfishness, her miserliness. What does her life say to the world? Christ had given her light; she denies it to the perishing. Christ has said, “to every creature”; the Church says, “No, no, no! At home to some extent, if you like but abroad—No. A few missionaries, if you lie, but many—No! Will I impoverish myself for the sake of the perishing? Never.”

We rejoice to know that there are many who believe that it is more blessed to give than to receive; but we unhesitatingly affirm that the general testimony given by the professing Church, as a whole, to the unbelieving world at large is that it is not more blessed to give than to receive. No wonder skepticism and unbelief prospers!

Whether we believe it or not, “it is more blessed to give than to receive.” If we will become givers, He will minister to us both seed for our sowing and bread for our eating, and we shall always have all sufficiency in all things and abound in all good works. Only become givers, and it is immaterial whether you have five loaves or five hundred; the larger number would no more suffice, apart from divine and multiplying power, than the smaller.

Jesus, You gave up everything that I might have eternal life. Have I held back in my giving to You? Touch the world through my life as I reach out to serve others. Amen.

Spiritual Secrets

By Hudson Taylor

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FROM WHERE I STAND

“Tens are easier than hundreds”

Does legislation have a place in the world? The answer is yes, as the trend is to use laws in society to correct the ills of society.

Britain has passed a law where automobile owners are fined if the car’s emissions exceed the national limit and also fines follow if you car is under the prescribed limit.

The city of Bundanoon, Australia has banned the sale of bottled water after the premier of South Wales banned state agencies from buying bottled water declaring it was “a waste of money.”

Pope Benedict has called for a “world political authority” to manage global economy and for more government regulation of national economics.

German Finance Minister Peer Steinbrück sent a letter urging members of the G20 to agree on “international rules that facilitate the insolvency and liquidation of large, internationally active banks.”

While the list could go on and on there are two elements that stand out. First, legislation is indeed causing the formulation of a one world system coming together. Second, we can also see as things get more and more out of control in every facet of society man feels the need to enforce more and more

rules trying desperately to right the path of this listing ship we call the world.

Ironically as the world gets more and more out of control and man has to make more and more rules we cannot help but think at the rejection of the elements of God’s plan for man including the Ten Commandments. If man could just live by the Ten Commandments, the need for all of the man-made laws would be virtually eliminated. Sadly, man apparently doesn’t want it that way and mankind is suffering needlessly.

Pastor Steve

SOUL TRAVAIL

Can we travail for a drowning child, but not for a perishing soul? It is not hard to weep when we realize that our little one is sinking below the surface for the last time. Anguish is spontaneous then. Nor is it hard to agonize when we see the casket containing all that we love on earth borne out of the home. Ah, no; tears are natural at such a time? But oh, to realize and know that souls, precious, never dying souls, are perishing all around us, going out into the blackness of darkness and despair, eternally lost, and yet to feel no anguish, shed no tears, know no travail! How could are our hearts! How little we know of the compassion of Jesus! And yet God can give us this, and the fault is our if we do not have it. Jacob, you remember, travailed until he prevailed. but oh, who is doing it today? Who is really travailing in prayer? How many, even of your most spiritual Christian leaders, are content to

spend half an hour a day on their knees and then pride themselves on the time they have given to God!

We expect extraordinary results, and extraordinary results are quite possible; sings and wonder will follow, but only through extraordinary efforts in the spiritual realm. Hence, nothing short of continuous, agonizing pleading for souls, hours upon hours, days and nights of prayer, will ever avail. Therefore, "gird yourselves, and lament ye priests; howl, ye ministers of the altar: come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God. Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and 'all the inhabitants of the land unto the house of the Lord your God, and cry unto the Lord." (Joel 1:13-14) Ah, yes Joel knew the secret. Let us then lay aside everything else and "cry unto the Lord". We read in the biographies of your forefathers, who were most suc-

cessful in winning souls, that they prayed for hours in private. The question therefore arises, can we get the same results without following their example? If we can, then lets us prove to the world that we have found a better way, but if not, then in God's name let us begin to follow those who through faith and patience obtained the promise. Our forefathers wept and prayed and agonized before the Lord for sinners to be saved, and would not rest until they were slain by the Sword of the Word of God. That was the secret of their mighty success; when things were slack and would not move, they wrestled in prayer till God poured out His Spirit upon the people and sinners were converted.

The Revival We Need by Oswald J. Smith

AFTERWARD

How happy are tried Christians, *afterwards*. No calm more deep than that which succeeds a storm. Who has not rejoiced in clear shinings after rain? Victorious banquets are for well-exercised soldiers. After killing the lion we eat the honey; after climbing the Hill Difficulty, we sit down in the arbour to rest; after traversing the Valley of Humiliation, after fighting with Apollyon, the shining one appears, with the healing branch from the tree of life. Our sorrows, like the passing keels of the vessels upon the sea, leave a silver line of holy light behind them "afterwards." It is peace, sweet, deep peace, which follows the

horrible turmoil which once reigned in our tormented, guilty souls. See, then, the happy estate of a Christian! He has his best things last, and he therefore in this world receives his worst things first. But even his worst things are "afterward" good things, harsh ploughings yielding joyful harvests. Even now he grows rich by his losses, he rises by his falls, he lives by dying, and becomes full by being emptied; if, then, his grievous afflictions yield him so much peaceable fruit in this life, what shall be the full vintage of joy "afterwards" in heaven? If his dark nights are as bright as the world's days, what shall his days be? If even his starlight is more splendid than the sun,

what must his sunlight be? If he can sing in a dungeon, how sweetly will he sing in heaven! If he can praise the Lord in the fires, how will he extol Him before the eternal throne! If evil be good to him *now*, what will the overflowing goodness of God be to him *then*? Oh, blessed "afterward!" Who would not be a Christian? Who would not bear the present cross for the crown which cometh afterwards? But herein is work for patience, for the rest is not for to-day, nor the triumph for the present, but "afterward." Wait, O soul, and let patience have her perfect work.

C.H.Spurgeon

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Prayer & Fasting 6:30pm	2 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	3 Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	4 Tribute Quartet 7pm	5	6 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am
7 Sunday School 9:30am Service 10:30am & 6:00pm Prayer Meeting 5:00pm	8	9 Ladies Bible Study 9:30am	10 Adult Education 5:55 pm Service 7:00pm	11	12	13 Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00am
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