

# COVENANTAL AWAKENING

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# NUTCRACKER PRAYER INITIATIVE SUMMARY

*"Lift up your heads, o you gates, and be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in!" Psalm 24:7*

We feel that God is bringing forth a governmental (apostolic) prayer initiative intensely focused for 18 months on awakening and union of the body of Christ in the metro Washington DC region and the east coast of America. It is a prayer journey that God wants to use to help 'forerun' or prepare the way for the next level of revival in America.

The Nutcracker prayer project is twofold:

- First, to facilitate monthly regional intercession for sustained regional breakthrough, focused on *awakening* and *union*. Not only do we feel to commit to these monthly meetings, but we want to encourage other churches, ministries and houses of prayer to do the same. We will be producing web and print materials to help towards this end. These prayer meetings will be held monthly on a Saturday morning at Cornerstone Fellowship.
- Second, we feel to facilitate a prayer journey, projected for summer 2008, simultaneously from New England to DC and from Florida to DC, praying and ministering into America's original 13 colonies, perhaps including the capital of each state. The historical roots of this nation are found within the 13 colonies, and together they form the geographic "East Gate" of our nation.

We also sense from the Lord that Alabama should be included in this initiative. Many prophetic directives have been given on this.

A primary focus of the prayer journey will be to affirm and empower the covenantal legacy of our nation through the Pilgrims (north) and Huguenots (south) and others. The journey's end will bring together the group from the north with the group from the south in Washington DC (possibly in a meeting room at Union Station) for a time of affirmation of America's covenantal legacy in Christ, to join together north and south in awakening.

In the ministry meetings I feel we will be empowered by God to release breakthrough revival throughout the east coast. I echo the sentiments of many apostolic and prophetic leaders that the time for this is now. Therefore we are looking to establish teams that reflect diversity in ministry gifts, focusing on breakthrough revival.

*"The inhabitants of one will go to another, saying, "Let us go at once to entreat the favor of the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts; I will also go" (Zech. 8:21).*

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# AMERICA'S COVENANTAL LEGACY

## THE PURPOSE

We are covenanted to Christ as a nation of awakening. I believe God wants a greater expression of breakthrough revival, and unity of heart and purpose among His people in this nation, especially as we move into 2008 with the upcoming elections. He wants our Caitol and our nation to become an expression of those two key words: awakening and union.

A release of authentic unity in the body of Christ in this nation is ABSOLUTELY VITAL to securing God's purposes during the next months. It is important to note that being assembled together is a primary fruit of the breaker anointing (Micah 2:12). God breaks us out of our chambers of isolation so we can be joined with Him and joined with each other in His cause.

That said, here's a review of three primary covenantal legacies by which our nation was founded. We believe the Lord is moving in our day to bring these covenantal legacies to full expression.

## THE PILGRIMS' COVENANT

If you go to Plymouth, MA, to explore the heritage of the Pilgrims, it's best to go around Thanksgiving. Not only to appreciate the warmth of a covenant meal, but also to appreciate the graying skies and bitter chill that confronted the Pilgrims when they first came ashore, and stayed with them their first five months in the new world.

With rampant disease, no food supply, and little shelter, it is truly a wonder any survived that first winter. Most didn't. The few who remained from the Mayflower's journey were kept alive by natives from the Wampanoag tribe.

Their very arrival was unintentional. A huge storm off the coast of Eastham, Cape Cod, thwarted their journey down towards the Hudson River, where they had originally planned to establish their community. Cape Cod is like a giant boot. The Pilgrims turned back at the heel of the boot, circled around the toe, and found shelter in an uninhabited natural harbor known to mariners as Provincetown.



It is there that, on November 11, 1620, the Pilgrims wrote the Mayflower Compact, in which they essentially covenanted the land and its government to "the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith"—the reason they gave for undertaking their journey. They then waded ashore, where history records they fell on their knees, worshiped God for safe passage, and committed to Jesus Christ their endeavor to establish this vision of community to which their names had just been signed.

