

News and Current Events :: Prophetic Warning about America from Dutch Sheets**Prophetic Warning about America from Dutch Sheets , on: 2010/3/18 17:27**

It is 5:00 a.m. I have been up all night praying and agonizing over the condition of America. While praying for the nation in general, and also concerning a gathering this summer to cry out for awakening in America, I felt drawn to the book of Joel. While reading it, this word began to stir in me for our nation. I know it is lengthy, but please read it prayerfully. Not since October of 2000, have I been so burdened for America. At that time I issued a call to prayer, which, due to the favor and anointing of the Lord on it, went viral. Millions received it and prayed. My heart cry is that the same thing happens with this word, for I am actually more burdened now than I was then.

America is in a horrendous crisis of monumental proportions, a season much like Israel in the days of Joel. This Old Testament prophet warned of devastating judgment coming to Israel, but laced the warning with hope and God's mercy if certain things occurred. That is precisely where we are in America. We Americans are a confident and optimistic people, which is often good, but can also create a dangerous denial and crippling passivity. This is happening with many. But please do not be deceived by those who are saying everything is fine. The truth is that we, as a nation, are in serious trouble. Listen to these words from Joel—they are accurate for us today:

What a day! Doomsday! God's judgment has come. The strong God has arrived. This is serious business! ... Shake the country up! God's judgment is on its way—the Day is almost here! (Joel 1:15, 2:1; The Message)

The State of the Nation

If God brought corrective but serious judgment to Israel, we are horribly deceived if we think it will not happen to us. If something doesn't happen to lessen this judgment—and it can be lessened—we are headed for very difficult times. The economy is going to be devastated. The stock market will go well below where it went a few months back—a crash is coming, and soon. More terrorism and violence will occur in our land, perhaps even war. In my spirit I've seen buildings crumbling and cities burning. Devastating natural disasters will take place. In general, hard times will be prevalent. Why is this so? Because we have turned from God and His ways. Consider the true condition of America. This assessment is bleak but accurate.

1) Our government is in decay. The current leaders of Congress promote homosexuality, abortion and socialism, while arrogantly ignoring God and the wishes of the people. They are proud, power-hungry, self-serving, career politicians, not the statesmen/women we so desperately need. Our President fits the same description. Along with the above, while honoring—in the White House—the Muslim day of prayer, homosexual activists and a coalition of atheists, he refused to honor the time-honored traditions surrounding the National Day of Prayer. And along with Congress and the President, we have many Judges with no regard for God's word, the Constitution or our true history. The predictable verdict is in: America is in a moral and spiritual crisis of such magnitude that it is almost unbelievable.

2) What does this look like practically? From my grandparents' day until now, we have gone from 65% of Americans having a biblical worldview to now 4% of today's young people sharing these beliefs. This is staggering! Apart from an absolute miracle, which I believe is still possible, we have lost a generation of Americans to Satan and secular humanism. Generally speaking, we are a narcissistic, self-loving nation that has accepted a culture of death, perversion, drugs and violence. We have murdered 51 million babies in the womb and to satisfy the cry for a toleration of immorality and perversion, we are ready to throw away 6000 years of honoring God's definition of marriage and family.

3) The church, which is supposed to be salt and light for this mess, is neither. Though a remnant has remained faithful, for the most part the church of America has become totally irrelevant and completely ineffective. We have produced lukewarm Christians and a generation that doesn't know God or His ways. Our pulpits are filled with smiles, not tears; entertainment, not passion; and self-help stories, not prophetic truth. Our feel-good messages and mega fun-centers have anesthetized us to the reality of our condition and, as opposed to offering solutions, are actually part of the problem. We, the church, are not changing our world, we're being conformed to it. It's easier to find the truth about our condition as a nation on talk radio than in our churches. We have left our first love and abandoned our cause. In short, an apostate church, an ungodly government and a culture of death, perversion and self-centeredness has earned us an appointment with judgment.

