

Session 13 The Father's End-Time Plan: Ultimate Victory (Dan. 12)

I. THE LORD'S VIEW OF THE FUTURE (DAN. 12:1-10)

I have been teaching a series on the book of Daniel, and this particular chapter, Daniel 12, is one of the most important chapters in the Old Testament on the end times. The mighty angel visited Daniel and right here in one chapter gives him more information, just line upon line, of the main details of what will happen in the generation the Lord returns.

The point I want to highlight tonight is how the heart of the Father is being manifested through His people to prepare His people to have victory and walk in power in one of the most turbulent times in history. It will be the time where the Church has the greatest victory and walks in the greatest power, and it will be related to encountering the Father's heart and administrating that reality to other people.

- A. In Daniel 12, a mighty angel assured Daniel of the ultimate triumph of God's people related to the time of the Great Tribulation. It will be the most unique, powerful, glorious, violent, difficult, and important generation in history. The greatest victory will come in context to the greatest tribulation.

This mighty angel appeared to Daniel and assured him of the ultimate victory of the people of God. Now when some people hear the words, end times, they think, "Oh no! How terrible!" Let me encourage you: the Bible makes it clear that in the generation the Lord returns, though there will be a great crisis in the earth, it will be the hour where the Church walks in the greatest dimension of power and victory of any time in church history, surpassing even the book of Acts. So the greatest victory will come in context to the greatest time of tribulation.

- B. We are drawing closer to the most dramatic time frame in history. All of history has pointed to this one generation. It is time now for God's people to resolve to be prepared to understand that hour of history and live fully dedicated to the Lord.

We are drawing closer to that very dramatic, important time frame of history. Nobody knows exactly when it begins, but it is clear we are getting closer and closer to it. All of history has been pointing to one dynamic, powerful generation. Now I believe it is possible we are in the early days of it right now, but we are not sure. Maybe we are not. Maybe it is going to be a little bit further down the road. Nobody really knows, because Jesus said that nobody knows the day or the hour.

I know one thing: it is time right now for the Church to be prepared spiritually, meaning to understand what the Bible says about that time frame so we are filled with confidence, we are filled with boldness, and we have peace, because the people without a relationship to Jesus will have fear and confusion, and there will be deception and offense. The Lord says that if you understand what the Bible says about that hour you do not need to overcome with fear and confusion, but you can have boldness and confidence knowing who you are and who is directing history.

- C. In the end times, the Spirit will restore the *heart of the father* in the Church. The Lord knew there would be a crisis of fatherhood in the home, society, and the Church. Elijah will use his influence as the most powerful prophet in the Old Testament times to convince fathers of the value of children. The Church matures as we experience the father heart of God in our lives and express it to others.

⁵*I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD.*

⁶*And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers. (Mal. 4:5-6)*

Now one of the keys to victory for the Body of Christ and keys to spiritual preparation in that hour is found in Malachi 4. This is one of the most significant and descriptive passages about the generation the Lord returns. Very remarkable prophecy, the Lord says in Malachi 4:5, "I am going to send you Elijah the prophet."

How many of you know that Elijah is literally coming back? Somebody might say, "Well, not literally." Yes, literally. Well, the truth is that at the time of the rapture and the resurrection everybody in heaven is coming back. So do not be so confused that Elijah is coming back because your great-grandma who loves the Lord will be returning when the Lord returns as well. I mean the whole Body of Christ will receive their resurrected body, they will meet the Lord in the air, and they will live together with the Lord, literally, on the earth. Because, at the time of the Lord's return, heaven is coming down to earth. The whole New Jerusalem and the glory of God is coming down to the earth at the end of this turbulent time called the Great Tribulation.

Well, verse 5, Elijah is coming just a little bit even before the Lord returns; that is a remarkable prophecy. He will come before the great and the terrible day of the Lord which speaks of the second coming of Christ. Notice verse 6—this is so key to walking in power and victory in the generation the Lord returns—his focus is to turn the heart of the fathers to children. Elijah is going to use the prophetic power and the anointing of the Holy Spirit in his dramatic and dynamic ministry to convince fathers of the value of children. When I read that, I think, "Lord, that is so like You to send the most powerful prophet in history to the earth to convince fathers of the value of children, and then the net result of that is children—instead of being distant, offended, and rebellious against fathers—are going to love and connect with their fathers.

This is a remarkable reversal of what the enemy is trying to do in the nations right now, because the enemy wants to separate fathers and children and then have the children broken, rebellious, and lawless. The Lord wants the family of God functioning in profound unity together. That functioning together as a spiritual family, as healthy natural families, is a critical part of the Church walking in power and in victory, being prepared for the coming of the Lord.

Now notice in verse 6 where He says He is going to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, to the value of children, because that is where the focus is. He is going to turn the hearts of the fathers to the role of children in God's kingdom. Now these are natural fathers as well as spiritual fathers, but it is not only a man turning his heart to his biological children. For sure, that is obviously very important, but it is also members of the Body of Christ turning their hearts to the younger ones in the Body of Christ, the children. So they will operate in the spirit of the father—now this is a calling for both men and women—that they would turn their hearts to younger believers and they would be a vessel that would minister the heart of God the Father to those ones who are younger than they are.

When some people read the word "fathers," they think of older men. This is the fathering ministry—you could put the word "mentoring;" you could put the words "disciple-making" ministry—that releases the heart of the father and sees the value of children, whether the children are five years old or twenty-five years old. Meaning, if it is an older believer, it is turning their hearts to younger ones regardless what the age is.

Now I am sixty now; that is getting up there. I had a radical conversion to the Lord when I was fifteen. When I was sixteen, my youth leaders told me I had to go begin to disciple and pastor younger believers. I was only four months old in the Lord! They said to go get a bunch of twelve-year-olds, three or four of them, and start pouring into them. I was such a new believer I did not know any better so I thought I had to do it. So when I was sixteen years old, I and a bunch of other people in our youth group did the same thing; it was very common for the sixteen-year-olds to have a little group of twelve-year-olds that we were meeting with on a weekly basis teaching the Bible. I did not know the difference between an apostle, a disciple, an epistle, and a gospel. I did not even know what those meant. Here I was: we took a book from the Christian bookstore, and we would read

one chapter a week together, me and the twelve-year-olds, and we would discuss what each page meant. Each of them would pick one idea from each page. We would take one chapter a week, and I would train them and disciple them. I mean I look back on it now, and I wonder, "Oh Lord! What did I say to them?"