## THE HUGUENOTS' COVENANT

Being a descendent of the Pilgrims, I thought I was familiar with the sacrifices European settlers made to forge God's dream in the 'New World.' But I really had no idea of the Huguenots or any influence they had on our land. I was ministering one time in New England when the Lord spoke to me that He is avenging the blood of His martyrs, the Huguenots.

My first thought—literally—was “what’s a Huguenot?” The Lord also quickened to my heart that “Unless the fire of the Huguenots is rekindled, and brought into the corporate anointing of this hour, the anointing of awakening will be incomplete.”

I believe it was George Otis Jr who spoke of prophetic insight from the Lord as being a research lead, a window of discovery. My discovery was astounding. Before the Pilgrims landed in Massachusetts, another weary group came to America seeking religious freedom. Led by Jean Ribault, the Huguenots established a settlement in Ft. Caroline, Florida, again with the hope of reaching nations with the gospel. In 1614, six years before the Pilgrims came, they established a community on St. John’s River near present-day Jacksonville FL. As noted before, it is significant that God was intent on establishing covenant communities in the northeast and southeast of what was to become the United States of America.

The Huguenot settlement was wiped out in an attack from Spaniards living in Cuba, who justified their massacre with religious intolerance. “Some of them were hanged,” notes one article, “with the inscription ‘Not as unto Frenchmen, but as unto heretics.’”

Jean Ribault, the Huguenot leader who founded the settlement, died chanting Psalm 132, literally begging God to make this nation a dwelling place for His presence. But instead of praying, “Lord remember the afflictions of your servant David,” he prayed, “Lord remember the afflictions of your servant Jean. How he swore. . . not to give rest to his eyes, nor slumber to his eyelids, until he found a dwelling place for the mighty God of Jacob.”

God remembers the cry of His friends. He never forgets a sacrifice, an act of kindness on His behalf. Part of this Third Great Awakening is that covenantal blessings aborted in previous seasons will find life and expression at this time.

It is interesting to note that, centuries after Jean Ribault and the Huguenots were martyred, another forerunner was gripped by Psalm 132 and the dream in God’s heart for our land to be a dwelling place for His presence. At the outset of his ministry, Mike Bickle came into covenant with the Lord, according to Psalm 132 -- a covenant that eventually brought forth the 24/7 International House of Prayer.

Have you ever wondered why God would choose America to pioneer so many prayer movements with global impact? Perhaps it is that God is remembering the heart-cry of His friends—friends who, through their covenants with the Lord, helped found our nation in Christ.

## REMEMBERING THE PRAYERS OF HIS FRIENDS

God remembers the prayers of His friends. And heaven’s treasures are often poured out in response even generations after the cries of His friends were first heard on earth.

The greatest expression of prayer is simply love responding to Love. Revelation 5 speaks about the accumulated prayers of God’s friends being stored in bowls before His altar. To the Lord, these prayers, the overflow of lives poured out on His behalf, are as incense to Him. In other words, in a way similar to breathing, the Lord takes in our accumulated prayers into the depths of His being. And then, from the depths of His being, God releases Heaven’s response.

We add our voice to our breath in worship and prayer to God. And when these bowls of accumulated prayer before God’s throne are filled—it could well be said that God breathes His response. Take the record of Acts 2, for example. The disciples had been gathering for 50 days, filling heaven’s bowls in prayer for a release of Christ’s promise to ‘endue them with power from on high.’ Suddenly and probably unexpectedly, God breathed His response. The same disciples heard a sound of a mighty, rushing wind. They experienced the power of this mighty outpouring of the Spirit together, as God’s glory was again restored to earth!

I have spent the last few years breathing in the life, legacy and prayers of many founders of this nation. In praying their prayers, and coming into agreement with the covenants they made with the Lord so long ago, their legacy has in some way become my own. This journey has rocked my understanding of life and its pursuits. For me now, there is no greater cause than to see the dream of God's heart breathed into our forefathers come to an even greater fulfillment in this hour.

## KETTLE PRAYERS AND THE JUSTICE OF GOD

To me there's no greater example of God's generational faithfulness to His own than the family legacy of my good friend Will Ford. In fact, their legacy in founding America is at least as profound and effective as the efforts of the Pilgrims and the Huguenots—likely even more so.