There Is Still Hope for America

But there is still hope. God desires to bring a Third Great Awakening to America. It can be truly amazing—millions saved and delivered; all of society impacted in a huge way; the youth of America finally introduced to the true Christ in all of His power. But please hear me when I say this: "our prayers and actions will determine the magnitude and timing

of this awakening; and the level of awakening will determine the magnitude of our judgment. Again, the hope-filled words of the prophet Joel are very pertinent:

But there's also this, it's not too late—God's personal Message! Come back to me and really mean it! Come fasting and weeping, sorry for your sins! Change your life, not just your clothes. Come back to God, your God. And here's why: God is kind and merciful. He takes a deep breath, puts up with a lot. This most patient God, extravagant in love, always ready to cancel catastrophe. Who knows? Maybe he'll do it now, maybe he'll turn around and show pity. Maybe, when all's said and done, there'll be blessings full and robust from your God! (Joel 2:12-14; The Message)

What powerful words of hope! Re-read them. Our God is so ready to show mercy. But not to the proud and indifferent! The prescription to turn a crisis such as Joel warned of and that which we face today, and the trigger that releases the spirit of awakening to offset it have never changed: repentance, humility, prayer and fasting. Please hear me: This is our only hope for a reduced sentence. Judgment cannot be fully averted but it can be lessened.
A Joel 2 Gathering: Wilderness Outcry

With this in mind, I now believe more fully than ever that a strategy recently given to some colleagues and me is from the Lord. There are and will be numerous opportunities for Americans to gather corporately and cry out to the Lord, but this is one that I know God has ordained and will use greatly. Through dreams and other confirmations, He has spoken and directed several national, spiritual leaders to call for a "Joel 2 gathering." We are calling for tens of thousands of believers to join us this June 14-18, for 5 days of worship, prayer and some form of fasting (a meal a day, etc.) in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. (Though we will have worship Monday and Friday, the heart of what occurs will be 3 days, Tuesday through Thursday.) Listen once more to the words of the prophet Joel—he articulates what we are calling for: Blow the ram's horn trumpet in Zion! Declare a day of repentance, a holy fast day. Call a public meeting. Get everyone there. Consecrate the congregation. Make sure the elders come, but bring in the children, too, even the nursing babies, even men and women on their honeymoon—interrupt them and get them there. Between Sanctuary entrance and altar, let the priests, God's servants, weep tears of repentance. Let them intercede: Have mercy, God, on your people! Don't abandon your heritage to contempt. Don't let the pagans take over and rule them and sneer, and "so where is this God of theirs?" (Joel 2:15-17; The Message)

A Call to the Entire Nation

Can you hear the passion and desperation in these words from the prophet? One translation says: "Sound the alarm." No one was exempt from Joel's call: spiritual leaders had to come; young and old had to come, even nursing babies; honeymoons had to be postponed! No one was excused. And this sweeping appeal is no less appropriate today. I plead with you to hear the call: we have come to a Joel 2 time in America! So much hangs in the balance! How we respond to Him today will decide what America looks like for the next 50-100 years! This Joel gathering will be led by individuals who have truly been mantled by God for such a time as this: Lou Engle, who carries the greatest mantle of our day for solemn assemblies and Nazirite consecration, will lead much of the gathering. Lou feels this could launch the next phase/generation of the Nazirite movement that was embodied in The Call gatherings of the last 10 years. (Please go to www.wildernessoutcry.com to read a dream one of Lou's spiritual sons had about this gathering.) Karen Wheaton and Damon Thompson of the Ramp will also be leading the gathering with Lou and me. Without question, the Ramp has the greatest mantle of/for awakening that I know of anywhere. They will be releasing this anointing. There will be approximately 25 very anointed worship leaders joining us—the worship will continue 24 hours a day, pausing only for a few short messages—as well as other national leaders from around the nation. This is not a concert and it isn't a festival. It will truly be "presence" driven, and the Holy Spirit is going to hover over us for these special days and nights as we humble ourselves before Him. Can you imagine what it would be like if thousands of people from all 50 states did this in one accord for several days? I don't know if there has ever been a gathering quite like it.

