MARANATHA: I'M COMING SOON

MESSAGE 10 OF 12

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE END TIMES

"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!'"

Revelation 22:17

We are not left as orphans.

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INTRODUCTION

We have spoken for months now of dark and heavy things—the beast, the mark, the great battle. But the Lord did not leave his people to face the last days alone. He gave us Himself—the Helper, the Comforter, the Spirit of truth. So tonight, we will open your eyes to see Him, and He will open our hearts to walk with Him. May the Lord make us a people full of the Holy Spirit in the last of the last days. Amen.

THE SERIES

My name is Dickson Wasake, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus.
On the 4th of December, 2025, the Lord, who is the Spirit commanded me to preach a series of 12 messages on the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.
The title of the series is "Maranatha: I'm Coming Soon," and this is Message 10 of the series.
Will you listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches?

THE FORGOTTEN PERSON OF THE LAST DAYS

We have spent months in these series looking at the end.
The Antichrist. The tribulation. The mark. Armageddon. The throne.
Heavy things. Necessary things.

But there is a Person we have hardly named—
and He is the One who carries the Church through all of it.
The Holy Spirit.

On the night before He died, Jesus made a promise to his broken hearted disciples he was about to leave about the age to come.

John 14:16–18,

> *"I will pray to the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, that he may be with you forever: the Spirit of truth… for he lives with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans. I will come to you."*

I will not leave you orphans.
Here is the whole message in one sentence:
in these last days, you are not an orphan.
Whatever these days hold—
the Spirit of God lives in the people of God.

NOT ORPHANS IN THE DARK

Let me tell you what that promise is worth—
because I have needed it myself.

There was a night I came to the end of my own strength.
I was far away from home in the city of Geneva, Switzerland and I was facing a temptation to sin that was so powerful I knew I could not overcome. I even called my wife Brenda, and we prayed.
And after we prayed, I knelt down and literally cried out to God with loud groans so he could deliver me.

I must tell you what happened after.
I was not left alone in that room. After I prayed, I felt peace, so I got off the floor.
Someone came and strengthened me,
the way an angel came and strengthened Jesus
in His agony in the garden of Gethsemane.

For Luke 22:43 says of our Lord,

> *"An angel from heaven appeared to him, strengthening him."*

If the Son of God, in His darkest hour, was strengthened—
how much more will the Spirit strengthen you and me?
I am not an orphan and our God is faithful, he doesn't leave us alone.

And it is not only me.
There is man called Richard Wurmbrand—
fourteen years in a Communist prison, three of them in solitary darkness,
beaten and tortured until his body carried eighteen scars.
Alone in that cell, cut off from every believer on earth,
he was not cut off from the Spirit of God.
He was not crushed—he was full of joy.
He came out and told the world:

> ***'The living Jesus will give you joy amid tribulation.'***

How does a man rejoice in a torture cell?
The same way I was strengthened on the floor of mine.
Because Wurmbrand was never an orphan.
The Comforter was in that cell with him—
the same Spirit who will be with you
in your hospital room, your grief, your fear, your last hour.

So say it with me — we are not orphans.

Now let me show you five things this same Spirit is doing in these last days.

ONE: THE SPIRIT IS POURED OUT

The last days did not begin with the beast.
They began at Pentecost—with fire, and wind, and the Spirit poured out.
When the crowd mocked, Peter stood and said: this is the last days.

Acts 2:16–17,

> *"But this is what has been spoken through the prophet Joel: 'It will be in the last days, says God, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh. Your sons and your daughters will prophesy. Your young men will see visions. Your old men will dream dreams.'"*

On all flesh.
Not on a prophet here and a king there, as in the old covenant—
but on sons and daughters, young and old, slave and free.

We are living in the age of the poured-out Spirit.
The same power that raised Christ from the dead
lives inside the ordinary believer.
You are not meant to limp to the finish line—you are meant to be filled.
Do you want to receive the Holy Spirit? Ask the Lord to fill you up!

TWO: THE SPIRIT IS POWER TO WITNESS

After Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples were restless, they wanted to know the timeline of when he would finally be enthroned as king in his Kingdom.
Jesus gave them something better than a date.
He gave them power—and a mission.

Acts 1:8,

> *"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you. You will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth."*

The Spirit was not given to make us comfortable.
He was given to make us witnesses.

In the last days, when the darkness deepens,
the Church does not retreat into a corner to wait.
She goes—filled, bold, unashamed—
telling a dying world that the King is coming.
That is the work of the hour.
You will receive Power.
Do you want power? Ask the Lord for his Holy Spirit!

THREE: THE SPIRIT RESTRAINS THE DARKNESS

Here is something many believers have never been told.
The reason the world is not yet as dark as it will be…
is the Holy Spirit.

Paul tells us that the full evil of the Antichrist is being held back—
and he tells us who is holding it.

2 Thessalonians 2:7–8,

> *"For the mystery of lawlessness already works. Only there is one who restrains now, until he is taken out of the way. Then the lawless one will be revealed…"*

There is a Restrainer.
A hand on the door, holding back the flood.
Faithful teachers have differed on exactly who he is—
but many have long understood him to be the Holy Spirit,
at work through the Church in the world.

Think of what that means for you.
When you pray—you hold back the darkness.
When you live holy—you are salt against the rot.
You are not a passenger in these last days.
Through the Spirit in you, you are part of how God holds the line.
Do you have the Spirit so you can help restrain the darkness?