In 1999, a well-known prophet told me that I would soon meet a man named William—Will for short—and he will have just come into an inheritance. The good news is that he was going to bless me from this inheritance.

My first thought upon receiving this word was “finally, I'll have the funds to quit my job and do what I've always wanted to do.” OK, it sounds a bit selfish. But at least I wasn't looking for a Caribbean cruise, or a mansion on the hillside. All I wanted was to provide for my family while fulfilling God's call to ministry!

So—indeed I was truly more spiritual than you just judged me to be. But that said, in 2001, when I met intercessory prophet William Ford III on a prayer journey called the Kettle Tour, it took a move of God to show me that this was the fulfillment of His prophetic promise.

Will Ford had indeed just received an inheritance. It wasn't money, though. It was a kettle—a big black pot that had been passed down through the Lockett family for generations. Will's dad had just passed this family heirloom to him.

The Kettle Tour prayer journey was named for Will's inheritance. We were traveling with this kettle through areas of historic awakening in the northeast, asking God to again tip the bowls of heaven and release revival. To the leaders of the tour, it became a symbol of the bowls of heaven, which caught the accumulated prayers of God's friends. Now it was time for the bowls to be tipped.

Will's forefathers were slaves in Louisiana. In between working the fields and serving their taskmasters, they would cook their family meals in this kettle, and they would clean their clothes.

And in the midnight hours, they would pray. The story passed from grandpa to grandson, from mother to daughter, describes how their kin would drag this kettle out to a barn, prop it up under a rock, and weep before the Lord as they prayed for freedom from slavery.

Will's family, as well as many other slave families, prayed under the kettle to muffle their cries as to Jesus for deliverance. This is an amazing picture. Slaves in a barn taking turns crawling under a kettle deep into the night, begging God for freedom. Their prayers being caught up before the Throne—stored, as it were, in another kettle—until the bowls were filled.

Will's forefathers didn't have faith for freedom in their own generation. Under this kettle, they covertly prayed instead for the freedom of their children.

For generations, it seemed like the cruelty only got worse. But when the bowls that caught these prayers finally became full, God thundered from heaven an outpouring of His response. A civil war ensued. The cruelty of bloodshed was exchanged for bloodshed in the only war ever fought by America on American soil. At an extremely high price, freedom was finally secured.

## PRAYING FOR FREEDOM: A DANGEROUS QUEST

As the stories were passed down to the Lockett children, you can imagine the first question the grandkids would have—why? Why not just pray in the field, or at church, instead of dragging a kettle into a barn and praying under it?

For these slaves, to hear their offspring even ask this question would probably bring impassioned joy to their hearts. It would be proof their prayers had finally been answered.

Because every slave understood they could never be caught praying for freedom. Christianity had to be ‘taught’ to slaves in order to morally justify bringing them to America. Heathen were being given the opportunity to know Jesus and go to heaven, even if their enslavement meant a life of hell on earth. So the slaves were taught to pray—just not for freedom.

In fact, to be caught praying for freedom almost always meant agonizing punishment. History records that many masters whipped their slaves almost to death for whispering this request.

As the family recounts, former slave Nora Lockett became the first in the family to carry this cooking pot to freedom. And the kettle became a family heirloom, a memorial of remembrance to the God who caught every prayer, and every tear shed in this bowl.

## A LEGACY OF INTERCESSION

For centuries now, I believe God’s answer to these prayers have been shaping the history of our land. Interestingly, not only did God answer the prayers of the Lockett forefathers for freedom, but He also perpetuated their legacy of intercession. Will Ford III has a heart for intimacy with the Lord, and carries a mantle of prayer for justice and freedom unlike anybody I know. Yes, he is reaping the benefits of his own decisions to seek the Lord and follow His ways. But when he shares and when he prays, it is as though he also connects with the cries of the ancients for freedom. Cries still alive before the Throne.

And with all our nation now faces, how desperately we need these prayers to be fully answered by the Lord. We need deliverance from the hand of the harsh taskmaster. I’ll never forget when Dutch Sheets commented, “Wouldn’t it be just like God, in His justice and His irony, to use the prayers of a slave generation to set this generation free!”

