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SUBJECT: PROPHETIC

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I continue to pray for those in the body of Christ who have ears to hear that they may hear the word of the Lord in all ways. My heart is strongly in favor of the children of God who strive to enter at the straight gate.

The vision behind these letters is two-fold. First, the entire body of Christ needs to hear a common message, and I trust this is not the only letter crossing denominational lines. Ultimately, the Lord and time permitting, all ecumenical churches in Wichita will receive letters simultaneously. Second, the reason for all names identified in the masthead is so everyone may know exactly who is receiving a message; therefore, no one will think themselves as having been singly targeted.

Whether the messages are received and passed on to congregations is between the pastor portion of the five-fold ministry and God. The purpose of the five-fold ministry is to exhort, comfort, and edification of the church until the church they come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God. Sadly, the church does not possess complete unity of the faith nor of the knowledge of Son of God because there are those within the church who do not recognize that Jesus *is* the Son of God.

The following is tendered under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to the church of Jesus Christ which is His body.

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1. I sat and pondered Genesis 19:11 where angels of God blinded the men at the door, both small and great: so that they wearied themselves to find the door in the cities of Sodom and Gommorah. I considered the desparate wickedness of the peoples of the cities of Sodom and Gommorah; people who were so filled with their wickedness and desire to carry out their bent they wearied themselves while totally blind to find the door of Lot's house! The men of the city went to the house of Lot to know the beautiful men staying with Lot. The word 'know' in the context of this scripture means the men wanted to have sex with the men in Lot's house.

Suddenly, the Holy Spirit cut across my thoughts with a question, "What does the door represent?" He was speaking of the door of Lot's house. I admitted ignorance. The Lord then said, "The door represents the door of acceptance, and the door was not opened until the righteous were taken out of the way." My mind reeled in the Lord's truth. In this day

and age, the homosexuals rattle their sabres and do whatever they can to enlarge their tents by lawsuits, yammering that homosexuality is an alternative lifestyle, teaching homosexuality in public schools, television and other avenues. The homosexual agenda attempts to, with some measure of success, instill fear in the hearts and minds of people, and call fearful people, homophobes. Who instilled the fear? Truthfully, those who sow fear are themselves fearful, fearful of rejection. Promotion or rather, marketing, of homosexuality is an attempt to either forcibly or quietly force open the door of acceptance. Apparently, the battle cry is, "If you will not open up and accept us willingly, we will force you to accept our lifestyle."

People take comfort in the Word of the Lord, ". . . [T]he door was not opened until the righteous were taken out of the way." This is a powerful prophetic promise from the Lord. We see around us the winds and storms of the war on the part of blinded homosexuals to force our door of acceptance open. Take heart! The end is near and we *will not* see our doors forced open before we are taken out of the way! We should not consider ourselves homophobes because we are not fearful. Fear has torment, but God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Truthfully, we can discern the day is far spent when the light casts long shadows on small figures. We are children of the living God. Comfort one another with these words.

2. The Lord is not raising up a particular denomination for His use; rather, He is seeking to raise up a singular church as a lighthouse to the world. Until total blurring of denominational lines is achieved the church will continue to fall short of the grace of God. Pride maintains the walls that separate the body of Jesus into segments.

Although the dictionary describes the word, denomination, as identifying a sect the following was revealed by the Holy Spirit. I saw a \$100.00 bill. The bill represented an entire sum; that is, the complete body of Christ, called the church. I saw a fifty, a twenty, a ten, a five, and some ones in paper bills along with all sorts of coinage; each bill and coin a denomination from the \$100.00. A denomination as small as a penny has very little power and is known as a penny, but when 10,000 pennies are gathered together the value is \$100.00. All bills and coins represented pieces of the body of Christ. Suddenly, with glaring clarity, I saw the church broken into pieces called denominations. The body of Christ lies fragmented. Although the sum of the parts is equal to the whole, fragmentation, or rather, denominationalism, has rendered the individual parts weak. Sadly, there are some portions of the body that do not acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God and Lord of Lords nor that the Word of God *is* the standard by which we must live. If the church would receive the revelation and collectively begin to drive down the walls of pride-driven denominationalism, the unified church would be formidable to Satan. Rather than the church seeking to be the best they could be, which is motivated by pride, a church that understands this and like revelations would seek the Lord to work to His fullest potential through them to reach the lost. The church needs a fresh baptism, and the Holy Spirit needs more freedom!

Pray for the unification of the holy body of Christ, pray for the end of denominationalism as it is known today. Pray for yourselves and pray for each other. Pray that the Lord create within you a right heart. Pray and ask the Lord for an understanding heart that you might know the difference between good and evil. Pray that the eyes of your understanding be enlightened that you may know the exceeding greatness of God's power in your life. Remember, the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous man avails much. If you lack fervor in your prayers, ask the Lord for fervor because no one can manufacture it.

There is good news! The Lord wants to rejoin the members of His body, the church, and He is calling out the living from among the dead and the places of dead works. The dry bones within the church are beginning to gather sinew and flesh and will soon stand to their feet. These are those who wholeheartedly embrace God and His Word, Jesus. Those with ears to hear are hearing the wind of the Spirit. The Lord is shaking the church, He is pruning the branches so the Spirit may produce fruit through them. Seek to know the voice of the Lord so when He speaks you may listen and move in response to the Spirit of God. Let all things be done decently and in order.

3. During a period of prayer just before the beginning of a service where a visitor was to speak, the Lord instructed me to remove my socks. Earlier in my walk with the Lord, I had been instructed to remove my shoes while I was before Him because the ground upon which a believer stands is holy. I responded because of obedience not because I am anyone special. I was instructed to remove my socks and expose my feet. Everyone around could look at my two large toes and see my fungus-ridden toenails. I protested asking if I would be allowed to put my socks on again after prayer. The Lord spoke to me of pride. The answer was no. I repented of pride. I then asked the Lord the purpose for removing my socks and leaving them off until after the end of the service. The Lord's answer was startling, my naked feet represented the nakedness of our walk before the Lord.

We may be able to live a life before people that is absolutely contrary to the condition of our heart. This simple representation reveals to each of us we can not hide from God, and He can see us everywhere at any time. We may speak swelling words of great theology and Christianity; but in our hearts, the secret inward man or woman, may be cold and unloving. God says for His church to repent, and cease from their wicked ways. Know the Lord sees you as you are.

May God bless you richly and all that read this. As always, I am open to conversation regarding clarification.

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