



STUDY GUIDE | DAY 2

Partnering with God to Release His Lightning Results

I. Partnering with the Suddenlies of God

A. A Commissioning Dream

In the spring of 2007, I had a vivid dream. I would call it a “commissioning dream,” because in this dream I heard an audible voice utter these words, “I commission you to restore and release the global Moravian lampstand!”

With that imperative sentence ringing in my ears, I woke up. There in my bedroom, in amber-colored letters, I saw two words written out in front of my eyes: Prayer Storm.

I was fully awake. Suddenly it was as if God’s Spirit downloaded into my spirit what this meant. Intuitively, I knew that Prayer Storm would be a worldwide call to consistent, persistent prayer and that it would involve four expressions of prayer. Prayer Storm would focus on three particular areas, vitally undergirded by a fourth. Prayer Storm would involve prayer for (1) Revival in the Church, (2) the greatest youth awakening that the world has ever seen, and (3) Israel, all the descendants of Abraham. These prayers would be strengthened by widespread, well-coordinated intercession for (4) God’s intervention in times of major crisis.

This was not a commissioning only for one man; it was a commissioning for many people, for the task of orchestrating a worldwide symphony of worship and prayer. Each person who became involved would have a particular part to

play. Prayer Storm would become one more part of the divine tapestry of the global prayer movement. With an increasingly effective internet presence, Prayer Storm could become an international, virtual house of prayer.

Immediately after that dream, our ministry, God Encounters Ministries, set up a website for Prayer Storm. We began to expand on each of the four categories of prayer with a variety of teaching tools. This became a forerunner for a virtual global house of prayer.

Here we are today, in the 21st century, as ore and more groups are catching the vision for sustained prayer, worship, and intercession—24/7, unceasing prayer for cities, nations, and the entire globe. I believe that Global Prayer Storm will rise up to be one more of the unified, God-ordained voices in the worldwide chorus of the symphony of worship and prayer.

B. Jesus Is Asking a Question

In the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus said to Peter and the other disciples, “*Could you not watch with Me one hour?*” (Matthew 26:40, NKJV). I hear Him asking each one of us that question. Can you watch with Him one hour? Global Prayer Storm can help you do it. Jesus is asking you and me a question.

A Global Prayer Storm is on the horizon, and we are catching our next wind! Will you join us and be one of these radical prayer warriors who make a difference a societal storm? “Do you want to be part of God’s Prayer Storm Army?”

II. The Suddenlies of God

A. Applications from Malachi 3:1

“I will send My messenger, who will prepare the way before Me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to His temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come,” says the Lord Almighty.”

Revivals happen suddenly! They often include unexpected people, in unexpected places, being used by God in unexpected ways. These revivals can appear overnight as God quickly returns to His temple. Like a “match that is lit” and goes across the assembly of God’s people and the atmosphere is charged with God’s supernatural presence where all things are possible. This application is for the corporate assembly of God’s people seeking His face.

B. Radical Revival Coming to College Campuses

I was given an intense visitation with God. He showed me a coming outpouring of the Holy Spirit on college campuses. These outpourings were happening all over the world! I saw massive worship rallies proceeded or followed by water baptisms.

However, these water baptisms were uniquely empowered by God’s “electric fire” resting over the water. These supernatural baptisms brought conversations, healings, and deliverances.

As young and old alike were dipped into these waters, I saw them getting a 3-in-1 baptism of God: A water baptism, a baptism of the Holy Spirit, and a radical baptism of fire. This resulted in something I have never said before: A baptism of deliverance.

I’ve never seen anything like that before. People were being saved, filled with the Holy Spirit, and completely delivered all at once!

During these visions I heard God say, “If you can rock the campuses, you can rock the nations.” I believe a global outpouring is coming to college campuses that will touch the world.

C. The Lightnings of God

I was given a series of dreams. In this dream, I saw the Lightning of God striking individual people who were seeking the Lord with/for a Psalm 24 encounter. When this happens, the lightning strike of God changes the trajectory of that person’s life. They are changed. This is like the Job 36:32

glorious light being released and powerfully invading a person's life. Their calling and destiny becomes alive to them, and they become possessed by God!

III. The Shakings and the Glory Come Together

A. Lessons from Haggai 2:6–9

“This is what the Lord Almighty says: ‘In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,’ says the Lord Almighty. ‘The silver is mine and the gold is mine,’ declares the Lord Almighty. ‘The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,’ says the Lord Almighty.” (Haggai 2:6–9a, NIV)

B. Times of Crisis Provide Strategic Prayer Opportunities

When we take hold of our prayer assignments and pray in the Spirit, we are helping open portals to Heaven so that the King of Kings may send forth flashes of His glorious presence on the earth. We are standing in the gap and declaring, “Send Your Holy Presence right here, right now!” We are serving as both the receivers and transmitters of the language of Heaven so that His will can be done on earth as it is done in Heaven! Amen and amen!

