

Current Affairs #37– A Man Child

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We are in a time of unprecedented happenings all over the world, among governments, in industry, in commerce, in the financial sector, and in society. This virus has disrupted everything. And one might ask, why? In fact, many people are simply looking forward to getting back to normal. You do not have to be particularly insightful to understand, there is no getting back to normal. Things have permanently changed. The question really is, what are they going to be like beyond this? In a previous broadcast, I talked about these times being like birth pangs on a pregnant woman, and I explained that this was a reference from Matthew 24, Mark 13, and Luke 22. Jesus, prophesying about these times, speaks of birth pangs. The nature of birth pangs is that when one set of contractions come, that sequence gives way to the next set. For example, the first set of contractions about the time birth is about to occur happens at twenty minutes apart. The next sequence will happen at half the time, ten minutes, twice the intensity of the twenty minutes. It will keep doing that, reducing in that way. The next sequence will be five minutes, twice the intensity of the ten. Until, just before the actual appearing of the child, the woman seems to have completely lost control of her body. That is when the pain and the sense of suffocation—all the things that Lucy told me she went through and blamed me for, by the way—would happen.

Birth pangs, then, mean that the sequence of occurrences is what is key. So wars will be going on, while pestilence is going on, while economic collapse is going on, layered on top of which, in that sequence, famines, earthquakes, and the roaring and tossing of the sea. The roaring and tossing of the sea is both a reference to tsunamis, as well as the more onerous aspect of it, the sea often being a reference to humanity, and just the restlessness, the milling around, the hopelessness, the uncertainty that humanity faces. Which is perfectly understandable if all these things are disrupting their norms. Humans will, like the sea, be uncertain and on the edge, fearful and nervous, finding no place in which to rest comfortably in their minds or even in their bodies.

It is helpful to know that these things have all been spoken about in the Scriptures long ago. What is difficult for people is to realize that this, these things that are happening now, this is that which was spoken a long time ago. Frankly, that is the thing that is most unsettling to me, personally. Because I am seeing the happenings in the world today, and to me, they are exactly what were spoken of in the Scriptures, but I do not hear many voices saying, “This is that.”

In some ways it is scary to be the one who is standing up and saying, “This is that.” Because if you are wrong, really, you are wrong. You are out there if you are wrong. I have made it a point that if I am wrong, I will repent. But you realize that a certain loss goes with being wrong. Over time, I have walked with the Lord in many things, and I would ask the Lord about something, and I would be sure He told me that thing, and then something would happen that was different from what I believed He told me. I always operate from the viewpoint, “Let God be true and every man a liar.”¹ If I believe God showed me something, and it turns out I was wrong, then I need to repent. And I need to repent as publicly as the word was broadcast. If I do not, then I do not learn from it; then I do not grow.

But there is a time when you claim to be a *kérux* (Strong’s Greek 2783), a herald, a preacher, and you are expected to be accurate. I have gone way out in saying that it is my understanding that what we are in now is not the end—the end is not yet, according to Matthew 24—but it is the beginning of sorrows.² It is the beginnings of these pancaking, one upon the other, of these great events spoken of in the prophetic Scriptures by none other than Jesus Himself, but confirmed repeatedly through the rest of prophetic Scripture. With that, I am of the mind that we have to give a certain and definite sound if we claim to be speaking for God. And we will be judged by that sound that we give. You cannot always rely upon the fact that you might have guessed it right a time or two. That does not count. It is what you are saying now. Is that accurate? And, you ought to be prepared to be judged by it.

With that said, I want to show you why so many people are being overthrown, why leadership is being overthrown right and left, and why radical changes have come, to the point where I am saying, it will never go back to the norm. Everybody is waiting for that, but there is no return to the norm. Because, when birth pangs start happening, do not forget, the bigger thing is not the trial that the woman is going through at the time—that is important and that is huge and that is traumatic—but the bigger thing is that something is about to be born. For the joy of that which is coming, the woman forgets the pain of childbirth, because the birth is so much more glorious than the pain that it took to get there.³ I am saying, something is coming. Something is about to be born into the earth that has never been here before, and it is not an increment of something else. It is what the earth has been waiting for. Birth pangs produce a child, a result, a thing that is to be born.