I believe this to be true. Interestingly, eleven days after the Kettle Tour ended, a tremor of the same magnitude as the Civil War shook the foundations of our nation—from the Northeast. We know it as 9/11. On that day, America truly awakened from slumber. And this war for freedom, carried in secret by slaves in the midnight hours of their time, suddenly took on a global dimension.

## VOICE OF FOUNDING FATHERS

In the days following 9/11, President George W. Bush addressed a prayer gathering in New York City in which he commented that “the commitment of our fathers is now the calling of our time.” What a profound statement!

I look at the Pilgrims, the Huguenots, and so many who endured the agony of slavery or indentured servitude as founding fathers and mothers of our land. They shed their tears and they shed their blood to forge a legacy of freedom in this nation that now shines as a beacon to the nations of the earth. And they are looking with eager expectation to see if we are willing to receive this sacred torch in our day. Because the commitment of our fathers is now the calling of our time!

My forefather Richard Warren was among the Pilgrims who signed the Mayflower Compact in the harbor of Provincetown. Historians view this simple covenant as a founding document—many say the founding document-- for the nation that would emerge from its seed. Within this understated document were volumes of profound ideals for government, such as the formation of a ‘civil body politic,’ as well as a simple framework for seeing these ideals established. A primary dream the Pilgrims lived for—and the dream for which many died—was to establish a community that would serve as a

beach-head for the Great Commission. The Forefathers Monument in Plymouth bears this out.

Just outside of the main village, hidden from view, the monument sits atop a hill where most of the Pilgrims who died the first winter were buried. Perhaps because it is not so well-known, the first impression on seeing the monument is that it is not very well-kept. Rarely will you find many visitors.

On the backside of the monument is a quote from William Bradford, who was Plymouth colony's first governor. For Jolene and me, his thoughts are as a voice from the past directly prophesying our present, and our future. It is as though every work of God's hand in our lives—our ministry name, and even His amazing orchestration at our wedding—are framed within these words.

*“Thus out of small beginnings greater things have been produced by His Hand that made all things of nothing, and gives being to all things that are; and as one small candle may light a thousand, so the light here kindled hath shone unto many, yea in some sort to our whole nation; let the glorious name of Jehovah have all the praise.”*



## A VISION OF AWAKENING

In 1996, while living on Cape Cod, the Lord gave me a vision, the meaning of which has been progressively unfolding ever since. We were praying for Povincetown and the Cape during an early-morning prayer session at New Life Christian Center. My pastor at the time, Chuck Gamble, talked with me about a disturbing dream he'd been having for many In his life, Warren left everything in a precarious voyage to the new world, to help found and dedicate a new nation and its government. Much of my journey has been to discover the precious foundations upon which this land was built—and as importantly, the unspeakable passion of my Father's heart to display the work of His friends, and to perpetuate their legacy today.



I have never known such wonder—or such heartbreak—as on this decade long journey with God. What has emerged from this is sacred to me, and is therefore a bit difficult to share. Throughout this report, I have referred to America as a nation of awakening—it is our heritage and our destiny. Here's why.

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As he was recounting this, I began to see a vision. I saw the hand of the Lord come to the casket and open its door. The Lord reached in and pulled out a mummified body, bringing it to life.

Then the hand of the Lord began to unwrap the mummy. When the band of cloth came off her face, I saw the mummy was a woman. Then the grave cloths came off below her neck. Nestled into the bosom of this woman was a young child. Then the voice of the Lord began to speak—thunder is a better word. “Where you have felt as a widow, abandoned by me and far from My hand of provision, instead I am now bringing you into a season of intimacy with Me and abundance from My hand. And I have saved the best wine for last!”

I knew immediately and intuitively the woman in the vision represented the Bride of Christ in New England and the nation. The child in her arms represented the fruit of His covenant with her. And I knew the vision was about the Bride's awakening.

### GOD'S PASSION FOR AWAKENING

In John 11:11, Jesus tells His disciples, “Lazarus my friend has fallen asleep, but I go that I may awaken him from slumber.” He then went and raised Lazarus from the dead!