WHEN THE HAND LIFTS, CAN ANYONE STILL BE SAVED?

And here at this point an honest question rises.

> *'If the Spirit lifts His restraining hand,*
> *and lawlessness runs to its full—*
> *can anyone still find the Lord in that darkness?'*

When Scripture says the Restrainer is taken out of the way,
it means the Spirit stops holding back evil.
It does not mean the Spirit leaves the earth.
No one, in any age, was ever saved except by the Spirit of God.
His restraining work may lift. His saving work never stops.

And look what He still does, even in the darkest hour.

Revelation 7:9, 14,

> *"After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude, which no one could count, out of every nation and of all tribes, peoples, and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb… These are those who came out of the great tribulation. They washed their robes, and made them white in the Lamb's blood."*

A multitude no one can count—saved in the worst days of history.

- God seals servants and sends them out (Revelation 7).
- He raises two witnesses who preach with fire (Revelation 11).
- He even sends an angel with the eternal gospel to every nation (Revelation 14:6).

Heaven will not let the darkness have the last word.

FOUR: THE SPIRIT GUARDS US FROM DECEPTION

Jesus said one of the great dangers of the last days would be deception.
False christs. False prophets. Signs and wonders that lie.
And the Spirit warns us plainly that it is coming.

1 Timothy 4:1,

> *"But the Spirit says expressly that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons."*

How will the Church stand in an age of lies?
Not by being clever.
By the Spirit of truth living within her.

John 16:13,

> *"However, when he, the Spirit of truth, has come, he will guide you into all truth… and he will declare to you things that are coming."*

The same Spirit who inspired the Word
lives in the one who reads the Word
and whispers: this is true… that is a lie… do not follow it.

You may think, 'I could never be deceived.'
But deception never feels like deception.
It feels like truth. It feels like God.

Remember Jonestown—
hundreds of sincere, religious people
who followed a man they believed spoke for God,
and followed him all the way to their deaths.
Not one of them believed they were deceived.
No one ever does.

That is why you cannot lean on your own cleverness.
Church, in these days, stay full of the Spirit and full of the Word.
The two always agree.
A Spirit-filled, Word-filled believer is very hard to deceive.

FIVE: THE SPIRIT IS THE SEAL AND THE GUARANTEE

And now the highest comfort of all, in a day of the mark of the beast.
The beast marks his own.
But long before that, God marks His own—
not on the hand or the forehead,
but on the heart, by His Spirit.

Ephesians 1:13–14,

> *"In whom you also, having heard the word of the truth… having also believed, you were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is a pledge of our inheritance, to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of his glory."*

Sealed.
A seal in the old world meant ownership, and it meant safety—
this belongs to the King, and no one may touch it.

And the word Paul uses for the Spirit as our 'pledge'—
in the Greek, arrabōn—
is a betrothal word.
To this very day, in Greece, it is the word for an engagement ring.
So hear what Paul is really saying.
The Spirit is God's engagement ring on your hand.
The wedding has not come yet—
but He has put the ring on you,
and the ring says one thing:
'I am coming back for you.'

So when fear rises in the last days, ask yourself:
whose seal is on me?
If the Spirit of God lives in you,
you are marked, owned, kept—
and the guarantee runs all the way home:
He is God's pledge over you 'until the day of redemption' (Ephesians 4:30).
What God seals, God keeps.
You are marked. You are owned.
You are not an orphan.

THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY, COME

And now—the highest work of all.
At the very end of the Bible,
listen to what the Spirit is finally doing in the last days.
He is longing for Jesus.
He is crying out for the King to come.

Revelation 22:17,

> *"The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come!' He who hears, let him say, 'Come!' He who is thirsty, let him come. He who desires, let him take the water of life freely."*

Do you hear the harmony?
The Spirit says, Come.
The Bride—the Church—says, Come.

That cry of Maranatha that has carried this whole series—
it is not only ours.
It is the Holy Spirit Himself, praying inside us,
longing for the day He will present the Bride to the Son.

When you cry 'Come, Lord Jesus'—
you are not praying alone.
The Spirit of God is praying it with you.

THE CALL

So I close with a question that matters more than any date on a chart:
Do you have the Spirit of God?

Not an opinion about Him. Not a doctrine of Him.
Do you know Him?

'But how can I know if I have Him?'
Not by goosebumps that fade by morning—
but by his word: "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." Acts 2: 38-39 (NIV).

To belong to Christ is to be indwelt by His Spirit—
and to face these last days without Him
is to face them as an orphan, in the dark, alone.

But you do not have to.
The same Jesus who sent the Spirit stands at the door tonight.
Turn to Him, and He will fill you—
seal you, lead you, hold the line through you,
and keep you to the end.

So here is what I ask of you before you sleep tonight.
Ask one question, and do not dodge it:
whose seal is on me?
If you cannot answer it—settle it tonight.
Do not wait for the dark to come.

Pray this with me, wherever you are:

> *"Lord Jesus,*
> *I do not want to face these days as an orphan.*
> *Fill me with Your Holy Spirit.*
> *Seal me as Your own. Lead me into truth.*
> *Keep me from the great deception.*
> *And make my heart cry with Your Spirit:*
> *Come, Lord Jesus.*
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> ***Even so, come. Amen."*** **MARANATHA!**