Then when I was eighteen, I had a group of fifteen-year-olds. Then when I was twenty-two. I had a group of eighteen-year-olds because I was taught that I had to turn my heart to younger believers; that was the natural way of the kingdom. The remarkable thing is that our leaders were so into this principle that many in our youth group did the same thing.

So when I was sixteen I told my leaders, "Who am I supposed to do this? How am I supposed to do it?"

They said, "Well, ask the Holy Spirit how to do it. There is a junior high down the road just a couple of miles. Go meet three or four twelve-year-olds."

I said, "Really?" I got a friend of mine and we just started doing it.

I asked, "How do I do it?"

They said, "Just go get a book from the Christian book that moves you, that stirs you up, and take one chapter a week and read it and just discuss that chapter, one page at a time. The next week read the second chapter, and the next week read the third chapter, and you will have a big discussion."

What happened is—well, many dynamics came out of that personal relationship, but what really happened is—I was trained while I was training them. I became a "spiritual father," quote unquote. Not really. I was manifesting that shepherding heart to younger believers.

I want to encourage everyone in this room that to be prepared for the glory and the difficulty of the generation the Lord returns it is going to be essential that the whole family of God is involved, all hands on deck. Everybody, no matter what age they are at, you look at younger believers. You may say, "Well, I am eighty." Well, find some young pups who are fifty and start ministering to them! It does not matter what age you are. It does not matter if it is only two or three of them. Begin to ask the Lord who and how.

I remember being sixteen and saying, "I do not know what I am doing."

My leader said, "You will be fine. Just do one chapter at a time of whatever Christian book you want and you will figure it out as you go." He just pushed me out.

I said, "What?" So I was discipling people when I was six months old in the Lord. Again, when I look back, it radically changed my life. The remarkable thing is that forty-five years later I still have friendships with some of those people that I met with when I was sixteen, seventeen, and eighteen. I have still present-day friendships with them forty-plus years later.

Well, one of the key issues of preparing people and walking in victory is this issue of manifesting the heart of the father, and not just releasing it but also understanding the father's heart. I have a little bit more about it in the notes that I am not going to go through.

- D. Daniel 12 emphasizes God's sovereignty over all, namely that history is heading towards a glorious future in which His people will prevail in victory. Our God knows the end from the beginning. The Lord is leading the nations into this time that will result in the glory of God filling the earth. It will be the greatest hour in history and is a great privilege for believers living at that time.

Now in Daniel 12, which is a very important chapter on the end times, the emphasis is God's sovereignty or His power. Instead of the word, sovereignty, use power, His power over everything. Beloved, I have good news for

you! History is headed in a glorious direction. You know, you read the newspaper and you hear the news, and it looks like history is off the rails and there is going to be a big disaster. There is so much trouble. There is so much sin, there is so much darkness, there is so much occult, there is so much immorality. Where are things going? The Lord would say, "I am directing history. I am the King of kings. You are My people, and I will lead you into victory."

One of the keys is going to be whether you are a twenty-year-old young woman having that "father heart" and turning it to some fifteen-year-old young ladies. If you are a thirty-year-old, turning it to some who are just a little bit younger than you spiritually and often younger than you chronologically as well but not always. That is not always essential, but younger than you spiritually is the point. If we will turn our hearts to the younger ones, the younger ones will come out of their lives of bitterness, loneliness, deep depression, and all kinds of addictions. They will actually turn their hearts in a godly response to "fathers" in the Body of Christ. There will be unity, safety, and power in that context. That is what this passage is talking about.

- E. There is coming a time of unprecedented trouble that will result in an unprecedented victory for God's people. The falling away, great revival, and a harvest of new souls will occur simultaneously.
- F. The truths in Daniel 12 will give God's people confidence, and courage to stand for truth and to live godly, instead of yielding to fear, offense, confusion, deception, and compromise. Details of God's end-time plan were shown to Daniel so that God's people would prepare themselves spiritually.

When we study the details of this chapter, Daniel 12, it gives us boldness. When I study Daniel 12 and other passages like it, I get confidence in my heart. When I look at the negativity that is increasing, I say, "Yeah, it is going to get far worse. You know what? The glory of God in the Church is going to be far greater as well. So whereas the darkness will become darker, the light will become lighter."

People ask, "Is it going to get better or is it going to get worse as the decades unfold?" The answer is both. The darkness will become more intense. We are on a pathway in our nation for darkness to increase dramatically. While the darkness is increasing, the glory of God is increasing in the Church and the light will be brighter. So which is it? Is it going to be better or is it going to be worse? The answer is both. Simultaneously the wheat and the tares will mature together at the end of the age; that is what Jesus said in Matthew 13. The wheat—that is the good—and the tares—the bad—will both come to maturity at the end of the age. This is in Matthew 13:30 and verses right before and after that.

Now here is what the enemy wants: he wants you to read the end time passages and see what is happening in the news and for fear to overcome you. That is what the enemy wants. Or for you to feel confusion or offense, to be offended at God. "God, if You are really God, why didn't You intervene and stop this?" Offended at people, "How could they have treated me this way?" If we understand what the Scripture says and we have a connection with God's heart, beloved, we do not have to be overcome with fear, confusion, or deception. We can be faithful, and we can set our hearts.

- G. We must be resolved to be faithful long *before* the intensity of temptation and persecution escalates. We teach our children to be resolved to make choices *before* they face the temptations that come in their teens. We don't just hope that they will figure it out and make good choices, but we train them ahead of time in the security of family life to be resolved *before* they face increased temptations.

As we see the darkness become darker, my confidence is higher in God, and my confidence in the glory of God and the Church is higher than it has ever been before. I could give a message on all the components that are getting worse, as could many people. I mean it is a bad story. What is important—here is my real takeaway

point tonight—is that this is the hour, in these early days, to resolve that you are going to walk in wholehearted obedience. Again, we might be in the early days of that generation, and it is my opinion that we are. What I mean is I think there are people alive on the earth today who will actually see the return of the Lord. Maybe it is the two-year-olds. I do not know, and maybe I am wrong. Maybe it is a little bit further down the road, I do not know. I believe we are in that timeframe where things are escalating rapidly.

