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There's an invitation tonight. I'm talking to cities all over the world, but I promise I am prophesying to Pretoria and Johannesburg that there's an invitation tonight. Cities all over the world, wherever you're watching and in whatever nation, I believe the Lord is speaking. I know the Lord is speaking from John Chapter 1. Stay in an attitude of worship for a moment as we bring a word from heaven.

For the last two days, the Lord's been speaking to me about visitation and habitation-about being a resting place for the presence of the Lord. God is looking and knocking at the door of the heart. Whoever opens up that door, Jesus will come in and dine with them and they will dine with Him. How many of you know the Lord is knocking? The Lord is looking for someone. He's looking for a city, or a nation, a church, or a ministry. There's an invitation. I'm prophesying and talking about visitation and habitation tonight.

Become His habitation

I was meditating on John Chapter 1, beginning in verse 35, "Again, the next day, John stood with two of his disciples. 36 And looking at Jesus as He walked, he said, "Behold the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. Then Jesus turned, and seeing them following, said to them, "What do you seek? They said to Him, "Rabbi" (which is to say, when translated, Teacher), "where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." An invitation-Jesus said "Come and see." "Where are You staying Teacher? Where's the place of habitation? Where's the place where the Son of Man lays His head? Where's the place of the outpouring of glory and power?" And Jesus says, "Come and see." And then the Scripture says, they came and saw where He was staying and remained with Jesus that day.

It just struck me, pierced my heart, that is what I want. I want to see where Jesus is staying. I want an invitation into the place of habitation-hosting the presence of God. The Lord is saying, "What is it that you're seeking?" And they responded, "Where are You staying?" And Jesus said, "Come and see." And they came and saw and stayed with Jesus. Not visitation, but habitation. Not just blessing, I want to be in the place where Jesus is staying. I want to be the place where I can host the presence of God. I was thinking of Psalm 27:4, "One thing I have desired of the Lord, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the Lord, And to inquire in His temple."

Hosting the presence of God

What are you seeking? What are you looking for? I'm looking for the place where Jesus is. I'm looking for the place where Jesus is staying. I'm looking for the place of habitation. I don't just want a visitation-I'm talking about hosting the presence of God. I'm talking about the rest of God. One thing I desire and one thing I will seek, that I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. I thought about this Scripture in Luke. I want to prophesy to cities, pastors, churches, ministries, and nations around the world. Look at Luke 9:58: "And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head." Jesus is looking for somewhere-a church, a ministry, a city, a people-to lay His head. The Son of Man is looking for a home. The Son of Man is looking for habitation. "Where are You staying Jesus? Show me the place You are staying." And Jesus said, "Come and see. Come and see the place that I'm staying. Come and see My habitation."

"What is it that you're seeking?" "The place where You're staying." Come and see, and they stayed with Jesus that day. I'm talking about hosting the presence of God because foxes have holes and birds in the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head, and He's looking. Could it be Pretoria? Could it be Johannesburg? Or could it be other cities in South Africa? Or from wherever you're watching-whatever city or nation? Could it be your church altar? Could it be your ministry altar? Right now? Son of Man, come and make Your home in me.

How hungry are you?

Prophesying and talking about visitation and habitation reminded me of Luke Chapter 24. It's a word of the Lord tonight. You all remember the story of the two disciples on the road to Emmaus. Luke 24:28 says: "Then they drew near to the village where they were going, and He indicated that He would have gone farther." They came to the place where two friends on the road say goodbye to one another and go in one direction and Jesus goes in another. The Scripture says Jesus indicated, He acted like, He was going to go to another city. He was bringing the blessing and the visitation, and He was going to another city. The Bible says something amazing in verse 29: "But they constrained Him, saying, "Abide with us, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent." And He went in to stay with them."

We see the same thing in John Chapter 1. "What is it that you're seeking?" "Where are You staying?" And Jesus said "Come and see." And they stayed with Him that day. In the example of Jesus walking on the road with the two disciples, He acted like He was going to go on a little bit further. It was like a test. Knocking at the door of the heart. How hungry are you, Pretoria? How hungry are you Johannesburg? How hungry are you? Do you want Me to come and stay for a little while and then move on, or do you want to constrain Me? Constrain Me saying, "Abide with us. Don't go Jesus. Make Your home in me." They constrained Jesus means they laid hold of Him aggressively, even violently. They said, "Don't go. We don't want visitation, we want habitation."