Many of those attending will be camping in tents and campers on the land. We have room for 35,000-40,000 people to camp on this incredible property. (Go to www.wildernessoutcry.com to register for a site.) Many others will camp in nearby campgrounds, and for traffic flow reasons, be bussed back and forth throughout the day and night. Still others will stay in nearby hotels and also be bussed in. Even if you have to stay as much as an hour away, I assure you that these days will be some of the most significant of your life! And just think, in Joel's day they walked for hours—probably days—to join the gathering.

Please come! It is not too late for America. Together we can release the transforming effect of a Third Great Awakening. If Woodstock 40 years ago could change a nation, what could thousands of believers crying out to God for several days accomplish?! We would like to have people from all 50 states, all ages and all walks of life. We can do this! (We already have a group coming from Hawaii.)

It is a small thing to ask for the Lord and the future of this nation. Help us sound the alarm. Even if you absolutely cannot attend, spread the word. Send this email to everyone you know.

I hope to see you in Poplar Bluff, Missouri, as together we answer the call and cry out for mercy and awakening. H

ere is a final quote from Joel that states what I am believing for, not just through this gathering, but because of the many prayers and the true repentance that I believe will take place in the coming days in our land:

At that, God went into action to get His land back. He took pity on His people. (Joel 2:18; The Message)

May it be so, Lord!

For awakening and reformation,
http://www.openheaven.com/forums/forum_posts.asp?TID=31483&PN=1

Re: Prophetic Warning about America from Dutch Sheets - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2010/3/18 20:59

Quote from Sheets' message: "With this in mind, I now believe more fully than ever that a strategy recently given to some colleagues and me is from the Lord. There are and will be numerous opportunities for Americans to gather corporately and cry out to the Lord, but this is one that I know God has ordained and will use greatly. Through dreams and other confirmations, He has spoken and directed several national, spiritual leaders to call for a "Joel 2 gathering." We are calling for tens of thousands of believers to join us this June 14-18, for 5 days of worship, prayer and some form of fasting (a meal a day, etc.) in Poplar Bluff, Missouri."

Another quote: "I plead with you to hear the call: we have come to a Joel 2 time in America! So much hangs in the balance!"

Sounds so inviting, doesn't it. He's right: there's so much hanging in the balance these days. Who can resist the call to get together with thousands of others to seek the Lord in so critical a day as ours?

But I wonder. Just what is the price tag on this? Who is doing the calling here? The Lord? Or... these men who have set up this so-called United States Apostolic Alliance... and have quite the agenda in place to bring multitudes into their "net"work?

Well I guess us folks in other countries are safe, anyway. Whew.

But somebody will have to show me where there is any such thing as an "apostolic alliance" set forth anywhere in Holy Scripture.

...It's always taken discernment, and the love of the truth to walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. But if there was ever a time for discernment, people of God, and the love of the truth, it is now. Mt. 24.24

Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2010/3/18 21:02

I have to ask plainly but rightily what type of revival are they promoting. What type of awakening do they feel "is" and "is" going to happen.

I feel this type of revival is not inline with the revivals of Whitefield, Wesley, Booth, Ravenhill.

It is a counterfeit. There is no true repentance, no travailing prayer truly. There is no spirit of truth. No modesty. No purity. No Godliness. Oh beware of false fire in the last days brothers and sisters.

I am not ignoring the fact that some are very genuine yet even genuine sincere people can be deceived to be involved with something that is sub-biblical and sub-christian.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2010/3/18 22:16

I agree, this word is not prophetic. While I fully believe judgment is coming to America, I believe Sheets is only doing as many false prophets before him and with him have done: They steal words from one another. His word, while having an echo of truth to it, doesn't quite lay the axe at the root of the tree.

Re: - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2010/3/18 22:31

Yes, a great counterfeit is in the making. But the thing is, will we recognize and be part of the True when it comes forth? This is my concern. It is we ourselves who need discernment in this hour, the kind of discernment that springs from the love of the Truth.