So the Lord is saying that this is an hour to be resolved that you are going to walk in wholehearted obedience. Determine today you are going to be wholehearted. Do not wait until it gets darker. Determine it now so that your commitment and your experience in the grace of God is growing as the darkness is escalating in the culture, because then your boldness and your love will grow even when the darkness is growing in the culture. Your love and boldness grows at the same time. So therefore, though people around you are filled with confusion and fear, you have more peace and confidence than you ever had because you resolved that as things were getting darker you are going to go deeper in God.

- H. **Optimum environment:** The Lord will create an optimum environment for His people to choose love in the end times. The Antichrist is a great adversary who will be used to create this situation.

Again I am going to encourage you to read some of these notes that we are not going to cover just on your own time. I want to encourage you take a step back and get the big picture, the big picture of the Great Tribulation, the big picture of the negativity that is going to increase and the darkness. When you get the big picture and you get both sides, the negative and the positive, you will understand that God is leading history into that optimum environment, into that right setting for the Body of Christ to grow in love and to move in power and purity.

When I read the negative I think, “Lord, why are You letting this happen? Why are you letting an Antichrist rise up? Why are You letting evil grow?”

The Lord's answer would be, “I am going to use what the devil means for evil, I am going to turn it around and train My people and mature them and bring them into unity, even through the rage of the enemy against the people of God.”

- I. The crisis related to the Supreme Court legalizing same sex marriage is giving the Body of Christ a chance to work our “spiritual muscles” in a new way to prepare spiritually for a far greater crisis in the future. The current crisis is causing leaders in the church to be intentional about cultivating unity and training people in what the Scriptures say about righteousness in practical areas of daily life.

II. THE FATHER'S PLAN: VICTORY, RIGHTEOUSNESS AND PURITY (DAN. 12)

- A. Daniel 12:1-10 describes the full and final deliverance of God's people. It will be the greatest hour of deliverance (v. 2) with the release of God's glory in a spirit of righteousness and purity (v. 3, 10).

¹At that time Michael shall stand up...and there shall be a time of trouble [Great Tribulation], ...At that time your people shall be delivered...²Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake [resurrection]...³Those who are wise shall shine like brightness... and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever... ¹⁰Many shall be purified... (Dan. 12:1-3, 10)

Let's read just a little bit of Daniel 12, just a little bit of it. Now this is a mighty angel who is visiting the aged prophet Daniel. He is in his eighties. He has been in a time of seeking the Lord in prayer and fasting for twenty-one days. That is not some magical number, and it is not that you always have to fast when you pray. Some people apply this in a wrong way. They think that every time they have to do it this way, and it has to be for

twenty-one days. No, Daniel was earnestly seeking the Lord. That is the principle. This mighty angel appears to Daniel and talks to him about the end times in Daniel 11.

Then in Daniel 12:1, the very next verse, he says, "At that time..." The verse before is talking about the activity of the Antichrist. One verse before Daniel 12:1, Daniel 11:35 is talking about the activity of the Antichrist. The angel says, "At that time," meaning when the Antichrist is doing that, Michael the archangel shall stand up. Wow! What this means is that Michael the archangel and all of the angels under him are going to be dynamically involved in the events of what is happening in the Body of Christ. I have a little bit more on the notes about this. Michael is going to be far more activated and released in the dynamic events that are happening in Israel and the nations and the angels of the Lord with him. There is going to be a tremendous increase of angelic activity is the implication of this.

Now when we read the book of Acts, we see angels are appearing a number of times in the book of Acts. It is exciting when you note every time an angel appeared in the book of Acts. I mean how about the time when Peter is in prison, and the angel comes, "Hey Peter, wake up!" He opens the door and walks him out. That is exciting stuff, isn't it? Well, I have got good news for you! Michael the archangel and all of the angels under him are going to be involved in a far greater level of activity in the Church and in Israel in that hour of history.

This angel telling Daniel the prophecy says, Daniel 12:1, "Yeah, Michael will be involved. That is going to be exciting, but know this: it is not only going to be exciting with angelic activity, it is going to be a time of great trouble too." So there is going to be the glory dimension, but there is going to be the trouble dimension. "Know this"—look at the end of verse 1—"the people of God will be delivered." There will be victory for the people of God. So do not get your eyes on the trouble. Get your eyes on the promise of deliverance and victory.

The nations will have their eyes on the trouble, but the people under Jesus' leadership will have their eyes on Him. They will be emboldened by the angelic activity, the power of the Holy Spirit, the outpouring of the spirit of prophecy in the nations, the gospel going forth in power. We are going to see the trouble, but we are going to understand the trouble fits into a greater purpose of God. Our eyes are going to be focused on the fact there is deliverance for the people of God.

A few verses earlier he talked about martyrs, Daniel 11:35. Just a few moments earlier this angel was telling Daniel about martyrs. In verse 2, he goes on and says, "Do not overly worry about the martyrs because in that hour of history when Michael arises and deliverance comes, Jesus is going to come and the trumpet of God is going to be sounded. The people that are asleep in the dust in the earth"—that means they are dead and buried or they have died is the idea—"their bodies are going to be raised from the dead and everything they lost in the persecution is going to be returned to them a hundredfold forever in the glory of God."

So though the enemy thinks that he may take something from the people of God, even take their life, they will be alive forever, beloved, with a physical, material, resurrected body. You will be alive, the whole Body of Christ, forever and ever. I mentioned this a minute ago, that when a lot of folks think about dying they think of going to heaven, which is true, but at the time when Jesus returns He is bringing heaven down to the earth. He is bringing the New Jerusalem down to the earth. You will reign on the earth with a physical, material body on the earth. You will not just be a spiritual being that, when you greet your friends, you try to hug them and kind of pass through them because you are spirit. You go, "Whoa," when you try to hug each other. No. You are going to have flesh and bones.

In Luke 24, after the resurrection, Jesus said, "Look, do I not have flesh and bones?" He ate with them with a resurrected body. Of course it will be supernatural flesh because corruptible flesh does not enter the kingdom of heaven. Beloved, you will really be alive—the real you—with a physical, resurrected body on the earth. No

matter what the enemy takes from anybody it will be returned far more than a hundredfold forever and ever. The angel says to keep that in perspective.

