

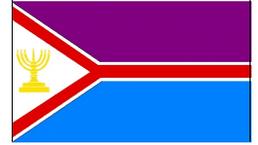


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*The Sanctuary*

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To the Bishops, Pastors, and Elders of the Churches of God:

On June 13, 1903, near where the Holiness Church at Camp Creek was gathered, A. J. Tomlinson knelt in prayer on Burger Mountain in North Carolina. As he prayed, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ revealed unto him the last-days Church. He arose from his prayer, descended from the mountain, and conferred with that group. Being satisfied with their response, he declared them to be the Church of God. By the words of the Prophet and the consent of those people, the Church of God arose that day, in fulfillment of Isaiah 60:1. That same day, they accepted Brother Tomlinson as their pastor.

By 1910, the Church had grown so much that they established the office of General Overseer, and A. J. Tomlinson was elevated to that Office. In 1914, at the General Assembly, the Church of God officially recognized that God had ordained A. J. Tomlinson into the office of General Overseer for life. Three years later, on February 13, 1917, he began to establish the Government of the Church, first with the offices of the Twelve Elders, and then the Seventy, following the example of our Lord Jesus Christ.

From 1921 through 1923, all but two of those appointees mounted a campaign to reject the Office of General Overseer as a divine appointment. By 1923, Brother A. J. Tomlinson was forced from his post, and with a small company of faithful followers, including two of the Twelve Elders, he launched his second effort to establish God's Church according to the Scriptural pattern. In the next twenty years, the Church of God, over which A. J. Tomlinson was General Overseer, grew and faithfully followed him as the Anointed of God.

In 1943, A. J. Tomlinson died, having lead God's Church for forty years. His forty-year ministry is one of the greatest signs which God has given to this generation of Christians. In the Old Testament era, God gave Israel eight men, each of whom led His people forty years. In the New Testament era, God has given us only one. God did that to signify that it was the Churches of God, from among all of His "spiritual Israel," that He had chosen to perform His "Prophetic Works."

Following Bro. Tomlinson's death, his younger son Milton became General Overseer, and, by 1947, a new campaign against the authority of that Office was begun by some of the bishops. In the 1948 Assembly, they effectively made the General Assembly "the highest tribunal of authority," totally rejecting the concept of a divinely-appointed leader. It was not until the Assembly of 1956, however, that Milton Tomlinson publicly declared his submission to the General Assembly, and that Office was reduced to being merely the moderator of the Assembly, and transacting business for the Assembly between sessions.

In the midst of this rebellion against the Office of God's Anointed, God was preparing a man to fill the gap. That man was Grady R. Kent.

Brother Kent was born again in a Church of God service in 1931, and joined their organization. Soon, he began to inquire concerning the man who had "found the Church on the mountain." In 1932, when he discovered that man to be A. J. Tomlinson, he promptly associated himself with Bro. Tomlinson's new work. Almost from the beginning, Bro. Kent's understanding of prophecy was phenomenal. This "Spirit of Prophecy" (Rev. 19:10) was characteristic of his entire ministry, and

uniquely qualified him for his work as General Secretary of the Church of Prophecy Marker Association. It was his continued emphasis on prophecy which initially prompted the marking of Fields of the Wood, the place of the “Arise” of the Church in 1903, and ultimately led to their official acceptance of the name Church of God of Prophecy in 1952.

In late 1956, Bro. Kent was given an ultimatum by Bro. Milton Tomlinson to cease preaching some things concerning prophecy and the Office of God’s Anointed, or resign his office in the Church Government. With much sorrow of heart, on February 13, 1957, Grady Kent tendered his resignation and set out to renew the work of A. J. Tomlinson, and to reestablish God’s Church on Bible principles.

Establishing the work under the name The Church of God, Bro. Kent lead the Church, as the Anointed of God, for the next seven years, until his death in 1964. In 1958, following the precedent set by A. J. Tomlinson, Bro. Kent began to ordain twelve men into the offices of the Twelve Apostles. He later ordained Seven, and some into the offices of the Seventy. Throughout his ministry, he identified many things with prophecy, such as airplanes, automobiles and motorcycles, as well as the arise and development of God’s Church. In the process, Grady Kent instituted the observance of the Feasts of the Lord, not after the law, but according to their prophetic intent in the New Testament era.