David Legge in his message awhile ago-- God's New Thing-- I think it was at the Wales conference, he said it has often been those who felt they were the guardians of biblical Christianity who were stumbled when God came on the scene and moved afresh. Of course, what God did always proved to be "biblical," but many found it difficult to recognize this when it was freshly Spirit-birthed. And so many were stumbled, offended.

I'm thankful for Whitfield, and Wesley, and Booth, and Ravenhill, and many others like them. I'm thankful for what God did in their day. But we are entering a new day now, and I think David Legge is right. God is very likely going to move in a way that is beyond (I mean outside the parameters of) our expectations. And we need great grace to receive it when He does.

"Behold, I will do a new thing..." (Isa. 43.19)

Re: Prophetic Warning about America from Dutch Sheets , on: 2010/3/19 15:48

God we pray You will break in the revelation of intercession and trivial prayers

history belong to intercessors

people could change history through intercession . the future of this nation is in the hand of Praying Churches.

God will raise up our faith and break off any form of unbelief !

God we ask for the spirit on Abraham (pleads with God to spare the city) the spirit on Hannah (give birth to Samuel) , the spirit on Esther (you have come to royal position for such a time as this) the spirit on Moses (pleads with God for mercy) , spirit on Daniel (pray and fast life style)

God we pray that You will release the spirit of intercession. we believe you would turn disaster zone into revival. Nothing is impossible with God

God you are able to do anything , You are looking for intercessor on earth, who speak forth Your will through prayers !!
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in Jesus Name we pray, AMEN

you do not need to agree with Lou Engle , Dutch sheets,
or any person,

the message is to call forth God's people to Pray !!!!

Re: - posted by rufnrust (), on: 2010/3/20 21:54

Jesus is forever interceding before the Father for us.

The devil is day and night accusing us before the Father.

Some of what I read here sounds like it is coming from the wrong side. How can we excuse this kind of rhetoric?

We are either interceding or accusing. Lets pray for these men so that we can be open to what God has in these days ahead.

It seems like our "fear" of being deceived has caused us to be suspicious of our own brothers.

Selah

Ruf

Re: , on: 2010/3/20 22:03

amen "ruf"...well spoke, good word, neil

Re: - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2010/3/20 22:58

Quote:

-----It seems like our "fear" of being deceived has caused us to be suspicious of our own brothers.

Dear brother, just speaking for myself, you are certainly right about my being suspicious of these men. I definitely don't want to be deceived.

But you ought to do yourself the favour of checking out this "United States Apostolic Alliance" that these men have crafted. You can find it on the web if you're concerned enough.

Check it out, and then check out the qualifications of an apostle as set forth by the apostle Paul in 1 Cor. 4.9, and in 2 Cor. 11. Please read the whole chapter.

And further, take some time to read and discover the kind of "structure" those lowly God-approved men were building in the earth in their day under the guidance of the Lord of the church. And compare that with what these self-styled apostles are now building in what they are calling the "second apostolic age."

Then you tell me whether my suspicions are grounded or not.

I am one hundred percent for gathering for prayer and seeking the face of the Lord-- there's a deep need for this these days-- whether with two, or three or ten thousand. "For where two or three are gathered together IN MY NAME, there am I in the midst of them."

But with the Lord's help and grace I will resist the temptation to be gathered into something that is not "in His Name." That is, in something the Lord Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, has not Himself called for and authorized.

Quote:

-----Lets pray for these men so that we can be open to what God has in these days ahead.

Amen. Let's pray for them. Earnestly. And be open to what God has in these days ahead. And at the same time, close to anything that does not originate in Him.

Re: , on: 2010/3/20 23:51

i'm not wild about Dutch Sheets, but there comes a time for the ministry of holding one's tongue. Accept that or not, doesn't matter to me.

