

I. WORSHIP & PRAYER RELEASES GOD’S PRESENCE

“For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, My Name shall be great among the Gentiles; in every place incense [prayer] shall be offered to My name, and a pure offering [worship]; For My name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord” (Mal. 1:11)

- A. In cities, regions and communities where people gather together to pray, worship and see the name of Jesus glorified, The Lord shows up with His manifest presence and the spiritual atmosphere changes.
- B. Duncan Campbell (1898-1972) spoke of the Hebrides awakening as *a community saturated with God*. In that awakening, the manifest presence of God was everywhere, an inescapable fact—in homes, the marketplace, churches, places of entertainment, by the roadside—and thus changing the spiritual climate.¹

II. KING DAVIDS BURNING DESIRE FOR A DWELLING PLACE FOR THE FULLNESS OF GOD’S MANIFEST PRESENCE

- A. As a young man, David made a vow to dedicate his life to find a resting place or dwelling place for God. This refers to a place where an unusual measure of God’s presence is manifest on earth.
¹LORD, remember David and all his afflictions; ²How he...vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob: ³“Surely I will not go into the chamber of my house, or go up to the comfort of my bed; ⁴I will not give sleep to my eyes...⁵Until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob.” ⁶Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah [Bethlehem]; we found it in the fields... ⁸Arise, O LORD, to Your resting place... (Ps 132:1–8)
- B. David’s life work was to establish a dwelling place for God in his generation. He prayed for Jerusalem to be a city where God’s manifest presence would be released in an unusual way for an extended period of time. God seeks a resting place on earth (churches, cities, regions, nations) where His will is done as it is in heaven.
- C. We seek such a reality in The Capital Region of Florida (Tallahassee), through sustained, on-going worship and intercession.
 - 1. Through worship, we give Him “worth” (worth-ship ~ first place in everything).
 - 2. Through intercession (prayer) we do the “work” of establishing the kingdom of God, through standing in the gap, and legislating in the heavenlies over our region.

¹ Revival – Dr Wes Adams & Rhonda Hughey, Pg. 37

III. THERE ARE VARYING MEASURES OF HIS MANIFEST PRESENCE—PARTIAL, SUBSTANTIAL, AND ULTIMATE.

- A. **Partial measure:** God manifests His presence through the entire body of Christ in a general way. God dwells in us as individuals (1 Cor. 6:19) and corporately (Eph. 2:18-22; 2 Cor. 6:14-18). This is a down payment of more in the age-to-come. The truth is, we could not handle more than a “partial measure” in this body we live in.

¹³...the Holy Spirit of promise, ¹⁴who is the guarantee [down payment] of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession... (Eph. 1:13-14).

“Or do you not know that your body is the temple [naos]² of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?” (1 Cor. 6:19)

- B. **Substantial measure:** God will manifest Himself in His people through the nations in the future millennial kingdom in a substantial measure when Jesus sits on His throne in Jerusalem.

¹⁴For the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD... (Hab 2:14)

- C. **Ultimate measure:** God will fully manifest Himself in and through His people in all the nations after the Millennium when His throne comes to earth.

³Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them... (Rev. 21:3)

IV. REVIVAL: A GREAT MEASURE OF THE SPIRIT’S MANIFEST PRESENCE

- A. The Lord desires to release the fullness of His Spirit in the time (season) we are now living, by inviting the presence of God through worship, and staying on the wall of intercession through regular gatherings of prayer, until a visitation of the Holy Spirit is released.

- B. What took place in the book of Acts was just a foretaste of what God wants to do on earth now.

“These all continued [proskartereo]³ with one accord in prayer.” (Acts 1:14)

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams” (Acts 2:17)

- C. Imagine, places where God’s people will live under the leadership of the Spirit and who together experience an unusual measure of His power and manifest presence on a regular basis. Where communities of believers walk in the fear of the Lord with the first commandment in first place in their lives and see demonstrations of God’s power so that many come to know the Lord in a deep way. I believe it can happen here in Tallahassee, FL

² naos – g3485, to dwell, the inner sanctuary, holy of holies

³ proskartereo – g4342, to be earnest towards, to persevere, be constantly diligent, to attend assiduously

- D. The first New Testament revival was in Jerusalem. The Lord promised to send seasons of revival or times of refreshing from His presence.
- ¹⁹Repent...so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, ²⁰and that He may send Jesus Christ...²¹whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets... (Acts 3:19–21)*
- E. God's power was manifest in an unusual measure in the First and Second Great Awakenings in America. There are examples of those whom the Lord anointed to preach with great conviction and/or with miracles like Jonathan Edwards, John Wesley, Charles Finney and John G. Lake, etc.
1. **Power:** John G. Lake and Charles Finney
- ¹⁰And this continued for two years, so that all who dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus.... ²⁰So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed. (Ac 19:10–20)*
2. **Godliness:** the Church walking in unity, love, humility, and purity, etc.
 3. **Wisdom:** the Church receiving a great measure of revelation of God, fully mobilized in the New Testament order and ways (Eph. 4:11-16) with a forerunner spirit preparing others for the unique dynamics of the generation in which the Lord returns.
- F. The Holy Spirit will raise up “catalytic communities” who will stir others to join them in contending for the fullness of all that God intended to release in their generation. I believe the IHOP-TLH community is one of those.
- G. They will have “breakthrough theology” (legal position and living condition) backed up by a “breakthrough lifestyle.” One distinctive issue will be that of contending for fullness instead of living comfortable and content with experiencing an introductory measure of the Holy Spirit.
- H. God offers greater measures of grace for those who seek for it with all of their heart. We do not earn a greater measure but we position ourselves to freely receive it.
- ⁶Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. (Mt. 5:6)*
- I. We are contending in prayer for whole cities to experience the manifest glory of God where large numbers are saved and then walk in the fear of God and obedient love for Jesus; where the Spirit establishes the first commandment in first place; where every believer operates in the gifts of the Spirit; where churches walk out kingdom community life, and where missionaries are thrust to the nations so that the glory and fame of Jesus is known in every tribe and every tongue.

V. MY PERSONAL RESPONSE:

- A. What action (changes) can I make in my life to see God's presence come to TLH to bring awakening:
1. Personally
 2. In my World (Church, Family, Work, City, Nation)