

And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer *it* with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. And the smoke of the incense, *which came* with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand. And the angel took the censer, and filled it with fire of the altar, and cast *it* into the earth: and there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings, and an earthquake. And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.' (Revelation 8:1-6)

We will know that the time to save souls is short and in our love for others we will pray for God to release his judgments to bring as many as possible to Christ. In God's mercy, the first of these judgments are not full measures or else the entire unfaithful population of the world would be wiped out with only the faithful in Christ left standing.

'20 And except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days.' (Mark 13:20)

Our Father holds back the full measure of His judgments until later in order to enable the faithful Church to carry out its specific role to save souls. It is important to understand that these judgements are not provoked by hatred, despite the terrible persecution that will be waging against us at that time. We are called to always walk in His love and this will still be our Father's will in the End Times. In that day when the world waxes cold in love (Matthew 24:12), we, on the other hand, will be walking greatly in the power of His love, boldness and might. The purpose of the first judgments is to save souls through love and here we are to understand our precise role.

Through His love comes boldness, and in that day God will be our sufficiency, and we will walk in His supernatural boldness fulfilling 2 Corinthians 3:12:

'12 Seeing then that we have such hope, we use great plainness of speech: 13 And not as Moses, which put a veil over his face....'

The word for 'plainness' is BOLDNESS. This is not merely a physical or mental boldness, but a spiritually charged boldness that comes from God. The Book of Acts literally demonstrated the power of God and here we see a foreshadowing of this boldness...

'What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath been done by them is manifest to all them that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. 17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us straitly threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man

in this name. 18 And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.' (Acts 4:16)

The world will be commanded by the False Prophet not to speak or teach anything else apart from the way of the Anti-Christ. Witnessing Christ will be taboo and will result in execution.

'23 And being let go , they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them. 24 And when they heard that , they lifted up their voice to God with one accord..... (Acts 4:23)

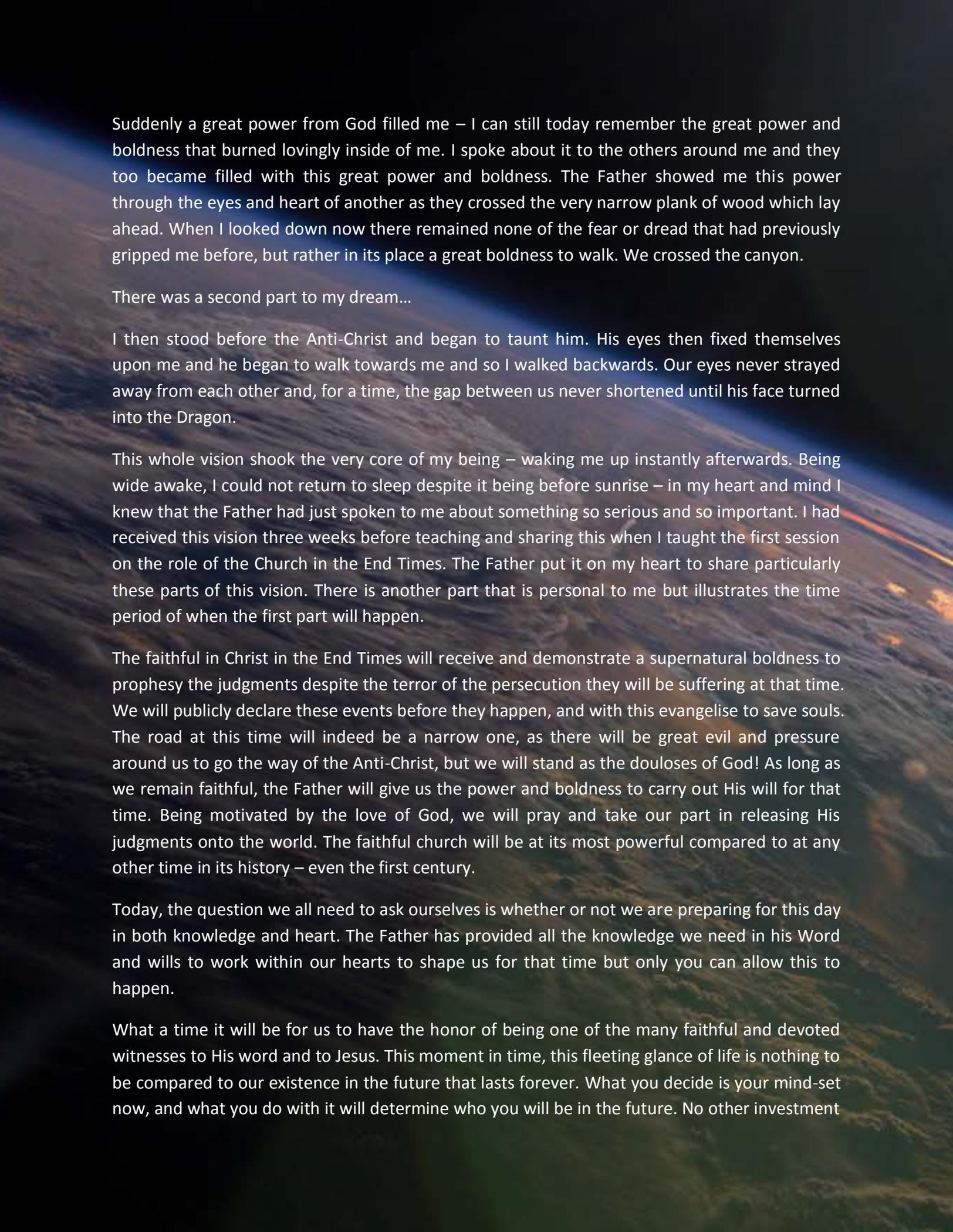
'31 And when they had prayed , the place was shaken where they were assembled together ; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.' (Acts 4:31)

