



Church of Perth Intercessory Team

"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 CHRONICLES 7:14

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GREAT EXPECTATIONS

The new millennium has dawned. We are now entering the third thousand years of the Christian age of grace. As 1000 years are to God as a day, in His reckoning this is the third day. In Genesis 1: 9-13 we read that it was on the third day that God caused the earth to raise up out of the water, just as on the third day Jesus rose from the dead. That is, the third day symbolizes resurrection. Moreover, in Hosea 6:2 it states "That after two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight." This is very significant. God has given us an insight into His calendar. Even as the 6000 years of man since Adam equate with the six days of creation so the seventh millennium matches the seventh day of creation when God rested. In other words we are now on the verge of the divine millennial resurrection and rest that God planned at the very beginning.

So what will happen? The people of the world believe that life will continue as we know it *ad infinitum*. However, God is watching from on high even as He did before the Great Flood of Noah and He sees that the wickedness of man is great and that the hearts of many are evil. Jesus said, "As were the days of Noah so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and they knew not until the flood came and swept them away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man" (Matthew 24: 37-39). What will God do? He will warn us even as Jonah warned the people of Nineveh to repent or their city would be destroyed. That indeed is our message today: **Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand!** Fortunately, just as with the people of Nineveh, God will show His mercy if we do repent and turn from our wicked ways. Moreover, He also promises that in the latter days He will pour out His Spirit on all flesh as He did on the day of Pentecost. That is, a mighty revival will sweep the world and draw millions upon millions into the Kingdom of God. What is more, it was prophesied some 80 years ago by Smith Wigglesworth, a great man of faith in God whom the Lord used to heal and save thousands and thousands around the world in the early part of the 20th century, that the last great revival would occur in Australia. Why would God send a mighty revival? Because He wants to save as many as possible before a period of tribulation strikes the earth and this planet is thrown into great turmoil and confusion as the judgment of God comes upon it!

You see, God is preparing a bride for His Son. All who intimately love Jesus and eagerly look forward to His return will hear the trumpet of God and be caught up in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. This will be His bride, composed of all who have made themselves ready. She will be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, representing the righteous acts of the saints. Meanwhile a charismatic leader will arise on earth from the great sea of humanity and greatly impress the world with his charm and ability to bring peace when all others have failed. This is the antichrist, also known as the beast, which "causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on the right hand or on the forehead, so that no one may buy or sell except those who have the mark or the number of his name" (Rev 13: 16-17). Even now as cards replace cash the scene is being set for such a mark. The whole world will worship this man whom Scripture calls an "abomination of desolation". All, that is, except those godly people who refuse to take the mark; they will undergo persecution and martyrdom. Those who receive the mark and worship the beast will suffer torment and know no rest day or night and they will be separated from God.

The Good News is that at His second coming Christ will destroy the antichrist and all evil. His return will be an apocalypse (an unveiling) when His power will be revealed to the world. Actually, He is now reigning as

Lord at God's right hand sharing the Father's throne, having ascended there two thousand years ago as the first fruits of the final harvest. His resurrection guarantees the resurrection of all His followers, the second stage of that glorious harvest. That is the great expectation of all those redeemed by the precious Blood of the Lamb who died to give eternal life to all who accept Him. Now as the third millennium of the Christian era, God's third day, is upon us the time is ripe for the fulfillment of God's planned program for planet Earth and its six billion inhabitants. Are you ready? Because He is coming ready or not!

Remember that all who become Christians are committed to serve a living, personal God in JESUS CHRIST through the power of His Spirit. He is the Living Word which created all things (John 1:1-3) and who upholds All the universe (Col 1:7). This great God of the universe, this mighty sovereign Lord, this Creator of all that is – who deserves all praise, honour, glory and power – has made Himself available to us! How amazing! What great expectations for harmony and intimacy with our Lord are ours by resting in His faithfulness! When we ponder the wisdom and scope of His great eternal plan, we are brought to our knees in REPENTANCE and fervently pray that our LORD JESUS CHRIST will be made more at home in this 'Great Southland of the Holy Spirit' as our leaders and citizens renew their minds and hearts and trust Him in their daily choices. When Australia's leaders and citizens become grounded deep in the soil of God's marvellous love they shall be able to understand how long, wide, deep and high is His amazing saving grace. By His mighty Holy Spirit power at work within us God is able to do far more than we would ever dare ask or dream of, infinitely beyond our highest prayers, thoughts or hopes. But it all depends on our willingness to accept His divine plan for our lives that we may also share in the great expectations of what God has in store and revealed to His servants

OUR PRAYER

Dear Lord God, Father of the Lord Jesus Christ, Almighty God of Israel, the Alpha and the Omega, who is, who was and who is to come, the awesome God Almighty, we humbly come with grateful hearts to join the hosts of heaven to love, praise, exalt and magnify Your glorious name. Holy Father, we sincerely thank You for calling us to JESUS CHRIST, the key to the Scriptures, and for the reality of Your Kingdom rule of love, righteousness, peace, joy and harmony which are found in being faithful to Him. We thank You that He died on the cross for our sins to give us eternal life, was resurrected and is now seated with His Father as our great High Priest interceding for His disciples to grow in maturity and in commitment to reach out to the many lost souls in the world today.

Sovereign Lord, we gratefully thank You for Your divine millennial gift to all who are willing to carry their cross daily and focus their attention on the LORD JESUS CHRIST, their Captain, Prince of Peace, coming King of Glory and Royal Bridegroom. We thank You Lord, for being our refuge and dwelling place, our shield and rampart – for Your Word states that You will never leave nor forsake us. Lord God, help all nations to live under the cross, for You are the loving Maker and Ruler of the world. When You made the world, O Lord, You made it perfect and gave men and women the responsibility to manage it under Your instructions for peace and harmony. But that is not the way it is! Lord, have mercy on us. We pray for the leaders and citizens of this 'Great Southland of the Holy Spirit' to sincerely repent and get their priorities right – to surrender their ways to the LORD JESUS and trust in Him. We gratefully thank You for Your blood to cleanse us of our sins; Your strength for our weaknesses; Your mercy for our rebellious and disobedient ways; Your grace for our daily sufficiency; and Your Holy Spirit to comfort and help us to be overcomers in all situations as we walk through Highway 66 of Your Living Word. We recognize, O God, this is where wisdom flows to give You glory; where loyalties are formed, convictions made, minds renewed, bad habits corrected, decisions to love our God and care for one another are established; and where renewal takes place in the spirit of our minds and God's laws are written in our hearts. Spirit of the Living God, help our nation's leaders to renew their minds so as to grow in wisdom and in the spirit of Your Living Word that our nation will live by God's rules and ways under the lordship of JESUS CHRIST. We fervently pray all this in the majestic name of Yeshua Ha Mashiach, our Lord and Saviour, JESUS CHRIST our loving, glorious King. Amen

C.O.P.I.T. Led by our Lord Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit to glorify the Fatherhood of God with the Brotherhood of Man, in love and faithfulness to bring glory to our Eternal Father in Jesus' Name. Amen and Glory

[REJOICE & SHARE THIS MESSAGE IN PRAYER WITH OTHERS & BE BLESSED TO BE ONE IN CHRIST JESUS]