Re: - posted by TrueWitness, on: 2010/3/21 1:25

For those interested in more information about the outdoor revival meeting in Poplar Bluff, MO on June 14-15, 2010 there is a website here: (<http://wildernessoutcry.com/index.php>) Wilderness Outcry

I don't see any real red flags about this event. I think that those who go will receive according to their expectations and a attitude going in.

Re: - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2010/3/21 7:57

Hi everyone.

Before making some comments in general I wanted to say that I have never know AD to be rash or unfair to others in whatever he has said on the forums and I believe he has a genuine desire for us as believers to have 'apostolic' fellowship, that is, in the way of the first Christians.

Since he mentioned it, I looked a bit for this organisation. I found what looks as though it purports to be an e-mail from Mr Sheets. Can anyone verify that Mr. Sheets sent this out to others (this is only the introduction which I have placed in italics):

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• The confusion and deception ruling America (including within the Church) will begin to lift.

• The November elections will shift toward God's will.

• The coming "great awakening" to America will go to a new level.

• The "presence movement" will begin.

I found this because I saw one of the phrases about confusion and deception in America being attributed to him at another site so I went looking for a source article.

Folks, this and the kind of language that follows in letter bears no resemblance to the words of God or of His Apostles.

Whoever is sent by God speaks the words of God (John 3:34) and the words of God are not **BUZZWORDS**.

The Lord asked Jeremiah His prophet,

Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

Therefore, behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour.

Behold, I *am* against the prophets, saith the LORD, that use their tongues, and say, He saith.

Behold, I *am* against them that prophesy false dreams, saith the LORD, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their lightness; yet I sent them not, nor commanded them: therefore they shall not profit this people at all, saith the LORD.

Can anyone verify that Mr. Sheets sent out that e-mail above?

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2010/3/21 9:17

Quote:

Whoever is sent by God speaks the words of God(John 3:34) and the words of God are not BUZZWORDS.

Outstanding. A hearty amen to that!

Re: Dutch Sheets - posted by Lysa (), on: 2010/3/21 9:55

Chris,

I went to his website and it was on the first page. And amen to your post!

Quote:

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I'll go ahead and play the opposite faction here but just **WHAT IF** the November elections do in fact shift towards God's will (Yea!!!)..... except that God's will looks NOTHING like our will??? Are we prepared for that? Just asking...

God bless,

Re: - posted by ADisciple (), on: 2010/3/21 10:35

Thanks, Chris.

Re: Prophetic Warning about America from Dutch Sheets , on: 2010/3/21 10:54

Quotes from a false prophet.....

"He is synergistically joining the government of heaven to the government of earth I will tell ya God is going to move in politics you are going to see kings and leaders I am tell you right now you are going to see them bow the knee you are going to see them prostrate themselves before almighty God you are going to see them lead their nations righteously you are going to see nations come to God in a day you are going to see Holiness and a move of the spirit of God restored to the government of this land I decree it I believe it ...it is so." (Dutch Sheets, National School Of The Prophets-Mobilizing The Prophetic Office, May 12, 2:30, 2002)

"Some of my closest friends endorsed and participated in the Lakeland meetings. ... Should they have been more discerning and have listened to the warnings they received? Obviously. Should those who 'aligned' Todd with spiritual fathers (which was a good thing and positioned him to receive help if he chooses to accept it) have realized to do so

publicly was a mistake and could be interpreted by those watching in no other way than as a complete endorsement? Yes, they should have, especially when the event became a commissioning ceremony, complete with decrees and prophecies of going to higher levels, predictions of Todd's increasing world-wide influence and leading a world-wide revival, emphatic and prolific endorsements of his character, etc. How could those watching believe the evening was anything but an aligning, endorsing and commissioning ceremony? It was. It really doesn't matter who laid their hands on Todd — all share responsibility. This was unwise at best, naïve at least and at its worst, foolish."

The called it the Trumpet Call. They . . . prophesied that anyone resisting their National take-over, may well be struck dead. They began then to parcel up all of America into districts, that the prophet of their choice would have authority over . . . The "Apostolic" summit was soon to follow; with the obvious . . . the NAR was born . . . the new Popes.

