

Prophecy from Keith Powell given on Monday 6th December, 2010 at the Leaders Gathering, New Life Christian Centre, Wembley, U.K.

(Transcribed by Jim Master as accurately as possible).

As a farmer, I've been farming most of my life, and that's where God started speaking to me down in Somerset, on some hills called the Quantock Hills, and so what I want to bring you this morning has been building since 1992.

The main word I want to bring you, that the Lord gave me in October, is that there is going to be a battle for Britain next year. Where I live now, there is the last battle field on English soil. It is the Battle of Sedgemoor, where there was a rebellion to take the Crown of England. That's right behind me. Then, of course, it wasn't the last battle over English soil, we've just celebrated 70 years of the Battle of Britain, but this is now going to be the Battle for Britain and it begins next year.

I know the Lord wants us not to give dates, but He spoke to me two years ago about 2011 being pivotal, the word was 'pivotal'; pivotal for the church, pivotal for the nation, and extraordinarily pivotal for the world, because what I believe will happen in this country will then go on out.

Can I just go back to 1992. I was just in the middle of harvesting, and I went to bed one night, and God gave me a big dream. I didn't understand anything about prophecy at that time, nobody had spoken to me. The Lord spoke to me and He showed me a wave, and I was taken up into the heavenly realms and the Lord showed me a wave, a white waterfall moving unstopably, powerfully, across the UK from the South West to the North East. As it moved over very, very slowly, but powerfully, it left a white, pure white Cross, across the UK and I asked the Lord "what's going on"? He said "I'm going to revive my church and renew the nation and that symbolic white Cross is a Holy church, and a Holy church will impact the nation."

Well, six months later I found myself sharing it with another church and they were ready to launch a prayer network called 'Crosswinds' by a man called John Simons, and off it went and I thought that was the end of it.

Anyway, I've since left my farm and become a Pastor in Somerset. I have six rural churches, I'm a Renewal Advisor to my Diocese, and an Itinerate Minister with a passion for the prophetic. You know the Lord says He will do nothing without revealing His plans to His servants the prophets.

You know, if you read in Daniel, his great prayer in Daniel 9. He said "forgive us Lord, we did not listen to your servants the prophets." So I think we are in a time now where God is speaking, He's always been crying out to us, but...I'll come to the lion roaring in a minute.

In 2007 the Lord called me to think about fasting with prayer. He called me to write a pamphlet, and as I asked people, and even talked to Bishops about fasting, they said nobody

will know what you're talking about Keith! So I wrote what I call "a user friendly" pamphlet that I could give out to encourage people to pick up an old way, a neglected discipline that we should just be doing normally in 2007. I want you to bear in mind that, under-girding all this, is I believe, that the Lord is going to bring renewal and revival, but it's not coming quite as I thought.

In August, at New Wine, the Lord gave me a vivid picture. I saw the Lord standing with a belt round His waist and sword hanging from that belt. He took the sword with His right hand and with His left hand He wiped the blade, and as He wiped the blade, spontaneously the sword became sharp and shining and ready for use.

About a month later I was reading Ezekiel 21 verse 1 and there you will find that whole vision explained. The sword has been drawn and it is a warning of God's judgement and the judgement is upon us the church. It is upon the Nation, of course, as well, but we're meant to be the light. I struggled with that and said "Lord, how...I was expecting this wonderful wave of revival to come and now you're going to tell me we've got to face judgement."

He said "Yes, judgement and renewal will come together. The two will come in a moment of time." As I was querying this, and arguing this almost, with Lord He said "look at John's description of my Son in Revelation."

If you look in Revelation, and John's description in verses 15 and 16 of our Lord, in verse 15 it says "His voice was like the sound of rushing water" in other words a wave of renewal and out of His mouth, in verse 16, came a sharp double edged sword. So from the same place in our Lord comes both renewal and judgement.

I started praying about this and I went up onto the highest point in my area, a place called Dunkery Beacon, and you can see for miles from the south west and I stood up there and prayed through 360 degrees. I was quite pleased with my prayer that morning until I stopped and the Lord said, "You've forgotten one thing". I said, "Oh no, what's that?" He said "You've forgotten to cry out for mercy." It seems to me that mercy is a trigger to attract the Lord's attention.