Now that's what I call awakening. But even more than the display of power, what stands out to me most here is that Jesus calls Lazarus His friend. He considers you and me His friend as well. God loves His friends, and loves to restore His

friends back to life.

From this passage we can see that when Jesus brings awakening, He brings an anointing that literally breaks people free from death. Whether it is overcoming the spiritual death of an unregenerate soul, or deliverance from covenants of death that hold a person in bondage, or simply the kiss of the heart that brings love back to life, Jesus loves to awaken His bride.

We serve a generous God who delivers us not only from our own sin, but also the consequences of the sins of our forefathers. Sin brings death; and the pacts our forefathers made with darkness, such as what I just mentioned with Freemasonry, can be devastating to us and our offspring today. Only the offering of the blood of our Savior can cancel generational pacts with darkness that keep us in a state of slumber. Only He can awaken us!

There are only a few references to awakening in the New Testament. Of these references, I believe John 11:11 best pictures God's great and mysterious work in awakening. He raised Lazarus to life, and, as in my vision, unwrapped him from his graveclothes.

In my quest to understand how God awakens His bride, I must have read this passage scores of times before I saw what I'm sharing with you next.

## A NATION OF AWAKENING

The historic legacy of America's first two great awakenings is honored by historian and theologian alike for the depth of impact here and throughout the earth. Many believe we are now riding the crest of a third great awakening. In our anticipation for its fullness, it is also important to understand the apostolic foundations from which God is releasing this move.

When we discussed the Mayflower Compact previously, I noted that the subject of the covenant was the land and its government. And that the Pilgrims essentially dedicated the land and its government, in their words, to "the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith." As we will see, the moves of God in historic awakenings have brought to manifestation these two phrases.

It is interesting to note that the Pilgrims signed the Mayflower Compact on November 11, 1620. I believe it is more than coincidence—more, even than divine irony—that our nation was birthed out of covenant with the Lord on 11-11! With an unspoken reference to John 11:11, it is as if God was saying, *"I orchestrated the journey of the Pilgrims to prophesy to ages to come that I have accepted their invitation to marry this land, and establish it according to My purposes. You are a nation of awakening!"*

During both the first and second Great Awakenings, we saw two dimensions of this covenant with the Lord in manifestation. We saw God's glory -- the tangible manifestation of His presence and power -- across the land, resulting in societal transformation. And we saw evangelism -- the advancement of the Christian faith -- as unprecedented numbers of people turned to Jesus Christ

These two aspects—the release of God's glory and the advancement of the Christian faith—are the 'DNA' of societal awakening. It is why I have come to adopt the term "covenantal awakenings" to describe these great movements.

## EDWARDS AND THE FIRST GREAT AWAKENING

The first great awakening was released by God after a significant season of desperate prayer and fasting for revival. Historians note that the spark of awakening first came as Jonathan Edwards preached his famous sermon, "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God." Ironically, as if to foreshadow the tragedy to come, Edwards received little response in Boston, where he first preached the message. Upon returning to Northampton, the same message was unusually graced with

holy fire, and the awakening was kindled.

Edwards' town of Northampton soon became the first known 'transformed community' in North America. Soon the fire of God's awakening burned brightly throughout the entirety of the northeast, in areas of the southeast, and across the Atlantic.

Through the likes of Wesley and Whitfield, Brainerd and Edwards, God thundered His majesty throughout this covenant land. The impact of this move of God was immeasurable, with countless souls coming to Christ and a general awareness of the goodness of God permeating every aspect of society.

In years to come, controversy dimmed the brightness of the flame until, by the 1750s, it was almost extinguished. As there were true manifestations of the Holy Spirit, so there were false manifestations. A few unscrupulous preachers began to imitate true manifestations of the Spirit as a means of validating their message—even if the Spirit wasn't upon them.

## THE SECOND GREAT AWAKENING

Fast forward to the roaring '20s. Not the 1920s but a century before. The moral foundations undergirded by the first great awakening were crumbling as the young nation of America struggled to survive. Unitarianism was sweeping through New England, with many Congregational churches forsaking their apostolic foundations in favor of humanistic principles. Prayer borne out of desperation arose again from the remnant who stayed the course with Jesus Christ.

