

The Great Harvest

By Todd Bentley

I had a powerful vision and encounter with the Lord recently during a church service at Queen City Church (QCC) in Charlotte, North Carolina.

THE VISION

I saw a great harvest field. It was like a field I had never seen before and very large. There were many bundles (sheaves) of wheat already gathered. The wheat was white, ripe, and golden. I remember the sun shining down and how blue and clear the sky was. My heart yearned to be in this field. I said, "Lord, I'm a harvester, I've been in the harvest for many years. Why am I not in this field?" We were standing on the edge of the field. I felt the Father (Lord of the harvest) say, "The church is on the edge now of the great harvest at the end of the age" (see Matthew 13:24-43).

THE HAMMER

In the prophetic experience, the Lord gave me a hammer. I thought, "A hammer, Lord? Why not a sickle or a sword?" The Holy Spirit spoke to me saying, "All you need is a fire and a hammer to break through the strongholds and penetrate the hearts of the religious minds and darkness of the people." "Is not My word like fire?" says the LORD, "and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?" (Jeremiah 23:29) In the vision, the hammer was called "George Whitefield." He was part of the First Great Awakening and many referred to him as the field preacher. Sometimes crowds of 20,000 to 30,000 would gather, and he would preach (herald) the gospel with a booming voice. No amplification system was needed. George Whitefield had charisma, and his voice, according to many accounts, could be heard for over five miles.

EDGEFIELD

I saw in the vision that the Lord was speaking about being on the "edge of the greatest harvest." We are now stepping into the fields. I also knew by the Spirit that some of the greatest revivals would be literally in open fields again. I believe the grace that was on Whitefield, Jonathan Edwards, and the First Great Awakening is now upon us in a new season of harvest and preaching.

We are being commissioned into a new season of harvest like we have never seen before. In this vision, we were stepping into the great harvest after many years of being trained and equipped. More than ever, we are entering into a reaping season. We are moving from just sowing and seed time to a harvest of all the seeds of Promise.

BOB JONES' PASSING

For many years, Bob Jones was a spiritual father in my life and ministry and also countless others around the world. His death was on the day of love (Valentine's Day). On the night of his passing, there was a small earthquake in South Carolina.

CNN: "A 4.1 magnitude earthquake struck Friday night in west central South Carolina, the U.S. Geological Survey reported. The quake was centered northwest of Edgefield."

One prophetic voice said that Bob Jones' death prophesied "there is a door standing open in heaven" (Revelation 4:1). The door is now open to the great harvest. We are at the edge of the field (Edgefield).

HOLLYWOOD AND THE BIBLE

We are entering into a new season of harvest, and God is giving many a fresh revelation of the cross and true grace so we can be a part of this great movement. Even Hollywood is calling this year "The Year of The Bible." I believe a large part the coming great harvest is God anointing and using the arts and entertainment. Even reality TV shows and series are moving to more shows like Duck Dynasty and the History channel's The Bible Series. There is a new interest in America and the world for truth and The Bible. It's being preached in the church, and it needs to be. It is also being preached through a revival media. I believe Hollywood plays a big part in spreading the message of the cross.

ACCELERATED HARVEST

I'm talking about accelerated breakthrough and harvest. A time of supernatural harvest of all things sown. I love the story of Peter and the supernatural harvest of fish after he toiled all night and caught nothing. Think of the times in your life when it seemed like nothing was happening; you labored and worked so hard for the Lord. Then one word from Jesus and you are reaping so much that immediately the nets are now breaking.

And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. And they beckoned unto their partners, which were in the other ship, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the ships, so that they began to sink (Luke 5:5-7 KJV).

This was a harvest so great that Peter's breakthrough enabled others to step into his blessing. He had to signal for the other boats to help him. Could you imagine getting such a breakthrough that it would be enough to bless you and the rest of body of Christ?

In Him,

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