The Shift

Introduction

Have you ever gone through a dry spell with God? You know – those dry spells that make the Sahara Desert seem like it has more moisture…. I recently went through this over 2022. We have had so many amazing things happened that were overshadowed by the trials that we have gone through and yet God still saw fit to download this into my spirit last week. God opened up my soul, poured in the word, capped it off, and let it simmer. This word is a word that I had no intention on sharing however God would not let me go without it. The more I prayed about it, the more the revelation came.

Note: This word is not for everyone. It is a word for those who receive it. You may agree or disagree with this word. I ask that God show us what we need to see. I challenge us to hear this word and allow us to be challenged and encouraged. I received this word on the 28th of December:

There will be a shift in the year 2023. There will be a shift that will cause the watchmen to become more alert and responsive. There will be a shift that will cause five of the ten virgins to begin feeling the birth pains of the coming of the Lord. They will be preparing their oil. The shift will cause the church to see a shift in miracles. The shift will cause the church to see an increase in the supernatural. The shift will cause the wayward child to return. The year of the shift is an active year. It is a year that you will see movement possibly you will things shift in the vision for your life. A shift in your finances. A shift in your relationships. And the shift will not be noticeable at first. You won’t even realize that it is occurring. But instead, you will be content where God has you and then the shift will occur suddenly.

1. There will be a shift that will cause the watchmen to become more alert and responsive.
   1. Who are the watchmen?
      1. Pastors
      2. Believers
   2. Pastors will not coward down to the truth but stand firm in confidence and courage.   
      1. Many pastors are afraid to speak the truth
      2. They teach things that tickle the ears of the saints
      3. They preach with milk instead of meat
      4. We are coming into a time where pastors will become lactose intolerant. They will recognize that no longer can they sit back but will need to stand firm.
         1. Ezekiel 3:17-21\*
         2. Jeremiah 1:8\* – Don’t look upon the faces
         3. Acts 20:28-29 (overseers of the church of the sheep – wolves will come.)
   3. Christians will not coward down to the truth but stand firm in confidence and courage.
      1. Through our everyday life, we are watchmen. We lead by many examples in our lives.
      2. Not everyone will want to hear the truth – that is not the responsibility or the watchmen.
         * 1. Matthew 18:15-17\*
           2. John 8:32\*
      3. Jesus himself found that he was rejected for the truth being spoken. We are no exception.
   4. We must be ready for the Word of truth and in that we will find victory.
   5. When we know the truth….it sets us free.
2. The Shift will cause the 5 of the 10 virgins will begin feeling the birth pains of the coming of the Lord.  
   1. **Warning: This is not a prophesy of Christ’s return in 2023. As we will read later, no one knows the hour that He will return.**
   2. Matthew 25:1-13\*
      1. Five Wise / Five Foolish
      2. The wise too oil in their vessels because they knew that the bridegroom was coming and had to prepare.
      3. The foolish knew as well but did not prepare.
   3. Those who begin to feel the birth pains that something is going to happen soon.
   4. They will get their houses in order
   5. We are to be prepared for the coming of the Lord.
      1. We will experience a shift in our spirit and know that the time is near.
      2. Those who labor will not find their labor to be in vain
      3. Those who did not labor will be too comfortable to want to get ready
      4. Those who prepare do not react – they are not surprised.
3. The shift will cause the church to see a shift in miracles. The shift will cause the church to see an increase in the supernatural.  
   1. Matthew 24:23-25\*
      1. Miracles happen every day – they will not cease. I believe they will increase both in the church and in the world.
      2. There will be those who use miracles to will distract us from what God is really doing.   
         1. Acts 20:16-18\*
         2. Acts 8 (Simon the Magician)
            1. He wanted to buy the gift of the miracles from Phillip.
         3. The enemy will use the good through miracles to distract people. Instead of the glory going to God, people will be tempted to take the credit.
   2. What to do?
      1. 1 Peter 5:8-9\* (Be vigilant – the enemy roams)
      2. Ephesians 6:10-17 (Armor of God)
4. The shift will cause the wayward child to return.
   1. Luke 15
   2. When the lost was found, all of heaven rejoiced
   3. We see that through Luke 15, regardless of what was lost, it was part of something.
      1. The Coin – Treasure ALL HEAVEN REJOICED OVER THE ONE!
      2. The Sheep – Flock
      3. The Son – Family
   4. Everything was restored - a party was planned
   5. The son came to his senses knowing that his father had more than enough to take care of him and he headed home.
      1. The wayward will returns to their home. They will return to God like a flood.
5. Conclusion
   1. After pressure, comes great victory. After pressure, a diamond is born.
   2. You may not notice it right away, but it will happen, and the difference will be spectacular.
   3. The shift is not always easy. Just like tectonic plates when they rub together, it is uncomfortable, and the edges get rubbed out.
   4. The shaking of the tectonic activity makes things on the surface either do one of two things; stand or fall.
   5. When a structure is secured, it will not fall. When a structure is weak and has a bad foundation, it falls. Why not become the strong, reenforced people that we are?

THIS IS THE GREATEST TIME IN HISTORY TO BE ALIVE. WE ARE WITNESSING GOD MOVE AND THESE THINGS THAT WE READ HELP US TO STAY PREPARED. THESE THINGS ALLOW US TO BE ALL THAT GOD HAS CALLED US TO BE.

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