

We are living in the end times and we are seeing the beginning of “birth-pangs” that our Lord Jesus mentioned in Matthew 24:8. He gave the example of a woman experiencing birth-pangs and contractions before the baby is delivered. Likewise the earth is experiencing “birth-pangs” in the form of earthquakes and natural disasters in various places as a sign of the end times and the Lord’s second coming:

- Flood in NE Australia, followed by a cyclone.
- Earthquake in Christchurch in New Zealand.
- Earthquake in Japan, followed by a tsunami.

Birth-pangs.

1. The fallen-ness of Man is the root cause for:
 - A. All conflicts between men.
 - B. All sicknesses and diseases.
 - C. All natural calamities (Romans 8:19-22).
2. The evil one works on ground given (Ephesians 2:1-2; 4:27; John 10:10a).
3. Isaiah 60:1-3
 - A. Darker darkness
 - B. Brighter light.
4. God is good, always and forever (Psalm 100:5; James 1:17; Romans 8:28; 2 Peter 3:9).

Japan Disaster Relief Fund

SP informed that there will be a 2nd offering bag collection on Sunday, 3 April, earmarked as the Japan Disaster Relief Fund. At the Love Singapore Pastors’ Prayer Meeting on Friday (25 March), it was highlighted that a team from FCBC had visited one of the earthquake disaster site in Japan. The team had connected with a local church to do relief work. They welcome all churches to participate in giving and sending manpower to help in the relief work. As such, the 2nd offering bag collection will be given to the Japanese relief work through FCBC.

SP called for extensive prayers to cover the Japan disaster relief work at every CG meeting and prayer groups over the next 4 weeks. He sees this as a *kairos* moment to sow our prayers to God for Japan for the harvest of souls.

Will you be part of the End-Time Church of End-Time Believers?

The End-Time Church are men and women who:

- I. Seek the presence of God continually.

Exodus 33:11

So the Lord spoke to Moses face to face as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp, but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle.

1. Such people keep and nurture their first love.

Revelation 2:4

Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 John 4:10; 19

10. In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. 19. We love Him because He first loved us.

2. Such people are of a different spirit like Caleb and Joshua who followed God wholeheartedly.

Numbers 14:24

But my servant Caleb has a different spirit in him and has followed Me fully. I will bring into the land where he went and his descendants shall inherit it.

John 15:4-5

Abide in Me and I will in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me, you can do nothing.

A. Who walk faithfully with Him.

B. Who do not build golden calves.

C. A golden calf is anything we do when we are tired of waiting and trusting in God.

3. Such people experience the Promised Land/Divine Exchange.

Numbers 14:30

Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means enter the land which I swore I would make you dwell in.

II. Hear and obey the Rhema Word of God.

1. Know the difference between the Logos Word and the Rhema Word.

Psalm 119:160

The entirety of Your Word is truth and every one of Your Righteous judgments endures forever.

2 Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2. Such people are those who posture their hearts to hear the Lord speaking (Rhema).

Proverbs 4:20-23

My son, give attention to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; keep them in the midst of your heart; for they are life to those

who find them and health to all their flesh. Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life.

John 5:39-40

You search the Scriptures, for in them you think you have eternal life; and these are they which testify of Me. But you are not willing to come to Me that you may have life.

John 10:27

My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me.

Matthew 4:4

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.' "

- A. The Rhema word is personal and specifically meant for that individual or group.
- B. It cannot be duplicated as it is a relational matter.

Psalm 25:14

The secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him, and He will show them His covenant.

- 3. The Rhema Word is received in our spirit.
 - A. Only our spirit is born again.
 - B. Our soul (mind, emotion, will) is being restored.
 - C. The Holy Spirit communes with our spirit/heart.

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

1 Corinthians 2:10-11

But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God.

- 4. Our natural minds must submit to our spirit/heart to receive the Rhema Word of God.

Eg. 1 : 2 Kings 5:10-1 – Naaman and Elisha

Eg. 2 : John 9:6-7 – Blind man – Saliva, Clay and Pool of Siloam.

Eg. 3 : Acts 22:9 – All saw the light but Paul heard the voice.

III. Keep the unity of the Spirit.

- 1. Such people always value the Unity of the Spirit above any other agenda.

Ephesians 4:3

Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

John 13:34-35

A new commandment I give to you that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

2. Unity always has power.

Genesis 11:6

And the Lord said, " Indeed the people are one and they all have one language, and this is what they begin to do; now nothing that they propose to do will be withheld from them.

3. When the Body of Christ come sin unity, there is corporate authority over the areas of their jurisdiction.

Matthew 16:19

And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

- A. We must develop our Spirit of Faith. **HOW?**

2 Corinthians 4:13

And since we have the same spirit of faith according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke", we also believe and therefore we speak....

Say and declare what the scriptures say and declare. Co-labour with God!

- B. Build up the atmosphere of faith in our CG meetings and Worship services by developing the Corporate Anointing.

2 Corinthians 1:20

For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God.

- C. Operate as priests and kings of the Most High God.

Revelations 1:6

And has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Peter 2:9

But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light...

Acts 1:8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.

Power, NOT tongues is Evidence of a Spirit-Filled Church.

- D. We will be the remnant executing God's end-time purposes in our church, city and nations.

- i. God is looking for the remnant to represent the larger body.
- ii. Critical Mass
 - (1) World English Dictionary – *Minimum amount of a given fissionable material necessary to achieve a self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction under specified conditions.*
 - (2) Science Dictionary – *The smallest mass of a fissionable material that will sustain a nuclear chain reaction.*
- iii. The Power of the Remnant is always greater than all the forces of darkness. Eg. In Genesis, Sodom and Gomorrah, 50 righteous men...down to 10, vis-à-vis the sins of Sodom and Gomorrah.
- iv. The Power of the Remnant in the church can change the destiny of the church.
- v. The Power of the Remnant in the city of Singapore can change the destiny of Singapore.
- vi. The Chinese bringing the Gospel back to Jerusalem? (over-comers of fears of persecution and death).

IV. Bring glory to God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Therefore, whatever you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1. As true Worshippers.

John 4:23-24

But the hour is coming and now is, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and truth.

2. Do works Jesus did – salvation, deliverance and healing.

John 14:12-13

Most assuredly I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do because I go to My Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

3. Signs and Miracles.

John 2:11

The beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him.

4. Faith in God and His Word.

3) How do we hear God speaking today?

4) How do you become an End-Time Church where God is pleased?

No condemnation, no comparison, no competition but only encouragement...