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CONFESSION:

Prayer is my foremost business.
Prayer is my main business.
I will give myself to prayer.
My Father God hears me when I pray.
He has said in His Word,
The fervent effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
I am that righteous man.
For Him who knew no sin was made to be sin for me,
That I might be made the righteousness of God in Him.
I am the righteousness of God in Him.
I am that righteous man.
I must see to it that my prayers are fervent.
I will be fervent.
For the fervent effectual prayer of a righteous man availeth much.
My prayers work.
Hallelujah.
Now lift you hands and thank Him for it. Hallelujah to Jesus.

(tongues) (praises)

I can hear the Spirit of God within my spirit saying:
You ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that you have heard today. For there are those who stand here who will shortly need the very things that are spoken here. They'll stand in desperate conditions and if they know not how to intercede, they'll be left almost seemingly forsaken and forlorn. Because they did not assume their place and pick up their responsibility and enter into the prayer fight. There are those who stand here today, who will stand in stead of what has been here – you will need it badly, you'll need it badly, you'll need it greatly. There are those who stand here today that will not stand in this place again. Never will you be the same again. You need desperately to get into your spirit what is being taught about intercession, for you'll stand in need of it. Do not treat it lightly. (Oh, dear Lord, it seems like we didn't say everything we should have said there. What is that other down there?) Yes, there are lives that are here, there are families that are here, that even though you do not know it now, darkness is creeping in upon you. The enemy would endeavor to steal from you the blessings of God, the enemy would endeavor, and would and will invade your homes, your lives, and your marriages, but to be forewarned is to be forearmed. Intercede against the powers of darkness. Don't stop in your praying because things seem to change just a little bit. Keep on interceding until the full answer

materializes or the entire burden lifts. Don't settle for 75% victory. Don't even settle for 90 or 99% victory, but settle for nothing less than 100% victory. Deliverance from darkness.

And then I could hear the (yea, that's it), I could hear the Spirit of God within my spirit saying: The end of the age, the end of the age, is coming upon this generation. The powers of darkness, the forces of evil are rampant as never before. And they will be increased in intensity and velocity, and even many Christians will see and look upon those things and say, "There's no use." And throw up their hands in futility and say, "Well, I guess it's all over. We'll just have to hold on and pray that Jesus will come shortly, for the devil is about to take over everything." But thus saith the Lord: in this day, I am searching through the body of Christ to enlist soldiers in the army of prayer. And I will raise up a new band, I'll raise up a new army, that will know how to intercede against the powers of darkness. And the light will dispel the darkness. And the truth will set men free. And prayer and intercession will break the bands that bind men's minds and spirits and bodies. Yea, there are those that will learn to take their place and hurriedly, it must be hurriedly, it must be. Quickly, it must be. That they learn and that they enter in quickly to stand against the forces of darkness and evil that will come against the land. That will come against the church. That would come against the home. That would disrupt and destroy all that is good and that God has endorsed. But the hand of the Lord is upon those who will listen. And the urge of God is in the spirit of those who are attentive. And the Spirit of God will help you to pray. Do not try to do it yourself. Though there must be labor on our part, yet, at the same time, rest in Him, and let the Spirit flow through you like a river, like a mighty wave. Let it flow through you. Give vent unto those innermost groaning and let them escape your lips. Take time to get alone and to wait. Sometimes, not even say anything, but on the inside of you there is an agonizing, flowing out of your spirit by the Holy Spirit to the Great Spirit, the Father of spirits. And thou shalt be sustained and thou shalt be kept. And thy family and thy home shall be sure and steadfast. And thy children shall grow up strong and stalwart in the Lord. And they shall have no fear.

But thou shall intercede for thy neighbor here. Thou shall intercede for thy friend there. Thou shall intercede for those, even in the church, that have not come to the knowledge of the truth, making sincere intercession on their behalf. So the light will shine, the work of God will go forth, and the work that is to be accomplished in these next few days and years that are just ahead of you shall surely come, because you were faithful. (Applause) Amen. That's what the Spirit of God is saying. Hallelujah. Now I want you to close your eyes and lift your hand and say (mean it from your heart, don't just do it because I tell you to), "Lord, I'll be one of those that will enlist in the army of God. In the army of prayer warriors. I will be faithful. I'll be faithful in prayer. And I'll be faithful in whatever place you set me in. But most of all, I'll be faithful in prayer. I set myself this day. I make the decision this day to be one of them that the Spirit of God can depend upon. You can depend on me, Lord. Oh, blessed Holy Spirit, thou who dost live within me. You can depend on me."

See, you're to be commended that you recognized that the Spirit was endeavoring to move. That's right. But I've already got it, you see. Praise God. Amen. Listen carefully, because this

is what the Spirit said. See, one way that the Spirit says some things to us is by tongues and interpretation, but He also says some things to our spirits by the Gift of Prophecy. He says some things – one part of the ministry of a Prophet is, he's sensitive to what the Spirit is saying, and he interprets to the people what the Spirit of God is saying. Amen. Amen. Praise God.