Dutch Sheets and his friends believe themselves to be Apostles and they also believe the time will come when they will rule on this earth. Dominionism is not something new, its been a round for quite some time now. Please do your own research into this and the people that Dutch surrounds himself with, the very people that gathered publicly on a stage to endorse Todd Bentley. These people, I believe, will be the very people that will be the greatest enemies to the genuine saints on the earth.....brother Frank

Re: Prophetic Warning about America from Dutch Sheets , on: 2010/3/21 12:28

Thanks to everyone who posted in this thread, to give some context to the leading post.

It is remarkable that the promotion of missing a meal a day is reckoned to be a 'fast', and that three days of music with a tiny bit of hearing from preachers, is not recognised as 'entertainment', when compared with the many biblical examples of men seeking God *until* He speaks.

Also, I appreciate the clarification of 'Dominionism'. Katy-did used to mention it, but I really didn't 'get' what it looks like, until now.

Re: apostolic authority? - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2010/3/21 13:10

Thanks Lysa, Jimmy and Frank and thank you for the verification on the article Lysa, by the way I had the same thought as you did about the election.

I'll share something interesting with you all.

About 2 years ago I was praying and a short phrase came to mind very distinctly. The phrase, which was odd, was 'Baha 9' or 'the baha 9' I can't remember exactly if *the* was part of the phrase or not. Anyway, I immediately went on the internet to see if I could find out anything about it or what it might mean as I had no idea and as far as I know had never heard anything about it before.

Now at the same time I had been very much burdened about the moral decay in our country. I also had become aware of a prominent teacher that is a dominionist. The man's name kept coming to mind and so finally I read an article by him. I was put off by what I read and never gave him anymore thought. But now to what I had found when I looked up this 'baha 9'.

I can't find the page that I had found back then but I looked it up again today and what I found is similar.

It is connected with Bahá'ism, which is summarised in part on a Canadian website this way:

"Humanity's evolution has been marked by such progressive stages of social organization as family, tribe, city-state and nation. Bahá'í's express purpose was to usher in the next and ultimate stage, namely, world unity--the harbinger of the Great Peace foretold in the world's religions."

According to the Bahai encyclopedia project, in Bahaism, there is a Universal House of Justice which "...consists of nine men elected for a term of five years at the international Bahá'í convention, which takes place in the vicinity of the Bahá'í World Center in Haifa, Israel..."

And also that there are local spiritual assemblies, "in every city a House of Justice be established wherein shall gather counselors to the number of Bahá'í."

The coincidence between this and the idea of 'territorial apostles' and bringing in the kingdom of God upon the earth seemed striking.

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2010/3/21 15:28

Just to interject a thought:

I am not overly alarmed with the "networking" that these so-called "apostolic" groups are forming. If you look at what they are doing, it is essentially nothing more than establishing an episcopal form of church government, which is something that has existed for most of the history of the church. And as much as I deplore that form of church government, essentially that is all they are doing.

What alarms me about this movement is the associating of the ministry of apostles and prophets with this form of church governance. As Art Katz said, we should salivate over the word "apostolic," and have a holy jealousy for the sanctity of this word. For this word isn't so much the description of an office as it is a quality of Christian life and ministry. What should ultimately cause us to be alarmed over this movement is for this word to fall into the perverted use by men who say they are apostolic, when in fact they are not. For Jesus Christ is our chief apostle, and we should be extremely jealous to guard whatever is associated with Him.

While we should be alarmed over many in these movements, I take comfort in the thought that folks like C. Peter Wagner will soon be dead. Though the movement will not die with him, it will eventually fragment when in-fighting takes over as individuals try to replace him, with various people trying to claim prophetic and apostolic credentials and the right to succeed him.

Re: - posted by Giggles (), on: 2010/3/21 15:53

Quote:
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Wow...