He says in verse 3—I am putting my name on verse 3; I want verse 3 to have my name on it and you should want the same as well—“Those who are wise in that hour shall shine brightly like the stars. Those who turn many to righteousness will shine like the stars forever.” Now here is the idea: the people who are wise, they are opposite from the people who are confused and the people who are deceived. They are walking in clarity from the Word of God as to what is happening. They are not confused, they are not deceived, they are not offended, they are not overcome with fear, but they are established in wisdom.

Notice what they do. Here the promise is they are going to shine forever with resurrected bodies, but there is another dimension in this verse. These people who are confident in the Word of God—they are clear about the Word of God is the idea—they will turn many to righteousness. Now my favorite word is the word “many.” They will turn **many** to righteousness. Some people have this idea that the wickedness is going to grow so dynamic that the Body of Christ is going to shrink away to almost nothing. Some little ragged remnant on the side of a hill that is hanging on for glory at the end. Beloved, I have good news for you! Many will turn to righteousness. Many will say no to compromise and be fully, radically committed to lives of righteousness. Many, not a few.

Here is the reason I put my name on this verse and why I urge you to: I want to be somebody who convinces people as to the compelling beauty and wisdom of walking in righteousness. Sin is being presented all over the culture, all throughout the media. Many in the Body of Christ are buying into compromise in their lifestyle. Many believers are being seduced by what is happening in the culture. They are being deceived, and they are being compromising. I am saying, “No! Lord, I want to be one of the people who turns people to righteousness. I want to see the compelling, beautiful liberty of living in righteousness.”

The enemy comes and tells you that somehow you are losing out if you go deep in your obedience and in a life of radical commitment. Even the way some present it in the Body of Christ it seems like that. Beloved, I have good news for you! Righteousness or obedience is the only place of liberty and the only place of experiencing the fullness of love that God ordained and destined us to walk in.

People tell me—I have heard it for the last ten years, over and over—“Well, you do not understand, Mike. You are getting older; you are sixty now. The young people today do not really study the Bible and they do not really have an attention span over ten or twelve seconds. They really cannot do that. You are just focused on the wrong generation. They are really different. They want to do this in the culture and do that.” And many people say many things.

Here is my answer. God is raising up tens of millions, hundreds of millions of young people who will say yes to righteousness; many in the nations will say yes to righteousness. It is not just a bunch of old people because the great harvest is mostly youth in the earth. Do not buy the lie that young people will not go deep in God, live lives of radical dedication, or go deep in the Word of God because their attention span is only ten seconds and they are addicted to social media. Do not buy that. God has a people who will see righteousness for its value, in its brightness. They will see the liberty and they will see the love that is connected to righteousness.

An additional point I am making tonight is this: we call people to righteousness. I have a bit of this in the notes that we will not cover. As we call people to righteousness, we do it through the lens of the God who is our Father, the God of love. We do it with a father's heart or a shepherd's heart or a pastoral heart you could say. Meaning we are calling people to righteousness, but we are also coming alongside them and we are walking with them. That is the father's heart, that the fathers “turned to the children.”

It might be the sixteen-year-olds—this is more radical—turning to the twelve-year-olds. Do not think you have to be fifty before you do this. Do not think you have to be a man. This heart of the father is something that the Spirit is releasing through men and women, old and young. The turning of people to righteousness is dynamically linked to the fathers turning to the children because the people-turning-people-to-righteousness messengers are operating in the spirit of the father. They are not just lone messengers on a mountain just giving the message. They actually are operating in the heart of a father, even though they might be younger, they might be male, they might be female. They are operating in that action of “calling people to righteousness.”

Now look at verse 10. I have more good news. Many—not a few—will be purified. Many will say yes to lives of purity. Today the sexual immorality is exploding in the nations through internet pornography and all that is involved in that, and the immorality is exploding in the Church, not just in the world. Some leaders look at that and ask, “What are we going to do?”

I say, “Number one, let’s be solid about one thing: that is not the end of the story. Multitudes of young people will walk in purity, I promise you. A mighty angel visited the Daniel the prophet and promised him from heaven they would walk in purity, multitudes in the Body of Christ.”

That call to purity and that walking in purity is going to be connected to the hearts of fathers—male and female, young and old—turning to younger believers. Some of those younger ones are in their home; some of them are their biological children in their home. Others in this glorious, radical thing happening in the Body of Christ—the adoption movement—are actually taking orphans into their home on a permanent basis. I do not mean meeting with them once a week for a Bible study like I was talking about a minute ago. They are actually taking them into their families.

I know a number of single women who are operating in the spirit of the father and are taking on younger believers, and I mean pouring themselves out for them, twos and threes and tens and twenties. It does not have to be a thousand. It can just be a small number. They are not saying, “Well, you know, I am single and I am a woman.” In Malachi 4 when it says that “the hearts of the fathers will turn,” beloved, this is the whole Body of Christ being willing to operate in this anointing that Elijah the prophet will be identified with.

Now Elijah was a single man. He had no children, but he is going to be used in a powerful way to convince believers to see the value of younger believers. Again younger ones in their own biological families—their own literal children—or adoptions or disciple-making in pastoring. Getting out of this mindset of “I am just going to build my ministry or my business and hope I get a big public ministry.” Beloved, where God is taking the Body of Christ is people operating in the father’s heart convincing people who are in bondage and stuck in darkness to turn to righteousness, in partnership with somebody investing in their lives. That is where the move of God is going.

- B. The Father’s plan for His people in the end times involves both very positive and negative things. He uses the least severe means to reach the greatest number of people at the deepest level of love.

I have here the Father’s plan for the end times. It involves both very positive and very negative events. I identify seven events in this passage or seven trends. They are not all events, but some are themes or categories of both positive activity and negative activity. They all combine together to create this optimum environment for the Body of Christ to grow large and to go deep.

Beloved, the greatest harvest in history is around the corner. I am believing God, as many, many believers are—I do not mean just me in a specific way—we, many in the Body of Christ, are believing God for a billion new believers to come into the kingdom. Most of them will be young people, as that is just the demographics of

the earth, that is just how it works. Not only the largest number of conversions, but also going into the deepest relationship with the Lord, I mean the Church walking in purity and righteousness like no time ever in history.

Let's look at these seven areas or these categories of activity, both positive and negative ones, that will all be combined together that the end result will be a victorious church walking in power.