Seeking and desiring one thing

The only thing that can keep the presence of the Lord in an outpouring of revival is hunger. The Holy Spirit wants hunger. I'm telling you tonight, Pretoria's hungry. There's a hunger in this place. There's a hunger stirring. There's a hunger rising. Many other nations and cities, people watching all over the world, you're hungry. You're saying, "Don't pass me by." You're saying, "Come Holy Spirit." You're saying "Come into the altar of my heart, the altar of my church and ministry, the altar of my city." And God is saying, "Get ready." I am prophesying to cities and nations around the world. You can say, "God, one thing I desire, one thing I seek that I will dwell in the house of the Lord." We can lift up our voices right now and say, "I want to see, I want to see the place where Jesus is staying. I want to be the place that's hosting."

Let's lift up our voices in hunger tonight and don't let Him go. Don't let Him just come in a blessing. Don't just let Him come in a visitation. Don't just let Him knock at the door of your heart. Open up the door of your heart and be a place of habitation. Come on Pretoria, let's go a little higher tonight. Oh, Jesus. I want Jesus. I want to be a home. I want to be a resting place for the Son of Man. I want the Son of Man to find a home in me.

We need an Outpouring

It's a word tonight. It's an equal opportunity. The Son of Man is looking for a place to rest His head. The Son of Man is looking for a home. He doesn't just want to visit Pretoria; He wants to abide. He doesn't just want to visit your church and your city; He wants to abide. He's looking for a dwelling place. He's looking for a host, someone that will host His presence-that will host the arch of His presence. He's looking for someone that would be hungry and say, "God, one thing I desire and one thing I seek, that I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever. I want to know the place, the place of revival, the place of blessing, the place of outpouring, the place of miracles, the place of harvest. I don't want to know the place of religion and tradition. I don't want to know the place that's dry and thirsty. I want to know where the Son of Man is. I want the Son of Man to find a home in me. I want Him to find a home in my church and find a home in my city and my nation." There's an opportunity tonight. An invitation. Not just visitation, but habitation.

They constrained Him saying, "Abide with us." How much more do we want tonight, Pretoria? How much more do we want? Come on, rise to your feet tonight and really cry out for the presence of God. Who wants an outpouring? Someone lift up their voice tonight and say, "God, my church, my ministry, my city, my nation, my life. Holy Spirit of God, resting on me."

Worldwide Revival outpouring

Jesus wept over Jerusalem because they did not know their hour of visitation. How many cities did not know their hour of visitation? How many cities and nations right now do not know their hour of visitation? God is knocking at the door of your heart. How many of you are going to open the door tonight? Wherever you're watching tonight, you can have revival. Wherever you're watching tonight, you can have an outpouring. It's not just for South Africa. It's not just for Pretoria, but God is offering an outpouring. You can get it in Ireland. You can get it in England. You can get it in Korea. You can get it in Australia. You can get it anywhere in Africa. You can have it in India. It doesn't matter where you're watching. God wants hunger. God wants hunger and people are hungry right now. They are like the disciples on the road to Emmaus, saying, "Jesus I don't want You just to come and bless. I want You to stay. I want You to stay in my house. I want the Son of Man to find a place to lay His head. I want to see the place where You're staying."

In the Spirit there's an opportunity for someone to grab a hold of a revival mantle and the move of God will begin to happen in your church. The move of God will begin to happen in your city. The move of God will begin to happen in your nation. We can lift up our hands tonight and say, "God, give me a double portion of the grace to have revival outpouring. Break out on a global scale, on a mass scale, all over the world, in living rooms around the world."

It's your hunger right now. It's a moment right now. Come on in your living rooms. Get hold of the word of the Lord. Say, "My God, I'm going to start a fire. My God, I'm going to start a fire. I'm going to start a fire. I want a mantle. I want a mantle to see revival in my city, in my nation, in my church. Start a fire."

There is currently a fresh Healing Awakening and season of Revival on earth. Let's become His resting place and ask him to find His place with us and receive His Revival Outpouring.

Yours in the Harvest,

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