

Apostolic Tribes

Message for All Nations Church

Introduction - Understanding the times

- A rapid growing movement of worldwide prayer - 24/7 prayer rooms, thousands upon thousands calling upon the name of the Lord
- Unity Movements across both the UK and worldwide - recent Movement Day in Central Methodist Hall, London
- A releasing of the Evangelists
- A restoring of Prophets and Apostles

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you. **2** See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. **3** Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. **Isaiah 60.1-3**

Apostolic Tribes rising

Surely the Sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets. **Amos 3:7**

- The Father raising and releasing Apostolic Movements
- It's return to New Testament Theology, a return to New Testament Lifestyle and New Testament Power
- It's not New its the way it's always been done
- Their is a fascination in the Church today with many things
- There has been much we have learned in leadership, management and self development
- BUT WE ARE THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST,
 - We are not a natural business
 - We are about the the Kings work and his business must be done his way and with high priority

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. **Matthew 6.33**

New Testament Theology - Apostles and Prophets

Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit. **Ephesians 2.19-22**

- Church is established on the foundations of Apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus as the chief cornerstone
- An Apostle is a Father - A sent one, a builder, one who is submitted to the Father

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. **Ephesians 4.11 - 16**

- The Apostolic mandate is not a staying mandate: it is a sending mandate
- The Apostolic mandate is not a gathering mandate: it is going mandate
- The apostolic mandate is not a getting mandate: it is a giving mandate

Make sure your connected and in relationship (Aligned)

- Alignment is something the Holy Spirit is speaking to the Church at this time
- Alignment moves us into fruitfulness
- Alignment brings the flow of the Holy Spirit
- Everything God does he does according to a pattern and based on a principle of his Kingdom and in the context of relationship

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And in the church God has appointed first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then workers of miracles, also those having gifts of healing, those able to help others, those with gifts of administration, and those speaking in different kinds of tongues. **1 Corinthians 12:28**

- Many times the struggle we face is due to something out of alignment
- My back problem 3 years ago - explosive herniation between two disks in my lower back
- Problems lifting, problems walking, pain in my legs, couldn't sit or lie down without pain because one thing was out of alignment
- When order is restored blessing is released
- Don't fight against God's way, His pattern

1. Come out from Independence

From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. **Ephesians 4:16**

- We need to repent of an independent isolated view of our Christianity/Ministry
- You are not designed to function in isolation
- We belong to a kingdom with a King and a family

2. Look for Holy Spirit Joining

Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” **Revelation 3:22**

- Time to align correctly
- Sometimes it's obvious and other times it needs a little prayer and discerning
- Example of Paul spotting Timothy and their was a joining in the Spirit

3. Be committed to that Joining

I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you soon, that I also may be cheered when I receive news about you. [20] I have no one else like him, who will show genuine concern for your welfare. [21] For everyone looks out for their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ. [22] But you know that Timothy has proved himself, because as a son with his father he has served with me in the work of the gospel. **Philippians 2:19-22**

- It's not a formality
- It's a two way relationship and joining worked by the Holy Spirit
- Won't always be easy

New Testament Lifestyle - Wartime Living

Jesus arrival was an act of war

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. **Isaiah 9.2**

- A world that was under the occupation of the evil one, where sin ruled.
- A world where the true God was mostly forgotten or largely ignored
- A world where selfishness and pride ruled mens choices
- Into that pitiful, sinful, broken and hopeless situation Jesus came born as a baby!
- Jesus declares war on the enemy and brought hope

...The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. **1 John 3:8**

God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. **Acts 10:38**

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, [19] to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.” **Luke 4:18-19**

We too embrace wartime living - A posture of war

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. **Ephesians 6.10-12**

- How strong is your spirit man?
- You are Spirit, Soul, Body - Which appetites rule you

And that about wraps it up. God is strong, and he wants you strong. So take everything the Master has set out for you, well-made weapons of the best materials. And put them to use so you will be able to stand up to everything the Devil throws your way. This is no afternoon athletic contest that we'll walk away from and forget about in a couple of hours. This is for keeps, a life-or-death fight to the finish against the Devil and all his angels. **Ephesians 6.10-12 msg**

- It's war again Satan and his works
- War against all the enemies plans and activities
- War against sin - it spoils, destroys and diminishes our lives
- War against apathy - Lack of interest or concern
- War against lethargy - lack of energy or enthusiasm
- War against being lukewarm - Not hot and not cold
- War against every distraction that keeps us from loving and pursuing God wholeheartedly
- Every Christmas is a reminder of that first act of War and we are still in that war
- Declare war on everything that hinders love
- Declare war on all that stops you seeing and enjoying the beauty and glory of God

Soldier, athlete, farmer

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. [2] And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. [3] Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. [4] No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. [5] Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. [6] The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. [7] Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. **2 Timothy 2:1-7**

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Three Postures to take

The abandoned life - The first commandment 'A God First Life'

Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' [38] This is the first and greatest commandment. **Matthew 22:37-38**

- abandoned to God
- fasted life, set apart life

- Loving and walking with God
- Wholehearted life
- A God first Life

The shared life - The second commandment 'An interdependent life.'

And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' **Matthew 22:39**

- we have to love him together
- Community - 'Together with all the saints ..come to maturity'
- Loving and living with each other as essential

The Poured out life - The great commission 'Go into all the world..'

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. [19] Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, [20] and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." **Matthew 28:18-20**

- The City saved and
- The fulfilment of the great commission
- Go into the entire world - Incarnational
- Make disciples

New Testament Power - 12 Weapons

1. Name of Jesus

- We have to use the name of Jesus

In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. 24 Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. **John 16.23,24**

2. The Word of God

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. **Hebrews 4.12**

- Proclaiming the Word over situations
- Declare the word to God
- Declare the Word to the enemy
- Declare the Word of God to your own soul

3. The Blood of Jesus

- Reasserting the victory of the cross
- Apply to every situation

4. The Word of our testimony

- Who we are in Christ
- Established in our Identity and authority

They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. **Revelation 12.11**

5. An Obedient Life

- Disobedience opens the door to the enemy
- Obedience keeps the door closed

If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it. ”

Genesis 4.7

6. Praise and worship

- Proclaiming the supremacy of God
- Building a throne for him to inhabit
- Psalm 145

7. Praying in Tongues

- Build yourself up in the faith
- Paul the Apostle ‘I pray in tongues more than all of you.’ **1 Corinthians 14.18**
- ‘I would like everyone of you to speak in loungers..’ **1 Corinthians 14.5**

8. Actively addressing tormenting spirits

9. Actively serving in the kingdom

10. Fasting

‘This type does not come out but by prayer and Fasting’ **Mark 9.29**

11. Intercessory prayer in community

- A renewed commitment to our Prayer Hub
- It’s a God ordained way to wart against the enemy and establish the Kingdom

12. Perseverance with confidence

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.

Ephesians 6.18

Conclusion

- It’s a time to contend TOGETHER for the promises and purposes of God
- Lets Keep our eyes on Jesus
- Lets stir ourselves up to take hold of him
- Lets create space together here to seek him and pursue him