

Welcoming 2012

2 Chronicles 7:14

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Today, I wanted to quickly revisit the New Year's Eve message in which I brought what I believe is an insight from the LORD for 2012, and prepare all of us to welcome what God has for us in 2012. For the full message from the New Year's Eve service, I recommend that you would visit our website, www.FHM.org, to find the sermon to download.

In a sentence, I stated that this New Year, 2012, is a kairos moment in which we are to rise & shine for our light has come. With that, let us go to Isaiah 60, verses 1 & 2.

Isaiah 60:1-2

^{60:1} "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. ² See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Yes, I believe God is calling us to rise & shine in 2012 for our light has come, and the glory of the LORD is rising upon us. As we partner with Him and as we host His light, by being an expression of His light (that is, being an expression of His love and righteousness) through worshiping Him and serving others, He will establish us as His signet ring so that we may represent Him in a greater capacity...so that this house may be a house of worship and a house to take care of the poor and the needy, and therefrom a house to gather in a great harvest.

Haggai 2:23

" 'On that day,' declares the LORD Almighty, 'I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel,' declares the LORD, 'and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you,' declares the LORD Almighty."

2012 is a year in which God will establish His people to rise and shine to establish new structures and new governments to affect and transform the world around us. And, in order to establish something new, He has been shaking the old. There has been tremendous shaking of the governments, financial stability of nations, and of the leadership in the world in 2011, and it will continue in 2012. As He is shaking the old, He is calling forth His people to arise and shine to establish His Kingdom government; coming together in greater alignment under the Word of God and walking according to His Ways, knowing His covenants and knowing His heart for this season.

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He is looking for the worshippers who will make the sacrifice in seeking His face and taking care of His people (including those who are His people and those who are not yet His people), because He will start a new move to call forth the harvest. In response and preparation to accomplish His will towards these two prongs (raising up worshipers and executing social gospel), those who are ready to follow His lead will grow and prosper, not only in the spiritual matters, but also in the social matters, including and not limited to increase in the authority and increase in the financial wealth.

Also, as a sign and to ignite His people back to passionate love-hunger for Him, I believe that He will release His revival fire to many places in the world, especially in the Los Angeles area. Upon a new season of revival, the people will be equipped with greater wisdom and be ignited with greater compassion for the poor and needy. Regards to wisdom, it will be great increase in wisdom over all matters, including and not limited to the Word of God, spiritual understanding, righteous leadership, good stewardship, financial understanding, balanced economics, creative education, and godly creativity. Regards to compassion, there will be increased hunger to take care of the poor and the needy. As the poor and the needy are cared for, they will be called forth and gathered into the Kingdom. [This new revival will continue so long as the revived churches will continue to take care of the poor and needy, turning them to become the new generation of leaders in the church and in the world.](#) This is a kairos moment and the starting moment for His harvest and His revivals. Spend some time in the LORD and see if this is what the Holy Spirit is saying to the churches, and if it is, let us be equipped and be ready to participate in His great revival and great harvest.

In the world, it will try to establish a new governmental system because the current governmental system has been shaken up severely. First, the world will try to pacify more unstable nations with token gifts and temporary measures, but its effort will break down and it will be fearful of losing control, and panic in many areas will set in. The world will know it is imperative for it to find a righteous leader with a righteous plan, but it will not find the person nor the plan, because its root system is not based on God's Word and because the world has strayed away from God, embracing the spirit of Mamon. Although it will cry out for a great leader and great plan, it will not find them. In fact, the harder it tries, more difficult it would be to find one, exposing only that it doesn't even know what a good leader or a good plan looks like. The people will continue to seek, but settle for mediocrity and the confusion among the nations will continue.

Among this confusion, God's people are called by God to rise and shine to show what God has done for them. We will move in love for God and love for the people, expressing true worship unto God and expressing God's compassion to the world. We will, even though we may not be greatly affluent, we will be able to accomplish much and the world will notice the importance of the church in the society – the church will no longer be ridiculed, but truly honored for who we are and what we could do. [When honored, all our testimonies will be - in unison - giving glory to God for what He has done for us, for we will say "We saw the need, but we was helpless...but when we cried for mercy, He was there to answer us!"](#)

[Isaiah 58:6-9](#)

[⁶"Is not this the kind of \[praying and\] fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter— when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood? ⁸ Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear; then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard. ⁹ Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I.](#)

I wish I could tell you that 2012 will be simply wonderful and everything will go smoothly for everyone. There may be changes we do not want and great challenges, as the LORD shakes the old and establishes the new, but in a greater perspective I believe 2012 will be good for us and greatly benefit the Kingdom.

