



## What I see – part 1 12 October 2013

This year in the Kingdom is not a time to chill out – it's time for action. From the Father's call to an increased closeness with Him two years ago we have now come to the awareness that it's time to move. Many of us have responded to that call without realising that we have. We have entered into a place of resting in Jesus and waiting on Him, experiencing depths of closeness with Him as never before.

It has been a while since I last published anything. There are several reasons for that, but simply that I really haven't known how to communicate well what I am hearing and seeing. I am deeply concerned about the future for Christchurch and the nation of New Zealand; and deeply encouraged by our Father's plans and desired outcomes for every person in this city and nation. The plans and purposes of our God and Father in Jesus Christ are good, very good, and very very good. How we get there depends on how we respond to our hunger to walk closely with Him and to be His Kingdom people in every aspect of our lives.

To begin to unpack this for you I need to go back some years and it is too long for one newsletter. As I have written before, in 1995 Jesus first showed me His intention for another great wave of harvest, and that He was beginning to increase levels of hunger across mankind - a hunger to walk with Him in real ways, deeply desiring to experience His love in any way we can.

Since then there has been increasing levels of His love available in any kind of worship, the only condition being heart surrender to Jesus Christ. His call to us to walk with Him more closely has been increasing in steps over time, and a month ago He increased that call further and gave more hunger to be real, to know Him as He really is and to walk with Him in ways that refuse to be subject to man's wishes and controls. This hunger appears to be especially strong among the youth, along with a question that sits and burns in the heart, "what's real?"

"We live in interesting times," a friend said to me. I think that is something of an understatement. We are seeing the financial collapse of the great American dream unfolding before us and increasing financial strain across all nations, including New Zealand.

Internationally, national debt is at all time highs, with the United States borrowing billions each week to stave off the collapse of their financial structure. Our Father warned about this several years ago through many prophetic voices and most of us viewed their statements as incredible, wild and astonishing. Many of us, me included, felt a touch of fear and, at times, put it out of our minds or on the shelf. However, some of us started to try to come to grips with all that has been given by Him and ask, "Father what do we need to do and how do we prepare?"

The first thing I noticed with the more complete prophecies I read and heard was that our Father seemed to be saying over and over again, "This does not have to happen to New Zealand, I can end it, I can make the changes if my people will pursue relationship with me and hear what I am saying to each of them and do it." Our Father is very, very good. That's why He doesn't want us to suffer at the

hand of man. Man's agendas create lack, suffering and want. God's agendas create blessing, plenty and all of creation wanting to bless and give to His Family. When we do as He says, we walk in blessing. When we do our interpretation of what He says, not so much. II Chronicles 7:14, spoken in the context of famine and pestilence, would seem to apply to financial famine as well.

When we do it our way, lack, hardship and poverty comes. That's what we see happening in the world today and in our city and nation. We must do whatever it takes to walk in His Grace and know Him as He really is. Cry out for a deeper revelation of who He is. Ask for transformation of our attitudes toward Him so we can walk with Him every day in a depth of personal relationship we have not seen before.

However we personally see Him, He is bigger and better and kinder. We are the "new man", the new race of beings that all creation responds well to. Why don't we believe it and expect it? Scripture sets it out openly. Surrender to Jesus Christ is the only way to walk it, but will we pay the cost? Will we lay down the bits of our life that He asks us to in order to walk with Him more fully? Too many times we hear the call to do this as the necessity to somehow make ourselves more holy and acceptable to Him, when in fact He is identifying those parts of our life that have become hindrances or blocks to "running the race" that each of us has been called to, and growing in Him.

I am not an ascetic, I do believe in the grace of God and I know what surrendering to Jesus means. It is not another way to beat ourselves up and put ourselves down. When we surrender to Him personally, privately and openly, He has a habit of lifting us up and empowering us for more. Each of us has his or her own individual walk with the Father - you have to understand what He is asking of you personally and do it if you want to live in the place of "new creature" existence.

His book is powerfully useful, but if you make it into a rule book you have lost the value of it. It is best used when the Author "lights it up" to you and shows you what He meant when He caused those words to be written. So let Him do this for you – He delights to do this. It is His desire and joy to be able to share His mind and heart with you. If you don't know how, ask Him to show you. He will, either directly or by guiding you to someone who can help.

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