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DOORKEEPERS. A REMINDER FOR THE FUTURE

BE ON THE ALERT!

"There were 212 doorkeepers in those days ... chosen on the basis of their genealogies ... and appointed because of their reliability." 2 Chronicles 9:22b (Living Bible)

HISTORIC MOMENT: INSTALLMENT SERVICE FOR ADAM NATHANSON. As our readers know, we are now transitioning to new leadership. JGHM became "The Prayer Seminar" on October 23, 2021. The masthead in documents/publications is now "THE PRAYER SEMINAR [Founded as J Gordon Henry Ministries in 1984]". The installation service for Adam Nathanson as President/Chairman, Board of Directors, is scheduled for Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 10 a.m. The event will take place in the JGHM office complex at 1127 Lakeview Drive, Lynchburg, Virginia. The installation service will be at 10:00 a.m. A new board membership will be activated on May 1, 2022. Adam will be the lead teacher as well as the leader of the ministry. His office will be in Baltimore, Maryland. The Lynchburg office, which houses the JGHM MUSEUM, will be renamed THE FOUNDER'S OFFICE. The goal has been to ensure a seamless transfer with all needed steps completed. We praise our Heavenly Father who called the ministry into existence and has guided us to this historic moment!

Dr. Henry will become "Founder, President Emeritus" and will serve as the Chief Financial Officer. In addition he will continue producing the monthly **Reflector** (now in the 68th year of publication). He will be responsible for the **Doorkeeper Program**, the life blood of our faith ministry, and be the liaison for the ministry's international work. His primary duty, however, will be to serve as companion and caregiver for his wife, Sue. The Henrys will celebrate their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary on April 18th. He will be available for a limited number of prayer seminars as circumstances allow.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. God has been faithful to the prayer seminar ministry since its inception in 1978 in a local church with a 24/7 prayer ministry. The term "prayer seminar" made its entrance two years later following a "Prayer Conference" hosted by **Madison Baptist Church, Madison, New Jersey** (our home church during my tenure as president of **Northeastern Bible College, Essex Fells, New Jersey**). Year by year, we have reported accomplishments that only could be explained by God's hand of blessing. **J. Gordon Henry Ministries** was incorporated in Tennessee, my home state, in May 1984. The **Doorkeeper Program** that was launched to provide **prayer and financial support** for Northeastern Bible College became the support system for this new venture of faith—to call believers to examine their lives and their churches in the light of Biblical teachings on the purpose and power of prayer.

The **prayer covering** provided by the **Doorkeepers** has contributed to the blessings He has bestowed. **As the prayers have gone up, the blessings have come down.** Doors were opened on six continents because **Doorkeepers**, now over sixty nations. Literally thousands upon thousands have been touched. Prayer opens closed doors. Paul knew this and asked the Colossians to "continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving; meanwhile praying also for us, that God would open to us a door for the Word, to speak the mystery of God" (Colossians 4:2-3).

Our files are full of testimonies from those who shared the **spiritual uplift** that came to their lives and churches as a result of putting into practice truths taught to them by the Holy Spirit as the Word has been expounded through the six-hour prayer seminar. Many are from individuals. Others are from pastors and lay leaders. When the national leadership of the **Evangelical Free Church** adopted the recommendation of one of their board members (whose life was impacted by a prayer seminar in his church in **Grand Rapids, Michigan**) to designate a year in their church calendar as a year of prayer, the result was renewal and revival in that group of believers that resulted in a record number of church plants and people reached.

Hundreds of local churches have experienced renewal and revival. Each of Dr. Henry's books features a section of testimonies. One example is **Joe A. Williams**, pastor, **First Baptist Church, Vernon, Alabama**. After an all-day Sunday seminar (**SIX HOURS OF TEACHING = A DAY IN GOD'S COURTS**), he wrote: "I am unable to find the words to express the joy and deep appreciation for the prayer seminar you conducted in our church Sunday, November 30. I do not believe I have attended any seminar, or training conference of any type, that was more helpful to me than your prayer seminar. I am confident I speak for our members as well." He later became pastor of the **Middle River Baptist Church in Baltimore, Maryland**, where he hosted two prayer seminars. Then he became director of the **Southern Baptist Association in Ocala, Florida** consistently promoting the prayer seminars. When he moved to a pastorate with **Wyomina Park Baptist Church in Ocala**, he scheduled a prayer seminar for his people. His son, a pastor in Alabama, hosted a prayer seminar for his congregation.

TWO KEY QUESTIONS. (1) Were the prayers for open doors answered? A twenty-six year summary report (1984-2011) that was prepared for the **JGHM Board of Directors** in early 2012 provides an answer to that question. Branches of the prayer seminar ministry were established in a number of nations.

YEARLY AVERAGES FOR THE PRAYER SEMINAR 1984-2011.

Seminars - 53; # States - 16; Number nations - 4; # Miles - 74,398; Days on the road - 125. Dr. Henry has now taught 1,740 prayer seminars in sixty nations and has traveled 2,851,422. TO GOD BE THE GLORY! GREAT THINGS HE HAS DONE!