I wish I could tell you that each and every one of us will prosper and have the breakthroughs we all are waiting for. Of course, some of us will greatly increase and some will have great breakthroughs. Regardless of transitions we will go through, I can certainly tell you that His love for us and His plans in our lives have not changed. Therefore, as we change our attitude from being fearful to that of faith, as we change our attitude from relying on ourselves to relying on God, as we change our attitude from being self-centered to serve others, I believe we will definitely make the best of 2012, and God will accomplish all He desires for us in 2012.

- Will you be the new signet ring that the LORD establishes to lead His people?
- Will you be the new signet ring that the LORD establishes to affect the community?
- Will you be the new signet ring that the LORD establishes to lead the world?

One thing I can be assured of is that God's plans for us have not changed, even though we might have been buffeted and shaken. His plans for us have always been to prosper us and not to harm us.

Jeremiah 29:11

¹¹For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

- Even though we may not fully understand what is going on, the Almighty God who is good, the Wonderful Counselor who loves us so very much, is in charge, and He does work all things good for those who love Him.

Romans 8:28

²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

In this shaking, the world will try to pacify those who are oppressed and those who demand changes with token measures and quick fixes that will defer the problem to the future. Meanwhile, it will look for a righteous leader with a righteous plan, but it will not find the person, because the concept of "righteousness" is foreign to the world. Because of the inadequacy of a good leader, the confusion among the nations will continue and the people will no longer be satisfied with token compromises or quick fixes. As the time goes, the chaos in the world will become even greater because the world will refuse to return to God and His ways. It will continue to embrace humanism represented by the Tower of Babel, believing in its own effort to solve everything. It will continue to refuse God and reject His grace. In years to come, in its desperation, as the final effort, it will seek a savior and elect & appoint the Anti-Christ to its final destruction.

In this anarchical world, good news is that you and I have the power and authority to make a great difference and turn back the end-time clock by becoming God's salt and light.

Mathew 5:13-14

¹³"You are the salt of the earth..." ¹⁴"You are the light of the world.

As we become light of the world, the LORD will make us rise and shine. As we rise and shine His light, we will no longer be hidden so that we may reflect the glory of the LORD and draw all men to God, becoming the righteous leaders having the right plans to guide the world.

Mathew 5:14-16

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

In the midst of confusion and darkness in the world, especially starting in 2012, God's people are called to rise and shine to show what God has done for them. We will move in love for God and love for the people, [expressing true worship unto God and expressing God's compassion to the world](#). You are the secret weapon God wants to use to express the true worship and to express God's mercy to the lost generation. Are you willing to embrace the call?

It all sounds great, but there is a cost. There is significant cost in becoming the salt and light in the world, and being raised up by God as His light to draw all men to His glory. Do you know what that is?

- Yes, in part, it is worshipping God with all our hearts, soul, and mind.
- Yes, in part, it is taking care of the poor and needy with God's compassion.
- Yes, in part, it is doing our very best to walk His ways and be holy.
- And of course, Jesus has already paid the full price on the Cross.

But, there is yet another cost, not the one Jesus paid, but cost we must bear because we believe in what Jesus did.

- Jesus knew that we could not save ourselves, because not only we could not because no one could pay the price of absolute righteousness, but also we had no clue as to how the salvation of mankind could be perfected.
 - Although the world did not deserve Him, He came to us and paid the price on our behalf, so that we may be saved.
- Likewise, we must understand that the world cannot save itself, nor could it find a righteous leader with a right plan to solve the dilemma it faces. Therefore, as Jesus paid the price for the world, we (as Christians) are also called to pay the price for the world.
 - Although the world does not deserve our sacrifice, we are called to pay the price on its behalf, so that we may be the salt and the light in the world, and so that the world may be saved in Jesus, The Christ.

Because the world has no clue as to what righteousness is and because the world is unwilling to pay the price even if it knows what it takes, it is in a downward spiral. However, God left us in the world to be salt and light in the world, to transform the world into His likeness. Unfortunately, in order to be salt and light in the world, there is a price to pay, a sacrifice to be made. Are you willing to pay the price to be salt and light in the world?

The price we must pay to transform the world as its salt and light is well described in [2 Chronicles 7:14](#).

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¹⁴ 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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

- So, if we, the people of God, would cry out on their behalf, then our cries for mercy will be heard by God, and God will forgive [their](#) sin and will heal [their](#) land.
 - Whether we like it or not, we are a part of this world, and God has given us a clear commission to be salt and light in the world, to affect it, change it, transform it in the image of Christ, Jesus.
 - According to [2 Chronicles 7:14](#), when we humble ourselves and pray and seek His face and turn from our wicked ways, He will make us rise and shine, and He will draw all men to Himself through the light shown through us.

