

## SEVEN REQUISITES OF CITY'S TRANSFORMATION

### **God's Message:**

*A song of ascents of Solomon. Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain.(Psalm 127:1)*

*Challenges and hindrances will frighten you if you turn your view from your desired goal. (Hannah More)*

Transformation is not human being's work. Even though God needs key people as His agents of transformation or city's transformer, God is still the main agent of transformation. As Psalm 127:1 said" *Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain.*" Still, there are conditions that need to be met to make city's transformation happen. These requisites are:

### **1. Filled by the Holy Spirit (Rev 4:2)**

Holy Spirit's movement is a power to do transformation. Before Peter was filled by the Holy Spirit, he was a disciple who denied Lord Jesus three times before the rooster crowed. After Peter was filled by the Holy Spirit, he spoke in tongue and testified about Lord Jesus, and after that a great transformation happened - because there were 3000 people repented because of Peter's sermon. In order to be an effective agent of transformation, we must be filled by the Holy Spirit because when we speak in tongue, we pray according to God's and Holy Spirit's mind. We will also find that other gifts will appear, such as the gift of wisdom, message of knowledge, distinguishing between spirits, healing, rebuking the devils, and doing miracles. We will get the power when we pray in Holy Spirit.

### **2. Leader's Unity (Rev 4:4)**

It is stated in this verse all the elders gathered and surrounded Lord Jesus as the centre. These elders are the leaders. Each of them has throne (symbol of authority), white dress (symbol of holiness) and gold crown (symbol of victory). But in verse 9 and 11, it is stated that they fall down before Him and lay down their crowns. They are laying down their own arrogance. Leaders who are willing to unite to pray together, need to humble themselves and reconcile with one another.

### **3. Prayer, Praise and Worship Movement (Rev 5:8)**

Prayer, praise and worship which are lifted up by united God's children will build a big throne for God. This will influence existing spiritual atmosphere. Strongholds in the air will be defeated when God's presence is there. If we gather together in united prayer, God's glory will fall and make us become one, as the prayer of Lord Jesus. The falling of God's glory will make us become united and make the extraordinary transformation happen. Extraordinary transformation will happen if united prayer, praise and worship become the foundation.

#### **4. Revelation of God's Words (Rev 5:5)**

God's Words need to be respected, studied and learnt by us. We need clear guidance from the Words of God to prepare us to enter the transformation. These days God is pouring out the revelation of His Words to His servants. Because of this, many movements emerge as a response to God's promise about transformation.

#### **5. Jesus Must be Exalted (Rev 5:6)**

Do not lift up our own name or our church's name when we serve God. We have to become like a young donkey which was tied, and used by Lord Jesus when He entered the city of Jerusalem. When Jesus was praised, all these praises were for Lord Jesus, and not for this donkey. When Lord Jesus is lifted up, He will bring all people come to Him.

#### **6. Holy People's Movement (Rev 5:8b, 10)**

We can't receive God's presence which causes transformation carelessly. If we want His presence to stay with us and give impacts to extraordinary transformation, there must be repentance and sanctification. Without sanctification and holiness, there will not be a strong manifestation of God's presence and glory. Many God's servants fall because they live alone, they do not need other people. Unity will bring holiness. Transformation will not happen if we are not radical in holiness. Holiness means that we maintain the truth, and do not want to exchange it with a bowl of red beans; know that God is everywhere and train ourselves to live righteously.

#### **7. The Great Commission's Fulfillment (Rev 7:9)**

Lord Jesus' Great Commission is not a choice, but a must that must be done by us obediently. This Great Commission contains a commission to go and make all the nations become the disciples of Lord Jesus. The Bible recorded that all Jesus' disciples had obeyed this commission and even had paid its price. Through them, the Gospel has spread starting from Jerusalem, Judah, Samaria and even to the end of the earth. Today there are so many missionaries who have done this Great Commission. It's all because of their obedience so they are willing to leave their families, city and their nation. It's true that many people have gone to do this Great Commission, but the number is still too small if we compare it to the width of the this earth. At the same time the field has turned yellow and it is ready for harvest. Therefore, let's be involved in this Great Commission to respond to the great harvest that is going to happen when God transform our nation.

***Essence:***

Transformation is not human being's work. Even though God needs key people as the agent of transformation or city's transformer, God is still the main agent of transformation.

***Reflection:***

What have we done to fulfill the requisites of our city's transformation?

***Commitment:***

[I] want to fulfill the requisites of transformation until city's transformation really happens.

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