1. **Time of trouble:** This trouble is referred to by Jesus as great tribulation (Mt. 24:21). The Lord will raise up the Antichrist as a powerful adversary, causing deception and wickedness to increase with intense persecution of believers, leading to a great falling away from the faith.

Right here in Daniel 12, number one, it will be a time of great trouble. Do you know this is the very verse—I think I have it on page three—this is the very verse Jesus quotes from Daniel 12:1 right here. Jesus quotes it and He calls this time frame “the Great Tribulation.” He was actually quoting this very verse the angel gave Daniel.

2. **God's people delivered:** They will be permanently, fully delivered spiritually (from sin and compromise), physically (from persecution), and politically (from oppressive governments).

Number two, it will not just be a time of trouble, but it will also be a time where there is supernatural deliverance of the people of God.

3. **Supernatural ministry:** There will be great miracles, (11:32) including much angelic activity by Michael and his angels (Rev. 12:7-9), and a global outpouring of the Spirit (Joel 2:28).

Not only that, number three, it will be a time of supernatural ministry. Angelic ministry will increase beyond the book of Acts, far beyond. It will be on a global level. Great miracles will take place. You know the verse here in Daniel 11:32, “Those that know their God will do great exploits”—that is miracles. Beloved, those who know God—it is not saying only really deep, mature, been-in-the-Lord-fifty-years believers—the people that know God will do great exploits. That is what the angel told Daniel just a few moments before Daniel 12. Remember, Daniel 11 and 12 is the same vision; it is in the same conversation with the same angel about the end times. There is going to be a global outpouring of the Holy Spirit, angelic ministry, great miracles. So it is not only a time of trouble. It will be a time of deliverance, and it will be a time of supernatural ministry.

4. **Eternal rewards:** In the resurrection the saints will recover all that was lost in the persecution. The saints are emboldened by the certainty of the rapture, resurrection, and rewards (12:2-3).

Number four, it is a time of eternal rewards where, in the rapture of the Church, the resurrection of the dead, and all the eternal rewards, they will shine like the stars related to their obedience in this age.

5. **Harvest:** Many will know God, receive salvation, and turn to righteousness (11:32; 12:3).

There will be a great harvest.

6. **Righteousness and purity:** Many believers will embrace righteousness; it is doable (12:3, 10).

Number six, the Holy Spirit will show the heart of God; He will show righteousness and purity in such a compelling and beautiful way that righteousness will seem like liberty because it is. Purity will look like freedom because it is. It will not look like “Poor me, all my friends are having fun, and I am stuck with obeying God.” It is going to be the opposite, “My friends are all quote ‘having fun’ but they are stuck with a heavy spirit that has gotten a hold of them and they cannot get free of it on their own power.”

The people walking in righteousness and holiness are experiencing more in God and they have a liberty that is increasing in their heart. They are saying, "You know what? I choose the right path." Righteousness and purity will be presented in its beautiful, compelling excellency. It will be seen as liberty.

7. **The wise:** The wise shall understand God's end-time plans (Dan. 11:33; 12:10; Jer. 23:20). Those without wisdom will be fearful, confused, deceived, and seduced by sin in the culture.

²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until He has executed and performed the thoughts of His heart. In the latter days you will understand it perfectly. (Jer. 23:20)

Number seven, the people of God will have understanding. They will not be confused. They will not be deceived. They will not be overcome with fear. They will have confidence and clarity. They will know what the Bible says, and they will know that their Messiah, their King, the Lord Jesus, is the leader of history and He is the Bridegroom King.

Beloved, when I say "understand what is happening," I do not mean every detail, but the broad strokes of God's plans. When I see the negative emerge, I do not say, "Oh, no!" I say, "My God is at work. He is not making the negative happen, but He is taking His hands off."

He would say, "I am using the negative. I am creating an environment where there is going to be intensity, there is going to be tension, there is going to be conflict, but I am raising up a mature Bride out of it."

So when it is talking about wisdom it does not just mean you can outline the book of Romans and you can outline the Gospel of Matthew. It means more than Bible knowledge. It is talking about people who know from the Scripture what is happening in their generation. They are called the wise ones or they are called the people of understanding, and they get what is happening, from a biblical perspective.

A lot of folks do not know anything that is going to be happening. They say, "Well, I think the next thing is we get raptured and we are taken out of here, so why do I care?" I believe that is one of the most dangerous teachings in the Body of Christ: that we are going to be raptured any minute and taken out of here. Beloved, we are going to be here in that time of trouble, walking in the glory and the power of God, and we need to be prepared for it and know what the Bible says. Yes, we are going to be raptured, but we are not going to be raptured before the trouble starts. Now I realize a lot of folks have been raised in that tradition and that is a sacred doctrine to them. I want to say this tenderly and humbly: it is not a biblical doctrine that we will not be here in a time when the trouble increases. We will be here walking in victory and power. We will know God and do exploits. We will be operating in the spirit of the Father. Now I have a lot of friends who teach that doctrine, and I taught it myself for some years in my earlier ministry. I have great respect for them and great honor for them. So I am not wanting to belittle anyone, but one reason that many believers do not know what the Bible says about the end-time is because they say, "What does it matter? I am going to be gone anyway." That is why I call that mindset dangerous, because it is like, "I do not care what the Scripture says; I am gone. Israel is going to go through the trouble, but glory to God I will be in heaven."

Well, if it happens that way, then do not bother preparing. But if it happens the way I believe the Bible says, then we are going to be here and we need to have understanding so we are not overcome with fear, so we are not overcome with confusion and offense, and so we have confidence and see where we are going.

Look what it says here in Jeremiah 23. This is about the people of God and the end times. Jeremiah 23:20, "For the anger of the Lord will not turn back." He is talking specifically about the events related to the second coming of Christ. "The anger of the Lord will not turn back"—I mean against the wicked, the rebellious against Him—"until He has executed all the thoughts"—or put the words, all the plans—"of His heart." Notice this,

“in the latter days, you”—the people of God—“will have perfect understanding” of this reality. Perfect means mature. The people of God will have understanding because they will be in this time period when it will necessary. The Bible has a lot of information, and the Spirit will be breathing wisdom and releasing it. Those who are wise are contrasted to those who are confused and overcome with fear and deceived. The wise in this context means the people of understanding. That is actually what they are called in Daniel 11:33, which is the same vision as Daniel 12.