Re: - posted by wind_blows, on: 2010/3/21 16:05

Quote:
-----While we should be alarmed over many in these movements, I take comfort in the thought that folks like C. Peter Wagner will soon be dead.

Brother I do not know anything about this man but why would take comfort in the fact that he would soon be dead? As a Christian should we ever have this heart or attitude about another human being?

in Him
ellie

Re: - posted by KingJimmy (), on: 2010/3/21 17:15

When a false apostle dies, especially one who claims and is honored as the chief of a long line of false apostles, I cannot help but be glad. Of course, I weep for him, as the Lord does not rejoice when the wicked perish. But I rejoice over the Lord and his administering of justice. I do this in the Isaiah 6 sense of it though, that "in the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and lifted up."

Re: America does not have 50-100 years, on: 2010/3/22 9:58

America does not have 50-100 years, at least not in this age. A new and better leadership of love is coming! Lift your head up your redemption draws near! People get ready! We had better know the voice of the Lord well enough to move when He says to move!!! I hope everyone has oil in their jars so your lamps do not go out? I pray that God give everyone a spirit of wisdom and revelation that we will know what the Spirit is saying to the churches, with precise accuracy!

Re: - posted by Goldminer (), on: 2010/3/22 10:09

This really doesn't sound very much like the spirit David had for even Saul. Something is wrong here. We need to check our hearts.

Re: I'm sorry but.. - posted by Johndreamer, on: 2010/4/11 1:19

Why would we shy away from meeting together and worshiping God? God is moving around the world and we the church have to be prepared for him to move us here. Three days of worship does not sound like a hostile takeover. The Church used to have apostles, can it not have them again? I do not know if this will really usher in a Third Great Awakening, but I am willing to worship God with my brothers and sisters in Christ. The church is scattered, divided and broken today, we must unite or we will fall. Its quite easy to sit here on these forums and judge the hearts of these men, but we do not really know them. So before we freak out let us consider that God might have truly spoken to these men, if not then it will fail its that simple. I for one am excited about it, but I know you are all just trying to make sure it is real.

Re: Apostolic Attestation - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2010/4/11 13:35

Hi again everyone.

I'd like to take up something that was asked here by John.

First, John, welcome to the forums! I want to respond if I can to something that you asked but before that, please do not consider this as directed to you personally; I think the question you asked is relevant to this topic and worth considering and hopefully will be helpful to us all.

Quote:
----- The Church used to have apostles, can it not have them again?

I think that is a fair question and one that is needful to ask, and certainly so in our day and time. However we may answer that question ourselves, I believe some things are worth considering as we do. I hope to relate them as follows:

One, it has been said before, sometimes by skeptics, but nevertheless rightly so, that extraordinary claims require extraordinary evidence.

There is no higher office that has been given to men in the Church by Christ Jesus, than that of Apostle. And it is an **extr**

an ordinary thing to claim that office for yourself. It is one of the preeminent offices of Christ Himself, He is the Chief Apostle.

An Apostle of Christ, however we may understand the term, or the office that it denotes, signifies chiefly *one that is sent by God*, and specifically, in the context of the Gospel, one that is sent by God as an ambassador for His Kingdom. It is one, set apart by God, and sent by Him for His purpose in His Kingdom.

When John the Apostle writes of those whom God has sent (John 3:34), the word translated is the greek *apostello*, which according to the dictionary means one that is 'set apart' and 'sent out'. And this is one of the most dramatic and significant emphasises of the ministry of Christ and one of the main focuses of the point of conflict between Him and the religious leaders of His day- was He or was He not, sent by God. In Isaiah, Christ is called God's elect and His chosen (Isaiah 42:1) and in John chapter 10 the Lord Jesus asks the religious leaders:

"Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?"

Paul the Apostle uses similar language of himself in introducing his letter to the Romans (Romans 1:1).

It is therefore a tremendous thing to call oneself an Apostle. And I think it is very much reasonable for others to challenge or to scrutinise that claim.

