

See This Video!

As stated in previous messages, for years God has been pointing out that the next big revival is going to be one that will be at His direction, and will be “under the radar” of most mass media, even Christian outlets. Recently, I saw a video that is evidence that the revival is, indeed, happening, and one that I strongly urge believers to see for themselves.

The video is entitled *The Finger of God* by Darren Wilson, a university professor who (in obedience to God’s call) picked up a video camera and spent a year traveling the world experiencing the miracles of God in modern times. From Toronto to Mozambique, Wilson documents everything from appearances of manna and gold dust to healings and resurrection of the dead. In the process, he makes a case emphasizing that the Christian life is one of love toward God and love toward one’s fellow man. God is trying to get people’s attention, and miracles are not only evidence that God is speaking through people, but is the opening gesture to mankind of His love for us, as if God were re-introducing Himself to people.

The simplicity of the lives and belief of those whose hands God’s power flows through – in some cases, youths and mere children – is striking. No one feels the need to start a huge ministry, hit people up for money or push a theological (or political) agenda; they just do what God calls them to do. In one vignette, Wilson focused on a group of young people at a ministry school in America who exercise the Word of Knowledge to go to various places and pray for people. As Wilson puts it, their idea of a good time on a Saturday night is to go to the emergency rooms of hospitals, lay hands on the sick and pray for their healing before the doctors get around to them. In another instance, a man in Mozambique beaten to death for no apparent reason by four other men was raised from the dead after the church prayed for him and the victim himself forgave the men responsible and declined to press charges.

In the process, the people these believers touch end up praising God for what He has done for them, and more. The forgiven assailant in Mozambique ended up accepting Jesus as Lord and Savior and now preaches the Gospel. This is Christianity in its most basic – and, perhaps, most effective – form; one-on-one sharing of the good news that God loves people and wants them for Himself. And Wilson himself ends up asking a key question: Is this the way Christianity was *supposed* to be all along?

There is a great deal of evidence that points to “yes.” Throughout Church history, there is a pattern of a decline in spiritual power exercised as people in the church depend on human solutions (instead of Divine ones) to the Church’s problems. This is especially true of the Western world, where an over-emphasis on organization led to believers forgetting that the Church is also an *organism* – the Body of Christ Himself. But this is something that

people are rediscovering, particularly in the new generation now coming up, and it is changing how believers see themselves and the world around them. Pollster George Barna, in his book, *Revolution*, writes of people hungry for more from God leaving established mainstream churches in larger numbers and simply being the Church, doing what He commanded believers to do in the first place. News reports are finding believers casting a more wary eye on the political process as they have begun to realize that the Kingdom of God will never be brought to Earth through human means, and that political power is weak compared to aligning yourself with the eternal, unerring, Almighty God of creation.

There is a telling scene in this video where a group of believers is in a Muslim village offering to pray for the sick and trying to convince them that the Miracles of God are for them, too. With them is a local pastor, who insists that they must be converted *first* before prayer should be offered for one woman in particular. Yet the prayers are offered without strings attached, and the woman is healed regardless.

In the account in Genesis (chapter 24) of Isaac and Rebekah, where Abraham dispatches his servant to go back to the country he came from to get a wife for Isaac, once the servant arrives at the home of Nahor (Abraham's brother and Rebekah's family), the first thing he does is present gifts for the family members to show that Abraham has become wealthy as God has blessed him. It is after this that the offer is made to Rebekah; once she agrees to become Isaac's wife, she is brought back to Caanan and the house of Abraham, which Isaac is the heir to. In accepting her new home, she not only has a few nice gifts *but she has the love of the man himself*, heir to the estate of his father. And even though she has (through Isaac) all the wealth of Abraham, her main focus becomes Isaac himself.

God works in the same way; He bestows His blessings on people He wants to come into His Kingdom. Once people see that He is a loving and caring God, and not some petty deity with a big stick waiting to smack people the minute they get out of line, people are far more inclined to accept Him. The events depicted in the video are God's way of reaching out to the world, offering them the Salvation and forgiveness of their sins purchased by His Son, the Lord Jesus, in His own Way and not man's. And people by the tens and hundreds of thousands are responding.

I won't go running off at the keyboard about this, because I want you to see this for yourself. The video is available, of course, on Amazon and is offered through other ministries (we got ours through Sid Roth Ministries). If you want to see it right away, you can find it, usually in two parts, on web video outlets such as AOL Video, Truveo and MySpace TV. But I cannot emphasize strongly enough that however you access it, *see this video*.

The revival is beginning, and it will get even bigger before it's finished. You won't see this on any of the networks or the 24-hour news channels, and even most Christian media is not picking up on it. But the day that we have been praying for is at hand, if you are willing to turn your eyes away from the things of this world and look for God instead.

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