- Following Isaiah 60, verses 1 through 6, let's find out what happens when we rise and shine with the light of God
 - Isaiah 60:1-2
^{60:1} "Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.
 - The glory of the LORD rises upon us.
 - Would you like to have the glory of the LORD rises upon us? If so, arise and let your light of God shine forth.
- Once the glory of the LORD rises upon you, the LORD Himself rises upon us and His glory appears over us.
 - Isaiah 60:2
² See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.
 - Yes, His glory will rise upon us, then He Himself will rise upon us, and His glory will appear over you. That means, His glory is in us and over us, and God will live in us and through us.
 - Would you like to have His glory rise in you and appear over you? If so, arise and shine forth the light of God.
- Once God rises upon us and the glory of God appears over you, the people of the world will be drawn to His glory over us, and they will become our children in the LORD.
 - Isaiah 60:3-4
³ Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on the arm.
 - And as we gather in the harvest for the LORD, we will become radiant and be filled with joy, receiving not only the harvest for the LORD, but also receiving favors and prosperity.
 - Isaiah 60:5-6
⁵ Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. ⁶ Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.
 - We will receive exceptional favors & open doors so that we may lead them.
 - We will receive also the financial prosperity to take care of the people in need.
 - Although our beginning and our present state may seem humble, our future will be quite prosperous, if we could hear the call of the LORD in 2 Chronicles 7:14 and respond properly.
 - Job 8:7
⁷ Your beginnings will seem humble, so prosperous will your future be.

So, let us embrace what God is asking us to do for 2012, and prepare for the mighty move of God. His revival fire is at hand, and this is the year of His favor and this is the year of His vengeance. His call for us in 2012 is to rise and shine! The year of His favor is upon us to impact the world, and His Spirit is upon us to make it happen.

This year, according to His prophetic word to us, we at Father's House have assigned the highest priority in establishing our compassion ministry to take care of the poor and the needy in our neighborhood.

- We are currently seeking God's wisdom in how we may be effective, and plans are being drawn up even as I am speaking; we will establish a compassion ministry in 2012. I pray and hope, if you believe taking care of the poor and the needy in the local community is something the LORD is asking you to be a part of this year, that you would volunteer to serve with me in establishing a successful mercy ministry at Father's House.
- Once we establish an active compassion ministry that focuses in our neighborhood, then we will also establish either or both an inner healing ministry and a healing room ministry to meet the call of [Isaiah 61:1-3](#).

[Isaiah 61:1-3](#)

^{61:1} The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners,² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.

- Perhaps the inner healing ministry and the healing room ministry would be one of the same, one ministry supporting and supplementing the other.
- Please pray with me that the LORD would grant wisdom and a good plan in this area as well.

Do you believe that this year, 2012, is the year of the LORD's favor to arise and shine (1) to become righteous leaders who walk in the ways of God and (2) to take care of the poor and the needy? Would you like to make an impact in the world, even though the world may not deserve it? If your answer is "yes" to either of these two questions, are you willing to make the required sacrifice?

The price we must pay, the sacrifice we must make, to affect the world as salt and light is, once again, according to [2 Chronicles 7:14](#) is...

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So, as the Holy Spirit leads you, let us repent of our ways, humble ourselves before God, and pray and seek His face, so that the world may be healed.

With that, I would like to release the congregation of those who are in a rush to go, but if you feel led to pray with us, humbling ourselves and repenting of our ways, I would like to pray and repent with the congregation to welcome 2012, and saying "YES" to the Holy Spirit that we want all that God has for us in 2012.

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- Repent for not knowing what to pray for...
 - ➔ Ask the Holy Spirit to impart on us His Spirit of Wisdom & Revelation.
- Repent for not having humbled ourselves before God...
 - ➔ Ask the Holy Spirit to give us a revelation of our sin and what it took for God to forgive us so that we may be humble before God and before others.
- Repent for having become unwise virgins, letting our lamps be almost out of oil while we were passive and compromising...
 - ➔ Ask the Holy Spirit to grant us a new revelation of the Father's love and a greater vision of how much Jesus is passionately in love with us, so that we may seek His face.
- Repent for being passive, seeking our comfort over the need of others...
 - ➔ Ask the Holy Spirit to impart on us His Fire for passion for God and compassion for those who are poor and in need.
- Repent for not being proactive in reaching out to the poor and the needy in the local community...
 - ➔ Ask the Holy Spirit to impart on us His wisdom and plan in how to effectively reach the local community.
- Repent for any sin the Holy Spirit has shown you as we were praying...
 - ➔ Ask the Father to forgive us as we turn from our wicked ways, and ask the Holy Spirit to strengthen us so that we may walk with Him according to His ways.