And God remembered His covenant friends. In the midst of this uncertain time, a bright light emerged. Charles Finney, received a visitation of the Holy Spirit, and gave his life to Christ. As the Lord worked with Edwards to spark the First Great Awakening, so He worked with Finney to spark the Second Great Awakening.

Finney described this sacred visitation in his autobiography. "There was no fire, and no light, in the room; nevertheless it appeared to me as if it were perfectly light. As I went in and shut the door after me, it seemed as if I met the Lord Jesus Christ face to face... He said nothing, but looked at me in such a manner as to break me right down at his feet. I have always since regarded this as is most remarkable state of mind; for it seemed to me a reality, that he stood before me, and I fell down at his feet and poured out my soul to him."

"But as I turned and was about to take a seat by the fire, I received at mighty baptism of the Holy Ghost. Without any expectation of it, without ever having the thought in my mind that there was any such thing for me, without any recollection that I had ever heard the thing mentioned by any person in the world, the Holy Spirit descended upon me in as manner that seemed to go through me, body and soul. I could feel the impression, like a wave of electricity, going through and through me. Indeed it seemed to come in waves and waves of liquid love; for I could not express it in any other way. It seemed like the very breath of God. I can recollect distinctly that it seemed to fan me, like immense wings."

What many people don't know about Charles Finney is that he was a Freemason when God gripped his heart. He soon repented, and then called, in his words, 'entire denominations to repentance' for embracing the idolatry of Freemasonry. The second great awakening was released soon thereafter.

In his own words:

*"The facts were such, the revelations so clear, that the Baptist denomination backed down, and took the lead in renouncing and denouncing the institution. Throughout the northern states, I believe it was almost universally conceded that persistent Freemasons, who continued to adhere and cooperate with them, ought not to be admitted to Christian churches. Now it is worthy of all consideration and remembrance, that God set the seal of His approbation upon the actions taken by those churches at that time, by pouring out His Spirit upon them. Great revivals immediately followed over that whole region. The discussion of the subject, and the action of the churches took place in 1827-8 and '9, and in 1830 the greatest revival*

*spread over this region that had ever been known in this or any other country.*” (1869: Charles Finney, *The Character, Claims and Practical Workings of Freemasonry*, pg. 179)

As his words bear out, Finney saw repentance of the Body of Christ from idolatry as the primary trigger of the outpouring of the Spirit in the Second Great Awakening. This historical fact clearly aligns with the Scriptural principle that idolatry embraced by ‘His Bride’ pushes God’s glory back through the gates of our land. Though there were moves of God afterwards, the powerful moves of God’s glory experienced in the First Great Awakening were not restored to America until the Bride of Christ in New England repented of the idolatry she had embraced!

## THE THIRD GREAT AWAKENING

In writing the following prophetic perspective, parts of which originally appeared on the Elijah List, I am keenly aware that we “see in part and prophesy in part.” So let the witness of the Spirit guide you as we examine together recent events that indicate a major shift into a season of national awakening and revival.

In mid-October 2005, Kim Clement prophesied there would be an “unusual occurrence” on October 31, which would be followed by a four year season of harvest and the greatest move of the Spirit our nation has ever seen.

Kim prophesied this word at a conference with Cornerstone Fellowship in Frederick, MD, where Jolene and I serve as prayer coordinators. After talking with our pastors, we decided to pray as a church through the evening of October 31, standing for the Lord’s promises to be fulfilled.

Just after 9:00 p.m., while we were worshipping and praying, we experienced an “unusual occurrence.” A few of the intercessors saw a huge fireball passing through the skies of Frederick!

Television news reported that the fireball was actually a meteor, seen from Philadelphia to south of Washington, D.C. Local 911 emergency centers were overrun with calls, and in the metro D.C. region, many reported the fireball was so bright it lit up the insides of their homes. One NASA scientist told a DC television station that “this is a rare event,” and that he couldn’t remember seeing another meteor this big in the past 12 years.