- C. Daniel 11:32-35 introduced themes that were developed later as knowing God (11:32a), doing miracles (11:32b), receiving understanding (11:33a), reaching “many” in the harvest (11:33b), facing martyrdom (11:34a), being helped in persecution (11:34), and being purified (11:35).

³²*But the people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits [miracles].*

³³*And those of the people who understand shall instruct many...³⁴When they fall [martyrdom], they shall be aided with a little help...³⁵Some of those of understanding shall fall [martyrdom], to refine them, purify them, and make them white, until the time of the end...” (Dan. 11:32-35)*

So remember Daniel 11 and 12 is the exact same vision. It is the same vision, the same angel having the same conversation with Daniel at the same time. There was no chapter division. The angel did not stop, pause, and say, “Hey, let’s start a new chapter here,” you know. He was just continuing on. Daniel 11 and 12 was one conversation. He says here in Daniel 11:32, “The people who know God shall be strong.” They are not going to back away. They are not going to be confused. They are not going to wilt away or succumb to sin and compromise. They are going to be strong in their spirit.

I am talking about folks like us—weak and broken people like you and me—who, apart from the grace of God, cannot be strong. There will be an increased anointing on the Body of Christ as the darkness increases, but this is for those who even in the early days resolve to go deep. They want to be committed, they want to grow in purity, they want to grow in what the Word of God says about that hour of history, and they want to understand God’s heart.

Notice this, those people who understand will carry out great exploits, that is, miracles. This category is called “the people who understand.” They will teach many. Many in the nations will care about this knowledge the closer we get to the Lord’s return. Again it might be some decades away, or it may be a few generations away. Maybe it is sooner. We do not know. It is not too soon to start understanding what the Bible says.

Who are the people of understanding? He is talking specifically here about the people who understand what is going on the culture and in the nation from the biblical point of view. They understand what the Bible says about that time of history. That is what it is talking about in context. They have understanding of what is happening in the culture and in their nation in that hour from the Bible. There is a lot in the Bible on this subject. They shall instruct many. Well, “many” means a lot of people are going to receive it.

You might say, “Well, I am not going to instruct many.” How do you know? You say, “Are you kidding? I don’t teach at a church. I don’t have a Bible study.” Beloved, in the internet technology of today you may be bedfast or somebody might be bedfast—I am not going to put that on you but I am saying somebody could be confined to a bed at home—and they could write a blog that goes viral, which has fresh understanding that ten million people could read and find strength in. In the technology age anybody might be a person who teaches many. You say, “Well, there are only two people in my kitchen, and I am bedfast.” That does not mean you are not a forerunner, that does not mean you are not a messenger, that does not mean you will not say or do something through the internet that goes viral one day. Maybe the Lord will show you something about a verse or maybe

you will say it in just a way that it just goes across the nations. It does not have to go to millions. It might happen when you are ninety years old. You do not know.

I have had a lot of folks say, "Well, you know, I am not really a Bible teacher."

I answer, "Do not write yourself off." Get into this vein of becoming a person of understanding. Know what the Bible says is happening in the culture. Know what the Bible says is happening in the nations in that hour of history, because if we are not in the early days of that hour, we are not far away from it. If we are not in it, your children or grandchildren will surely be in it, in my opinion. I think there are people alive today—again they may be the two-year-olds, I do not know—who will actually see the fullness of this. It does not matter if that is true or not. It is time to understand more now; that is the idea.

- D. **Some shall fall in martyrdom:** There will be an unprecedented number of martyrs in the end times. I do not believe that the majority of believers will be martyred, but the number will be large enough to make every believer face the possibility of it, thus causing all to decide if they are serious about Him. The martyring of believers has a sanctifying, redemptive effect, causing others to be refined.
- E. **Michael shall stand up:** This indicates an increase of angelic activity will be manifested in the end times. Michael and his angels will cast Satan and his demons out of heaven to earth (Rev. 12:7-9).
⁷**And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought...⁹So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil... he was cast to the earth and his angels were cast out...¹²Woe to the inhabitants of the earth... The devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."** (Rev. 12:7-12)
- F. **Great Tribulation:** Jesus referred to Daniel 12:1 when speaking of the end-time trouble (Mt. 24:21). He described this time as being so violent that, if the time were not cut short, no one would survive.
²¹**There will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world...**
²²**And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved [from physical death]...** (Mt. 24:21-22)
Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left. (Isa. 24:6)

III. TURNING THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS TO THE CHILDREN (MAL. 4:6)

- A. In the end times, the Spirit will restore the heart of the father in the Church as He releases a great revival. It is essential to understand and receive the father heart of God and then express it to others. The Lord is raising up spiritual fathers (male and female) to invest in young people, care for them, give them a sense of belonging to a spiritual family, and help them see His purpose for their lives.
¹**"For behold, the day is coming...yes, all who do wickedly will be stubble...²But to you who fear My name the Sun of Righteousness shall arise with healing in His wings...⁵I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers..."** (Mal 4:1-6)
- B. **Prophetic spirit:** God is a creative thinker; He thinks "outside the box." Prophetic dreams allow us to receive a part of His creative plan for this generation and the individuals in it. He called each believer to be part of the miracle of His end-time Church. He has a plan for each one of them. Ask the Lord for a dream or vision related to your assignment in God to bless others and society.

¹⁷“It shall come to pass in the last days...that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams. ¹⁸...I will pour out My Spirit in those days; and they shall prophesy. (Act 2:17-18)

*Acts 2, “It shall come about in the last days I will pour out My Spirit. Your sons and daughters will prophesy.” This will be one of the key ministries of the Holy Spirit. I mean this is for everyone in the Body of Christ. Notice it says, “I will pour out My Spirit on **all flesh**.” **All flesh**, that means every believer.*

This was a radical idea when Joel gave this prophecy that was referred to in Acts 2. When he said, “I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh,” I mean the Jewish mindset was that God only poured out His Spirit on prophets. Joel said, “God told me He was going to do it on everybody.”

They said, “Everybody? You mean non-prophets?”

“Yeah.”

“Wow.”

Then Joel takes it up a notch: He is going to pour out His Spirit on the women. Joel said, “Lord, the guys I hang out with think that only men can be prophets.”

He said, “Do not worry about it. It is going to be on the ladies.” Then it got worse. “It is going to be on the sons and daughters, on the twelve-year-olds.”