These were born from above believers who already had been spirit filled. They were filled with the power to speak the Word of God with boldness. This is a foreshadowing of what will come to us in the future and yes we will speak the Word of our Father with the greatest of boldness – a supernatural boldness from God in the face of the Anti-Christ.

Throughout my life, I have received many visions related to the End Times, which have yet to come to pass. Additionally, many times I have been shown specific events in both my personal life as well as in the world before they had happened. I certainly don't profess to be anyone special amongst my brothers and sisters in Christ but I know the Father wants me to share this vision with you. Incidentally, I have no fear or shyness in telling you about this despite living in a world today that may label me a nutcase for doing so. One of the things many of us need to change in our hearts is if we have any fear of giving or receiving a message from God to His people. We should never be ashamed or feel stupid, and we should always be willing to take on this responsibility, for indeed this is part of our preparation for the future. One day many of us will be dreaming dreams and prophesying and, so by example, I'll make the start.

The following vision I'm about to tell you resulted in me researching and teaching a series of three teachings based on the role of the Church in the End Times and from this came this very article.

In this vision, I was with two others in the desert and in front of us laid a canyon we needed to cross. The canyon had a very narrow plank of wood which stretched from one side to the other. I peered over the edge, and when I looked down the canyon the depth was so great I literally became paralyzed by the fear of the sight of it. There was great darkness and evil at the bottom of the canyon.



Suddenly a great power from God filled me – I can still today remember the great power and boldness that burned lovingly inside of me. I spoke about it to the others around me and they too became filled with this great power and boldness. The Father showed me this power through the eyes and heart of another as they crossed the very narrow plank of wood which lay ahead. When I looked down now there remained none of the fear or dread that had previously gripped me before, but rather in its place a great boldness to walk. We crossed the canyon.

There was a second part to my dream...

