

THE Watchword

"On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have appointed watchmen;
All day and night they will never keep silent
You who remind the Lord, take no rest for yourselves,
And give Him no rest until He establishes and makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

Isaiah 62:6-7

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The purpose of this newsletter is to encourage prayer and passion for a true revival of apostolic Christianity.

The following material is offered in the hopes of provoking zeal and providing a vision of what the church could be if we would fervently pray.

PRAYER MAKES HISTORY

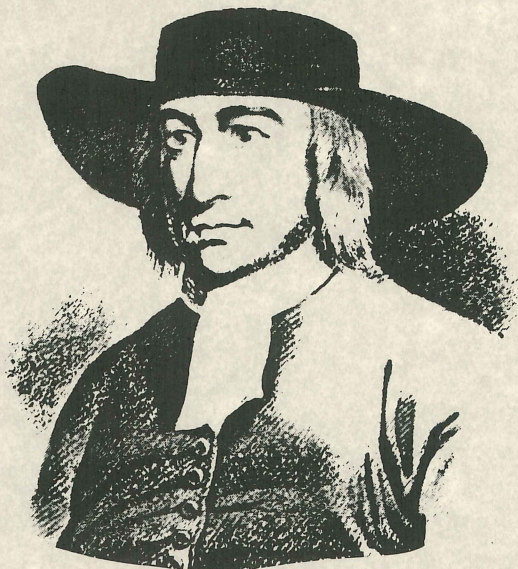
In the year of 1647, a large man with piercing eyes named George Fox started preaching throughout the towns and villages of England. He prayed and fasted often, traveling with no other companion but his Bible. He proclaimed a gospel of purity, power and repentance.

When George Fox preached men would shake and tremble. "The name Quaker was given to Fox and his followers because of the quaking of the men who came to scoff but stayed to pray."

Fox preached that Jesus Christ was the author of a faith which purifies and gives victory over sin. He fervently exhorted men to pursue perfect and complete holiness.

Mr. Fox possessed a remarkable gift of discernment. "He seemed to be able to read the character of men by looking at them." Miraculous healings also accompanied his ministry. Through prayer and the laying on of hands the sick were often healed to the glory of Christ.

"Above all George Fox excelled in prayer." It was the habit of George Fox to wait in silence for the movement of the Holy Spirit and then begin to pray, causing whole congregations to be shaken and humbled under the hand of God.



George Fox

"As he prayed the power of God came down in such a marvelous manner the very building seemed to rock."

If we as believers are content with a gospel that merely comforts our conscience, then we are also content to forsake the gospel of Christ and the Apostles.

God help us to truly seek the kind of praying and preaching that will literally make men tremble in the presence of God.

PRINCIPLES OF REVIVAL

"It is much easier to stand up for Christ than to be identified with Him. Many leaders of God's people are strong for Christ, but they are not yet 'weak with Christ'. His weakness they fear and refuse, yet it is this very weakness that opens the door to heaven's power. Little wonder that without this power there is such a scramble for the help of the world, the patronage of its princes, the loan of its resources, and the use of its wisdom. Remember, the early church employed none of these. Come to Corinth and listen

to the apostle Paul. "I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling... that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God...I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified." (1 Cor. 2:2,3 & 5)

God has so 'unlearned' the Apostle of his worldly wisdom that he fears and trembles less the people sense anything of the artistic or oratorical in his presence or presentation. Paul dared not seek to make the Cross acceptable to Corinthian taste and preference less their faith stand in the wisdom of men, and not in the power of God. Paul preached the Cross in all its bald, unadorned reality - just the mean, plain, helpless, foolish message of a crucified Nazarene."

*L.E. Maxwell - Crowded To Christ
Eerdmans Publishing*

"When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the temple."

II Chronicles 7:1

BOOKS WORTH READING

The Journal of George Fox

Edited by R.M. Jones

'a classic in the field of devotional journals'

Friends United Press

Beyond Humiliation

J. Gregory Mantle

'a life-changing message on the Cross in the Christians life.'

Bethany House Pub

A TIME TO PRAY

Western Hills Church

Mon-Fri 6 am auditorium

Sat 8 am basement

Sun 8 am auditorium

HIDDEN IN HIM prayer watch - "that in all things, He (Jesus Christ) may have the preeminence." (Col 1:15-18)