C. We Are Visited by the Glory of God!

This visitation of His glory occurs to strengthen the Church and awaken the sleeping world to His reality. People in the midst of revival are convicted of sin, converted to the faith, impressed with God's truth, and propelled into firsthand experiences of a spiritual nature, and these experiences yield lasting results.

IV. Clothed and Possessed by God

A. **Amazing Considerations of 1 Peter 2:9**

“But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” (1 Peter 2:9)

1. Some people might consider this particular section of this teaching to be the most controversial—or the most contagious—of the entire time. Our theme verse is Job 36:32 on the glorious lightning that is on the hands of God, and now we add 1 Peter 2:9, which includes the phrase, *“But you are a chosen people.”* Certain Bible versions, like the English Standard Version, use the word “race” rather than “people.” This verse begins with the phrase, *“But you are ...”*—expressing all that we are as God’s beloved children through Jesus Christ.
2. To allow these truths to move into our minds and hearts, revival breakthrough will occur as we fully enter into our relationship with God as His chosen people, His royal priesthood, His holy nation, and a people for His own possession.
3. Let me now pray for you, that as we continue, you will come to more fully understand these spiritual realities and allow the Lord to manifest them in your life to His glory.
4. Father, thank You for such a time as this. Lord, I present myself to You, and I present all those who are partaking of this amazing time together. I ask that Your invisible hand would reach into hearts and souls and do what only You can do: Impart your wisdom, grace, and the spirit of revelation to each one. I ask that You, Holy Spirit, whom Jesus called “the finger of God,” would come now and touch each of us in a very deep and personal way. We believe that You will do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think. In Jesus’ holy name, amen and amen.

B. **Gideon’s Reward: Clothed and Possessed by God**

Another vivid picture of being possessed by God, filled with the power of His

Spirit, comes in the account of Gideon in the Old Testament. In the fall of 1993, the Lord permitted me to have three months where I spent several hours a day praying and worshipping in the gift of tongues. After this, I ministered at an intercessory prayer conference in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, on the top of “Fire on the Altar,” which I had never taught before. While I was there, a prophetic friend and I fell into travail on the floor at the same time. I was deep in intercession, and the Holy Spirit said to me, “Read Judges 6:34 from the Amplified Bible.”

I rarely read the Amplified Bible, so I said, “Read it from the Amplified Bible? I don’t even have one.” But then I noticed my wife’s Amplified Bible Classic Edition under the seat next to mine. I picked it up and quickly turned to Judges 6:34 and read, “*But the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon with Himself and took possession of him ...*”

That experience was another major confirmation for me about God’s desire to completely fill our lives. This is God’s way: Possessing His people by His Spirit. Being possessed by God was Gideon’s reward for tearing down the idolatrous high places that his father had set up. Gideon knew he would face retribution from his father’s household and the men of the city if he did that, so he had to overcome his fear of persecution and danger. Despite that threat, he tore down the altars, and God responded by “cloth[ing] Gideon with Himself.” I love that!

No wonder Gideon had authority to call forth thousands of fighting men and then bring them to the river to reduce their number to three hundred who had no common ground with fear. (See Judges 6:11–7:22.) It was because Gideon had had the fear driven out of his own life.

You want a biblical basis for the idea of being possessed by God? Here it is: “*But the Spirit of the Lord clothed Gideon with Himself and took possession of him.*” And this happened even before Jesus’ death, resurrection, ascension, and sending of the Spirit on Pentecost.

C. **My Life-Changing Moment with Samuel Howells**

I am especially humbled to share this final testimony about what it means to be possessed by God. Many dedicated intercessors have devoured the book **Rees Howells: Intercessor**, which focuses on crisis intervention through intercession during World War II. Mr. Howells had one son, named Samuel, who was given the stewardship of the ministry of the Swansea Bible College in Wales for many years.

Over the years, I have received different assignments from the Lord through dreams and visions. One of these strategic assignments was to re-dig the wells of crisis intercession by praying “on-site with insight” at Rees Howells’ home location.