“Ugh! You cannot put it on the twelve-year-olds! They have to get at least their PhD in theology. They have to be trained.”

“It is going to be on the young people.”

Worse than that, it is not going to be just on the Jews, but on the Gentiles too. That was the worst of all! On all believers in all the nations. For a Jewish man/prophet to say this would have been politically incorrect on steroids. Now we love that verse because we are used to it. We say, “Glory to God!” But that was radical to say that it was going to be on the Gentiles. The Spirit? On Jews and Gentiles, men and women, old and young? Beloved, dreams and visions! This is dreams and visions that honor the written the Word of God. I have no interest in a dream or a vision that does not honor the written Word of God.

The closer we get to the Lord's return, the greater the increase of this prophetic spirit. The reason I am really tying this in—the prophetic spirit, getting dreams, visions, and there are a number of manifestations of the prophetic spirit, I do not want to go through all that right now—I want to tie this into Elijah, as the greatest prophet in the Old Testament is going to appear. He is representing the whole realm of dreams and visions and power and the prophetic. He is using his influence to convince people of the value of investing in children.

God says, “I am going to give you dreams and visions and not just to tell you how great your ministry is. I am going to give you dreams and visions so that you can help the young people know who they are.” Beloved, God is raising up men and women who will call forth to young hearts and tell them who they are in God.

One of the great crisis of the land is the crisis of fatherhood. This whole generation—twelve-year-olds, twenty-year-olds, even thirty-year-olds, all through these ages—nobody has invested in them in a meaningful, consistent way. No one has ever told them who they are; no one has ever stood with them, believed in them, seen their calling. God says, “I am going to raise up a whole generation of people I give the prophetic anointing to who are going to use that prophetic anointing to build up younger believers.”

They are not going to build their own ministry. They are going to use it with insight to call forth the dream and the vision of God for a young person's life. When I speak to a young person, sixteen, eighteen, twenty, thirty—I mean I am sixty so the thirties are pee-wees to me as well—I tell them who they are in God and I tell them, “God has called you, and you are the real deal.”

They say, “I am? No one has ever told me I am that.”

I am not talking of flattery. I am talking about really speaking to them.

They say, “No one has ever even believed in me.”

So it is turning them to righteousness, but with your arm around their shoulder showing them the compelling beauty of righteousness in a father spirit and telling them who they are in God.

- C. A “father” or “shepherds after God’s heart” see who someone is before God, believes in their calling, and encourages them to pursue it. Many children are abused and/or neglected, thus have no voice calling them forth. Part of our primary assignment—individually and corporately—is to train up our children (physical and spiritual) to love Jesus without compromise or offense in their hearts.
- ¹⁵*I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with...understanding. (Jer. 3:15)*
- D. There are different expressions of spiritual fatherhood. Some are more involved than others. Do not approach this as “all or nothing,” but invest in others to the measure that you have grace and time.

IV. TURNING PEOPLE TO RIGHTEOUSNESS

- A. The wise are committed to the truth—about the *nature of who Jesus is* (fully God and fully man; the only way to salvation), about *His leadership* in our life (walking in righteousness), and the truth about *His plans* in the end times as set forth in the Scripture (Dan. 11:33; 12:10).
- ³*Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever. (Dan. 12:3)*
- Righteousness:** Righteousness includes *all that God’s Word says is “right”* in practical areas of our daily life related to our money, speech, sexuality, time, and relationships (Mt. 28:20). The New Testament presents a righteous lifestyle as love-based obedience (Jn. 15:14).
¹⁹*“Go...make disciples...²⁰teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you” (Mt. 28:19-20)*
²¹*He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. (Jn. 14:21)*
 - Turn:** Those who turn will be those who formerly lived in unrighteous and sinful addictions. People turn to righteousness more consistently when others—pastors, fathers, or mentors—invest in them by walking with them through the practical processes of their godly choices.
 - Shine:** They will shine like stars forever as the Lord rewards the faithful for standing true. In other words, *it is worth it* to choose righteousness and forever shine (Mt. 13:43).
- B. As we encounter the heart of the Father, we will call young people to righteousness through a lens of love that sees the beauty, liberty, and excellency of “love-based” righteousness.

- C. Spiritual “fathers” call people to “love-based” righteousness that encounters a loving God. It is essential to include a fathering or mentoring aspect in calling people to turn to righteousness.

V. MANY: THE EFFECTIVENESS OF GOD’S END-TIME PLAN (11:33; 12:3, 10)

- A. The Lord’s plan will greatly succeed as multitudes love Him, proclaim His wisdom, and walk in purity in the midst of the intense pressures in end times (Dan. 11:33; 12:3, 10; Rev 7:9, 14).

³³*And those of the people who understand shall instruct many. (Dan. 11:33)*

³*Those who are wise shall shine...those who turn many to righteousness like the stars...*

¹⁰*Many shall be purified, made white, and refined...the wise shall understand. (Dan. 12:3, 10)*

⁹*“...a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne...¹⁴These...come out of the great tribulation.” (Rev. 7:9-14)*

- B. **Many:** Many will be purified; thus they will break free of their bondages and renounce all compromise. They will experience the Spirit’s power in their everyday struggles with temptation. They will see that it is doable to live in obedience, even in the midst of temptation and persecution.

I just want to show you my favorite word in this. Well, you know you can have 100 favorite words when it comes to the Bible. This is my favorite word in Daniel 11 and 12. It is the word, “many.” Oh, I love this word! We have already covered some of these verses, but let’s look at it anyway. Daniel 11:33, “The people of understanding”—we just read the verse—“will instruct many.” The idea is that many will be hungry to hear this information. Many will have a hunger for understanding of what is happening in their hour of history.

Daniel 12:3, again it is the same vision, same conversation, same angel, same time frame they are talking about. We are going to read it again though we have already covered it, “Those who are wise”—they are not deluded. They are not confused. They are not living in compromise. They are called the wise. They may be twenty-years-old; they may be eighteen-years-old. They do not have to be eighty; they can be young and be wise. How many of you know you can be young and operate in the wisdom of God? Because, wisdom means that you are agreeing with God’s heart for your life. It does not mean you know all the secrets of math and science, but it means that you have chosen to agree with God’s leadership in your life, that is wisdom and you are hungry for it—“the wise who shine like stars will turn many.” Oh, I love that word many! Multitudes are coming, breaking free of their addictions, their compromise, coming to radical dedication to Jesus, lives of righteousness.