In preparation for the thing to be born, God is making way so that it is not opposed when it comes. The most extreme cleansing that God is doing—purging the threshing floor, if you like, or preparing the delivery room—is He is removing the false. He will not allow the false to define the truth, even as He is bringing the truth into focus. God always understands, and He has told us His understanding, that there must be the false, to be shown as false, in order for the truth, when it comes, to accomplish what the truth coming is meant to accomplish. So while the world is going through an incredible upheaval in its order and process, in addition to the things that believers or people in the church, particularly in the Evangelical church, are having to suffer; they are suffering the same exact things that the world is suffering.

For example, believers in West Texas are suffering the economic tidal wave that has come in the form of oil prices dropping below \$0—dropping, in fact, as far down as \$37 below \$0 earlier this week. You may say, what on earth is that about? How could a thing be worth \$37 less than \$0? In other words, you have to pay people \$37 to take the thing off your hand, and that is oil. That is because, in the oil economy, storage is very costly. You pump it out of the ground, and before it ends up in the refinery, storage is part of the economic chain of events that is called a supply chain. They have run out of storage for production in certain parts of the country, like West Texas. And so, the additional cost of storage takes it below \$0. That is why it is a negative, and it reached -\$37 last week. Everybody I talked to said this is unprecedented. Some said this is unbelievable. Some said this has never happened before in the history of the oil industry, and generally in history. In addition to that, you know, they are destroying tons, hundreds of tons of flowers because nobody is buying flowers for weddings, and so on and so forth. Believers who are involved in these industries are feeling the real pain of that.

But in addition to that pain that the world is feeling, the birth pangs among church people are additionally extreme. We have watched over the last 20-25 years as the heat has been turned up on the Roman Catholic Church and all of its perverse, dark, wicked, criminal practices perpetrated against many, including the most vulnerable of its membership. It has shaken that institution to the core. So much so, that it reduced the Pope to powerlessness, where he could only say, “Who am I to judge?” Or, when he offered some advice or some thought about the coronavirus at this point,

he was reduced to babbling about climate change—that this has to do somehow with climate change. Silly nonsense. But it has decimated the ranks over the last 25 years. This judgment has come on the Roman Catholic Church, and it is showing it to be powerless, helpless, and simply babbling, because it does not know the will of God. It does not understand the truth. It is not based in what is true.

But the Evangelical church has come under extreme scrutiny right alongside that. We had the likes of Jim Bakker and Tammy Faye, people like Jerry Falwell, Jimmy Swaggart, people like that, just decimated in the process, Oral Roberts. Reduced to laughing stocks, basically, and yet they have clung to certain fundamental doctrines and refused to change. Lately, with the prominence of people like Paula White being known as the president’s pastor, the word of faith movement has come under intense scrutiny. One cringes at the buffoonery, silliness, and pathetic blowing of Kenneth Copeland recently as he pretended to be able to blow away the coronavirus weeks ago. Notably, he clothed himself with a self-appointed mantle as he said, “Standing in the office of the prophet of the Lord, I bring judgment on coronavirus.” Well, if indeed he were standing in the office of the prophet of the Lord, he would be a *kérux*, he would be a herald. He would not be blowing anything away; he would be saying, “The Lord says that the Lord has executed judgment on this disease.”

But the truth of the matter is, the Lord has released this pestilence. Yes. It is the Lord who has released it because He means to change the order of things. Just weeks before all of this, we lived in a country and a world where the narcissism of people had reached such a point of overflow that people thought every thought, every whim, every notion that they could come up with deserved the highest level of consideration and praise. We had witless people, like Shawn Carter, some year or two ago—that is the husband of Beyoncé, a singer—declaring that this 5,000-year-old Book had no relevance to our time. I want to say to Shawn, he has no relevance. But this 5,000-year-old Book is what we go to, to find the understanding of our times. How quickly God is able to assert His sovereignty if He ever chooses to do it. And how foolish, how pathetically foolish men are to vaunt themselves up, being so puffed up by their own sense of importance.

This is a day of change. The full extent of this change has not come yet upon the earth, but it surely is coming with an unchecked force upon the religious world, all of it—Christian and non-Christian, Roman Catholic, Lutheran, Episcopalian, Charismatic, Pentecostal, Evangelical, and now even the Word of Faith, reducing the primary proponents of this gospel of greed to blithering idiots who are mocked by comedians. And the whole world is listening and laughing. John Oliver’s program, John Oliver being a scurrilous, vulgar comedian, his program mocking the Word of Faith movement has recorded more than 30 million viewers. And you are not hearing anybody but the most diehard of these people standing up for the buffoonery of the likes of Copeland, Creflo Dollar, and these others.