In 1998, I was tremendously privileged to have a personal appointment with Samuel Howells, who was 86 years old at the time. Mr. Howells has since gone to be with the Lord, but I still vividly remember sitting in the famous Blue Room where Rees Howells and others interceded during World War II. When we moved to another room, a woman came and served us tea and crumpets. She also had been involved in the prayer meetings. Samuel Howells was a very small, frail man, dressed in a suit and tie. “Wouldn’t you like to have another crumpet?” he asked me. So I ate several crumpets that day, along with about four cups of tea.

I asked him, “How did your father receive the revelation of what to pray for during the time of World War II?” I remember being frustrated because he would not answer my questions. Finally, on my knees next to his chair, I prayed to the Lord to give me some way to build a bridge with Mr. Howells. The name Leonard Ravenhill popped into my mind, so I asked, “Did you ever know Leonard Ravenhill?” That seemed to change the atmosphere. He responded, “Oh, yes! Dear Leonard was one of our most favorite guests,” and something shifted. I mentioned how I loved his writings, his books, and that I knew his son David.

Then I became bold and asked again, “Did an angel come? Was it dreams or visions? How did your father get his revelations regarding prayer?” And I will never forget how Mr. Howells looked right at me with tears streaming down his cheeks and he said, “You must understand, the Lord’s servant was

possessed by God.” Then he laid his hands on me and pronounced the mantle of his father, Rees Howells, upon my life. He prayed for me, and in tears and in utter brokenness, he said, “Lord, possess this man. Lord, possess this man.” What a glorious day!

That response, “You must understand, the Lord’s servant was possessed by God,” answered all my questions that day. I did not ask another question. How does revelation come? How does authority over darkness come? How do “breakthroughs” occur? We must understand that the Lord’s servants need to be possessed by God!

Since that day, I have almost died four times. And lately, I’ve been in so much physical pain that it would be a whole lot easier for me to leave this world. However, I can’t, because I have an assignment to fulfill here. It is to help raise up people like you who are possessed by God with a breaker anointing.

I am here to be a bridge from one generation to the next to help carry the cargo from generations past, to help carry it over to the next generation, to tell the old, old stories to create new, new stories of God’s majesty and grace.

When Blind Bartimaeus learned that Jesus was coming His way, he cried out with all his heart, “*Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!*” (Mark 10:47; Luke 18:38). Today, the Lord is looking for hungry people who will not hold back—those who will cry out with full hearts, “Have mercy upon me, dear Jesus!” We must learn to cast off the cloak of intimidation and whatever else is holding us back, arise, and go to Jesus. He will give us our sight and take possession of us to His glory. Hallelujah!

You trust that you qualify as a breaker, a forerunner for global prayer storm. May the Lord take possession of you in a subtle or dramatic encounter. Your life is not your own. You were bought with a price. Give your all to Him. He has given His all for you. The Lord bless and keep you, my friend.

V. An Invitation for Global Prayer Storm Inductees

A. Invaded by His Presence

Always remember that life is about God; it's not about us. He is greater than our weaknesses, and He is greater than all our excuses. God wants to consume us with His love and power, but it is not our ability or goodness that will make this happen. It is our full surrender to Him.

Joel 3:10 says, "Let the weakling say, 'I am strong!'" (NIV). You are more than a conqueror through God's strength. Remember that. God will always provide for you, no matter what He calls you to do.

Here are a few examples of this truth from the Bible:

1. When God called Moses to lead His people out of Egypt, Moses protested in effect, "*But I stutter,*" so God gave him Aaron to be his mouthpiece. (See Exodus 4:1–17.)
2. When Isaiah the prophet cried out, "*I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips,*" God sent an angel with fire to purge him. (See Isaiah 6:1–7.)
3. When Jeremiah said, "*But I am but a youth,*" the Lord revealed His sovereignty and told Jeremiah, "*I knew you before you were ever born,*" and put His words in Jeremiah's mouth. (See Jeremiah 1:1–10.)

B. The Need of the Hour

Extreme prayer, at all hours of the day and night, is the need of the hour. It is the only appropriate application before, during, and after a time of revival from God. God wants to revive His people, wherever they live. In other words, revival is His work, and the way we participate is to freely volunteer and engage Him in all prayerfulness. I see now. It is a relationship of engagement

instead of a religion of obligation.

C. The Response to the Need

Yes, here I am, Lord! Send Your lightning presence upon Me and consume me with Your glory. I want to be a carrier of glory. Let crisis intervention arise all across the globe for such a time as this. Teach me to stand in the gap so that Your Kingdom can come and Your will be done in my city as it is in Heaven. May every crisis be flipped into an opportunity for Your Kingdom advancement. Capture me and possess me for Your holy purposes, and for Your magnificent name's sake. Amen and amen!