You know the two blind men didn't say, 'Lord heal me', they said, "Son of David have mercy", and once they cried for mercy then there was a response. In Habakkuk 3 they did the same thing.

In Habakkuk's prayer, it says "Lord I've heard of your fame, I stand in awe of your deeds, renew them in our day and in our time make them known, and in wrath remember mercy." So I found myself talking at New Wine in 2009 on Renewal and Judgement, and the Lord said "the Church needs to regain five things. The first thing is we need watchmen. The second is we need to seek holiness. The third is to cry out for mercy. The fourth is to exercise and encourage the prophetic, and the fifth is to raise up warriors to take up the land for God." And at the end the lion roared!

I can't explain to you this.... as Aslan was going round the site in my mind, and when we came to the end of the talk people started roaring like lions, and people were painting lions, and all sorts of things.

Then I was drawn to Amos 3 verse 7 & 8, which I've already quoted, "Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing His plans to His servants the Prophets. The lion has roared, who will not fear, the Sovereign Lord has spoken who can but prophecy."

So there was urgency beginning here for me about proclaiming the Word of God in power, and at the same time I met with my renewal group support team and said that we need to call a Holy Fast. I don't even know what that means! It's what Joel calls for, and I don't know what it looks like, but what I'm talking about is in Joel 2 "blow the Holy trumpet call a Holy Fast".

I saw my local Bishop and persuaded him to allow me to promote prayer and fasting, and also, that was the year that the Lord showed me that 2011 would be a pivotal year.

Now in 2010 the lion was still roaring. In the City of Bath there are a hundred lions, it's an art display, everywhere you walk through the City of Bath, which is my nearest city, there are 100 lions. I felt God was just saying "wake up, oh sleeper".

You know this is the call to the church, Ephesians 5, "wake up, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine upon you". The battle is at the gate, Isaiah 28 verse 6. So in that year of 2010, last August, this August even! I spoke on raising the dead, the call of the prophet. That is the physically dead, the dead church, dead nations, and so on.

At the end of that you will see in Revelation there's an Angel straddling the earth and the sea, and he shouts out loudly with the roar of a lion, and in verse 11 of Revelation 10 it says: "you must prophecy again about many peoples, nations, languages and Kings." In other words, it's gone from severe warning to a critical warning about prophesying. In this October, in France, I had taken a week off, and a bit like Ian, I was just half way through the week, and said Lord "if you want to speak to me that would be great." I was hoping He might speak to me in my sleep as He often speaks to me in that way, but at six o'clock I woke up and He gave me this heading, 'Battle for Britain 2011-Call a Holy Fast- Blow the Trumpet'. This was all the download regarding the battle. The battle has moved from ground level to air level. Now this battle is in the heavenly realms and will need heavenly weaponry. It's a pivotal moment and just like the Battle of Britain, we need spiritual radar stations around the coast, we need watchmen around the coast, we need many new prayer fields rather than airfields. The generation that fought that Battle of Britain is now dying out, it's time for a new generation to rise up, and so there's a great focus on young people.

I believe the Lord is going to swoop down, as it were, upon our young people and we need to prepare the way for them. I believe that the enemy spirit over Europe that has led to the 1st and 2nd World War is still perusing this domination over the EU, and these new young warriors will use weapons that the last generation didn't use or understand. It will be like David coming along and refusing Saul's armour and saying, 'no, the Lord has prepared me in His own way'. I think we'll be amazed by how the Lord has been preparing young people in His own way, and we need to stand back and encourage and release them.

What do we need, we need collective and national fasting; persistent and united prayer wielding the Sword of the Spirit; exercising the supernatural gifts of the Spirit, and public led worship and praise, by that I mean outside of our buildings. We need to get out, and it should be the praise and worship that leads God's people into dark places. The battle to be fought in groups, this isn't a one off, this is team work, squadrons with experienced leaders, each member prayerfully protecting the others in the group; and in a way, like Joshua had to take the land, he needed boldness. We need to fight for this revival and renewal I believe, to see it come to pass. Just a few men and women of faith and you can change the history of the nation, just to stand in the gap to be salt to be light. And what was that quote for the Battle of Britain. "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

God is just looking for the few righteous people now. It's a Godly principle. In Ezekiel, if you remember, it says "I look for a man who will build up the wall and stand before me in the gap and I found no one". Pray God that He does find people, and this thing about standing, standing, standing.

