

# TOMORROW'S COMING

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God gives us in Revelation 1:8 a powerful yet brief snap-shot of Himself when He said, *"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."*

I believe God made this statement to help our finite minds understand His eternal existence. He was, He is and He is to come, or He always has been and always will be. Letting us know that He is the God of our past, present and future.

When Moses was at the burning bush, God said; I am sending you to deliver the nation of Israel from bondage. Moses, still in wonderment asks God, who will I say has sent me. God simply says tell them, "I AM" has sent you. (Exodus 3:14) God continues here to help us understand He is forever. This declaration of Himself is the best description that at any time, anywhere God is, "I AM".

Therefore, to embrace the fullness of this season we must grab hold of and recognize the *"what is to come"* aspect of our daily walk with God. We are not to live in the past or the past experiences with God. Nor do we only live in today and the experience of today, we must look forward to "what is to come" and embrace this aspect of God. Making the future a part of today so the future will be what God desires. Not embracing the future will shortchange our tomorrow. What we do today is the seed for our tomorrow. We cannot ignore tomorrow or what God is planning for our future.

Here is my thought – our life in Jesus is a life of victory and peace, yet few walk continually in that place. Even more unsettling is we serve a "supernatural" God who likes to show forth His supernatural-ness as a "normal" part of our lives. Yet even fewer walk in this place. This flow of encounters and happenings with God should be an on-going lifestyle. Demonstrating who God is, showing people, saved and unsaved, just how awesome our God is. These demonstrations should be normal, common in occurrence but never common in substance, always glorifying God.

Our life in God cannot be lived in the, what was, nor can it fully be lived in the now, with out considering our need to focus and plan for tomorrow. The "Is to come" – the dreams, visions, plans of God, purposes of God that are coming. IF we do what is right today, we will not short-circuit what and where God wants us to be tomorrow.

Moses was an awesome leader of God, but in Joshua chapter 1, God said to Joshua, Moses my servant is dead, get up and go over into the promise land. We cannot live in the past, or in the past revivals. We cannot lean on past leaders to the extent that there is no embracing a new movement with new leaders. Yes, we honor greatly the men and women of the past and the past moves of God, but they are both gone. We are here and we need to move forward in God and not get trapped in the "was" or the "is" but charge fervently headlong into "what is to come" – fulfilling every promise of God for our lives and effecting our world for God.

Let's slow a moment so we don't run amuck with the wrong understanding. Most assuredly we are to live "today" – scripture relates we know not of tomorrow – today is the day of salvation. Nevertheless, God has engrained in us the "hope" of what is coming and what is promised in His Word. For example, say you are experiencing an attack of sickness in your body; you are praying and believing God and His word, "By His stripes I am healed"! – Yet the manifestation of that healing has not yet manifested. You are looking forward to "what is to come" in the natural. Yes, you already have it in the Spirit, the promise is sure, healing has been paid for and it belongs to you. In faith, we are looking forward to the completeness of our healing, looking to that which "is to come".

My point is we spend too much time looking at the "past" and at the "now" and we stop there. The covenant promise of God encompasses our full spectrum, what was, what is and what is to come. This is the Alpha and Omega! Our God is the beginning and He is the end. My reason for this focus is that we

miss out on God's best when we do not embrace and walk in the fullness of God in our future.

Most of the church is "waiting" for something to happen. We all feel or sense in our spirits, God is about to do something BIG! We want it and are ready for it, or so we think. We rehearse and reminisce the good old days. And yes quite frankly they were good, very good. Nevertheless, we are not there now, we draw and learn from the past but God is a God of forward movement – we are always moving towards completion of His plan in our individual and corporate lives. Today must be filled with "what is to come". We must believe and have faith in and dream for and call forth and plant seed towards, God's best in our tomorrow. Paul in Philippians 3:14 reinforces this thought when he says, I press towards the mark of the prize of the High Calling in Christ Jesus. This is a "what is to come" statement of faith in God to do what He started in each of us. Paul was always doing, saying, and looking to a greater, stronger, more powerful relationship with Jesus. We must do the same - - -

Are we stuck in the past of the old way of doing things? Are we living off past victories? Are we fearful of any change in the way we do things, the way God moves in our lives and through us to bless others. We must remember that the next move of God as with any move is not about us, but about souls. About an end-time harvest of people who need God and His love. The time to prepare is now, today. How do we prepare you ask? By not being stuck in old ways, old thinking, old methods but being attentive, responsive and obedient to the Holy Spirit. Are we open to embrace new things, even when they are "uncomfortable" to us, and not "shut down" because "we" have never experienced them before. We must tear down old mindsets by renewing our minds with the Word of God. Being open to fresh revelation, which will enable us to fulfill His perfect will today, and move us toward the future. No, we do not throw out what we have learned, but when we need to

change, we are open to the change. The old wineskin cannot hold the new wine, but the new wineskin can, which one are we?

I must reinforce a point on "FAITH". Today is demanding a strong faith in God and in His Word as the final authority for our lives. We all know the devil wants to get each of us to live in "FEAR" and therefore stop believing and trusting God. Fear allows him to steal, kill and destroy our lives. But God knows the power of living and walking in faith. Faith is the absence of fear - - - When we truly believe God and have absolute CONFIDENCE in Him, then fear takes a hike. It is not there; it does not contaminate or destroy our faith walk. We cannot afford to allow fear to find an entrance into our lives at any place, action, circumstance, situation or point of trouble. Fear must go, faith must be!!!! – This is VITAL in our move to "what is to come".

We have never experienced what is happening in the world at this time. The situations, troubles, tragedies, and atrocities are uncharted waters. However, none of this surprised or caught God off guard. God has not changed, He has not moved and His plan for our victory has not altered one tiny little point. We are still who God says we are, we have what God says we have and we can do what God says we can do. Therefore, our dreams, visions, desires for tomorrow cannot stop and must not be small or mundane? God is a big God, our dreams and visions and goals in Him should never be small in scope or intended fulfillment. It is important to continue dreaming and if you have stopped dreaming then, restart.

Our future cannot be measured by the success or failure of the past. We must live in today's truth, yet not be negligent in looking to the future and the next move of God. Embracing the "crossing the Jordan" if you will. Going where no man has gone before – moving in the power and purpose of heaven, lifting Jesus up so all men are drawn unto Him.

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