As the claim itself is extraordinary, so is its attestation. It is done so, not by men, but by God. Because it is God that will bear record of those whom He has sent (2 Corinthians 10:18).

The Lord Jesus said that the works He had done left the religious people without a cloak to cover their sin, and He urged them to believe, if not Him, at least to believe the works that He did as a testimony from God (John 10:25, 37-38). See also John 5:30-37.

And the same is true of the Apostles of Christ (Mark 16:20).

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Re: Apostolic Attestation cont... - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2010/4/11 13:55

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And this then leads to perhaps the most significant aspect of what it means to be an Apostle, at least for us, and that is the message they carry. It is significant, especially for us, because the message that they carry is God's message. To receive them means to receive God and to reject them means to reject God also.

The Lord Jesus said that whoever received Him, received the One that sent Him. And that whoever received those that He sent, received Him also (John 13:20). How tremendous and what a trembling responsibility to bear the weight of being called an Apostle!

Some may say then, that a man may be called an Apostle, but for some other reason. But what reason, except to be called and set apart and sent for God's purpose, and for what purpose except for His message, and for what message if it is not God's?

To Paul, as being the Lord's servant, it was 'a very small thing', he said to be scrutinized by the Corinthians. He told them later and elsewhere that truly the signs of an Apostle had been wrought among them by him. As being the Lord's servant, it was the Lord that would truly judge his work.

The church in Ephesus was commended in that it had tried or scrutinised those that claimed to be Apostles, and were not, but were liars.

It is a very significant thing to call yourself an Apostle and bearer of the message of God. It will force the hearers into deciding whether you, or your message, is a lie and a liar. Or you and it, has come from, has been sent by, God.

Re: , on: 2010/4/11 16:02

Great post ChrisJD.

I was just speaking about this subject with a brother last night. It seems to me that the enemy has deceived people into actually believing that they are apostles in order to muddy up the waters before the feet of genuine apostles. With all of the corrupt claims to the role, it makes it just that much harder for the genuine ones to be accepted.

Re: The New Papists. Old strategy., on: 2010/4/11 18:26

It is just another form of Papism.

Jeremiah 5:30-31 (New American Standard Bible)

30. "An appalling and horrible thing
Has happened in the land:
31. The prophets prophesy falsely,
And the priests rule on their own authority;
And My people love it so!
But what will you do at the end of it?"

The Lord calls it "an appalling and horrible thing..", and indeed it is.

Revelation 2:2

" I know your deeds and your toil and perseverance, and that you cannot tolerate evil men, and you put to the test those who CALL THEMSELVES apostles, and they are not, and you found them to be false."

Every true Christian that I know knows that these self imposed prophets and apostles are just wanna-be imposter's. They were evidently exposed at Lakeland, when the entire gaggle of them coronated Todd Bentley, as the next Elijah to come, as he kneeled like a medieval knight.

Bentley was consequently proved to be an adulterer, thief, liar and obsessed with dark angels. Yes, he is the Elijah

of the NAR.

After Bentley's exposure as the demonic wolf he is, Dutch Sheets "REPENTED BENTLEY". Go figure, for you doctrinal purists.

Take a look see on YOU TUBE;
Dutch Sheets repents Todd Bentley.

Sheets and the rest are nauseating to me.

They are to be marked and avoided.

Dutch Sheets is a leading member...

Re: - posted by sonsigns (), on: 2010/4/21 12:28

Why are so many claiming to be Apostles and prophets today?

Is there a power struggle in Christ?

I am not judging anyone or there ministries or callings here, with that said, If there was a prophet out there today, why aren't there voices heard.

John the Baptist Cried aloud in the wilderness and all of Rome heard his voice... and shook in there boots!

Like Paul, I ask, Is Christ divided?

I like what Ravenhill said in his book "Why Revival Tarries",

Brethren, If we will do Gods work in Gods way at Gods time with Gods power, we shall have Gods belssings and the devils curse.

One praying man or woman stands as a majority with God.
May we all pray like Elijah!