

## Prophecy by Dominic McDermott

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Good evening to you all from the UK./

In September this year /in preparation for an ENC Presidential Team meeting on Zoom / I asked the Lord for a word and received this:/

“The Changes are here to stay, how you respond to them is important, / huge needs will be released by this crisis that I have equipped you to care for./ The “option for the poor” must not be optional for you, but a necessity./ I'm releasing grace through you to care for My sheep /- each in his or her area./ As I said to Moses: *“I've heard their cry for deliverance”.* /

Each community should ask Me for the strategy for their area / as the needs will be different in every place /but common to all will be the scale of the need - which will be great! /

This time of need is just beginning & with it will come a harvest for My Church; / this is the time to learn to really trust Me to provide all that you will need /- without this “divine provision” you will be overwhelmed. /

Pray much for peace for war is coming on the wings of desperation.”/

After I had shared this word and we began to pray in the meeting I received a prophetic picture:/

*A very sharp sword fixed horizontally / was separating some harvested cotton plants/ which were being presented to it by a conveyor belt / the good stuff (soft like white cotton wool) went to the left / and the bad stuff (like the tough stalks it had grown on) went to the right. / After the sword the different types of material became further and further apart from each other./*

My Interpretation.

The sword is the virus and subsequent trouble (especially economic) caused by it/ and is being used to sift or sort Christians,/ into those who respond with softness, kindness and love (the good) / and those who are hard-hearted and tough and respond selfishly (the bad)./ This “softness” I believe is about our treatment towards those who are suffering /because of the time we are in./ Our decision now about how we respond / will have consequences for us in

the days to come, / so the soft-hearted and the hard-hearted became more and more distant from each other after this point in time./ Our response now sets us upon a path with two very different directions,/ one towards love and kindness and therefore towards God Himself / and one towards hard-heartedness and selfishness and therefore away from God. / Remember all the harvest is made up of Christians./

Although I didn't see it immediately / this picture ties in well to the earlier word / so let me repeat the word with some explanations after each line./

"The Changes are here to stay,/ how you respond to them is important, / huge needs will be released by this crisis that I have equipped you to care for. / We are all looking forward to the time when this is all over / but it seems like somehow this time will not come. / But the good news is that God has equipped us to deal with it / and He is very interested in how well we respond in this difficult time./

The "option for the poor" must not be optional for you, but a necessity./ I'm releasing grace through you to care for My sheep / - each in his or her area. / As I said to Moses "I've heard their cry for deliverance". /

The "preferential option for the poor" / is, I discovered, an expression used first in 1979/ at the Latin American Bishops Conference in Mexico./ It means prioritising those in real poverty above all other interests we may have./ It also ties in to one of Pope Francis' three goals for CHARIS/ – which was "the care for the poor". /

Along with the picture of the sword separating the harvest into the good and the bad / this speaks about God calling His people to care for the poor at this time/ with a renewed sense of urgency./ And His promise of grace for us to carry out this work/ This should not be any great surprise for us / as it is simply expressing Colossians 3/14 which says: /*"Therefore as God's chosen people,/ holy and dearly loved,/ clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,/ humility, gentleness and patience."*/

Each community should ask Me for the strategy for their area / as the needs will be different in every place / but common to all will be the scale of the need - which will be great! /

This means that He is willing to provide to us / the wisdom and strategy for each of our communities,/ if we are willing to listen to and obey Him. / As He provided Joseph with the strategy to save Egypt /from the terrible seven-year famine which was to come upon it. / A strategy which not only saved the Egyptians /but also Joseph's own family and brought about a reconciliation with them./

This time of need is just beginning / & with it will come a harvest for My Church; /

As we care for those who are struggling / so our message of Good News becomes a reality, / a word with authenticity, / which will be widely welcomed / and so many will come to know and love God, / this is the Harvest He is speaking about./

The alternative is that, without this care for the poor around us, / our love (and therefore His) are seen as empty words./ We must recognise the opportunity in this crisis / to demonstrate His love./ The opportunity for His Church / to become a beacon of hope and light / in a world which is growing darker and more frightening, / almost daily, to those without a faith and trust in God./ We must also be aware that part of our care for the poor / will leave us open to the accusation / that we are accepting and approving of the lifestyles of those we are trying to help./ The compassion, for example, that leads us perhaps to give clean needles to addicts / to keep them safe from disease/ can get us accused of supporting them in their addiction./ Because of your compassion for the poor/ whose lives are often a mess / many, even in the church, will be outraged/ and accuse us of siding with sinners/ but let me comfort you in advance/ they accused Jesus of the same thing! / We need to decide in this time / whether to throw stones at those who have messed up their lives / or work to rescue them with the compassion of Jesus./

this is the time to learn, to really trust Me/ to provide all that **you** will need/ – for without this “divine provision” you will be over-whelmed./

He wishes to provide for us in this work for Him / but without our openness in giving, He is unable to give to us/ – for spiritually the same “door” through which we give out to those in need/ is the one used by Him to give to us. / But there is a wonderful promise here as well/

- that if we DO rely on Him to provide for those we care for /  
- we ourselves will NOT be overwhelmed, /  
no matter how great the need becomes! /

Pray much for peace /for war is coming on the wings of desperation./

I was concerned about sharing this last part of the word / in that it may well generate fear, / so I considered leaving it out and so asked Him specifically about it./ I was told to leave it in. / I believe that He wants us to be aware of what is coming / not so that we will live in fear / but so that we will take seriously our calling to pray for peace./ But also for us to remember that as Jesus Himself said:/

*“with God all things are possible”* / (Matt 19/26) and that /  
*“All things work for the good of those who love God”* / (Rom 8/28)/ even a pandemic and all it may bring. / Thank you for listening./