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THE UNDILUTED, FULL STRENGTH, THREE ANGELS' MESSAGES

with enough power to...

- **cleanse from all sin**
- **set us free from all bondage**
- **break all the power of the enemy over us**
- **restore us to total spiritual health**
- **develop immunity to all last-day deceptions**

#13 – Judgment Hour Living: The Reconciliation Revolution

“The hour of His judgment has come” (Revelation 14:6). How are you supposed to live during the judgment hour? Does it mean you must go to *“every nation, kindred, tongue and people”* to proclaim that God’s judgments are about to fall upon people because of their wicked ways? And then you can shake the dust off your feet and wait for the fire to fall as you exclaim, *“I have finished the work!”* But before taking the everlasting gospel to the ends of the earth, do not neglect giving the gospel to people closest to you, particularly those who have hurt and offended you. Have you ever in your heart wished that God’s judgments would fall on them for the ways they have treated you? The text *“the hour of His judgment has come”* is God’s invitation to you to let go of your personal right of trying to bring judgment on your offenders, because you believe that He will judge. Perhaps you reply, *“They will never change!”* But you can change. You can change from trying to play judge (which is God’s work) to becoming a forgiver and a reconciler. You can replace criticism with intercession. There is no better way of living in the judgment hour than to personally start a reconciliation revolution in your own neighborhood, church, and family.

God does not need our help in the work of carrying out judgments on those who have hurt us. But He does need our help in giving others a personal testimony about how Jesus received in His own body the judgment we deserved. We deserved condemnation, but because of the gospel we received acquittal. We deserved to be treated as enemies, but instead God treated us as friends. One of the blessed results of His substitutionary atonement is that Jesus from the cross could pray, *“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do!”* (Luke 23:34). To believe the gospel is to be stunned speechless that Jesus received the judgment we deserved, and we can, therefore, let go of all thoughts of vengeance in bringing judgment on our offenders

There is much more to the proclamation of the three angels’ message than evangelism. Do not let the glamour of evangelism in Burundi, Bangladesh and Bolivia deter you from the work of intercession for others, particularly the people who have offended you. In intercessory prayer we join with Jesus in His work as High Priest, as we personally exercise our authority as “kings and priests” (Revelation 1:6). Perhaps your appeals to others have fallen on deaf ears, but the power of the everlasting gospel can unstop your ears and open your eyes, so that you will start seeing others as Jesus sees them. This is the intercession revolution where God changes you before He changes others.

How to Pray in the Judgment Hour: the Intercession Revolution

“The Spirit helps us in our infirmities. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express” (Romans 8:26 NIV). Here are some practical pointers on how to carry on this work of intercession.

1. Intercessory prayer is to take up our duly authorized commission and authority to *“bind and to loose”* (Matthew 16:18,19). This is a work of asking Jesus to loose and deliver us from the bondage of our own bitterness, resentment, and unforgiveness so that we can become ambassadors of reconciliation to others. You cannot set others free unless Jesus first has set you free.
2. Intercession is first a process of identification with the person for whom we are praying. But it is also an identification with God’s heart concerning that person. In intercessory prayer we seek to understand the deepest needs of the person for whom we are praying as the Holy Spirit reveals these to us. In such prayer we enter into a unity with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit concerning the person/s for whom we are praying, and through the discernment given by the Holy Spirit we come to understand something about the spirit and the deepest needs of the persons for whom we are praying.
3. In intercessory prayer we enter into the sufferings of Christ for us and for the persons for whom we are praying.
4. To “pray in the Spirit” is to let the Holy Spirit motivate and direct our prayers. If our prayers of intercession are prompted by the Holy Spirit, does it then not also stand to reason that the same Holy Spirit is also at work in accomplishing the answers to those prayers?
5. As we in intercessory prayer see others through the eyes of Jesus, we also learn to love them as Jesus loved them. The greatest blessing of intercession is the presence of Christ flowing through us in the form of compassion.

So before you take the everlasting gospel to the ends of the earth, let it first accomplish an internal reconciliation revolution in you on behalf of those closest to you. This is what Oswald Chambers calls the work of the Ministry of the Interior. *“In the Ministry of the Interior all we have to do is simply to take the matter before God and be made ‘crushed grapes’ until the Holy Spirit produces such an atmosphere that the one who is wrong cannot endure it.”* This is how we become the saving fragrance and aroma of Christ among the perishing (2 Corinthians 2:15).