
Finishing Strong

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The best is ahead. Let's be hungry for more — for the greatest revival yet to come.

Parable of the wheat and the weeds

In **Matthew 13:24-30** Jesus tells the parable of how the servants who were eager to pull up the weeds were warned that in doing so they would pull up the wheat as well, and were told to let both grow together until the harvest. This parable's meaning is about the separation of the “sons of the evil one” and the “sons of the kingdom” at the end of the age.

We are headed toward two things —

- **Ripening of wickedness**
 - **Ripening of the righteousness (this is us)**
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Ripening of the righteous

Jesus describes who we are to become

- **Matthew 13:43**
Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.
- **YOU** — will radiate — countenance changes — wherever you are — in the workplace

Refers back to Daniel 12 — seeing prophecy of the end times...

- **Daniel 12:3**
Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever...

Your destiny— your heritage is to be pure!

- **Daniel 12:10**
Many will be purified, made spotless and refined, but the wicked will continue to be wicked.
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Solomon and Caleb

What made the difference?

Joshua

- **Joshua 14:12**
The Lord promised me.

**Caleb started well.
He believed the promises of God
more than what he saw or experienced.**

Solomon

Compromises: Not abiding in God's Word

Torah said:

- Not to have many horses — especially from Egypt
 - He had 14,000 horses — many from Egypt
- Not to have great quantities of silver and gold
 - He made silver as common as stones
- Not to have many wives
 - He had 700 wives and 300 concubines

- **1 Kings 11**
His wives turned his heart after other gods.... He followed Ashtoreth...and Molech...
 - Ashtoreth worshiped with sexual perversions
 - Molech used child sacrifice
 - Solomon started living in what he wanted to do

For those of you who are making compromises...

cheating on reports at work

dallying in harmless flirtations

Sin takes you farther than you want to go!

THIS DOES NOT HAVE TO HAPPEN TO YOU!

Do not dwell on the past

- **Isaiah 43: 18-19**
Do not dwell on the past. I am doing a new thing.
- God forgives... move forward

**There is a great revival coming.
We want what's coming.
Not what's been.**

Pay attention to God's promises!

God has never made a promise that is not going to happen

- **2 Corinthians 1:20**
“For no matter how many promises God has made, they are “Yes” in Christ. And so through Him the “Amen” is spoken by us to the glory of God.”
 - “Amen” spoken by us to be activated for us

- **Hebrews 6:12**

“We do not want you to become lazy, but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.”

- Don't ever give up! There is no time line on it.

How to become partakers of the divine nature

- **2 Peter 1:4**

“He has given us His very great and precious promises so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desire.”

**By putting His promises in our hearts,
we can get rid of all junk,
and become partakers of His divine nature.**

- **Romans 8:29**

“Those God foreknew He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son.”

- Don Finto's life verse — he said it works — that God is purifying his heart and mind.
- God wants you to become like Jesus.

I work the plan and the plan works! The nature of Jesus can be fused inside of you!

- **1 John 1:9**

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness”

- ***I confess — You purify!***
- He never shames — He purifies your heart

Forgiveness

- **Matthew 18:34-35**

The man who would not forgive was “turned over to the jailers to be tortured...This is how my heavenly father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

- turned over to jailer to be tortured
- unless you forgive from your heart

Do not be anxious about anything...

- **Philippians 4:6**

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition with thanksgiving present your requests to God, and the peace of God that transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

- NOT a suggestion — it is a Command
- He doesn't give us a command we can't obey

Salvation of Jewish people

- **Hosea 3:4-5**
“The Israelites will live many days without king or prince without sacrifice or sacred stone... Afterward the Israelites will return and seek the LORD their God. They will come trembling to the LORD and to His blessings in the last days.”
- No king since 586 B.C.
- Israelites will seek God in last days
- **Isaiah 62:6-7**
“You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest and give Him no rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth.”

PLUS

- **Ephesians 3:20**
“To Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine according to His power at work within us...”

Imagine

Pastor Don told a story of his imagination about an Israeli family who dreams of the Messiah, who then tells their rabbi, who is also experiencing a great upswelling of those coming to believe in Jesus as the Messiah.

Through a mutual friend, Pastor Don is anticipating meeting Ariel Cohen Alloro in Israel. Alloro is a lawyer.

“Ariel Cohen Alloro,

a Jewish Hassidic Orthodox from Jerusalem, Israel, is one of the top Bible Codes experts today. He recently undertook the crucial, prophetic task to unveil Jesus/Yeshua as the Jewish Messiah and to explain the main concepts of Christianity from a genuine 100% Jewish Orthodox perspective, as a natural way to return him, in kosher garments, back to the Jewish Establishment.”

- **Romans 11:12**
“If their transgression means riches for the world and their loss means riches for the Gentiles how much greater riches will their fullness bring.”

Revival in Iran

CBN Correspondent Chris Mitchell tells of the massive growth of Christianity in Iran... with no denominations, owning no buildings, no corporations... just joyous house churches.¹

Pastor Don told a story from Tom Doyle's book *Dreams and Visions*: "What would you do if Jesus appeared to you in a dream? What if He came to you in a vision and told you to follow Him? What if these visions continued for over thirty days? Would you believe? Would you put your trust in him? Would you devote your life to him?"²

The "Amen" to these promises rests in us

- **2 Corinthians 1:20**

"For no matter how many promises God has made, they are "Yes" in Christ. And so through Him the "Amen" is spoken by us to the glory of God."

- **we participate in it**

- **John 14:12**

"Anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing."

Lord, we welcome You to radically transform us. Your will be done in Israel, and among the nations. Start here among us, and in us as individuals.

Discussion Questions

1. Do you believe that your destiny, your heritage is to shine like the brightness of the sun?
2. What does it mean that "the 'Amen' is spoken by us to the glory of God"?
3. Caleb and Solomon both started well. Only one finished well. What was the difference?
4. Discuss Pastor Don's freeing statement, "I confess...You purify"!
5. Read Matthew 18:34-35. Is there anyone you need to forgive today?
6. "Do not be anxious about anything" is a not a suggestion, but a command. Is this a command we cannot obey?
7. How does our individual transformation relate to God's will being done throughout the nations?

¹ <https://www1.cbn.com/cbnnews/world/2016/july/revival-in-iran-i-want-to-be-a-christian>

² Tom Doyle and Greg Webster, *Dreams and Visions: Is Jesus Awakening the Muslim World?* (Thomas Nelson Inc, 2012)

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