

THEME: THE CHURCH OF TOMORROW EMPOWERED BY GOD

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Acts 19:2-7 *"And he said to them, Did you get the Holy Spirit when you had faith? And they said to him, No, we have had no knowledge of the Holy Spirit. And he said, What sort of baptism did you have? And they said, The baptism of John. and Paul said, John gave a baptism which goes with a change of heart, saying to the people that they were to have faith in him who was coming after him, that is, in Jesus. And hearing this, they had baptism in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had put his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them and they had the power of talking in tongues and acting like prophets. And there were about twelve of these men"*

- The church of tomorrow will be empowered by God
- It shows the great future the church has
- Those who are under the government of God Almighty, God will come and empower them
- The church will become so strong that the world will become threatened

Hebrews 12:28 *"If then, we have a kingdom which will never be moved, let us have grace, so that we may give God such worship as is pleasing to him with fear and respect"*

- You can maybe be shaken because of the world or circumstances or a man, a women or your boss but the Kingdom cannot be shaken, because it is a God of a consuming fire
- Those people that are under His authority cannot be shaken because He is a God of a consuming fire
- When you are under His Kingdom there comes a time that you cannot be shaken
- We always want the best first but God is still busy with His church, He keeps the best for last
- If you want to come to church you must discipline yourself to listen to the Proceeding Word so that you can change
- The God of this Kingdom is a God of a consuming fire
- We must love God and everything that we do must be because we love God
- Make sure that you love God
- God is much greater than your circumstances
- God can change everything in a moment
- When all the kingdoms of the world are falling apart, God is standing because His Kingdom cannot be shaken because our God is a consuming fire
- Worship the Lord, leave your ideas
- Give God the glory because He cannot be shaken

The church will become a church of fire

- The church in the future will be a church of fire
- We must start living on truth, not emotions and nonsense
- Give God the opportunity to say what He wants to say and give God the opportunity to change us

1. We need the person of the Holy Spirit in our lives

- **Acts 19:3-6**
- The Spirit of God is a Person. It is time that we bring that Person back into our lives
- We ignore the Holy Spirit
- The Holy Spirit must dwell amongst you
- If you have nothing, why must the devil come and visit you? He cannot steal from you because you have nothing to steal
- When you become a threat he will come against you
- When the Holy Spirit becomes a Person in your life, 2 things leave you:
 - Fear, because you are not alone anymore
 - Negativity, if the Person of the Holy Spirit is part of your life, how can you be negative?
- God will fill His people with His Holy Spirit

- We need the Person of the Holy Spirit everywhere we go, to be with us, to guide us, to give us direction and to tell us what to do
- God wants to live in your temple
- Become a temple of the Living God

2 Corinthians 6:16-18 *"And what agreement has the house of God with images? For we are a house of the living God, even as God has said, I will be living among them and walking with them and I will be their God and they will be my people. For which cause, come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord and let no unclean thing come near you and I will take you for myself and will be a Father to you and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord, the Ruler of all"*

- God wants to dwell in us, our lives are a temple for God to dwell in
- Only when that happens you will become a son of God and He your Father
- When are we going to be ambassadors for His Kingdom?
- Most people have this attitude when it comes to the Kingdom: "More for myself"
- You must live a lifestyle for God so that He can take you forward
- When you love God you have authority over sin and weaknesses
- **WE NEED THE PERSON OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES!**

2. In the future He will reveal to us the power of His throne

Psalms 110:2-5 *"The Lord will send out the rod of your strength from Zion, be king over your haters. Your people give themselves gladly in the day of your power, like the dew of the morning on the holy mountains is the army of your young men. The Lord has made an oath and will not take it back. You are a priest for ever, after the order of Melchizedek. In the day of his wrath kings will be wounded by the Lord at your right hand"*

- In the midst of everything, God is the Ruler
- God is ruling in the midst of His enemies
- God is not nervous, He is a ruler
- When are we going to become rulers because we are under His government?
- When our enemies come, we will stand, when will that happen?
- Senior pastor is going on because of the power of God's throne
- Senior pastor knows the power of God's throne
- Sometimes when you go through pain and humiliation, God is preparing gold
- When you make something yours, it become yours
- The Bible is there to own, it is not there for knowledge
- The power of His throne that kept us going

2 Peter 1:3-4 *"Because by his power he has given us everything necessary for life and righteousness, through the knowledge of him who has been our guide by his glory and virtue and through this he has given us the hope of great rewards highly to be valued, so that by them we might have our part in God's being and be made free from the destruction which is in the world through the desires of the flesh"*

- Senior pastor is still standing for God after 40 years
- When you play church you will not stick but when you give your life to God, that makes you
- God has revealed His power to senior pastor
- We are living in a season where God will reveal His power, growth will take place, His abundant blessings will take place
- Why do you want to be a child of God if you cannot experience His power?
- The world teaches you that you can make it on your own
- Your best friend will become your enemy when it comes to money
- Trust your Father
- The people under senior pastor's covering is moving forward supernaturally, people that do their own things will lose everything
- The church must become mature
- You must experience the power of God
- God is releasing living waters from heaven

- Allow the living waters

3. God is raising up a generation of men and women that will stand before Him in stature

- We all run after status
- You must desire stature before the Lord
- Cross over to the other side with God
- If you are not going forward, you are going backwards
- The devil takes you back, religious people take you back
- Rather make mistakes in going over than staying where you are
- Senior pastor are living according to what God wants
- God wants to give you wealth in the spiritual world, in finances, in relationships, in health etc
- **Pray:** "Lord change my life, what do You want me to do?"
- You don't need a miracle to make a choice, it is all about your heart
- Senior pastor needs men and women to stand with him that has position before the Lord, that when God speaks and they go and do it, it will happen

Deuteronomy 11:11-12 *But the land where you are going is a land of hills and valleys, drinking in the rain of heaven: A land cared for by the Lord your God: the eyes of the Lord your God are on it at all times from one end of the year to the other"*

- When senior pastor crossed over he knew it will not be easy. It is a place of mountains and valleys but the rains of special favour and grace will come
- Stand for God's people
- God is looking for people that has stature so that we can come into a place of position
- Why will God give you a spirit of taking over if you are still trying to find God somewhere?
- Men and women position before the Lord, take over
- The way you respond to God that is the way God will respond to you
- People are holding onto the past, they cannot think that God is greater than their past and walk away from it
- There is living waters flowing from God, there is a river coming down
- **THERE IS A RIVER COMING DOWN FROM HEAVEN**
- There is no condemnation
- Get into the water so that God can change your life

Closing

- Respond to God, He will respond to us
- River is coming down