

THE APPEARANCE



Ephesians 2:20-22

Ephesians 4:11-16

**APOSTLES AND
PROPHETS
PREPARING THE
EMERGING
ARMY
RELEASING THE
ABILITIES AND
NATURAL
CALLINGS OF
EVERYONE**



EFFECTUAL PRAYER



James 5:16-17 *“Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Elijah was a man subject to like passions as we are and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain; and it rained not on the earth for 3 ½ years.”*

Have you ever wondered why in one city there seems to be open heavens with signs, wonders and miracles taking place, while in another the heavens appear to be made out of brass as if God is withholding His blessing? If we are going to discover the answer to this puzzling question, ***we must go back to the very foundation of the early Church in America*** that produced earth shaking revivals and giants of the faith such as Jonathan Edwards, John Wesley, Charles Finney, William Seymour and the early Pentecostal and Healing Movements.

If we have any hope of impacting our cities and changing the course of our nation, we must begin by changing the present day condition of the Church. ***In its present weak condition the Church in America will not be able to change itself, let alone impact the cities.*** A paradigm shift needs to take place in the consciousness of the pastors and their congregations, to shake them out of their slumber and wake up to the reality that we are in the midst of a spiritual war.

The Lord wants to send revival to this nation, but it is not going to take place just by the force of confession, or by using a new Madison Avenue or Hollywood fabricated cart and oxen to usher it

in. It just will not happen. The American Church has become a reflection of the society in which it exists, one that feeds on fast (junk) food while watching their favorite TV show, while thinking that a visitation of God can somehow mystically take place somehow, someday.

Present day western Christian mindset is a combination of both anti-supernatural agnosticism and religious mysticism. The early church understood the reality of the supernatural world and lived accordingly. They practiced righteous living and the fear of God. They believed in angels, demons, prayer, fasting and preached conviction messages in the churches. As a result, ***preachers and believers lived victorious pure lives that glorified and honored the Lord Jesus Christ,*** and multitudes of people were converted to the kingdom of God.

The present religious wineskin (structure) cannot contain the outpouring that is fixing to take place. Many high places are going to have to come down, and major shifts and changes take place in the Christian Church if it wants to be a part of what the Lord is about to do in the world. ***The Reformation that is coming will impact and transform cities and nations as Heaven begins to release God's power and authority.***

This is not a pipe dream, but the only true foundation upon which the Kingdom of God should be built. Everything else is but shifting sands that cannot withstand the storms that are about to come against the world. *(Excerpted from the book by Augusto Perez: "Open Heavens".*