Verse 10, “Many will walk in purity, many will walk in purity. John the apostle wrote in the book of Revelation that he saw a great multitude—this is in the Great Tribulation. Read Revelation 7 on your own—a great multitude so vast, from every tribe and tongue. They were standing before the Lord in the most trying time of history. They had stood faithful on the earth; that is why they are standing before the Lord in heaven at this time in this vision. He sees them; they are radical for God because they were living in the most intense time of history and would not back away. They did not succumb to the culture with all of the seduction and temptation. They did not back away with the fear of ridicule. They stood true from every tribe and tongue and nation.

Beloved, I want to be one of those people. I want to be calling people to this reality. I want to do it with the heart of a father. Again not because I am a sixty-year-old man. I was doing this when I was sixteen. I was not very good at it. I was pretty bad actually, but I was doing this because my leaders told me to do it, and I did not know any better to tell my leaders to be quiet. They just told me for a number of years, and by the time I was twenty-five I thought, “I guess this is what I am going to do my whole life: meet with people and talk them into the Bible and righteousness.” I mean investing in believers and showing them the glory of righteousness.

Amen! Let's stand. I want to pray for you. I want to pray for three things. I want to pray for people who are wanting to make a new resolve to walk in righteousness, because you cannot call people to righteousness if you are not committed to it in your own private life, right?

Number two, for those who resolve to get prepared in your understanding. You are saying, "I do not really know much about what happens in that hour of history from the Bible, but I want to know. I want to start figuring this thing out from the Bible." I do not mean from some guy's vision; I mean from the Bible. You are saying, "I want to know what the Bible says about that hour of history. I want to start growing in it. I want to pick up the pace. I want to see what the Bible says."

Thirdly, for those of you who are saying, "Dreams and visions are for everybody? For all flesh, meaning the whole Body of Christ in every tribe and tongue, that is my inheritance?" Elijah the prophet is going to use the whole realm of the spirit to pour and invest himself into younger people, to show the value of younger people. You are saying, "Lord, I want to grow in dreams and visions. I want to see that grow in my life."

Those are the three responses that I am focused on tonight. I am going to pray for the prophetic spirit all over the room right now and then I am going to call folks who want to be resolved to go deeper in righteousness in their own lives so they can prepare to even call others to it. We will do that in a minute. I want you just to close your eyes before the Lord so you are not distracted.

You are saying, "Lord, I want to move in the realm of the Spirit. I want to move in dreams and visions. I want to see what You see about other people's destiny, not to control them, but to strengthen them." So say, "Lord, here I am. I want to move in dreams and visions. I want to increase in this. I want dreams and visions for my spouse." Not for who they will be; I am talking about the one you really have. The other one can kind of get tricky sometimes, but anyway. I want dreams, I have been married thirty-eight years, and I want the Lord to talk to me more about my wife, who she is, and about my sons. They are in their thirties. My grandchildren, I want to see who they are. I want to see more about who my friends are. Lord, give me insight into Misty, into Isaac. I want to see who they are, to call them forth, invest in them.

"Lord, I ask You, release the prophetic spirit in a greater way all across this room. More, Lord. Right now, Lord, release the spirit of prophecy. Lord, right now in this room tonight. Lord, like the wind of the Holy Spirit, I ask You to blow even in this room tonight. Fire of the Spirit, even now! Lord, I ask You for dreams and visions, all different manifestations of those two realities, Lord, that we could shepherd and we could value those younger than us. Lord, we want to be shepherds after Your own heart like David was. Lord, I ask You that tonight, this very week even, there would be an increase, Lord, an increase of the move of the Holy Spirit, the prophetic spirit. Lord, we wait on Your Presence. We ask You for Your ministry now."

It is okay to get a dream and vision for your own life, but I am talking about a shepherd's heart, wanting to see the destiny of and strengthen and invest in those who are younger, the younger ones.

"Lord, here I ask, I ask You, Holy Spirit, come and release Your glory right now in this room. More, Lord. Release Your presence more, Lord. Lord, a new resolve for righteousness in our life, a new commitment to grow in understanding of the hour that is coming."

I am talking about pledging our allegiance to the leadership of Jesus. I want to call folks forward who want prayer. You are saying, "I want to go deeper in righteousness"—I am talking about a righteous lifestyle—"I want to be more dedicated. I want to settle some issues in a great focus. I want to be a person who calls people to righteousness, not just go to heaven when they pass. I want to call them to righteousness now in this age, to live a righteousness lifestyle." If you would like prayer, come up.

Beloved, I want to be a man who calls people to righteousness because it is beautiful. Righteousness is where there is liberty and love and freedom. It is not burdensome; that is the place of liberty. Immorality, bitterness, anger, slander, covetousness, and selfishness, that is death. There is no liberty in that.

“Lord, I ask You, let Your eyes see”—Of course He sees you—“I ask You that You would release an abundance of grace.”

I am going to ask others in the room to come up to help with ministry, if you would, so that everybody gets prayed for at least by one person. So anyone in the room that wants to, whether you are visiting or you are a local here, come on up and just lay hands on them. You do not have to say anything really fancy. Just say, “Lord, release grace.” You know you can just whisper it. It is not articulate words; just say it simply. The Lord does more when the Church prays for the Church. Say, “Lord, release grace,” something as simple as that. “Grace now, Lord. Grace, grace, Lord, that they would turn people to righteousness, to the freedom and the liberty of righteousness, to bring others into freedom.”

“Lord, I ask you for that pastoral anointing, that pastoral calling, that shepherd’s heart. O Shepherd of Israel, I ask You for an anointing of greater increase to bring others into righteousness, even in their own lives. Lord, release Your shepherd’s heart. Lord, I ask for that grace to turn the hearts of fathers to children. I ask for the heart that is turned to children, Lord, that You would release it in a greater measure in this place. Release Your glory, Lord. Lord, take my eyes and let me see the younger one. Let me see the children, the younger ones around me. Let me see what You are doing in this hour. Expand my heart, O God. Lord, release the heart of the Father, Your heart, in Your people. Take my heart, turn it to the children, to the fifteen-year-olds, to the twenty-year-olds, to the five-year-olds. Turn it to the children.