

There Is a Cry of Repentance in the Land



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I want to bring you a report of what is happening as a result of the ministry of our book, *Set the Trumpet to Thy Mouth*.

We expected a lot of criticism and backlash, but we were not expecting to hear from so many thousands of beloved saints of God who wrote to us saying, "We have seen the same things! God has been saying to our hearts that judgment is near! Your warnings express exactly what the Holy Spirit has been saying to us!"

There is a mighty wave of repentance, brokenness, returning to first love and rededication to the Lord. Pastors and evangelists have written and called, telling how their hearts were rekindled and set aflame. revivals of repentance are breaking forth in many parts of the country. The book is being used by God to precipitate a repentance that was already on the verge of coming forth. In some instances, the trumpet call is simply confirming the work of the Spirit already underway.

We received a call from the northwest telling of an awakening among lumberjacks in the mountains of southern Canada as a result of reading *Set the Trumpet to Thy Mouth*. We are hearing from many who have put aside their idols; they are back to prayer and intense Bible reading — and heart purity.

Punk Rockers

The chapter on "Music of Devils" has sent shock waves through the contemporary Christian music field. A so-called Christian punk rock band leader visited me recently; he was angry and defiant. The same day, the leader of another hard rock Christian group came to see me. What I heard coming from their hearts and lips horrified me. I am still in spiritual shock. They say boldly that they borrow their music from the secular hard rock and punk groups. They boast they are new "Rock Prophets" — using rock to become heroes, so they can use that hero standing to preach Jesus to the kids. They are so spiritually blind — so given over to their idols — so beyond reproof — it is frightening.

They won't talk to me about the warnings of judgment; all they want to do is vent their feelings on us for touching their hallowed idol. After what I've seen and heard, I am even more convinced that rock music is the most potent of all Satanic idols. I said in my book they were so addicted, they would wave off angels who warned them. Now I know they do more than that. They wave off angels, prophets, and the Holy Spirit. In essence, I was told, "I don't care how much you pray or what God says to you, we don't want to hear it!" They will go on resisting the warnings of God's Word — twisting the Word and justifying their idols.

I asked the Spirit to show me the root cause of the addiction to their idol of rock, especially since some Christian rock stars think of themselves as prophets to Christian youth. What they are doing is very dangerous. In fact, they are most dangerous to the kingdom of God because of their great delusions and influence over youth. Now I know the root cause. The Bible names the root cause of all forms of evil — and it is MONEY! If Christian rock was not selling so many records, if it didn't pack the concerts, if it didn't produce such idolizing of the performers — it would die almost overnight. Bookstores sell so-called Christian rock, punk rock — because kids buy the records — and they

want this idolatry. IT'S ALL A MATTER OF BIG BUCKS! POPULARITY! CLIMBING THE CHARTS! BIG CROWDS! It's really not a question of whether or not rock music is evil in itself — that is the devil's smoke screen. The root of the evil is the love of money — the quest for popularity — staying on top — catering to the evil whims and desires of carnal Christianity.

What grieves me most of all is the spiritual blindness of the shepherds regarding this kind of idolatry. These punkers and hard rockers have churches, ministers, and prayer groups behind them, encouraging them. One punk rock group attends a Pentecostal church — and the pastor recommends them for concerts. They all tell me, "It's all right. We have a covering. We have the pastor behind us. Our church approves us!" How tragic! We are forgiving each other's sins! We are approving abominations! We are losing the fear of God! We wink at sin! Anything goes as long as it gets results. Jeremiah thunders to us, "Behold, you are trusting in deceptive words...you walk after other gods...then come and stand before me in the house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered — that we may do all these abominations..." (Jeremiah 7:8-10).

I will not let up! I call on pastors, parents, on youth who are bondslaves to Jesus Christ: Rise up in His name and expose and denounce these horrible abominations!

Thank God for those who are examining their hearts and searching the Word — because I've also met some beloved musicians whose hearts burn with desire to please the Lord. They would do nothing to grieve the Spirit. Pray for them — that God will help them see the root behind these evil idols, so they will say to our Savior, "I would rather be a pauper, never be on the charts, take a secular job — than to minister and compromise for the sake of money or fame!"

Television Idol

Let me tell you what also really grieves me. It is having Christians say to me, "David, I know you are right — TV is an idol; it is vile, wicked, perverted, and it's getting worse by the day! You sure spoke the truth; I believe every word you said." Then — they do nothing about it. They go on sitting in front of that stupid idol — wasting God's precious time — getting brainwashed by demonic influences — and nothing changes! They let the warning verses about idols run off their minds like water. They say — but they do not do! *It's all words!* I'd rather a Christian rebuke me and call me names than to agree with the message and do nothing about it.

Saints of God, the Spirit is making it very clear — God will not put up much longer with our idolatry. He is going to judge it. Some are getting angry with me — some want off my mailing list — but I will not stop crying out against this idol. Thousands of Christians have cast it aside and now they tell of the freedom and blessing of God flowing in their hearts and homes.

Is this idol still in your house? Is the furniture aimed right at it? So you can sit before it and feed your soul and mind?

Do you fear God's word? Does it make you tremble? It should! I have a powerful word from God's throne room for those who refuse to forsake this and other idols — GOD WILL TAKE AWAY REJOICING AND THE VOICE OF GLADNESS. YOU MAY BE IN DANGER OF LOSING THE VOICE OF THE BRIDE!

"For thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place in your eyes, and in your days, the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride. And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt show this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath the Lord pronounced all this great evil against us? Or what is our iniquity? Or what is our sin that we have committed against the Lord our God? Then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith the Lord, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; and ye have done worse than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the imagination of his evil heart, that they may not hearken unto me" (Jeremiah 16:9-12).

Please don't get angry with me. I yearn over the sheep, that all idols will come down — that all divided hearts come to repentance — so you can keep the hedge of the Lord about you and your home! I am just one of the Lord's watchmen; I beseech you to walk in the fear of the Lord and obey the Spirit's call to separation. It's a frightful warning to hear that you may lose THE VOICE OF THE BRIDE — that Christ may say, "Go to your idol — My voice will not co-mingle with the voices of darkness!"

A Prophecy

I see something coming that rejoices my heart. I see the Holy Spirit breaking forth among God's people with such conviction power, such a spirit and urging toward heart repentance, such a soul searching, such a searing word from God — repentance and weeping, loud crying, holy prostration for sin will fall and smite everyone in the house. I see hundreds of ministers together being convicted by a word that is coming forth, so powerful, so holy that men of God will fall on their faces in repentance. Ministers will cry out of confessions of adultery, sexual sins, hidden sins of all kinds. I see hundreds of ministers and their wives with hands raised, crying out to God for cleansing and healing. They will be lying on the floor in the corridors; they will be weeping in the restrooms; they will hang on to the pews; they will stagger and fall under Holy Ghost conviction. A wave of repentance is already happening. It will spread. The Holy Ghost has promised to purge the sons of Levi (the ministry) and these wholly repentant, purified shepherds will *GO FORTH AND GATHER THE BRIDE!*

Others will harden their hearts and run out of the house angry and defiant. They will mock and ridicule and wave of repentance because their hearts are divided and bound by an idol.

The call is now so loud, so clear: REPENT! CAST ASIDE ALL IDOLS! PURIFY YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR HANDS!

There is a promised curse coming upon those who are not taking the things of God to heart. The prophet Malachi warns,

"And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. Behold I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it" (Malachi 2:1-4).

In case anyone would cast aside this warning as an inappropriate Old Testament curse, hear this:

"Take heed therefore, so that the thing spoken of in the Prophets may not come upon you" (Acts 13:40).

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