Now here is what the Spirit is saying: The Spirit of God is saying, just ahead – this is for ministers present, some specifically, and then in a general sense, for everybody. See, just ahead, there are some great and glorious things, marvelous things. In fact, if it were told to some of you, it would be very difficult for you to accept it. Your mind at this present stage would not allow you to accept. But just ahead, in the realm of the spirit, there are some great and glorious and marvelous and wonderful things. And in fact, all of those adjectives did not really describe. They do not even begin. That is just a tip of what is really to take place. But that cannot take place, that cannot take place without you as an individual taking your place in the realm and area of prayer. And without a good part of the body of believers – All will not necessarily do it, for many will not be faithful – but without a good part of the body of believers taking their part and place in prayer to make intercession. For you see, at the same time that God has great things, marvelous things, wonderful things, things that will happen in the spirit realm and be manifested in the seen realm, things beyond the comprehension of most who stand here. Though He has that, at the same time, the enemy is making his move. And darkness will loom up like a mountain in front of you. The devil will throw every kind of roadblock in front of you. The devil will throw every kind of roadblock in front of you. That's the reason that you need to be alerted. And you need in these next few months – weeks, days, weeks and months, I should say, months, yea, walk softly before the Lord. When I say walk softly before the Lord, I mean, walk carefully before the Lord. I mean, see to it that you keep yourself uncontaminated from the world, and worldly thinking. See to it that you keep yourself clean and pure in every way from every evil and unclean thought that would come your way. See that you walk carefully before the Lord. Not to be in bondage, but yet to be free, knowing that the Lord has set you free. And I'll not let Satan entangle me. I'll not let him lay hold of my mind to cause me to think differently to what the Word of God teaches. I'll not let him lay hold of any part of my being, but I will see to it that the vessel, the house, the temple, the body – which is the temple of God – is kept clean. And I will walk carefully before the Lord, giving heed unto the urges of the Spirit. Giving heed to what He is saying here on the inside of me. So the Lord will be able to fit me, the Lord will be able to shape me, the Lord will be able to mold me – and you – into the vessel that He wanted you to be all the time, and hindrances hindered you. So being molded, being fitted, being framed, into the very vessel that He wanted you to be, then you see, you can be a more perfect vessel of the Lord. And through you, the Spirit of God can flow like a mighty flow of water, like a river, unhindered, unimpeded by anything of the carnal, fleshly nature and that Spirit flowing out from thee and through thee unto others will bring life and health, healing, too, and blessings.

So see to it that you give the more earnest heed unto those things which have been taught you. Particularly in the area of intercession. Listen to what the Spirit of God is saying to your spirit. For He has been speaking unto you and you have not heard it, because you have not listened. Because you are living up here in this realm. Learn to get quiet before me, saith the Lord. Practice turning your mind off and listening in here. And whatever He says to you – because He

has been speaking unto many and they will begin to listen now – And then He will be saying some things shortly to some who stand here, some who are ministers of the gospel, some things that He's not been able to say before. Because you see, you didn't put yourself in position to where He could say it. But now then you see, you've put yourself into position and He will be able to say some things to you about your future, about your ministry, about your life, about what He has for you to fulfill in this life, and a number of very important personal things that you have been seeking an answer on. He wanted to say it to you all the time, but you weren't in position to receive it. But you'll receive, you'll be glad, you'll rejoice. And there are those that stand here today – not only those who are called to full time ministry, but those whom we call laity –that will look back to this day and rejoice, and say, "that was the beginning, that was the beginning, that was the beginning of a new day!"

And there are some who stand here – those that are called to the ministry and those who are just members of the body of Christ, though important they be – who will look back to this day and say, "That was the day when I went from that place that it seemed as though I was turned into – changed, changed into another person." And you will rejoice. And the Lord will accomplish that which He has planned. Heaven will be glad. Earth will be blessed, and hell will be afraid of you. (applause) Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Praise God, hallelujah. Thank you, Jesus. (praises)

Well, this doesn't need to be delivered personally. It can bless more than one, but it's primarily for one person here. And this person is either in the ministry or called to the ministry, at least, you are a minister. Either actually in it or potentially a minister:

You wondered about the future, and what will it bring, what will I do? And yet, I heard the Spirit of God say, in the fall of this very year, there will be an event, a happening, overtake you that will be so blessed and so good, fine and true, that it would be impossible at the moment to tell it in words unto you, it will be as though one had discovered or found a great chest of jewels that had been lost for some time. and on the lid of that chest was overlaid with all kinds of jewels. About what He has for you to fulfill in this life, and a number of very important personal things that you have been seeking an answer on. He wanted to say it to you all the time, but you weren't in position to receive it. But you'll receive, you'll be glad, you'll rejoice. And say, "That was the beginning, that was the beginning of a new day. Of a new day!"