## CONFIRMING THE WORD

In line with Kim Clement’s word, the fireball was definitely an unusual occurrence. I believe this was a sign from the Lord that the awakening we’ve all been praying for is now at hand.

During the conference, Kim also reiterated a prophetic word he shared early in October that America would be mourning on October 31 and that within the dates of October 31 through November 1, our nation would be moving from death to life. He also prophesied that the breath of the Spirit would be restored in the northeast, with the eventual release of an anointing to even raise the dead in the greatest move of the Spirit our nation has ever seen.

Kim’s word on the wind of the Spirit is remarkably similar to a prophecy given by Chuck Pierce in Vermont, on October 9. On that night, Chuck prophesied that the awakening of the nation had begun and that the “north winds of awakening” would be released from Vermont, across the northeast and the nation.

Later in the article, I’ll share how these prophetic insights relate to America’s covenantal heritage as a nation of awakening. But first, let’s look at two significant events related to Kim’s word that came to pass in Washington, D.C. on October 31.

### More Confirmations on October 31

First, America truly mourned on October 31-- though not due to a terrorist attack or a hurricane. Instead, America mourned the loss of the great civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks. A devoted Christian, Parks’ act of gentle defiance brought

new meaning to our pledge of “liberty and justice for all.” As one political leader noted, Rosa Parks wasn’t just the mother of the civil rights movement, but she was “the mother of the America we grew to be.”

Her passing was bittersweet. From October 30 through October 31, Parks became the first woman and the second African American to lie in honor in the Rotunda of the U.S. Capitol.

Also on October 31, President Bush nominated Samuel Alito to serve as the next justice on the Supreme Court. Many speculate that Judge Alito, who currently presides over the Third US Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia, could be key in overthrowing legalized abortion in our land.

Is it possible that, on October 31, Bush nominated a man called by God to shift America from a legacy of death to the empowerment of life? His very name caught our attention, as we had been praying for a nominee with the qualities of the biblical Samuel, who served in Israel as both prophet and judge.

Down in Texas, Cindy Jacobs ended 40 days of prayer and fasting for the release of a new season of miracles in our land. Coincidentally, the last night of Cindy’s fast was October 31 -- the day Rosa Parks was honored, Judge Alito was nominated, and a meteor blazed across the D.C. skies.

## NEW SEASON OF AWAKENING AND JUSTICE

Clearly, we have entered into a season where a “Third Great Awakening,” promised by the Lord, is now being released. Jolene woke up from a dream this morning repeating the words “Bigger than Finney, bigger than Finney.” Charles Finney was the primary catalyst of America’s Second Great Awakening. Perhaps the Lord is saying that what’s now at hand is even bigger than the Second Great Awakening, which Finney himself described as the greatest outpouring since the Book of Acts.

Interestingly, Charles Finney was a passionate abolitionist. The Republican Party was birthed in the embers of the awakening as an anti-slavery party, with Abraham Lincoln as its presidential candidate.

But in truth, he could have been a Democrat. I believe that the Democratic Party was originally offered a mantle from the Lord to abolish slavery. When the mantle was refused, a new party was raised up out of the Democratic Party to shift America into this facet of God’s justice.

Today, you won’t find a Democrat with a pro-slavery platform. Instead, the Democratic Party has been a champion of civil rights for all. And fifty years from now, as the blemish of abortion is cleansed from America’s soul, I prophesy that neither Democrat nor Republican will want to reinstate this practice because eradicating abortion is not a party issue -- it’s a justice issue.

At the outset of this Third Great Awakening, the Lord wants the governmental leaders of America to fully understand. He wants justice at our gates. We do not understand the consequences of ignoring this trumpet call. When the awakeners of Finney’s era called for repentance, leading to a peaceful end to slavery, their plea was ignored. That’s when the Civil War began.

Now, America is again divided over the issue of civil rights. This time it’s the civil rights of the unborn. Will we pick up the mantle of justice, or will we retreat into division and see the reaping of the death we have been sowing as a nation? Truly, it is time for us to come out of our chambers and weep between the porch and the altar. How desperately we need this move of the Spirit in awakening His bride!