In Ephesians 6 verse 10, I thought the most common word was to pray, prayer is mentioned four times, but standing is mentioned four times. We've got to stand! A friend of mine had a picture of dominoes, you know the domino effect they keep talking about it in European countries; they fall down, this domino effect. You just need one person to stand at right angles and it'll stop it. So we've got to stand.

Abraham, if you remember, pleaded with God, "If you find just ten righteous people among that whole city....." God is just looking for a few.

So how do we fight for this nation for God? Well, according to Joel we blow the trumpet and we declare a Holy fast which is where I'm so grateful to Ian for calling this meeting. Down in Somerset I don't have many networks to spread this word so I'm very grateful to him. So, declare a Holy fast, call a sacred assembly, summon the elders and all who live in the land to the house of the Lord, and cry out to the Lord, and call for a national prayer and fast, and blow the trumpet.

This prayer and fasting is so elemental in the Old Testament. Nehemiah did it when he heard of the situation. Daniel does it; Jehoshaphat does it, Ezra, Esther, even in Nineveh, a Gentile country. You know, Jonah didn't want to see them saved, but in the end they responded to the Word of God.

I believe we are in times now where God is in that period in summarising what I'm saying, in Isaiah 58 through to 61. Chapter 58 is a call to come back to a true relationship with the Lord, true fasting; Chapter 59 warns us about the reality of the situation we're in.

Chapter 60 summarised, calls us to repentance and in Chapter 61, we see a season of the Lord's favour coming, and we have got to respond, back in chapter 58, before we're going to see what the Lord is going to do and bless us with.

So renewal is coming we have to fight for it, there is a pent up flood coming (Isaiah 59 verse 19). There's a cleansing wave coming I believe, a Holy wave of purification.

Just before I came here, during the week, the Lord showed me in a dream; He asked me to stand in a place, he's put me on a little bank, and below where I live is below sea level, so if a big wave is coming I hope I have time to build a boat! There is a wave coming and He says, 'stand, stand on this small boat', and I see this wave coming and it's not the wave I anticipated; it's not this majestic beautiful white wave; it's a dirty messy mucky wave. It's quite low, but it's quite powerful, and it's just coming with old tyres, debris in it. I'm standing there and the Lord is saying, 'you've got to stand'. It hits me and blows me off my feet, and I think this is it, and don't know where I'm going to end up, and I put my feet down and I'm still standing. What I felt the Lord was saying was if a Holy wave, a wave of purity, is coming it cannot abide the filth, the sin and, therefore, it will have to be washed ahead and out in front of it. So we need to be ready for that, and we need to be ascending the Holy Hill. Psalm 24, I think, is a Psalm of the moment. I won't go into any more detail about that.

Let me just summarise, the Lord has said what a pivotal moment, that means it could go one way or the other. We need to sound the trumpet. It's a battle for Britain and it will be fought in heavenly realms with spiritual weapons. It's pivotal because the UK is pivotal. I believe this wave, as it comes and renews and refreshes us, will then wash out again to the ends of the earth. That's my personal view. The young people are crucial, because God is going to jump several generations, and they will lead people both below them and above them in age back to the Lord. It only takes a few to stand in the gap, just a few righteous people to cry out for mercy, for God to bless a nation, we need to be overcomers. We need to be passionate and fervent about this. Why, in the seven letters in Revelation to the church does it end by saying "those who overcome"? Presumably, because we've got to overcome something to reach this blessing. So be overcomers, and we will see the Lord's Glory in this land, and the church will be renewed I believe, and the country will be revived ready for God's purposes for the ends of the earth for the word to go out. So pray and fast, cry out for mercy, get as close as you can to the Lord because he's our refuge and stronghold. Amen.