Brother Kent’s immediate successor, Marion Hall, wrought such abomination, that it caused the final ruin of the Church. (It was shortly before the exposure of his iniquity in 1972, that I left that group at the Lord’s prompting, and began to work toward the establishing of a Holy Nation.) Robert Somerville became the new Chief Bishop, and soon, under his leadership, the Church developed a pseudo-Jewish approach under the auspices of New Testament Judaism. That official move led them further toward the demise of God’s Church in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, and by late 1980, they, too, had ceased to believe in the Bible principle of God’s Anointed.

So, 77 years after the “Arise” of God’s Church, all three phases of “the woman, the Church” (Church of God, Church of God of Prophecy, and The Church of God) had officially rejected the concept of an Anointed leader. “The Spirit of the Body” (1 Cor. 12:13; Eph 4:3-6) departed from the Church as the Psalm says, “The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years.” This doctrine of Korah (Jude 11 and Num. 16:3) had permeated all three of these Churches of God as the Lord had shown by the parable of the leaven, which the woman hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened. These three phases are further revealed by Ezekiel the prophet, who said, “I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.”

Today, there is no church functioning in the true expression of God’s Elect. All three of these organizations served as God’s Elect, fulfilling the portion of prophecy for their day. They are still God’s Church in the light of Jeremiah chapter 3, though separated from the favor of God by their rebellion against God’s Anointed leadership.

I am writing this letter to deliver this Word of God to you, the leaders of the Churches of God. “Turn, O backsliding children, saith the Lord; for I am married to you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion.” The Lord has been sore displeased with your former leaders who forsook His way. Therefore, thus saith the Lord of hosts, “Turn ye unto me, and I will turn unto you.” Don’t be like your former leaders, who would not heed the prophets who tried to get them to continue in the way of the Lord. With all of God’s efforts to turn them from the evil of their way, they would not listen. They had their opportunity and squandered it.

On September 11, 2001, in fulfillment of Zephaniah chapter 1, Islamic terrorists destroyed the Twin Towers and a section of the Pentagon, while another of their efforts was thwarted as the fourth plane crashed in Pennsylvania. These three locations are specifically mentioned in verse 10. The Twin Towers were located adjacent to the Fulton Fish Market, New York’s “Fish Gate.” The Second attack struck America’s defense headquarters, and a Crashing in the Hills of Pennsylvania finished that verse’s

fulfillment. God used that attack as a warning to the United States of America, and especially to the Christians of America. Further in the passage, we are told that it was to be “A day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced cities, and against the high towers.” By the attacks of that fateful day, an alarm has gone out against the high places of Christianity: its imposing and formidable church organizations. Peter said, “Judgement must begin at the house of God,” hereby showing that God will bring judgement against the Church before He judges the rest of Christianity, and then He will execute judgement upon the world.

The day of God’s judgement of the Church is at hand. The fulfillment of Zephaniah chapter 1 was our wake up call. In chapter 2:1-3, we are told what we must do now, if we are to escape the imminent wrath of God. “Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation not desired; Before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of the LORD come upon you, before the day of the LORD’s anger come upon you. Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: *it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD’s anger.*” The Apostle Paul said, “But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation. For God hath not appointed us to wrath.” Apparently, whether Old or New Testament, avoiding the Lord’s anger is going to require a special effort on our part, for God never changes.

The Lord has told us in Haggai, that in a short while from now, He is going to send an even greater shaking, whereby He will shake both Christianity and the secular world. It is urgent, therefore, that we begin to gather together and establish God’s Church, His way, according to His will.

Today is your opportunity. Paul said, “Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” God has not changed. When God does a special work, He always anoints a man to lead that work for Him.

As God said unto us by Haggai, “Is it time for you to build *your* church organizations, and let the House of God lie waste?” No. It is time for us to consider our ways, and come together and begin to build the House of God. God is ready to begin to bless a renewed effort to build His Church. He has anointed me, and placed upon me the responsibility of this work. If you will turn your heart to God, and devote yourself to Him with me in this effort, you will see God bless the work and bring His Church to its glory.

It is important that we begin, very soon, to lay the foundation of this House. Therefore, I am calling a Special Gathering November 24-December 1, 2002. If God has been dealing with you about your place in the ministry of His Elect, you need to come for at least some portion of this meeting. We have God’s promise that, beginning with this gathering, He will bless our efforts in the work of building His House, and grant us to become a glorious Church, without spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing.

Contact us early with your intentions to attend this Gathering. The Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

Yours in Christ,



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