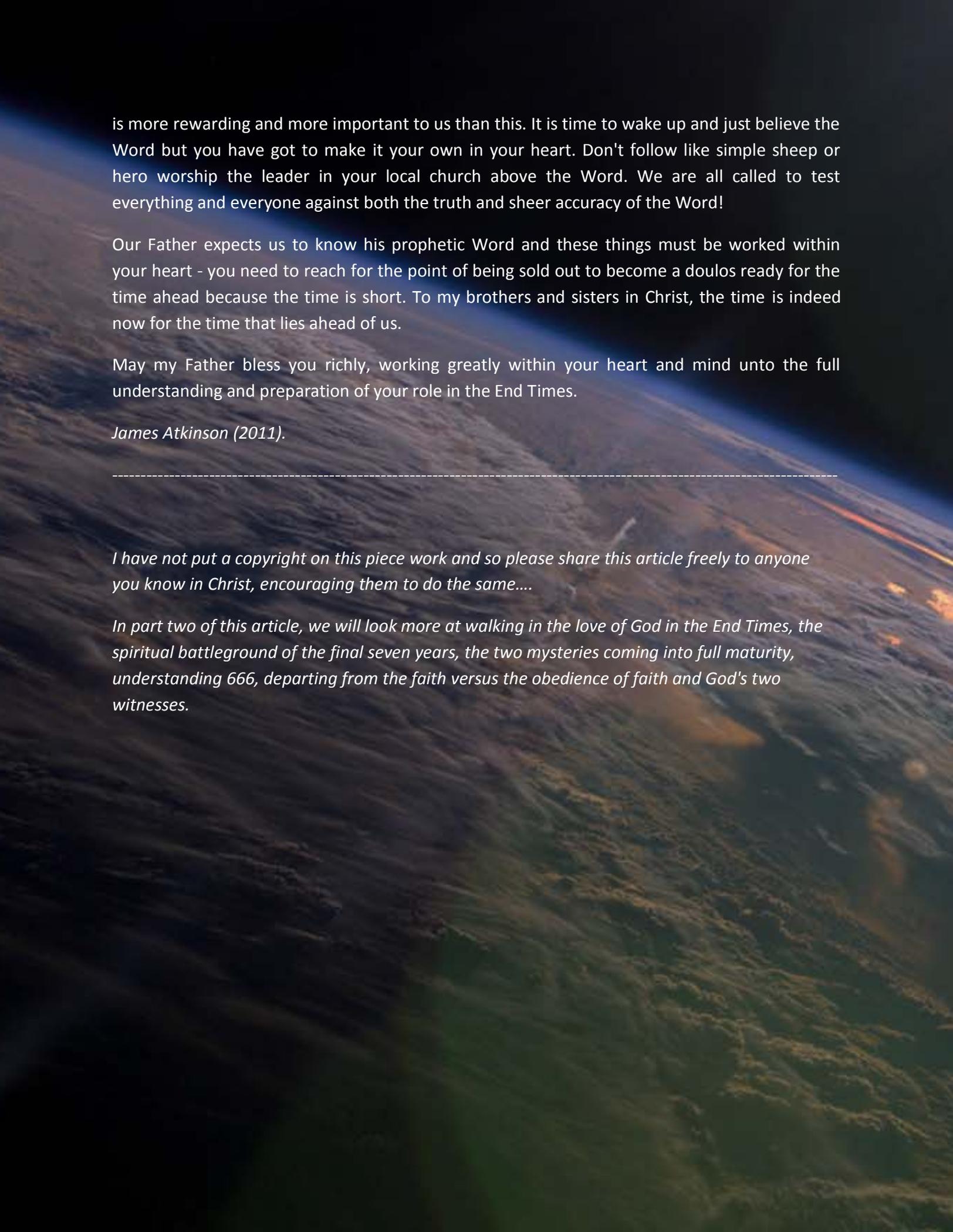
I then stood before the Anti-Christ and began to taunt him. His eyes then fixed themselves upon me and he began to walk towards me and so I walked backwards. Our eyes never strayed away from each other and, for a time, the gap between us never shortened until his face turned into the Dragon.

This whole vision shook the very core of my being – waking me up instantly afterwards. Being wide awake, I could not return to sleep despite it being before sunrise – in my heart and mind I knew that the Father had just spoken to me about something so serious and so important. I had received this vision three weeks before teaching and sharing this when I taught the first session on the role of the Church in the End Times. The Father put it on my heart to share particularly these parts of this vision. There is another part that is personal to me but illustrates the time period of when the first part will happen.

The faithful in Christ in the End Times will receive and demonstrate a supernatural boldness to prophesy the judgments despite the terror of the persecution they will be suffering at that time. We will publicly declare these events before they happen, and with this evangelise to save souls. The road at this time will indeed be a narrow one, as there will be great evil and pressure around us to go the way of the Anti-Christ, but we will stand as the douloses of God! As long as we remain faithful, the Father will give us the power and boldness to carry out His will for that time. Being motivated by the love of God, we will pray and take our part in releasing His judgments onto the world. The faithful church will be at its most powerful compared to at any other time in its history – even the first century.

Today, the question we all need to ask ourselves is whether or not we are preparing for this day in both knowledge and heart. The Father has provided all the knowledge we need in his Word and wills to work within our hearts to shape us for that time but only you can allow this to happen.

What a time it will be for us to have the honor of being one of the many faithful and devoted witnesses to His word and to Jesus. This moment in time, this fleeting glance of life is nothing to be compared to our existence in the future that lasts forever. What you decide is your mind-set now, and what you do with it will determine who you will be in the future. No other investment



is more rewarding and more important to us than this. It is time to wake up and just believe the Word but you have got to make it your own in your heart. Don't follow like simple sheep or hero worship the leader in your local church above the Word. We are all called to test everything and everyone against both the truth and sheer accuracy of the Word!

Our Father expects us to know his prophetic Word and these things must be worked within your heart - you need to reach for the point of being sold out to become a doulos ready for the time ahead because the time is short. To my brothers and sisters in Christ, the time is indeed now for the time that lies ahead of us.

May my Father bless you richly, working greatly within your heart and mind unto the full understanding and preparation of your role in the End Times.

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In part two of this article, we will look more at walking in the love of God in the End Times, the spiritual battleground of the final seven years, the two mysteries coming into full maturity, understanding 666, departing from the faith versus the obedience of faith and God's two witnesses.