(2) Has God provided the financial needs to accomplish His call? Indeed He has--through the **Doorkeepers**. Since JGHM was founded on May 29, 1984, total income has been \$4,219,459.29. Of this amount, the **Doorkeepers** have given \$3,112,055.15. Long ago, **Joy Baugh**, one of our **Doorkeepers** in Bradenton, Florida, wrote sharing what being a **Doorkeeper** had meant to them. As she closed her letter, she said, "We feel you belong to us!" What more can be said? Yes, our awesome God provides. Many **Doorkeepers** have already said that their plan is to continue as a **Doorkeeper**. Pray for Adam and his team as we move toward the day that they will be completely responsible for the financial affairs of **The Prayer Seminar**.

Until we retired from our active vocations in education (JGH—Executive Director, **Transnational Association of Christian Colleges and Schools**) and nursing (STH—Middle

Tennessee Medical Center), we were bi-vocational. For nineteen years, Sue Bell served ably as my administrative assistant for both TRACS and JGHM. For many years, our offices were conveniently located at 2114 Arrow Court, Murfreesboro, Tennessee adjacent to our residence.

In addition to these statistics, thousands upon thousands have come to Christ for salvation. The number of pastors and churches was not included in the report, but we have no hesitancy in saying hundreds for both categories. The partnership of Doorkeepers has allowed us to operate as a faith ministry.

THE FUTURE. Hopefully, prayer seminars will be continued "until Jesus returns," as Leslie Motalane expressed when God called him to establish JGHM: Southern Africa Branch. The same sentiment has been expressed by pastors and leaders in many nations multiple times. This is a very humbling, yet encouraging, thought.

THE REMINDER. Many of you are familiar with the Olivet Discourse. Jesus was in His last week on earth. In my high school Bible class, my precious teacher, Deane Bell Harrison, gave us an outline for the Last Week of Christ. Sunday, the Day of Triumph; Monday, the Day of Authority; Tuesday, the Day of Controversy; Wednesday, the Day of Retirement; Thursday, the day of Fellowship; Friday, the day of Suffering. In Mark's Gospel, which represented Peter's account, Jesus closed Tuesday with what is known as "the Olivet Discourse." The record is Mark 13. A reader will see two clearly different subjects are being discussed to answer the two clearly different questions were being raised by the disciples: (1) when will the Temple be destroyed; and (2) when will the Son of man come upon the clouds of glory? Jesus distinguishes these two events and we will never straighten out our eschatology until we do the same.

History will have a conclusion. Mankind has an appointment to keep. There is an ultimate destiny in the will of God. Things related to the conclusion are pointed in a direction by God Himself. The ultimate conclusion will be triumph and victory for the LORD'S Christ.

I am intrigued at the closing words of Jesus in Mark 13:32-37. The paragraph heading in many study Bibles is "EXHORTATION TO WATCH."

V32 But that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. V33 Take heed, watch and pray, for you do not know when the time is. V34 It is like a man going to a far country who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work; and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. V35 Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning—V36 lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. V37 And what I say to you, I say to all, Watch!.

As that Doorkeeper was instructed to *be on the alert*, my message to those who are Doorkeepers for the prayer seminar ministry is **BE ON ALERT**, Satan would like to nullify the impact that the prayer seminar ministry has and is making. Then I say to each believer who reads this article **BE ON ALERT**. We can be sure that Jesus did not speak these words to titillate people's minds to make them think about the end time, His warning is given that we might **be faithful and watchful** as good stewards who do not know the moment will come called to give full account of our stewardship.

Perhaps this will be one of my last exhortations to the DOORKEEPERS. I speak in **relation to the FUTURE OF THE PRAYER SEMINAR**, but to all believers who read these words. **Be alert! The day of our redemption draws near!**

Yours in Calvary love,

J. Gordon Henry

"The LORD repay your work, and a full reward be given you by the LORD God of Israel, under whose wings you have come for refuge (Ruth 2:12).

Emergency Telephone Numbers

More effective than 911

WHEN ...

You are sad, phone John 14

You have sinned, phone Psalms 51

You are facing danger, phone Psalms 91

People have failed you, phone Psalms 27

It feels as though God is far from you, phone Psalms 139

Your faith needs stimulation, phone Hebrews 11

You are alone and scared, phone Psalms 23

You are worried, phone Matthew 8:19-34

You are hurt and critical, phone 1 Corinthians 13

You wonder about Christianity, phone 2 Corinthians 5:15-18

You feel like an outcast, phone Romans 8:31-39

You are seeking peace, phone Matthew 11:25-30

It feels as if the world is bigger than God, phone Psalms 90

You need Christ like insurance, phone Romans 8:1-30

You are leaving home for a trip, phone Psalms 121

You are praying for yourself, phone Psalms 87

You require courage for a task, phone Joshua 1

Inflation and investments are hogging your thoughts, phone Mark 10:17-31

You are depressive, phone Psalms 27

Your bank account is empty, phone Psalms 37

You lose faith in mankind, phone 1 Corinthians 13

It looks like people are unfriendly, phone John 15

You are losing hope, phone Psalms 126

You feel the world is small compared to you, phone Psalms 19

You want to bear fruit, phone John 15

Paul's secret for happiness, phone Colossians 3:12-17

With big opportunity/ discovery, phone Isaiah 55

To get along with other people, phone Romans 12

ALTERNATE NUMBERS

For dealing with fear, call Psalms 47

For security, call Psalms 121:3

For assurance, call Mark 8:35

For reassurance, call Psalms 145:18

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