Look, God simply let them grow together until the time when a day of judgment comes upon the House of God. It is not the final judgment—that is yet to come—but it is a day when men’s works are revealed by fire, the fire test of what strength and substance the works are. These works are being revealed for what they always were: wood, hay, and stubble.⁴ But even seeing it as plainly as that, are the true believers in these doctrines and practices going to change? No, they are not. They are going to go down with the ship. But God is raising up out of that a people whose consciences have not been seared as with a hot iron, who still want to know the truth. So I am not speaking in the hope of sensationalizing any of this. I do not care about this. This is God’s judgment on what says it is the House of God.

What God is about to cause to be born in the earth requires the removal of things that can be shaken. God shakes things so as to remove them so that, like dross which comes to the surface and is scooped up, God shakes by the resonance of His voice speaking the truth from heaven, shaking the earth: “Once more I will shake not only the heavens, but also the earth, so that whatever can be shaken will be shaken.” But let me read it to you. Hebrews 12, starting at verse 25 says,

See that you do not refuse Him who speaks. For if they did not escape who refused Him who spoke on earth, much more shall we not escape if we turn away from Him who speaks from heaven, whose voice then shook the earth; but now He has promised, saying, “Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven.” Now this, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of those things that are being shaken, as of things that are made,

[material things, in other words] *that the things which cannot be shaken may remain.* [Now, what cannot be shaken?]

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear [awe]. For our God is a consuming fire (Hebrews 12:25-29 NKJV, comments added in brackets).

So it is God who is shaking up to consume everything that has been pretended as the Kingdom, that has drawn the affections of men to it. Now we could get deeper into why were the affections of men drawn into this religious system, but sufficient at the end of this broadcast to say, it was never God. But God winked at it in order to allow the thing to run its course so that the hearts of men may be exposed through their choices.

Now these things will not recover. Kenneth Copeland's ministries will not recover. Creflo Dollar's ministries will not recover. The entire spectrum of this gospel of greed will not recover. It is not about having wealth. The Kingdom of God is supplied by those who have been raised up to have wealth, but it is not the place of everyone to have wealth. Wealth without purpose is deadly. God will give you what you need for what He has called you to do and to be. And if He has called you to be a supplier to the Kingdom, which is the purpose for having wealth, say to the wealthy that they should always supply on every occasion. Because it is not theirs, actually. They are stewards of it, if they are sons of God. And wealth will be transferred from the wicked to the righteous, but not for hoarding, not to be consumed upon your lusts, which is the gospel that these men preached. They claimed they preached the gospel, and that is why they needed these jets worth tens of millions. I have nothing against jets worth tens of millions, but you ought to have a purpose for them, and the purpose was not the farcical purposes that these guys claimed they had. God had started to thin out the field. Myles Munroe died in his jet as God began to just cut down this whole false thing that He is now continuing to do in this aggressive fashion. And it will not rise again.

What is about to be born, however, is what I want to talk to you about in the next segment. There is a thing that is coming forth that will justify the pain that attends the birthing of the thing itself being born. There is a glorious thing that is coming forth, and those who go through the trials of

these times must go through these trials for the purpose of refinement. Now, many will fall and be refined. Those who were the leaders in the last things will not be the leaders that God appoints. If they are humble enough, they can follow, but they have been so thoroughly compromised that what is required in their mindset change is too big a leap. The old order is done and gone, and that is what God is doing. You will see many more, you will see all the remaining high-profile people who are out of the will of God be debunked in an instant, because God is preparing the way for what He is doing to be born.

We will talk about that next time.

Endnotes:

1. See Romans 3:4 NKJV: “Certainly not! Indeed, let God be true but every man a liar. As it is written: ‘That You may be justified in Your words, And may overcome when You are judged.’”
2. See Matthew 24:6-8 NKJV: “And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences, and earthquakes in various places. All these are the beginning of sorrows.”
3. See John 16:21 KJV: “A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a man is born into the world.”
4. See 1 Corinthians 3:12-13 NKJV: “Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one’s work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is.”