

4-13-2025 Sunday Message
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
Text : John 16:13

Title: **The Holy Spirit Tells Us What Is to Come**

The Holy Spirit, who came on the day of Pentecost, told us in advance what was to come.

Apostle John knew that the first thing that would come to him was the Church of God. He testified that he was in the Spirit on the Lord's day.

Then the Lord told him to write a book about what he saw and send it to the seven churches in Asia. The first thing that came to me was the church. He wrote the Lord's words about the church in Laodicea, starting with the church in Ephesus. They were the churches that were in Asia at that time, and at the same time, they were a type of the churches that would appear on earth for the next two thousand years.

When He spoke about the first church, the Ephesian church, He said that He knew about the various things they had done, but He gave them an important rebuke.

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

⁵ Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. ."He said.

When He spoke about the church of Smyrna, He spoke about their tribulation and promised that He would give them the crown of life if they were faithful unto death.

He rebuked the church in Pergame for keeping the doctrine of Balaam, saying

that if they did not repent, He would fight against them with the sword of His mouth.

When He spoke about the church of Tuatira, He rebuked Jezebel, a self-proclaimed prophetess, for tolerating her servants and tempting them to commit fornication and eat sacrifices to idols.

When He spoke about the church in Sardis, He said that they had the name of being alive, but they were dead. He also gave us a message to be awake. Otherwise, the Lord will come like a thief.

When He spoke to the church in Philadelphia, He did not rebuke them except words of praise. He also did one important evil to them. **"I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.**

⁹ Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

¹⁰ Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.

Because you have kept my word of patience, I will keep you in the time of trial, when it will come upon all the world to test those who dwell on the earth.

The Lord also said that He had given them crowns.

The Lord promised them that they would not experience the great tribulation by rapturing them.

Finally, when He spoke to the church of the Laodiceans, He rebuked them for their spiritual depravity. They had cast the Lord out of the church.

The Lord has given us the message that the Philadelphia church is the only church that will be raptured to heaven before the Great Tribulation. The Apostle John recalled that when he looked up at heaven at the end of the church age, a door in heaven was opened, and God's voice like a trumpet sounded, saying, "**Come up hither.** He saw in the Spirit that he had been transferred to the heavenly throne in the Spirit.

Apostle Paul testified in the Holy Spirit about the time when the rapture would occur. "**Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;**" (2 Thessalonians 2:3).

He testified that the church in Laodicea would fall away from the Lord, that the antichrist would not appear, and that the rapture would not occur.

When the Apostle John testified about the things to come, he saw and testified that when the first seal was broken after the rapture, the son of perdition, the antichrist, the sinful man, appeared on a white horse:

"And I saw, and behold a white horse; and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer." Revelation 6:2)

King David also prophesied about the appearance of the antichrist:

"For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth.

¹⁰ **For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.** ¹¹ **But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace."**

_(Psalm 37:9-11)

The prophet Daniel also prophesied about the appearance of the Antichrist:

"And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors are come to the full, a king of fierce countenance, and understanding dark sentences, shall stand up. ²⁴ **And his power shall be mighty, but not by his own power: and he shall destroy wonderfully, and shall prosper, and practise, and shall destroy the mighty and the holy people.** ²⁵ **And through his policy also he shall cause craft to prosper in his hand; and he shall magnify himself in his heart, and by peace shall destroy many: he shall also stand up against the Prince of princes; but he shall be broken without hand."** _8:23-25)

The Holy Spirit testified to what the Apostle John saw in the future when the antichrist appeared Wars, famines, beheading of those who did not receive the mark of the beast, great earthquakes, plagues of the sun turning black and the moon blooming, judgment of God's wrath, trumpet plagues, plagues of gourds, the appearance of the two witnesses, the mark of the beast, the rapture of one hundred and four thousand, the destruction of Babylon the Great, the battle of Armageddon, the second coming of Christ,

the judgment of the antichrist and the false prophet in the lake of fire, the millennium kingdom, the judgment of the devil's lake of fire, and the eternal world leading to the new heaven, the new earth, and the new Jerusalem.

Amen! Hallelujah!